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Updates from Greater Collinwood Development



Kickhall with Cops at Humphrey park





by Jamar Doyle, Executive Director

While Greater Collinwood Development is a name that's new, our organization is not, with roots in the Collinwood community that go back 37 years. Founded in 1982 as Collinwood Villages Development, our name and service area have changed several times through the years, but our commitment to the communities we serve has remained steadfast. Throughout the years we have constructed new homes and retail businesses along St. Clair Avenue, provided land assembly for large scale industrial projects along South Waterloo Rd., engaged residents at community and civic meetings and worked with community stakeholders

to craft neighborhood plans that guided neighborhood development. In July 2018 what was Collinwood and Nottingham Villages Development expanded its service area north to the lakefront, and now serves the communities of North Shore Collinwood, Collinwood Village/Five Pointes, Nottingham Village, and Euclid Green.

Our mission is to advance equitable and inclusive economic development, community engagement and neighborhood stabilization & revitalization strategies within the communities we serve. To achieve these goals, GCDC focuses its work in the following key areas: real estate development, housing initiatives, community engagement programs, business support services and neighborhood planning. Since July of 2018, GCDC has accomplished the following:

• Real Estate Development

Returned 6 vacant properties to produc-



Breakfast with Santa



Literacy family game night at Five Points Community Center

tive use, in partnership with the Cuyahoga County Land Bank and investor partners, with 9 additional properties in the pipeline

Secured grant funding to launch GCDC's first residential rehab program, initially targeting the areas of Nottingham Village and East 185th

Working to convert the vacant Longfellow School site into a new senior housing community in partnership with the City of Cleveland, Cleveland Municipal School District, Cleveland Restoration Society, Vesta Corp., Marous Brothers Construction and others

1. Guiding two businesses through the city of Cleveland's Storefront Renovation Program, with one nearing completion in the Nottingham Village retail area. Several other businesses throughout Greater Collinwood are interested in potential projects

2. Organized a meet and greet for busi-

nesses on the western edge of St. Clair

- 3. Provided technical assistance to over a dozen area businesses
 - 4. Code Enforcement
- Surveyed over 500 residential properties; referring the worst properties to the city's building and housing department
 - Neighborhood Planning
- Applied for funding from Cuyahoga County to enhance the Five Pointes Retail District at East 152nd and St. Clair. If funded the project will install trees to soften the streetscape, install decorative crosswalks, enhance transit waiting environments, install neighborhood branding banners on light poles and install artistdesigned flower boxes along the sidewalks
- · Recently awarded funding through a Transportation for Livable Communities (TLCI) planning grant for Euclid Avenue in the Euclid Green community

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Humphrey Popcorn East 185th street store

by Michael Prokop

The new humphrey popcorn Company store is now open in its new home at 819 E.185th Street Cleveland ohio (next to the historic LaSalle Theatre).

New and old generations will be able to experience the delights of the old Euclid Beach Park through the taste of the parks iconc snacks. The most popular to come out of that era were the unique candy kisses and the popcorn balls that sported a sweet salt taste. An assortment of other popcorn flavors are available at the store all made with same popcorn grown on the Humphrey farm in Wakeman Ohio.

Other products manufactured in the surrounding area of Cleveland and are becoming a trend can also be found on the shelves of the store.

Coming soon in time for the Easter season will be the Bakers chocolate whips and an assortment of candy and chocolates.





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Be a Voice Not An Echo





Councilman's Corner



by Michael D. Polensek

As I said last month - what a crazv winter! What an understatement that was. Over the last month, I have dealt countless water leaks in the

streets, potholes, frozen pipes, power outages and trees down. I hate to think what else is around the corner. So, stay tuned. SPRING IS AROUND THE CORNER.

As always, we need our residents to be our eyes and ears as to what is going on in the neighborhood. Please don't assume that someone else has turned in a city service concern. Be proactive! If you see something or experience an issue that is affecting you or your neighbors – please turn it in to the appropriate department or the Mayor' Action Center at (216) 664-2900.

As I mentioned before, potholes are showing up like daffodils in the Spring. For street repairs, call (216) 664-2510. This is also the same number to be used for snow and ice related problems on your street or in the neighborhood.

As you all know we have all experienced extremely strong winds along the lakefront and beyond. If after or during a storm there are electrical wires sparking or hanging please call CPP (216) 664-3156, for trees that are dangerous or where limbs have come down please call (216) 664-3104. As always we get through these difficult winter months. If we all do our apart, services for the most part will go undisrupted and safety concerns will be addressed. On the public safety front – there have

been some well-publicized incidents over

the past month in our community involving violent felonious assaults. Once again, in virtually every one of these cases, the perpetrators were not even from our neighborhood or the victims knew the attacker. I, like all of you, am sick and tired of individuals coming into our community or having their associates perpetrate their violent crimes. I want to thank the 5th District Commander, Sammy Morris, and Lt. Ali Pillow of the Homicide Unit, both ward residents, for their due diligence along with their respective staff in identifying and arresting the perpetrators. Once again, due to residents, engaged citizens, and security cameras the police were able to obtain vital information which led to arrests. We saw this in the violent case against Fr. John Kumse over at St Mary's, where four of the five young adults involved have now been sentenced and the three involved in the robbery and homicide of Mike and Trina and their dog at Mr Cars on East 185th Street. That trial is finally coming up in mid-March. One of the individuals involved plead "guilty" in Common Pleas Court on Thursday, February 21 and will be sentenced after the main suspect's trial,

which is a Capital case, is completed. The

court case for the third suspect will begin

Once again, the theme in our neighborhood should be - "if you see something - say something." For, you or your family could be the next victim. In Ward 8 - it is not about vengeance - it is about justice. Those who perpetrate violent criminal acts in our ward, must be apprehended and prosecuted under the fullest extent of the law. There is no doubt that an engaged citizenry leads to a safer community.

in April. Please watch for future updates.

As I reported last month, the new O. H. Perry Elementary School is now officially open. We are still looking to hold an official ribbon cutting ceremony in May; I am awaiting final word from CMSD as to the details. What a great addition to our community. The old school building will be coming down once environmental remediation is finished and summer recess begins for the students. Once the site is cleared, the remaining improvements, including a new parking lot and a new playfield, along with a new playground area will be completed along with the rest of the landscaping and learning gardens.

Another school project that I have been working on with the Cleveland Restoration Society and CMSD is the conversion of the historic Henry W. Longfellow elementary school on East 140th Street at Darley into senior citizen housing complex. Council passed legislation authorizing the transfer of the property to the developer. This project must still go before Design Review and City Planning, which are public hearings. Watch for future updates and announcements. This project is critical to the entire East 140th Street corridor and I wish to thank all the residents who have been very supportive of this project, thus far.

Talking about positive developments, the three long vacant and dilapidated storefronts located at 702 East 185th Street at Hiller have been purchased by the owners of City Desk. I am waiting to see what the new owners are proposing to do with this critical commercial stretch of East 185th Street. We are also working with the City of Euclid on developing the former Lakeshore Chevy site. I am hoping, like all, that 2019 will bring positive developments to

our commercial districts. Most of you know that we have a wonderful partner in our community, that being the Cleveland FoodBank, located on S Waterloo Road, just east of East 152nd Street. I wonder how many of you know that they have a Help Center located on the 2nd Floor open to the public. They can help you with a wide variety of programs and services, ie SNAP, Medicaid, food programs and a whole host of other initiatives, for residents who need guidance or assistance in running the obstacle course of County and Federal services. They may be reached at (216) 738-2067 and are open from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. No one in our community, who needs assistance, should have to go outside of the neighborhood. Please feel free to give them a call.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

COLLINWOOD HOMEOWNERS MEETING

7:00 PM

St Mary Church 15519 Holmes Avenue

1st Thursday of the Month 5:30 PM

ASSOCIATION 2nd Tuesday of the Month 6:00 PM

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

Collinwood Recreation Center 16300 Lakeshore Boulevard

MEETING

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),

EAST 156th STREET NEIGHBORHOOD

3rd Thursday of the month

EAST 140TH STREET NEIGHBORHOOD

(March to November)

Monday night at 7:00 PM Please note – this is a public and an open

please feel free to call Mary Louise Jesek Daley,

Continue to support our community neighborhood associations, businesses, organizations and institutions. By supporting these we strengthen our community. I look forward to seeing you about the community and at our many events and meet-

As always, please feel free to call me at the office at (216) 664-4236 or email me at mpolensek@clevelandcitycouncil.org.

Michael D. Polensek Councilman, Ward 8

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1st Wednesday of the month

Salvation Army Temple Corp 17625 Grovewood Avenue

EAST 185th STREET NEIGHBORHOOD

Lithuanian Hall

2nd Thursday of the Month 6:15 PM

5th DISTRICT COMMUNITY RELATIONS

3rd Wednesday of the month

November (Glenville Rec Ctr.)

ASSOCIATION

Collinwood Recreation Center

16300 Lakeshore Boulevard

ASSOCIATION 4TH Wednesday of the Month

Collinwood Five Points Community Center

CLEVELAND CITY COUNCIL

meeting but does not take public commentary

Any questions about these meetings Councilman Polensek's office, (216) 664-4236

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Hospice of the Western Reserve Celebrates 40th Anniversary



David Simpson Hospice House is shown under construction. When facility opened in January 1995, it was the first hospice care inpatient care facility in Northeast Ohio.

by Laurie Henrichsen

Forty years ago, a small group of visionaries saw an unmet need in the community. They marshaled their passion and their resources, and with the help of friends, they established Cancer Family Service, Inc. This was the forerunner of what would eventually become Hospice of the Western Reserve. Over time, the tiny operation grew from caring for 23 cancer patients in 1978 to a nonprofit agency caring for more than 1,100 patients a day living with a wide range of advanced illnesses. Since its inception, the organization has cared for more than 120,000 people in Northern Ohio.

Delivering exceptional quality has been at the heart of the agency's mission since its grassroots beginnings. As a result, Hospice of the Western Reserve's quality scores as

independently rated by families on Hospice Compare (medicare.gov/hospicecompare) continue to be among the highest in the

"We feel honored to have earned the trust of families in our community for so many years," said Bill Finn, President and CEO. "Our role is to provide comfort and support during the transition that will allow each person to have the best quality of life possible. We provide comprehensive support not only for our patients, but for the entire family

"As we head into the next 40 years, we will continue to innovate and evolve. We're grateful for the community support that allows us to achieve our mission." For more information, visit hospicewr.org/40years

Blooming into Spring Programming at the Collinwood Library!

by Kiaira Jefferson Collinwood Library 856 East 152nd St, Cleveland, OH 44110 Manager, Caroline Peak 216-623-6934 cpl-collwd@cpl.org Take a look at what else we've got coming

Youth Programs Kid's Café Meal Program In collaboration with the Cleveland Food

Bank, Kids Café is being served! Monday - Friday — 3:00pm-4:00pm FREE Tutoring in All subjects: Grades K – 8--one-on-one and/or group tutoring and homework help offered in partnership

with Cleveland State University's America Reads tutoring services. Monday - Thursday--3:00pm - 6:00pm

World Poetry Day!

Roses are red, violets are blue, let's see if we can bring out the inner poet in YOU! Help us celebrate World Poetry Day by creating your own poetry

Thursday, March 21st @4:30pm

Community Art Project: Join us at Cleveland Public Library, Collin wood Branch to participate in a city wide banner project. By dyeing squares of cotton

their playful lives in local creeks and rivers.

in Indigo, you will learn a new art process, take a piece home, and a piece will be sewn into a banner with hundreds of others.

Bridge in downtown Cleveland on June 22! April 18, 12:30pm - 2:30 pm & 4:30 pm -

Free Computer Classes! **Computer Basics Series**

series you will also be introduced to the

World Wide Web and using a web browser to find information.

The banners will hang from the Detroit **Internet Basics** This is an introduction to the World Wide

Adult Programs

Learn about the mouse and keyboard, how to organize computer files, and commonly used personal computer functions. In this Fridays, March 1st, 8th, & 15th ~ 11:15a-

Web and using a Web browser to find information.Friday, March 22nd ~ 11:15a-12:45p

Email Basics I Set up your own email account. Learn to send and receive email messages, organize your email messages, and create contacts.

Friday, March 29th ~ 11:15a-12:45p

An Offer NOT Too Good to Be True

by Deborah Howitt

up for you in March:

The Cleveland Public Library has a great hook to pull people in. With a valid library card a patron is allowed to check out a family pass to the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. The pass admits 6 people to the wonders of the museum for FREE. (Children 2 and under are always admitted free.)

school groups and families with small children. It wasn't too crowded. In the new Perkins Wildlife Center and Woods garden there were definitely

We went on a cold weekday. There were

more animals and birds on display than people watching them. The raven likes to say "Blackjack" when you have your back turned. When you turn around and repeat his name, he ignores you. The river otters are thriving in their icy water. For some years there were none in Ohio. The reintroduction of this species has been successful.

At last count there were 8,000 going about

Inside the Andy Warhol nature prints showed endangered species' personalities in the artist's iconic style. The jaw dropping abilities of plants and animals are on display at the Biomechanics exhibit. The interactive displays show the evolution of nature's engineering feats. Birds who create a distinctive noise by clapping their wings at a speed much faster that the wings of a hummingbird beat to attract a mate, and an explanation of why White Tailed deer in Florida are small but the same species is gets bigger and bigger as it lives farther away from the equator. are just two of the

Please get yourself over to your nearest branch of the Cleveland Public Library and check out something to read, watch or listen to. If you are lucky, there may still be a pass available. They are limited and go fast.

marvels unveiled.



Waterloo Wall of Love



The Waterloo Arts District is feeling the love this winter, and wants to share with the community. At the end of February, a group came together to put up a Wall of Love at Waterloo near E. 160th St, to share warm winter hats, gloves, scarves and more help each other through these cold winter with anyone in the neighborhood who needs them. The owners of the Waterloo Sculpture Garden, Sarah and Kurt Gyorki, worked with resident Allison Lukacsy-Love and Walls of Love organizer Holly Jackson to make the project happen. Waterloo has

a history of being an engaged community, with arts district stakeholders organizing many community-oriented events each year, including the Waterloo Arts Fest and many more, so coming together to months seemed like a natural way for this active arts district to continue supportings its neighbors. Members of the community are invited to contribute more items, or take what they need, and the wall will stay in place for as long as the weather stays cold.

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Scholarship Opportunity



Women-Greater Cleveland Chapter is accepting ap-

plication for their 2nd Annual Scholarship. One or more college scholarships in the amount of \$500 each will be awarded to a high-school senior (female)from the Greater Cleveland area. Applications can be obtained from your high school counselors, chapter member or emailing: poetichoneybee@gmail.com. OR ncbwcleveland@gmail.com Late applications will not be reviewed(Deadline: Midnight, March 8, 2019). Basic critera: students who will receive their high school diploma from a high school(2019); Students who have a minimum GPA of 2.5; Students who can demonstrate community service and involvement; and students who have applied and been accepted into a college or university.



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Join a plogging cleanup!



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Join Cleveland Ploggs Wednesday March 27th at 6pm on Waterloo for a plogging

What the heck is 'plogging' you ask?

Plogging is a fitness trend that originated in Sweden and is slowly spreading throughout the world. The term Plogging is derived from the Swedish phrase "plocka upp," which translates to pick up. Plogging involves a combination of jogging and picking up trash along your running route using a plastic bag to collect the litter you find along your route. Plogging is great exercise and a great opportunity to make a positive impact on our environment and our neighborhood!

Volunteers will meet at the Waterloo Arts District Stage (at the corner of East 156th St. and Waterloo Rd.) at 6pm to sign in and collect cleanup supplies. The Plogging route map will be posted to the plogging facebook event. We will review the route before heading out from the Waterloo stage. Best part of all, you don't have to run marathons to Plogg! This will be slow paced run - just under 2 miles - with plenty of stops along the way to pick up trash!

Please wear clothing you don't mind getting sweaty and a little dirty and please

wear closed toed shoes - preferably shoes you don't mind running in! Water and light refreshments will be provided before

We'll cross the finish line around 7pm back at the Waterloo stage where we'll stretch out and take stock of the trash haul! We'll also talk about Cleveland Ploggs and growing a plogging movement in the neighborhood and beyond. Best of all, ploggers will receive a coupon to Chili Peppers Fresh Mexican Grill - good for 1/2 off your purchase of a meal item and drink!

Still on the fence? You can learn more about plogging via the following links

We Need This - We can all learn from plogging, the popular fitness craze taking over the world https://goo.gl/P5erB3

The Washington Post - Plogginng is the Swedish fitness craze for people who want to save the planet https://goo.gl/c2F6GR City Lab - Pick Up Trash While You Ex-

ercise. It's Called Plogging https://goo.gl/ For more info, check out our facebook

event https://goo.gl/t7x9Yc email adopt. euclidbeach@gmail.com, or call 216-571-

Happy Plogging!

Ohio's university Students' Fight Against Economic Segregation with Blockchain

by Taylor Morgan and Jordan Moul

Ohio students from the universities of Kent State, John Carroll and Cleveland State Marshall College of Law are united with the CAMHP Foundation and have written The Blockchain Tech Power to the People Initiative. Blockchain was initially designed as a digital transparent decentralized transactional ledger. Blockchain provides a transactional transparency beginning with the user's genesis block. The user's initial transaction creates an original identity code, which modifies with each interaction between the original user and invited viewers. This type of sharing information through blockchain can be tracked without the ability to delete, change, copy or remove transactional history.

The Blockchain Tech Power to the PeopleInitiative is a grassroots effort to bring this type of technology to modernize, create efficiency and help reduce economic segregation for Ohioans in need of public assistance. Through our blockchain initiative, Ohioans would be able to utilize uploaded encrypted data and documents to

prove eligibility and identity. This would create efficient and effective time management in the process of applying for social benefits. The use of blockchain can have direct economic benefit in the reduction of poverty. Ohioans, through this type of transparent social benefits application process become an active participant. Such active participation engages the consumer in their own economic stabilization.

Poverty produces a direct negative effect upon the ability of safe keeping documents that all Ohioans utilize to create economic stability. Our initiative is simple, consumer interactive, and has the flexibility to fluctuate with the overwhelming dynamics of poverty. The power of proof of eligibility and identity can be at the fingertips of all Ohioans and radically reduce the economic and stability segregation in the great state

For more information, please visit our website www.camhpfoundation.org or our Facebook page 'CAMHP Foundation' or email us at Camhpinterns@gmail.com.

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Buettner's Bakery & King Cakes



by William McCulloch

I noticed in my recent stops into Buettner's Bakery on East 185th Street fliers for customers to order King Cakes for their Fat Tuesday celebrations. I was unfamiliar with the tradition that is closely associated in the United States with New Orleans' Mardi Gras Carnival. As with most things in western civilization, all roads lead to Rome. The origins are thought to have begun with the Roman festival of Saturnalia honoring the god of prosperity, Saturn, after whom the planet and day of the week were named. The holiday was celebrated with a sacrifice at the Temple of Saturn followed by a public banquet, where it was custom to elect a king of the festivities and where celebrates would exchange small figurines of wax or clay. With the conversion of the

Roman state religion to Christianity the feast became associated with the Epiphany, representing the visit of the Magi, or three kings bearing gifts for to Christ child. Later it would also become associated with the pre-lenten feast. A French tradition began of baking a ring cake for the feast with a hidden prize, intially a Fava bean, which represented the baby Jesus. Later the Fava bean was replaced with a porcelain figurine and today more often plastic. The prize represents luck and prosperity for whomever finds it in their slice of cake.

Since being first built, Buettner's location has always been a bakery. The earliest reference I could find from the main library downtown's collection of old city directories was that of Richard Weiser in 1938 thru the mid 1940's. He was followed



by Julia Henkel and then later it operated as Cliffel's Bakery. From the late 1950's till the early 1970's it was Wiehn's Bakery operated by Albert E. Wiehn Jr., a third generation Cleveland baker. After him it would become Buettner's Bakery.

Buettner's current owner is Janet Mueller Bacher. Janet, whose father as an engineer at General Electric, grew up on Dorchester Drive. At the age of 13 she would start working for Mike Buettner, who she described as the best boss she ever had. She continued to work there while attending Villa Angela Academy in the late 1970's. Following school she briefly looked into other lines of work, but returned back to what she knew and enjoyed best. In 1999 she would became it's owner.

Janet began baking traditional King



cakes after being taught by a friend who made them in New Orleans for Mardi Gras. Sizes range from small, medium, and large and fillings come in either apple, cream cheese, cherry, apricot, or lemon. The icing of the cake has three colors representing the three kings, purple for justice, green for faith, and gold for power. Oh, and did someone mention Polish pre-Lenten Paczki doughnuts? They've got you covered there

Buettner's Bakery, 704 East 185th Street, Cleveland. OHio 44119, (216) 531-0650

as well. Bon appetit

Tuesday thru Saturday: 6:00 am - 1:00 pm, Sunday: 7:00 am - 12:30 pm, closed

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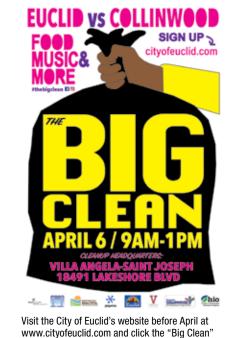


Are you in need of interior or exterior home repairs? Greater Collinwood Development Corporation (formerly Collinwood and Nottingham Villages Corporation) with

funding through the McGregor Founda-

tion, is assisting senior homeowners with free home improvements that will improve the safety of their homes. These improvements include interior and exterior handrail repair and installation, installing toilet and tub safety bars, exterior lighting, and gutter/downspout repair. For more information or to obtain an application please contact Carly Lovely at clovey@greatercollinwood.org or at 216-383-9772 ext. 209. Completed applications must be submitted by March 22, 2019.

See you at the annual "Big Clean" on Saturday, April 6



icon to be routed to the registration page. by Allison Lukacsy-Love

We are just weeks away from the third annual Euclid v. Collinwood "Big Clean" Great American Cleanup on Saturday, April 6th, 2019 from 9am to 1pm at Villa Angela - St. Joseph High School.

Euclid volunteers are the undefeated champions so gather your family, friends coworkers, neighbors - EVERYONE - and let's sweep the Collinwood "competition" again this year!

REGISTER NOW! Registration for individuals and organiza-

tions - in both Euclid and Collinwood - is highly preferred and greatly appreciated in advance of the event. Please visit the City of Euclid's website before April at www.cityofeuclid.com and click the "Big Clean" icon to be routed to the registration page.

Want to support the "Big Clean" with a monetary or in-kind donation? Please visit the City of Euclid's website or contact Linda Beck at the City of Euclid. Donations are due by March 25th in order to make our t-shirt printing deadline where we will recognize our valuable donors!

For more information on how to get involved in creating a beautiful Euclid, email Linda at LBeck@cityofeuclid.com to join the KEB mailing list.

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Collinwood Native at it Again.....Go Boy Customs at AutoRama 2019



by Stephanie Saddler

In March 2015 Local Native George Blade Jr. custom built a motorcycle from various metal parts that actually can run right out his own garage. He took 2nd place in the competition and once again he is BACK this year and will be one of the vendors at this year 2019 Auto Rama at the IX Indoor Center March 15-17. He will be unveiling his 2019 Go Boy Customs Trike not like no other as well as other creations. If you thought his custom built motorcycle was nice just wait till you see the unveiling of his new trike. All custom built from various metal parts and will be ready and regulated to be ran on city streets.

He is a sell taught welder who can weld and create just about anything with scrap pieces. What makes this bike unique is that unlike other custom built trikes, motorcycles and bikes, he used various scrap pieces such as tractor tires, bbq grill pieces, steel bars and various steel and metal items purchased from home depot and junkyards.

George Blade Jr. born and raised in the Collinwood area of 146th & St Clair. He attended East Clark Elementary, St Joseph middle School and Collinwood high School. He has always been a very talented young man. He was an excellent player on the junior varsity and varsity basketball team. Won various dunk contest and played with the Harlem road king bball squad for a few years. His love for building started at a young age with Lego (which he still have to this day). He is also involved with world renowned fitness guru Philip Weeden as one the extreme hip hop boyz



and also he also custom built the play stage set for world renowned playwright Philly Weeden hit play traveling the world "Soul Mate"

"My name is George Blade Jr., a builder/ welder/ fabricator. Father of two gorgeous children, I am devoted to family, hard work, and building a better life. Grew up in Cleveland, OH all my life. Inspired by the phrase "unbuildable" is what feeds my creativity. My goal is to push to limits of design and build the some would say unbuildable machines. My Cleveland based company Go Boy Customs is owned and operated by me and all my machines are built by me. I started this dream in my garage about 5 years ago building custom cars and bikes with my dad, who passed a couple years ago, I must continue to push

the envelope of creativity and design. I just love the "wow" factor."

He also has launch two other brand to his empire Go Boy Customs which is Go Boy Designs and Go Boy Concepts. He plan to conducts FREE class to young men who want to learn basic welding techniques in Fall 2019. He is also well known around town for various custom works requested from consumer so keep a look out for this rising star.

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Collinwood upcoming producer KNG ARI



by Damien Hayes
Interview with KNG ARI
Q What Exactly do you do?
A I produce, and write Music

Q How long have you been producing , and writing music

A For 1 year now

Q What made you want to get into producing and writing music

A Well! What made me want to start producing was after I graduated the 8th grade , then started attending school at Ginn Academy High school , and at Ginn Academy they didn't have a school band or anything so I started making beats for people

Q There's a lot of people doing this in Cleveland, older, younger, so with yourself what do you think makes yourself different from the rest in cleveland? like do you feel you have your own unique style?, what is it that stands you apart?

what is it that stands you apart?

A Well the key thing that sets me apart from the others is my outgoing personality towards people, and making them feel comfortable with me even if we've been talking for a short period of time. Like for example me reaching out to a new up com-

ing rapper, and having a full conversation with them about music, I just know how to talk to people!!

Q With you in the music business, did you have any influences? kind of like a person you looked up to in the same field?

A yes a couple my family, Metro boomin who is a popular successful music producers world wide, and GOD

Q So being a young adult making music and following your passion what kind of obstacles do you or have you ran into? Dealing with your own age peer group, do you feel you they look different at you cause your not doing what they're doing? A Dealing with peers is kind of hard at times, because a lot of them feel sine im doing something different, I trying to be better then them, or think im better, but I don't let it bother me I know I gotta keep going after my passion

Q How do you get yourself noticed by oth-

A Just by hitting people up , and getting them to support me

Q what do you think about the whole social media thing? Do you think social media is the best way to get yourself noticed in the music business

A Social media is probably at the top of the list when it comes to connecting with people, and getting fans, but if there wasn't social media it would be a little bit easier you can follow me on instagram

Iamthegreatdame

twitter thegreatdame
you tube thegreatdame
you can follow KNG ARI instagram KNG
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Q. So how did you get into you just bust out a freestyl and your Bros heard you, a man you need to do this or did you just wake up one was like i'm about to start do you have like i'm about a start do you have

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The Waterloo Alley Cat Project's 10th Annual Fundraiser Celebration



by Debbie Gulyas

The Waterloo Alley Cat Project is celebrating a decade of helping stray cats and kittens at their 10th Annual Fundraiser on Saturday, March 9th at the Historic Slovenian Worker's Home, now known as Waterloo Hall, located at 15335 Waterloo Road.

Once again, they will be holding a \$1,000

Grand Prize Raffle along with their fabulous basket raffles and local art sale. Tickets are on sale now... only \$20 and a bargain in 4 ways:

*Each Ticket enters you into the Grand Prize drawing of \$1,000 (you do not need to be present to win);

*Only a limited number of tickets will be ld;

*Each ticket also provides free admission to their big event which includes DJ entertainment, food by Melt Bar and Grilled, and lots of feline related fun;

*All money raised goes to help cats! Tickets can be purchased online at www. waterlooalleycatproject.org.

The Waterloo Alley Cat Project is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization that depends entirely on the generous and compassionate support of people who care about the homeless animals in our city.

They hope to see everyone on March 9th to celebrate together!

News Around Our Neighborhood!

by Elva Brodn

The February 12th meeting of the E 185th Neighborhood Association was full of news and information for our community.

Councilman Polensek led off, with updates about several ongoing concerns & projects. First was that the redevelopment of Longfellow School into senior housing, is on track. He had more on the upcoming E 185th street project, as well. And, he also was able to tell us that the Mr Cars case was coming up in March. (And - the new O H Perry is now open!)

The meeting continued with our local Fifth District Community Engagement Officers updating members on recent crime in our neighborhood, and taking questions to follow up with.

Our February speaker was Caroline Peak (our Co-Chair) filling us in on things happening with the local Cleveland Public Library. Among good news from the Library, is that the Collinwood Branch is now open again. Cleveland Public Library is also celebrating their 150th Anniversary this year, and kick-

ing off these celebrations, with Cleveland Public Library Executive Director & CEO Felton Thomas addressing the City Club of Cleveland on February 27th.

EVENTS

Ms Peak, as President of Northeast Shores
Development Corp, then went on to update
the group on the current Northeast Shores

Mr Greg Pollard was there as well, adding to the Community Engagement Officers' reports. He also announced the Fifth District's Community Relations Committee Meetings kick off Wednesday March 20th, at the Five Points Community Center; these meetings will then be every 3rd Wednesday after this.

As always, we invite you to check out your local Neighborhood Association - the meetings are always listed in the Community Meetings calendar here in the Collinwood Observer. This is your regular chance, to talk to both the Councilman, and our local Police District - and it's a great way to be active in this community of ours. Look forward to seeing you! (And bring a neighbor!)

YCN RAY young hot rapper on the rise



by Damien Hayes

Q How long have you been rapping? And what made you wanna start rapping?

A Since I wa little like real young but I only been taking it serious for like a couple months now ,and wanting to be somebody I wanted a name.

Q. So how did you get into this like did you just bust out a freestyle somewhere, and your Bros heard you, and was damn man you need to do this rapping thing or did you just wake up one morning and was like i'm about to start doing this, and found a studio and just start recording? How was the actually start process?

A .Really just watching with all the money just made me write a song , I showed the song to my cousin, and he told me I need to take it serious

Q .There's a lot of people in Cleveland making music what are you doing, or going to do that's making you stand out from everyone? whats makes you so different?

A. I feel like my sound is different , and my work ethic make me different

Q. Who are your music influences? A. Nba youngboy

he's a fan of Nba Youngboy? he speaks on what I go through, and success motivates me to go get it

Q What do you think the best way to get your music out to the audience? And

Nba youngboy is a upcoming rapper from

baton rouge louisiana, I asked yenray why

tracks with no features?

A. Being consistent ,showing them Im gone be here for a while, and not stopping, and I like doing solo tracks with no features

do you like collabing, or just doing solo

Q. Do you feel there's a life span in this music game? Like do you feel you can rap for 5 years to 10 years, or do you have something else in in mind with your mu-

sic if it slows down after a few years?

A. I feel if i blow up this year or next I shouldn't be rapping for more than 7 to 10 years I should be rich signing my own artists, and I wanna write movies, I believe artists should expand their horizons

Q. What's the fun part about making music and what are the difficulties parts?

A. The fun part about making music is the girls the money you know all that difficult part about it is you never know what someone around you what like they could be pretending to love you but really there for what I got

Q. A Lot of people think artists can't get

any support here in cleveland especially if your a local artist have you noticed that with yourself, or others?

A. Naw I feel I can get the support from my

city imma different artist.

Q. Do you prefer physical mixtapes are

streaming your mixtapes?A. I like streaming like on youtube I think youtube is the best platform

Q. On a chill relax day what do you like

A. The studio being in the Studio getting high with my bros

Q. What do you think the best weed is?

A OG purp

Q. Who has the best studio in cleveland?A. I record 216 is the studio Dario Baker is the founder

Q. What's your favorite Jordans shoe A. The jordan 12s

Q. Would you rather be a independent artist or have a deal?

A. I don't know fr , I just want to have a lot of money you can follow me the on Instagram Iamthegreatdame and twitter the great dame you can follow Yenray on Instagram at Yenray



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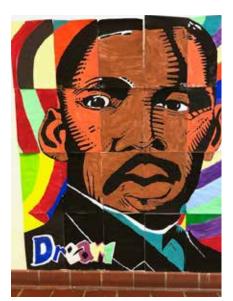
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"Man of Peace" Art Display at New **Tech Collinwood**



Scholars in Ms. Avers Art One Course at New Tech Collinwood High School collaborated to create Martin Luther King Jr. murals. The artwork was scaled using a grid process which allowed an 8x10 inch image become a 5 foot drawing masterpiece. Students were able to



select a section to paint and collaborated with each other to coordinate the color schemes. The pieces were hung in the hallways and will add color to the school halls until the end of February. A total of 55 students participated

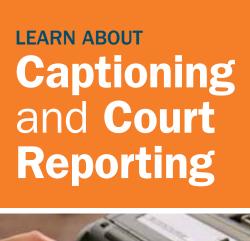
Free WiFi Enabled Devices for All Eligible New Tech Collinwood High **School Students**

We have exciting news to share! Cleveland Metropolitan School District is participating in the 1Million Project! With network support from Sprint, the 1Million Project Foundation is providing one million eligible high school students across the country with 100%

net for up to four years. This a completely free program for both our school district and the participating scholar.

In an effort to bridge the digital divide, the 1Million Project wants to help all high school students have access to reliable internet at home. 70 New Tech Collinwood student were









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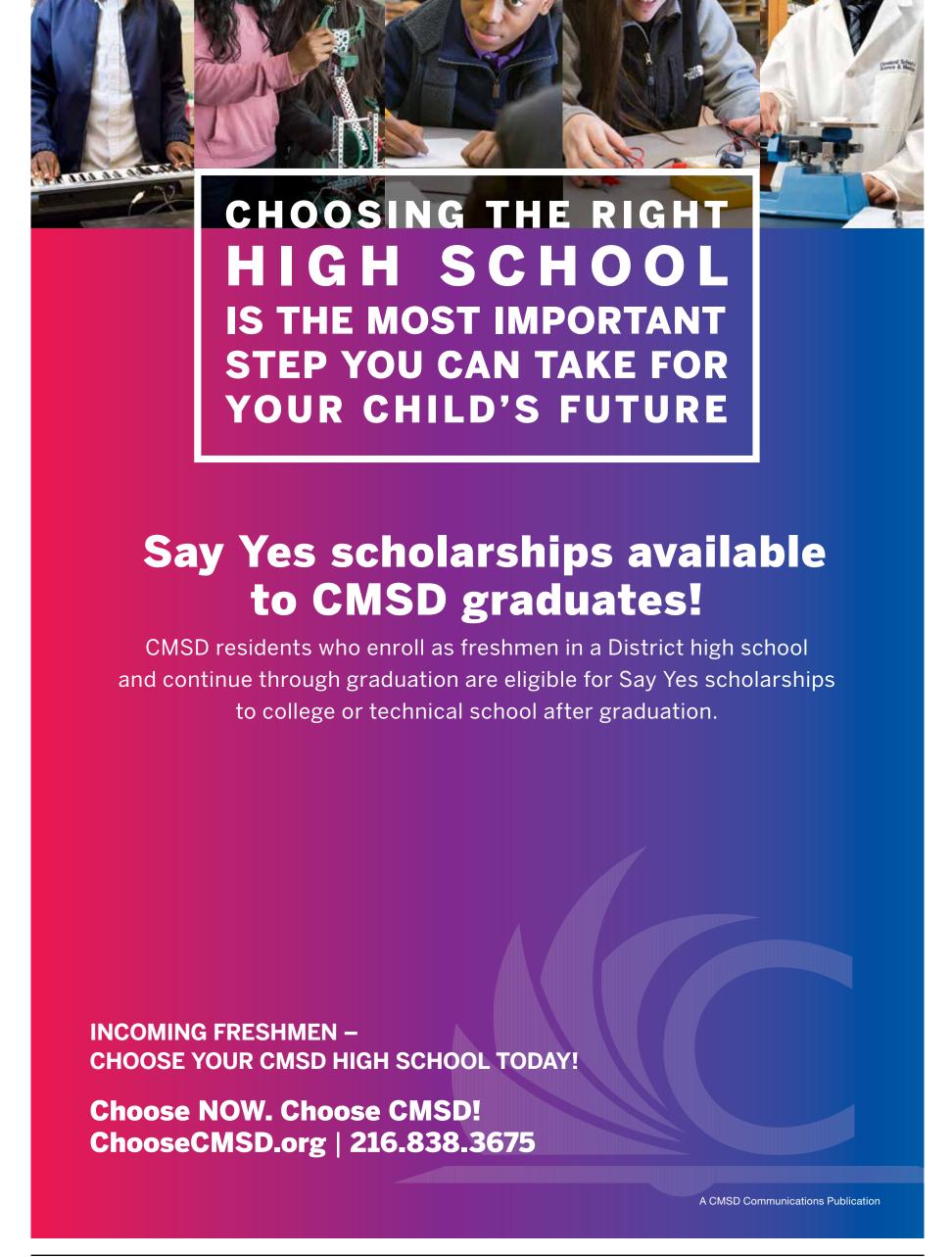
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Five Photos - Five Dollars: A Special Lenten Retreat



Five Photos - Five Dollars: A Special Lenten Retreat Saturday, March 30 9:00-Noon (8:30 Continental Breakfast) \$5.00 per person Our Lady of the Lake

Lakeshore Blvd & E. 200th St.

(216) 486-0850 Our Lady of the Lake is hosting a fun and affordable Lenten retreat that invites parishioners and guests to explore their

personal history through photos, and gain

insights into the ways God is working in their lives. We'll enjoy hospitality, community, conversation and reflection that will deepen our relationship with Jesus and bring us new understanding of our personal faith paths. Please join us! For registration and information on what to bring for this special day, please visit our website at www.OLLEuclid.org, or email Shawn@ OLLEuclid.org or Brianna@OLLEuclid. org. The registration deadline is March 25.

Living Stations a Special Tradition at OLL



Living Stations of the Cross is a cherished tradition at Our Lady of the Lake. Each Easter season, youth from the parish spend weeks preparing for a living presentation of Christ's journey to the cross. Made special through the eyes of these children, this moving journey brings the faith community together to reflect on the sacrifice made for us, and its deep meaning in our

"Working with the youth to create this presentation each year is really meaningful, for me, for the young people, and for all the people who join us," says Youth Minister

Rita Testa. "This is a very special time of reflection and sharing and our youth help us to see Christ's journey through fresh eyes. We encourage anyone in our community to join us for Living Stations -- it's a wonderful way to bring new meaning to this very

All are welcome at OLL's Living Stations prayer service. It will be held April 12 at 8:00pm at Our Lady of the Lake, Lakeshore Blvd and E. 200th St. For more information, visit www.OLLEuclid.org, or email Rita@

Meet the Entrepreneurs at Microloan Fair

Our Lady of the Lake is hosting its first Microloan Fair! Come by to learn about businesses and people in our community who are partnering to help grow a stronger neighborhood. This innovative loan program, supported by OLL, brings together parishioners and small business owners and entrepreneurs to help people forge new paths, both to personal prosperity and to a more connected community. You can be part of it, too -- by supporting local businesses and learning some of the good things

our small business owners are up to. Please stop by to meet our group, sample some products and services and get a wealth of information on how Microloans can be part of making our community a better place for

Saturday, March 23: 4:00-6:00 Sunday, March 24: 11:00-2:00 Our Lady of the Lake Church Hall Lakeshore and E. 200th St For information, visit www.OLLEuclid.org, or call (216) 486-0850



Join OLL for Lent and Easter, or any time!

All are welcome at Our Lady of the Lake March 6: Ash Wednesday Mass, 7:00pm March 10, 17, 24 and 31: Evening Prayer, 6:30pm March 30: Lenten Retreat, 9:00-Noon **April 12:** Living Stations, 8:00pm **April 13-14:** Palm Sunday Weekend **April 17:** Tenebrae, 7:00pm

April 18: Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00pm **April 19:** Good Friday, Community Stations of the Cross, 12:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 7:00pm **April 20:** Holy Saturday Blessing of Food, 12:00pm Easter Vigil, 8:00pm April 21: Easter 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm

OLL School Accepting Applications

Our Lady of the Lake School is accepting applications in grades Pre-K - 8. Call today to schedule a tour - and find out whether you could quality for a scholarship! Registrations opens March 1, so call today! Jenny@OLLEuclid.org (216) 481-6824 | Jon us for Open House | April 3 6-7:30











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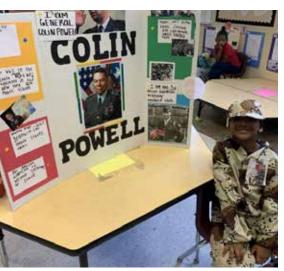
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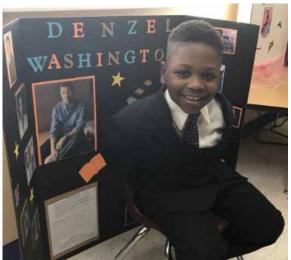
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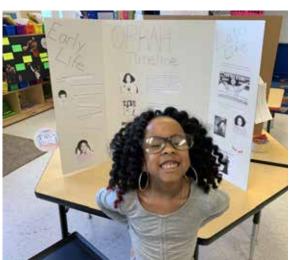














Bella held a school wide Live Wax Museum on Thursday February 21st. Students presented for parents and other students during this special event. Students were assigned significant figures from different

decades and acted as that person during our Live Wax Museum. Classroom teachers helped students practice and prepare during school time for the showcase event. Students conducted research studies to help them with their presentation.

Thank you to the amazing Imagine Bella families for helping students finish their posters, plan matching outfits, and practice their speeches too. It was so great to see all our families coming to support our students and listen to their presentations.

Since a picture is worth a thousand words we included some of our favorite photos here! We can't wait to see who everyone will be in the next Live Wax Museum!!

Friday Clubs are Back!





Movie time for movie club! Artists in action with rock painting club! Check out a few photos from the return of Friday clubs!

Playhouse Visit



2nd grade visited Playhouse Square for a special presentation for students. They had a blast!



Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School

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VASJ basketball hosts Broadmoor Bobcats

The Broadmoor Bobcats traveled to VASJ High School on Friday, February 22, for a special basketball game against members of the Vikings boys and girls teams.

The Vikings fought hard but ultimately fell to the Bobcats 53-32, continuing the team's 200+ game winning streak. This may be the only game of the year that VASJ doesn't mind losing.

When the Broadmoor team arrived at VASJ, they received an enthusiastic welcome from a gym full of VASJ students, faculty, and staff dressed in green and white (Broadmoor's school colors) and decorated with personalized signs and banners.

At halftime, all of the VASJ students joined the Broadmoor team on the basketball court for a dance party. Everyone got involved in a fun (and long) conga line. The smiles on the faces of all the students was quite a heartwarming sight to see.

Every basket scored by the Broadmoor team was followed with enthusastic screaming and cheering. Even after the Vikings lost, there was nothing but excitement and joy for the winning Bobcats team.

After the game, VASJ Principal Dave Csank presented Broadmoor with a championship trophy for their efforts. Both teams then gathered at center court for a group picture.

This is not the first time the Bobcats have battled the VASJ Vikings in a basketball game. The game has



The Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School community enthusiastically welcomed the Broadmoor Bobcats to the Viking Village for what has become an annual basketball game. The Bobcats continued their winning streak of over 200 by defeating VASJ 53-32.

loved annual event for both schools. "The Broadmoor-VASJ basketball game is the high point of the year for

become a highly anticipated and much-

all of us," says VASJ Principal David The basketball game at VASJ is a great example of the mission of the

Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities/Deepwood which is to empower people with developmental disabilities to engage in activities that enrich their lives and contribute to their community

"Bobcat basketball games are one of the most treasured events for our Broadmoor students," says Ann Mahler, Board of DD/Deepwood.

"This experience allows our students to show everyone just how capable and extraordinary they truly are. Through their hard work and sportsmanship, each game is a learning experience for not only our Bobcats but for the opponent as well.'

It was clear by the level of enthusiasm and support shown during the game that the VASJ community enjoyed the experience just as much as the Broadmoor students.

"The support that our kids show for the Bobcats, and the love and enthusiasm the Bobcats have

assistant superintendent at Lake County for the game of basketball is such a joy to witness," says Csank. "The Bobcats exemplify heart, courage, and determination. The example they set for our students is impossible to measure."

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The Broadmoor community once again felt the love and support from the VASJ community during their visit.

"We appreciate Villa Angela-St. Joseph and their enthusiasm and willingness to join us on this journey of inclusion and acceptance," says Mahler

The Broadmoor Bobcats may have left with the victory trophy, but it was clear that every student involved with this wonderful event felt like winners





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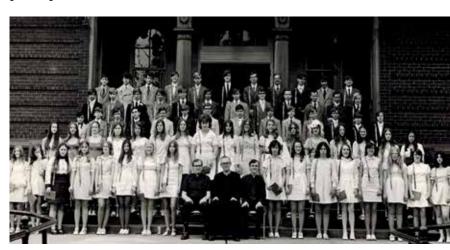
The Way We Were



We know where these folks were in 62, We hope they will all be back at St. Jerome on April 27th at 4pm for



In 1966 the Beach Boys, the Rolling Stones and the Beatles were all over the radio. You could buy a typical new home for about \$12,000 and a new car for under \$3000. And at 0.32 cents a gallon you could afford to



1972, the year Mark Spitz swam for the Gold 7 times at the Olympics, digital watches and hand-held scientific



1964 was agood year for sports at St. Jerome. Who remembers playing football for Coach Kovacic?



by Adele Markert

All St. Jerome School Alumni from the classes of 1960 thru 1979 are invited to attend a reunion on Saturday, April 27th beginning with 4pm Mass. Both the School and Convent will be open after Mass with a variety of memoribelia on display and light refreshments.

We still need your help in contacting classmates, siblings, and children who graduated from St. Jerome. Please spread the word and if you are able to provide updated addresses, please call the church office at 216-481-8200. Thanks so much!

10 Benefits of Reading



Some of the St. Jerome kindergarteners reading

by Lyndsey Byrne Although the life of a parent is often hectic, you should try to read with your child at least once a day at a regularly scheduled

time. But don't be discouraged if you skip a day or don't always keep to your schedule. Just read to your child as often as you possibly can. Taking the time to read with your child on a regular basis sends an important message: Reading is worthwhile.

Listed below, are 10 benefits of reading. 1. Children who read often and widely get better at it.After all, practice makes perfect in almost everything humans do, and reading is no different!

2. Reading exercises our brain. Reading is much more complex task for the human brain rather than watching TV, for example. Reading strengthens brain con-

3. Reading improves concentration. Children have to sit still and quietly so that they can focus on the story when they are reading. If they read often, they will de-

nections and builds new connections.

velop the skill to do this for longer. 4. Reading teaches children about the world around them.

Through reading a variety of books, children learn about people, places and events outside of their own experiences.

5. Reading improves vocabulary and language skills. Children learn new words as they read. Subconsciously, they absorb information on how to structure sentences and how to use words and other language features effectively in their writing and

6. Reading develops a child's imagination. As we read our brains translate the descriptions we read of people, places and things into pictures. While we are engaged in a story we are also imagining how a character is feeling. Young children then bring this knowledge into their everyday play.

7. Reading helps children to develop emp

As children develop they begin to imagine how they would feel in that situation.

8. Reading is fun!

A book or an e-reader doesn't take up much space and is light to carry. You can take it anywhere so you will never be bored if you have a book in your bag.

9. Reading is a great way to spend time to-

Reading together on the sofa, bedtime stories and visting the library are just some

ways of spending time together. 10. Children who read achieve better in

Reading promotes achievement in all subjects, not just English. Children who are good readers tend to achieve better across the curriculum

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Lake Shore Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Rev. Denise Cunningham-Doggett, Senior Pastor 28010 Lakeshore Blvd., Euclid, OH 44132 Phone: (216)289-2226

Sunday Morning Worship Service is 10:00 am.

For the Lenten Season

The Novena to Divine Mercy

Today bring to Me the souls of those who separated themselves from the Church

Most Merciful Jesus, Goodness Itself. You do not refuse light to those who seek it of You. Receive blessings and misused Your graces by obstinately into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart the souls of those who have separated themselves rors, but upon the lover of Your own Son and upon from Your Church. Draw them by Your light into His bitter Passion, which He underwent for their the unity of the Church, and do not let them escape from the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart; but bring it about that they, too, come to glorify the generosity of Your Mercy.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls of those who have separated themselves from Your Son's Church, who have squandered Your persisting in their errors. Do not look upon their ersake, since they, too, are enclosed in His Most Compassionate Heart. Bring it about that they also may glorify Your great mercy for endless ages. Amen.

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Updates from Greater Collinwood Development (continued from front page)

that will study ways to enhance multimodal transportation (auto, bike, pedestrian, mass transit) on Euclid while encouraging Hannah Gibbons, Citizens Academy East, new development in the area.

- Worked with the City of Euclid to apply for phase 1 implementation funding Five Pointe Community Center, and for the East 185th TLCI program, funds that if awarded will greatly enhance East 185th from Lakeshore to I90
 - Community Engagement

Organized the 1st all Collinwood Breakfast with Santa in 2018, celebrating the holidays with over 300 families from the Greater Collinwood community at the Slovenian Home on Holmes Ave.

Organized the 1st Collinwood Non-Violence Week (January 23 – 25 2019) to Celebrate MLK Day, hosting three nights of events around the theme: Celebrate, Ed-

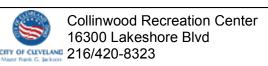
- Partnership with East Clark, and Collinwood HS
- Events held at St. Mary's, the GamerHaven
- Youth created artwork, poetry, musical pieces and other expressions to honor Dr. King, dispel violence in the community, and discussed solutions that reduce youth violence
- Worked with various community groups to organize 5 community clean ups.
- · Received a grant from Cleveland Neighborhood Progress for "Collinwood Connects," a program to be unveiled summer 2019 that will encourage more interaction and cooperation between the different

neighborhoods of Greater Collinwood

- At the Five Pointe Community Center (managed by GCDC) we've: 1. Provided breakfast, lunch and social-
- ization activities to an average of 40 seniors (age 65+) three days a week 2. Provided health screenings and ben-
- efits checkups for seniors in partnership with NEON, OSHIP, and other partners 3. Provided workforce education and
- training in partnership with Tri-C 4. Received a grant from the Minority Arts Fund in partnership with Reading RAMM, providing engaging out-of-schooltime social emotional learning program-
- 5. Provided healthy food and produce to dozens of families on a monthly basis at pantry and produce days held at Five

- 6. Organized Trunk or Treat, a safe Halloween party and trick or treat experience at Five Pointes for over 200 neighborhood families
- 7. Provided lunch for youth during winter break in partnership with the Greater Cleveland Food Bank and the Jewish Federation of Cleveland. We are seeking funding to expand our youth summer breakfast and lunch nutrition program into a summer enrichment program
- These activities are just the beginning, and we encourage you to join us, because now is the time to come together to build a strong future for Collinwood. For more about us and how to get involved, please visit us at www.greatercollinwood.org or email us at engage@greatercollinwood.org.

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Aquatics Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Pool		Family Swim	Family Swim	Family Swim	Family Swim	Open

Gymnasium Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12:00-2:30pm Open Gym Adults	12:00-2:30pm Open Gym Adults	12:00-2:30pm Open Gym Adults	12:00-2:30pm Open Gym Adults	12:00-2:30pm School Group 8-17	10:00am-2:00pm NCT Cheerleaders
3:00-4:30pm Open Gym 8-17 years old	3:00-4:30pm Open Gym 8-17 years old	3:00-4:30pm Open Gym 8-17 years old	3:00-4:30pm Open Gym 8-17 years old	3:00-4:30pm Open Gym 8-17 years old	1:00pm-2:30pm Pee Wee Basketball Program 4-7 years old
4:30pm-5:30pm Girls Basketball Skills and Drills 12-18	4:30pm-5:30pm Kickball 8-18	4:30pm-5:30pm Youth/Junior Girls Basketball Skills 8-14	4:30pm-5:30pm Dodgeball 8-18	4:30pm-5:30pm Kickball 12-18	2:30pm-3:45pm Open Gym 8-17 years old
5:30pm- 7:30pm Juniors In-House Basketball Practice 12-14	5:30pm-7:30pm Youth In-House Basketball Practice 8-11	5:30pm-7:30pm SR/JR In-House Basketball Practice 15-18	5:30pm-7:30pm Youth In-House Basketball Game 8-11	5:30pm-7:30pm Seniors vs Juniors In-House Basketball Game 12-18	4:00pm-5:30pm Golden Oldies Basketball 25+/30+

Monday - Friday

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Saturday

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Ceramics

Arts & Crafts

Adult Fitness Activities

Senior Fitness (Ban	ds, Weights, Balance) M,W,F	7:30-9:30am
Floor Exercise	Monday, Wednesday, Friday	9:10-9:30am
Hula Hoop	Monday, Wednesday, Friday	9:30-10:00am
Step, Kick, Crunch	Mon, Wed, Fri	10:00-11:00am
Step, Kick, Crunch	Tuesdays	6:00-7:00pm
Walking Club	Monday, Wednesday, Friday	7:00-10:00am
Senior Line Dance	Mondays	11:00-12:00pm
Senior Drama Club	Fridays	8:00-10:00am
Cross Fit Boot Camp	Tues/Thurs	11:00-12:00pm
Cross Fit Boot Cami	o Saturdays	10:00-10:55am
Computer Basics	Tues/Wed/Thurs	10:00-12:30pm
Dance Aerobics	Wednesdays	6:00-7:00pm
Strength Training	Tuesday	6:00—7:30pm
Strength Training	Thursday	6:00-7:30pm
Zumba	Monday	6:00-7:30pm
Ballroom Dance	Friday	6:00- 7:30pm
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Monday-Friday:	18+	
	3:00-6:00pm	8-17
	6:00-7:30pm (Adult & Child)	Family
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During all family activities, children must be accompanied by a parent /

guardian

Game Room

10:00-2:00pm 3:00-5:30pm Family

Schedule subject to change without

	<u>Cultural Arts</u>
У	12:00- 2:30pn

4:00-5:30pm

Fitness Room

7:00am-12:00pm/1:00pm-7:30pm

Open Track

7:00am-3:00pm 3:00pm-7:30pm

10:00am-12:00pm

12:00pm-5:30pm

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Monda

Monday

Adults Only

Family Time

Seniors

8-17

12+

A L O C C W L L O C C C	illy
Arts & Crafts Wednesday 9:30am-11:30am Seni Arts & Crafts Wednesday 12:00-2:00pm Adul Arts & Crafts/Meditation Wednesday 3:00-5:00pm 8-1	lts

Youth Activities Karate Saturdays 1:00-4:00pm Afterschool meals 4:30-5:30pm 8-18 YLP Mentoring 4:00-7:00pm M,T,TH 11-18 In-House Basketball 5:00-7:30pm 8-18 Mon-Fri Mondays/Thursdays 5:00-6:00pm Youth Advisory Board 11-18 Sewing Class Wednesdays 6:00-7:00pm 8-Adults

All children under 8 years old & under prior notice 4 feet tall must be accompanied and

supervised in the water by an adult. Two children per adult. Children using the slide must be at least 48 inches tall

No pets allowed in City of Cleveland facilities.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Take a Selfie of your Healthy



If you are reading this likely

have interest in your health, well-being, living well or your looking for info for a friend.

Whatever the reason, You are in the right

I want to jump ahead of the game and say, Who could you be if you could photoshop your wellness? Is this a joke? What do I

It is so easy now with technology to take a selfie and fix it up to make us appear flawless. Better skin, bigger eyes, better color, hair, lips and even the shape of our face can be "fixed" and then we can present the pic on Facebook or IG, we then feel good that we were able to Fix our look and control

OK let's say you took a selfie of your health, and if you could photo shop your health what would it look like?

Let your thoughts paint a picture of you and how you want to feel.

Weigh less, smaller waistline, clearer skin, more energy, a good nights sleep, doing yoga or dancing, content and peaceful. Maybe you see health as being free of your limited beliefs, gaining a voice for yourself, healing from self-doubt, bad relationships or addiction issues.

The number one comment I hear from my clients and patients is, "I know what I have to do and should do I just don't do it"!

Whatever your idea of healthy is, Picture it, draw it Breath into it See you in that picture living it.

When that is clear, Think of the one small thing that you're not doing that you could do that will make a big difference in your health? I repeat, small thing, start doing

At this point, no matter what your current situation is, if you want it better, it will be. Its starts with painting a mental picture, taking small steps and being accountable for your actions.

There are no secrets, no quickie photoshop apps but there is a great satisfaction in doing something for yourself everyday that will get you to your vision of your picture of health.

To start your journey, I will say that all of the research I have done on wellness, illness, medications, prevention etc.... Hands down, no question at all WE MUST EAT GOOD FOOD!

If you are confused about what Good Food is, start with Fresh food, the stuff on the perimeter of the grocery store, leave the

foods on the shelves. Eat mostly veggies and whole fruits, not juices or dried fruits, adequate amounts of good fats, fiber and protein.

isle foods, boxed, packaged processed, fast

Truth is there are as many diets as there are people, The best tip I have is to get a balance, and try different foods, see how your body reacts, Did that give you energy did it make you tired or bloated, how long after you ate did you get hungry again?

Just because you always did something a certain way does not mean you have to continue that way esp. if it's not working. Keep

Last but most important, and if you do nothing else Please Do this,

Water keeps you clean from the inside, keeps muscles, joints, eyeballs, skin and your intestines happy and working. We cannot avoid water if we want to be healthy.

How Much Water To Drink: Most guidelines state to Drink between 64 ounces and 67% of your body weight

if your body weight is 150 pounds, then you need to drink anywhere between 64 ounces and 100 ounces (percentage x body weight or 0.67 x 150) of water per day, Unless your medical practitioner has advised you on a specific amount, this tip is for a well-functioning urinary system.

Both caffeine and alcohol are dehydrating, so be sure you go "1- for-1"

How To Drink Water When You Don't Like The Taste Of Water: Add slices of lemon, lime, cucumber or orange or mint

Drink 20 oz (1-2 glasses) of water first thing in the morning.

Feel free to contact me with any questions about this or any of the comments I

Feedback is welcome.

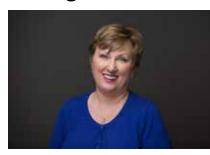
Also, text, call or email for a complimentary easy, fun discussion session about your health goals and to making heathy habits now to last through the year and your life-

Turn the "Maybe I will do it someday" goal into "Done" today. Feel good, get control of your own health and wellness plan. I provide one on one, group sessions, as well as educational wellness tips and talks for any size groups! Let's Move That Mountain! One little push is all it takes. Natalie-Jo Flynn, MSN, CHC, Personal lifestyle Coach 216-406-0154

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Being Kind to Yourself



You may have grown up hearing very negative messages. You may have been told not to try, you won't be successful. You may have believed these messages. You may have been physically and verbally abused and believed that you deserved that treatment. It is possible that no one ever said to you: 'good job, I am proud of you'. You may

have lived your whole life expecting the worst at all times.

If any of this is true for you, it is probably hard for you to believe that your life can be better than it is right now. But everyone deserves to be happy, everyone deserves to be proud of themselves, everyone deserves to be safe and everyone deserves to be loved. And everyone includes you.

It takes work to change the messages in your head but it is possible. You can stop caring what others think of you and start caring what you think of you. You can feel heard, validated, cared for. If you are hurting it matters. Talking to someone who truly listens can make a huge difference for

Many people use the new year as a time

Your Gift



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Devotion. When you hear the word, you may think of family, friends, a sense of belonging to a group or a familiarity with a geographic location. Perhaps you will think back to your teen years or time served in military service. When you hear the word, legacy, you might again think of family, friends or a group. However, in a contextual sense legacy is more. It is that essence that continues long after the originating source (person) is gone. Have you ever considered your legacy? What are you leaving behind as your essence? What will you leave for the

benefit of others?

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When you think of an inheritance, you might think of something financial. Something that is tangible, measurable, significant. Yet, legacy is more. It is the intangible value others feel about you. It is the summation of actions, the impressions, the gifts of joy that you share with others. In this sense, legacy has more to do with how you treat others than the tangible items you might leave behind.

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The memories you build with others, the past joys and sorrows you share with others, these are the gifts of yourself that you offer. As you generously offer yourself, you establish your legacy. As you willingly give of your time, your talent you build your legacy. Then later, as others re-act based on your actions, your legacy becomes active. Your essence continues as your influence thrives. What are you leaving behind? What will your legacy be? How will your actions influence others? Choose to be intentional. Design a vibrant, dynamic mosaic of your gifts, talents and influence to benefit others. Look around you. There's no lack of need, just boundless opportunities to create and develop your living legacy. Don't hesitate. Start building today.

Find Help with Prescription Costs



Laura Mutsko. Owner and Agent Mutsko Insurance Services

medication often a critical component to staying healthy. Unfortunately, with the rising

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Access to af-

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costs of medicines, many people cannot afford their prescription drugs. This is where Patient Assistance Programs (PAPs) may be

Patient Assistance Programs are offered by many drug manufacturers to provide discounted or no-cost prescription medicines for seniors, limited-income individuals, persons with disabilities and those with special circumstances.

To learn whether there is a PAP to help with the cost of your medications, you will have to do some investigative work. PAPs are not available for all drugs. And, eligibility guidelines and the application process will vary widely from program to program.

While all programs will require you to submit an application, no two applications are the same. Some ask for very detailed medical and financial history while others require very little. Some require a doctor to complete part of the application while others only require a doctor's signature. All PAPs have income guidelines, but these too can vary widely.

PAPs are constantly changing as new medications are added or removed and enrollment requirements are modified. You can find the most current information and application forms online, on the drug manufacturer's website. Or you can go to www. medicare.gov/pharmaceutical-assistanceprogram to search by drug name. Another reliable source for up-to-date information on PAPs is the National Council on Aging's website, www.BenefitsCheckUp.org. If you do not have access to the internet, or would like assistance, you can check with your local, county or regional senior services department for help you search for a program.

Program administrators offer a few tips to help make sure the application process goes smoothly. They suggest you (1) make sure to answer every question completely, (2) securely attach all documents requested, (3) include an addressed, stamped envelope addressed to the PAP when you give the application to your physician or health care provider to speed the process, and (4) keep a copy of all paperwork for your records.

PAPs may not be an answer for everyone but they are the key to low-cost or no-cost prescriptions for many people. The time you invest in your search may be well worth it

If you have questions concerning Health Insurance including Individual, Group, Medicare Advantage Plans or Medicare Supplements, call me at 440-255-2500 or email me at Lmutsko@mutskoinsurance. com. I look forward to helping you.

to make changes, they may make lists that they give up before the end of the week. These lists, or resolutions, frequently involve major behavior changes, like dieting or starting an exercise program. The resolutions don't last because they feel more like punishment or deprivation than like anything positive. But you can resolve to be kind to yourself. It can be difficult to learn at first, but a counselor can get you started.

I would love to meet you and work with you on being kind to yourself. Robin Phillips LISW-S

Collinwoodcounseling.com

ENTERTAINMENT

The Standard: Make The Standard your New Standard





Duck D'Alsace



Grilled Chermoula Bronzino

by Rita DiPasquale DiCello

One of the perks of our job running NEO-FOODIES is we get heads up on any new restaurants or when a restaurant comes under new ownership. When that happens, we feel it's our duty to check them out for our readers. This review comes from 2 different perspectives, 1) As owner & Administrator of NEO-FOODIES & 2) As an artist who works on Waterloo. The latter is just as important as the former because Waterloo is lined up & down the street with a thriving arts & culture scene all looking for where to eat.

I was informed that one of my favorite restaurants, The Standard was sold & under a new owner & chef. His name is Said Ouaddaadaa, originally from Casablanca, Morocco & formally from Bodega & Club Isabella. I had heard great things about Bodega & they were on my list of places yet to try so I was optimistic. His partner in this new venture is Michael J. Kav & he is the new GM & co-proprietor.

Now, truth be told, us on Waterloo were die hard loyalists to The Standard under Chris Hammer & Matt Quinn & we had a huge soft spot for Marty the head Chef & of course sous chef Paddy. We were/are close to the staff as well. We have all been regulars, popping in for a bite as we work endlessly to create our own magic. When I first heard of The Standard being sold, I was heartbroken. We didn't have many options nearby for a nice cocktail, really good honest food & just a nice place. Where would we go?

What would we do after our shows? I was... to say the least, disappointed.

So, before I lost The Standard completely (I assumed), I stopped in after painting all day to get a bite to eat & to write about another restaurant. I decided to scrap that idea of the other restaurant & check this place out. Here is my experience:

Computer bag (which I believe still had a canvas roll up of brushes I meant to leave at the studio) in hand I walk in for a late lunch/ early dinner. I'm seated & I'm happy to see my regular server Mackenzie & back in the kitchen I see the great Standard guys Paddy, Kirk & Ben. Mackenzie gets me my regular cocktail (she knows me well), Tito's shaken, up, with blue cheese olives & a side of lemon & lime. She presents me with a new menu & proceeds to tell me that the new owner/chef just released it that week.

My eyes do a fast scroll looking for remnants of the old menu. Will he still have the oysters? Will he have the charcuterie that Marty did so well? Who is this new chef? What does he like..what is his style?

Immediately I see 4 dishes that make my eyes light up. Foie gras (yes please), the fresh oysters are still there (thank goodness), tuna tartar & beef tartar (yum). I'm hopeful & excited. So I put in an order for the oysters & beef tartar first, knowing I'm going to get that foie gras but pacing myself. The oysters that day were Mystic oysters from Noank, Connecticut (Long Island Sound). They are farmed year round with large heavy shells, deep cup & they have a gentle brine with a nice meaty flesh & clean finish. They were delicious. The accoutrement mignonette was different. A champagne vinegar, shallots, scallions, & fresh red & yellow pepper mixture. It was the peppers that at first threw me off. I wasn't used to those in my mignonette & I just don't like cocktail sauce, horseradish and/or hot sauce so I was glad to not see those served with the ovsters. I'll take fresh lemon if nothing else. The forward note dipping my mollusk in

this mixture was, as I suspected, peppers. I'm not a fan of raw peppers. That said, it actually complimented the brine & finish of this oyster. Mystics aren't very overbearing, they are delicate & can take on the flavors of shallots, lemon, champagne very well & to my surprise, even peppers. I do suspect, because they are so mild, that the whole cocktail sauce, horseradish, hot sauce thing would just out right ruin it. You wouldn't taste the oyster itself. So, I enjoyed it & learned more about another proper pairing for this certain oyster profile. As for presentation? The oysters are served over a bed of seaweed salad & a little side of tobiko & an edible flower. It's a lovely presentation but the seaweed salad & tobiko seem out of place. What I mean is, the menu & vibe of the place have not one Asian note. The only other time I see any hints of Asian on the menu is with the calamari which is listed as a pan fried squid with black sesame seeds & a wasabi honey ginger sauce. I can see the edible flowers yes, the mignonette yes, the seaweed salad & tobiko? Not necessary but that is just my opinion. The shell would be better off sitting on top a little bed of rocket lettuce with lemon & olive oil. However, I'm nitpicking here. I really did en-

Moving on to other appetizers, next is the beef tartar. We shall see, I'm picky. I was spoiled when Ionathan Sawver made his for me right when he opened Greenhouse Tavern & I've had amazing tartar in Rome, London, New York & locally, Giovanni's does a fantastic job so this had big shoes to fill.

This was probably one of the freshest beef tartar's I've tasted in a while. Fresh herbs, capers, shallots, quail egg & the highest quality beef. No extra filler, just clean ingredients to bring out the meat. I have to say it reminded me of the tartar I had many years ago at Gordon Ramsay's flagship Restaurant Gordon Ramsay & the beautiful deconstructed beef tartar I had by Daniele Boulud at his flagship Daniel. It's the actual taste of the meat itself, so clean, so fresh, that reminds me of those two

Moving on to the hot appetizer, the foie gras came next. It consisted of several pan seared lobes served over a shiitake mushroom & white truffle risotto & chive oil. The chef recommended the Bodega, Quintana Tempranillo from Spain which paired beautifully. The risotto was a bit salty but that's just my preference. The foie gras itself was seasoned nicely. It is important to mention that it was at this point I noticed there weren't salt & pepper shakers on the table. I always find this a positive thing, it's a statement from the chef that he/she believes in their food enough that one should try first then season if need be. I enjoyed this dish, it was luxuriously decadent but not ostentatious in any way.

Moving on to entrees, I decided to try the Duck D'Alsace & the Grilled Chermoula Bronzino. Now, on the menu it says bronzini but to be correct it should be bronzino since it is one fish not several, that's just me being picky about proper Italian. Let's begin with the duck. I was not familiar with this particular dish preparation but I love duck & it sounded very interesting. It is a pan seared duck in a cinnamon glaze with a lingonberry beurre blanc served with garlic mashed potatoes. Chef Said served me a glass of a beautiful Côtes du Rhône & it paired beautifully with this dish. The duck was lovely cooked at a medium rare. Cinnamon is not something I would think of with duck & I was pleasantly surprised. My favorite was the lingonberry beurre blanc, it was absolutely delicious with the duck & my only complaint was that there wasn't enough of it, that & the fact I wish instead of the mashed potatoes, nicely roasted fingerlings seasoned with rosemary or sage & thyme wold be lovely or other roasted vegetables but again, that's just my European upbringing, not very many mashed potatoes sides where I come from. The lingonberry beurre blanc is not overly sweet but delicate & luscious, those are the words that come to

Switching to the bronzino, the chef chose a nice Oak Grove Reserve Rosè from California. I was excited to try this dish. Growing up on the Adriatic coast, this is a dish I've had quite often. To have it prepared Moroccan style was intriguing & so far, everything else had been delicious, I expected this to be no different. The dish consists of a Moroccan style fish with a cilantro marinade, parsley, paprika, garlic & ginger. It is served with 2 sides, a refreshing cucumber tomato salad & pommes frîtes. When brought to the table, the chef properly & beautifully deboned it for me table side which is refreshing to see. I've had grilled whole bronzino here in the states & few will go to the trouble of deboning it for you upon presenting the dish. In Europe, this is standard, sadly here it isn't but I wish it was. The Moroccan marinade was wonderful & again, this fish was cooked perfectly. I added a squeeze of fresh lemon & very happily ate as memories of my childhood came rushing back. As a side note, if you like dry white wines, the Vermentino from Perolla Tuscany would also pair nicely.

To end my overall experience, Chef Said mentioned he was in the process of making a chocolate banana bread pudding & that I should try it. As some of our members know, I can not have a lot of gluten. There are various levels of gluten intolerance & celiac & under the team at the Cleveland Clinic, as their guinea pig, I, at level 1 celiac can handle a certain amount of gluten per week. So, I was so happy to see that he had so many gluten free options on the menu (which are labeled) & can accommodate vegetarian as well. Since I monitor my levels, I agree to have a taste &

I have tasted some amazing bread puddings in New Orleans, I mean really, really good bread puddings that make me hate the fact I have celiac & can never eat a whole serving. So I am very critical of any bread pudding outside of the Crescent City. This was different. I couldn't compare it to any of the traditional ones I had because it wasn't a typical bread pudding. Instead, it brought me to another place...it brought me home, back to Italy

You see, growing up back in Italy, my aunt made an amazing tea cake called Ciambellone. She made two versions, one was lemon & one was Nutella. She always made me the Nutella version whenever I was sad or upset. She knew I loved it since she used to give me fresh, crusty bread with Nutella as my snack after school. So, as I am waiting to try this bread pudding from Chef Said, I begin to smell it baking, I smell what I think is hazelnut & I smell the chocolate & I'm getting nostalgic. Finally, it's done & I dig in. Sure enough, my nose was right, it tasted just my aunt's Nutella Ciambellone. I dropped my fork & sat there reminiscing about being a little girl again at my aunt's little side kitchen table eating it right when it was still warm & the chocolate melted in my mouth as I told her about my bad day. Sitting there eating this was one of the best feelings I had in a long time. When he comes to check in on me, I ask for the ingredients. How did

he make this taste like her tea cake? I had to know. I can't give the whole list of ingredients, I think it's only fair to the chef that I not reveal his entire process but I will give a few which make me understand why it reminds me of home. He uses amaretto, hazelnuts (ah...I get it now), dark chocolate, fresh vanilla bean & other goodies I can't share but I start to understand, based on the ingredients, why I love it so much. Again, I'm sad I can not eat the whole thing but he was able to give me a moment in time where I was home. That's very special to me because I miss my home very much. As a side note, for our NEOFOODIES Wine Group, the Ripasso by the glass from Italy paired perfectly with this.

Overall, the key thing that I noticed throughout the meal was how perfectly balanced everything was. When dealing with Mediterranean dishes they can be both complex & simple. The key thing is finding the harmony of the two. That only comes from someone who lovingly takes the time to find it. For me, many of the flavor profiles are very familiar so I find comfort in his menu. However, I also learned quite a bit about other flavors I never would have considered together so that

Running NEOFOODIES we have tasted a lot of dishes & part of our passion comes from tasting & learning more, it's what we love & we love sharing it with our members. What was also so nice to see was Chef Said come out frequently to greet the seated guests, introduce himself & check in on them, as did his partner Michael. They are very customer forward, aware & present to make sure everyone is pleased. I really admire that. Even when it really picked up, that made no difference. They didn't skip a beat & the servers did an excellent job as well taking care of their tables.

Now for those of you sad to lose some of the staples of the original Standard, the chef has chosen to keep some of the old dishes for now as he transitions. Whether they will stay on permanently I do not know but for now, some of the dishes are still there.

The restaurant also will have several nights of live jazz & happy hour along with nightly dinner specials.

So what do I think of The Standard now? I really like it. There are few places I can honestly say take me back to a moment in time that was special for me. In an Italian home, food is love so some of my best memories are around food & family. I hold that sacred so I always go into trying certain foods with a critical eye & look for finding those moments. Who wouldn't? All of us here on NEOFOODIES love to have that feeling, our common bond is our love of food, good food right? You won't find a lack of good food on this menu. I believe it has a little something for everyone yet still reflects the chef's Mediterranean background & stays true to who he is.

I like the new Standard. I like the atmosphere, the food is absolutely delicious & they have a great wine list. Both Chef Said & Michael are so personable, they make you feel at home right away & the staff is just as great as before, in fact no one was let go upon the sale. Everyone still had a job going in which I'm happy to hear. I'm also glad to see that us artists still have a good place to go to eat & that our fellow members can rediscover The Standard or, if you've never been, discover it for the

I highly recommend coming in for yourself, you won't be disappointed. The staff is great, the food is wonderful & reasonably priced, Chef Said & Michael will welcome you with open arms, I think literally because again, Said is from Morocco & Michael is Sicilian, but that is just my cultural observation here. They also have a great bar atmosphere that I noticed got quite full later in the evening. So go, whether it's just for a bite, a cocktail with friends, a nice romantic dinner, a friend get together, an NEOFOODIES event (which I'd like to do), a nostalgic moment, or just to go in by yourself, it's worth it. Make The Standard your new Standard.

ENTERTAINMENT

Book Review: Before We Were Yours



Were Yours by Lisa Wingate. I picked this book up after seeing it on the New York Times Best seller List. I am always looking for something

new to read and am excited to find an author that already has several books pub-

Before We Were Yours tells the story of the Foss siblings and how they ended up in the Tennessee Children's Home Society orphanage. They are repeatedly reassured that they will soon be returned to their parents. The eldest sibling Rill fights the cruel director of the orphanage to keep her sisters and brother together. Before long they realize that they are being separated and illegally adopted by wealthy families.

The story starts in 1939 in Memphis and goes back and forth from that time to present day. What unfolds is the journey each of the siblings have taken after leaving the orphanage. Soon brought into the mix is Avery Stafford, who was born into a family of wealth and privilege. Avery returns home to help her father, who is facing a health issue. While home Avery visits with her grandmother and a chance encounter makes her question her families hidden past. Avery begins asking questions and searching for a truth that may ruin her family or make it whole again.

Lisa Wingate's, Before We Were Yours is based on one of America's most notorious real-life scandals. Georgia Tann, director of a Memphis-based adoption organization, kidnapped and sold poor children to wealthy families all over the country. For me this was a bonus to reading the book, as I learned something new.

I highly recommend this book. The story was emotional and riveting. I couldn't put it down and was anxious for the mystery of the Foss siblings to be solved. Before We Were Yours is the first book of Lisa Wingate's that I read and I'm excited by the prospect of reading more of her books.

Recipes Wanted

Do you have a favorite recipe for pot roast or that one delectable cookie recipe that has been passed down for generations? The Observer is starting a new feature where our readers can submit their recipes to share in our member center at www.euclidobserver. com or www.collinwoodobserver.com.

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Pork Roast with Gravy



by Janeen Copic A favorite of the Copic family, this recipe is courtesy of Grandma Ann Copic. Cook a small to medium size pork loin

for two hours at 350 Put into fridge overnight to cool Dump two packages of Lipton's beefy onion soup mix into a saucier Add 4 tablespoons of flour Mix well

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Add 4 cups of cold water

Slice pork into quarter inch slices while gravy is cooking gently

Once the gravy starts to thicken add one

can of Lipton's golden mushroom soup Place pork in glass baking dish Pour the thicken gravy over the pork

Bake for 45 minutes at 350 degrees

Book Reviews Wanted

by Janeen Copic

The Observer is starting a new feature in the paper, a book review section. Do you love to read and are always looking for a new author or genre to read, but don't know where to look? As an avid reader, I am always looking for something new, or old to read. For me reading is like going on a vacation without ever leaving my home. I can visit faraway places or worlds and make new friends and sometimes enemies

between the pages of a book. We are encouraging our readers to submit a review of their favorite (or least favorite book) to share with our readers. It can be a new release or an older book that perhaps many of our readers have never read before. Please submit your 200 to 400-word review by becoming a member online at Euclidobserver. com or Collinwoodobserver.com. We will publish at least one review each month.

Fyre and Fyre Fraud Streaming **Movie Reviews**

by Brian Friedman

By now, you probably are aware that two different documentaries regarding the failed 2017 Fyre Festival are available on Netflix and Hulu. I watched them both one day apart. Either one is a fascinating look into the arrogance and gross identity consumerism that afflicts a certain group of young adults. They are not conflicting documentaries, so it is not critical you watch both to get the full story. From pacing to telling a more rounded story of perspectives/victims, the Netflix documentary is far superior. The only advantage that Hulu has is they have the exclusive interview with the fraudster at the center of the whole

and not super informative. Overall - Net-

flix (Fyre) - Solid B. Hulu (Fyre Fraud) - C+





Review

Glass Movie



by Brian Friedman

A solid film with an outstanding performance by James McAvoy and some really interesting camera angles. Add in a strong score for good measure. Over all - a solid

Lego Movie 2 The Second Part



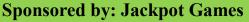
Lego Movie 2 The Second Part Movie Review - I loved the original and this one tried so very, very hard to recreate the magic. So much was right but it barely missed the mark. Themes and pacing were great. It just wasn't funny or original enough. Too many ideas were already stolen by the Lego Batman movie and the Unikitty cartoons.I give it the highest C+ possible (which is 79% for those of you that are math challenged).



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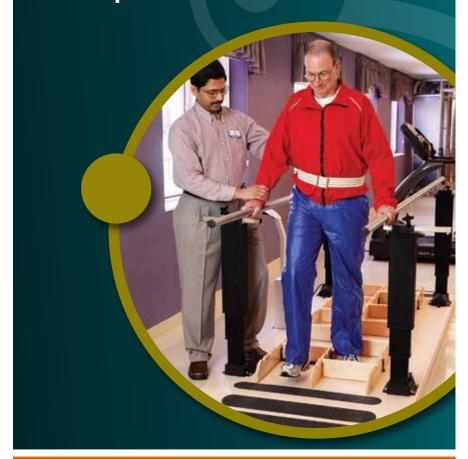


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