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# Earth Day turns 50 in 2020 celebrate at the "Big Clean" on Saturday, April 25



100 million people are expected to take part in a community clean-up in April 2020. The "Big Clean" is our neighborhood's annual day to pick up trash as a community (bags, gloves and pickers provided!) and celebrate our successes with free food and give-a-ways. The free event grows in popularity every year and all ages and abili-

## Six Shooter Coffee Opens New Coffee Shop and Tex-Mex Restaurant on Waterloo



#### by Jen Jones Donatelli

When a car crashed headlong into Six Shooter Coffee in late November, owner Peter Brown had no idea that he'd soon be undergoing a crash course in opening a restaurant.

On Feb. 1, Six Shooter Coffee will open in a new space on Waterloo Road (less than a mile from its current location in Collinwood). The coffee shop's move has been in the works since 2019, but the accompanying Tex-Mex restaurant concept is freshly brewed—having come to fruition just a few weeks ago.

"We realized that there was another 1,000 square feet [of vacant space] connected to the café," explains Brown. "A new food option is one of the main things people want to see on Waterloo, so we decided it would be pretty sweet to build a kitchen and get something going over there."

The Tex-Mex concept dovetails nicely with Six Shooter's Western-inspired branding. The initial idea to pay homage to the Wild West stemmed from Brown's family heritage—his great-grandfather Fred Brown was a cowboy in the Dakotas, and Brown's mom's family hails from Texas originally. And the name of the business follows suit: "When people visited Lyndon B. Johnson's ranch in Texas, it was said that the coffee was so strong, it could float a revolver," Brown says. "That's how we came up with the name Six Shooter Coffee."



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coffee shop will get a taste of the Tex-Mex flavor via the décor. Whimsical wallpaper designed by okPANTS adorns one wall, while a seven-foot cactus plant rounds out the ample greenery. okPANTS is also creating a mural inside the coffee shop space, flanked by a gallery wall featuring local photography and art curated by Maria Neil.

Brown hasn't yet identified a chef for the project, but he's already hard at work dreaming up the menu, which he says will include nonalcoholic Mexican cocktails and dishes like huevos rancheros, vegan buffalo chicken dip, cauliflower grits, Texas toast, and chocolate chipotle chili with cornbread.

But first things first—Brown is eagerly anticipating the new Six Shooter space as the Feb. 1 opening date nears. With double the space and a new look, Brown believes Six Shooter Coffee can truly flourish.

"We've had the awesome fortune of outgrowing our space," says Brown. "After traveling to other cities, I've always felt that the atmosphere and presentation of our product [in the current shop] didn't really match what we can do. I wanted to bring our floor plan, atmosphere, and environment up to a level that reaches the quality of our product, and we're finally able to execute that."

We'll tip a cowboy hat to that. This story reprinted by permission from

#### by Allison Lukacsy-Love

Get out your calendars and save the date for the fourth annual Collinwood v. Euclid "Big Clean" on Saturday, April 25th, 2020 from 9am to 1pm at Villa Angela – St. Joseph High School.

This year, Earth Day turns the big 5-0 and in honor of the occasion, more than

ties are encouraged to join in.

Let's try to sweep the "competition" this year – we came VERY close to beating the City of Euclid in 2019 and with your help, Collinwood could win in 2020!

R e g i s t r a tion for individuals and organizations is highly preferred and greatly appreciated

in advance of the event. All participants regardless of City, should visit the City of Euclid's website at www.cityofeuclid.com and click the "Big Clean" icon to be routed to the registration page. Though the restaurant won't open until late 2020, visitors to the new Six Shooter

**150 Unsung Heroes** 



Cleveland Public Library honored 150 Unsung Heroes in our community at the 35th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Ceremony held on Monday, January 20 at John Hay Campus High School. Architect and entrepreneur Robert Madison received the 2020 Cleveland Public Library Drum Major for Change award.

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# Disclaimer

by John Copic Please accept my heartfelt apology if vour story or ad is not in the February paper. The Observers Outlook email platform has begun forwarding all mail to an IPM\_SUBTREE Folder which I could not access. If you know how to fix this call me at 216.496.6708. I am stumped.

# Councilman Update



We have been very lucky weather wise and let's hope it stays that way. As you know, along with Winter comes ce and snow. Hazardous road condi-

tions should be called into (216) 664-2510 along with any potholes. Drive carefully and be pro-active.

The Division of Water Pollution Control recently met with businesses and property owners along East 185th Street regarding to ongoing issues and detours regarding to the Marcella Road / East 185th Street Strom Sewer Project. Obviously, this much-needed improvement is affecting vehicular traffic and commerce on the street. I cannot stress enough the importance of patronizing and supporting the businesses along the street during this construction process. The contractor is now working on 24-hour shifts in an effort to move this project along. I wish to thank all for their patience and understanding. Like root canal, this project is critical to rebuilding the infrastructure of our commercial corridor and beyond.

There are two major issues on the horizon which we, in the community, MUST be well informed about. First, the issue of Cleveland City Council reduction, and, the U.S. Census. Each are critical for the wellbeing of our city, in general, and specifically, our Collinwood community.

On Tuesday, March 17, 2020, St Patrick's Day, nonetheless, will be the a Primary Election to vote "for" or "nay" on the reduction of Cleveland City Council from the present seventeen (17) members to nine (9). It is listed as ISSUE 3 with its companion piece, ISSUE 4, to reduce the pay of City Council members. Many are asking who is behind this since, as we all know, there has been no groundswell of support for these issues. The main driver is a businessman from Westlake, who has been upset over CPP and other issues, which he believes has impacted his businesses. The law is clear, anyone can circulate Council Reduction Petitions, regardless of where you live, and you can pay Petition Circulators, as he did. However, the real concern and question that should be asked is, "how does this im-

pact the present seventeen wards?" Should this pass, the council will have to hire an outside consultant to redraw the ward boundaries to nine (9) no later than ninety (90) days after the election results are certified; that should be by July 1, 2020. That redraw will be based off the 2010 Census. Is this insane using figures that are ten years old? So therefore, after the 2020 Census data is certified by January 1, 2021, the Council will have to hire a consultant, and redraw the ward boundaries, once again, based on the new census figures, by Law. In my time in City Council I have dealt

with some screwy proposals, but this right

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up there with the worst. What this means to our residents that in less than one year, you could find yourself living in two different wards. How is that for good government? What is even more frightening is that based on current Census Data, there might be only four (4) wards constructed on the entire east side. Present Ward 8, which I represent, could possibly entail, under the new redraw, everything from Eddy Road east to the corporate lines with Euclid, South Euclid, Cleveland Heights and East Cleveland or, however the Council Leadership cares to draw the lines.

We all know what happened with the last redistricting in 2012/2013 where there was an effort to tear up the entire eastside and specifically, the northeast side. We went from Ward 11 to Ward 8 and to punish the Ward 10 community, the lines were drawn from East 200th Street west to East 40th Street. If you think that was insane and an effort to suppress voting, just wait. Should the council be reduced to nine wards, you will see wards drawn that make no sense or respect the present communities. In general, the ward as you know it now, will be doubled in size and population and will lose all identity.

It is clear to me that there is a group of individuals with fat checkbooks who do not live in our city who wish to control Cleveland City Council and who the ward representative will be. I find the whole situation disgusting. It is, quite frankly, insulting to those of us who have worked diligently to maintain and support our neighborhoods. As you know, during my tenure in public office I have never told anyone how to vote. I have far more respect for our citizens than that. However, you should all know the implications and results of what will take place should Issue 3 pass.

Issue 4, regarding the reduction of salary for members of City Council, is a completely different issue. You have to ask yourself, in your job or profession, if you were being asked to do more work with more responsibility, would you or could you do this with a substantial pay cut? I don't think so. My fear is that those who will remain after the reduction, will become part time representatives. I do this job full time, as I always have. I am accountable and accessible. That is what I expect of all my public officials; nothing more and nothing less.

At the end of the day, these issues are meant to punish our citizens. Councilmembers come and go. The wards, remain. The question, we all have to ask is how will our citizens be represented and in what capacity. On Tuesday, March 17, 2020, Primary Election Day, please vote with your heart and vote in your best interest and that of your community. I plan to do just that.

By the way, since Election Day is March 17, St Patrick's Day, a special day in our community and in my own life, I urge everyone to seek and vote, if you can, by AB-SENTEE BALLOT. You can do so calling the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections at (216) 443-8683 or by going on line to https://boe.cuyahogacounty.us and request

#### **COMMUNITY MEETINGS**

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

MyCOM MEETING 1st Thursday of the Month 5:30 PM Salvation Army Temple Corp 17625 Grovewood Avenue

EAST 185th STREET NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION 2nd Tuesday of the Month 6.00 PM Lithuanian Hall 877 East 185th Street - next to Post Office

**DEMOCRATIC WARD CLUB** 2nd Wednesday of the Month (September to June) 6:30 PM Collinwood Slovenian Home

15810 Holmes Avenue PRESIDENT: Councilman Polensek

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

5th DISTRICT COMMUNITY RELATIONS MEETING

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

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

#### EAST 140TH STREET NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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

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

Any questions about these meetings please feel free to call Mary Louise Jesek Daley, Councilman Polensek's office, (216) 664-4236

a VOTE-BY-MAIL Absentee Ballot application. This way you can still enjoy St Patrick's Day with friends and family and know that you have done your civic duty.

In my next Observer article I will talk about the importance of the 2020 Census. As always, you can reach me at my office at (216) 664-4236 or by email at mpolensek@ clevelandcitycouncil.org.

Sincerely yours, Michael D. Polensek







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# A Look Back...A Look Ahead

by The LaSalle Management Team The LaSalle Theatre has officially been reopened for private event rentals for just over a year. It's been a year of learning, beautiful events, relationship building, and yes, challenges. But we've entered into 2020 with momentum and lots to look forward to.

The LaSalle is rooted in history. Some of the coolest moments in the last year have been hearing from folks with fond memories of the last movie they saw there, talking with a married couple who shared their first kiss under the marquee, and meeting a man who ran the films up to the projection room when he was only fourteen. LaSalle Theatre has been a staple in the Collinwood area for close to a century and with any luck it will not only make it into its second century, but

long beyond.

Many wonderful events took place at the LaSalle in these first fifteen months. Non-profits such as New Avenues to Independence and Little Giants held benefit events that helped raise funds for their organizations, while Enterprise Community Partners celebrate their 30th anniversary, Crain's Cleveland awarded 'Forty Under 40,' and The Cleveland Eye Clinic recognized the work of their teams. Another area landmark, Villa Angela St. Joseph, hosted their annual gala at the theatre in February last year. Gracing the LaSalle stage in October was a fashion show applauding the courage of breast cancer patients and survivors hosted by Be Elegantly Strong Throughout. LaSalle also opened its doors

to the local community for two fun events in partnership with the Greater Collinwood Development Corporation - the Collinwood Connects Neighborhood Family Feud Finale and the holiday movie showings of Elf. We also helped two local couples celebrate their nuptials with a ceremony and reception in our historic space!

Establishing relationships with those in the nearby community and those throughout greater Cleveland have been an important part of this past year, as well. City of God Church has become one of our strongest partnerships as their Sunday service was our first ever weekly rental. Caterers such as Taste of Excellence and Normandy have helped us round out our recommended vendor list, while our new listing in

Today's Bride will help put us on the map as a wedding venue. Connections that will support our goal of hosting more arts-based events for the community are also being developed.

The LaSalle's trajectory is positive. New amenities will be rolling in, plans for additional parking are underway, and events are being scheduled regularly. The beautiful renovation of the LaSalle Theatre gives us hope that we can both hold onto our memories and look ahead to a sustainable future.

Information on renting the LaSalle Theatre can be found on our website at La-SalleCLE.com, or by calling 216-860-0473. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @ LaSalleTheatreCLE.

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# Nan's Notes



by Nan Kennedy

#### AT WATERLOO ARTS In the Gallery: "Look at Me!" Opening February 7

Superheroes created by young patients at University Hospitals. This special exhibit features characters created by African American, Latinx, Arab American, Native American and Asian American kids and teens, reflecting the diversity of our community. A powerful essay about representational justice by artist activist Amanda D. King accompanies the exhibit. Families welcome - kids can design their own superheroes. Opening Reception 6 – 9.

#### The Superhero Project at UH February 20

Reception 5:30 - 7:30 celebrating the opening of a new exhibit featuring superheroes created by current and former patients of University Hospitals Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital. The extraordinary exhibit reveals the transformative quality of imagination as a tool for healing. All are welcome - light refreshments will be served. Sponsored by Jeremy Cares.

University Hospitals of Cleveland, 11400 Euclid Ave, Cleveland.

#### **Playwrights Local Presents: Two Staged Readings:**

THIS IS NOT RAMONA'S FAULT Monday, February 10, 7 pm

Written by Mara Layne, directed by Christine McBurney, dramaturgy by Les Hunter. Developed in Playwrights Local's 2020 Play Lab incubator. Ramona, 16, navigates the aftermath of loss as it impacts her friendships, family and intimate life. Featuring Marcella Michalakes, Bre Womble, Elisa Fuentes, and Casey Venema. FREE. No tickets or reservations required.

# OBLATUS Saturday, February 15 at 3:00

Written by Diana Lueptow. Directed by Caroline Jackson Smith. Dramaturgy by Lenora Inez Brown. FREE No tickets or reservations required

In 12th century Germany, the great ab bess, intellectual and composer Hildegard of Bingen faces a final controversy as she defies church leaders in a battle of wills from which she refuses to retreat. From an abbey graveyard to powerful cathedral halls, the action follows Hildegard as she fights for her principles and her own authority. At stake: her own creations, the urgency of sacred praise, respect for her decisions, and the nature of evidence against political gamesmanship. Who will win? And who is the mysterious character shadowing Hildegard, with so many unusual insights into her behavior? http://www.playwrightslocal. org/2020-play-lab-readings/

#### And a Workshop Production:

SANZARU Friday, Saturday, Sunday Feb. 14, 15, 16 7:30

Written by Greg Smith. Directed by Erik Andrews. A workshop production of a new devised theater piece created in Playwrights

Local's 2020 Play Lab incubator. Featuring Minor Cline, Lauren B. Smith, & Casey Venema. Special post-show audience response session with Dr. Shane Breaux on

Sunday, February 16. Three strangers wake up in an unfamiliar and seemingly inescapable room, with no knowledge of where they are, why they're there, and--in Morgan's case-why the hell her eyes have been

removed. As their ability to communicate with each other becomes more and more fractured, so too do their relationships and--more worryingly--reality itself. Sanzaru is a thought-provoking and darkly humorous new collaborative work. TICKETS: https:// bit.ly/2mu1CXY ; \$8 General Admission with Accommodations Upon Request. info@playwrightslocal.org | (216) 302-8856. Creative Space at Waterloo Arts, 397 East 156th Street

### AT PRAXIS FIBER ARTS

"AMALA: She Could Not Stay (In Their Black Bodies)" February 7th - March 22nd Opening reception: February 7th, 6:00-9:00pm. Closing reception: March 6th

Artist M. Carmen Lane examines the relationship between loss, displacement, relocation and the cost of accumulated histories on black gendered bodies that give birth. This work is nurtured through the Cleveland Foundation's Creative Fusion: Data Arts Edition.

M.Carmen Lane is a two:spirit African-American and Haudenosaunee (Mohawk/ Tuscarora) artist, writer and facilitator living in Cleveland. Her work ranges from experiential educator to diversity practitioner to organizational systems consultant to experimental artist-all of it integrates ancestry, legacy, and spirituality; and pursues expansion, experimentation, and play. She is founder and director of ATNSC: Center for Healing & Creative Leadership (atnsc. org), an urban retreat center and social practice experiment in holistic health, leadership development, Indigenous arts and culture, which houses the Akhsótha Gallery in Buckeye-Shaker neighborhood.

Lane's work has been published in numerous journals and anthologies including the Yellow Medicine Review, Red Ink Magazine, Anomaly, and the Lambda Literary Award-nominated Sovereign Erotics: A Collection of Two Spirit Literatures. Lane's first collection of poetry is Calling Out After Slaughter (2015). Lane has exhibited work during the FRONT 2018 triennial group show by Michael Rakowitz, A Color Removed at SPACES Gallery and at EFA Project Space's Spring 2019 exhibition In The Presence of Absence. Lane was a 2018 Creative Fusion artist-in-residence and recipient of the 2019 Room In The House artist residency at Karamu theatre. In January 2020, Lane was awarded a Joyce Award with the Museum of Contemporary Art Cleveland

#### AMALA Pre-Opening Gathering February 6

Hosted by ATNSC: Center for Healing & Creative Leadership and Praxis Fiber Workshop. Those who have experienced loss at the intersections of race/ethnicity and infant mortality (infant loss, stillbirth, miscarriage) are invited to engage in conversation and a ceremonial to activate the installation, "AMALA: She Could Not Stay (In Their Black Bodies)," a mixed-media installation with FEMA body bags. While this is a public gathering, attendees are asked to honor both the experience and the

confidentiality of all who participate. No registration is required; 6 PM - 7:30 PM. For questions, please email: mc@atnsc.org

#### **Introduction to Felting Forms** Saturday, February 22, 10 AM – 4 PM

Instructor : Greg Hatch. Have you always wanted to learn to felt? Now you can! This accessible course will teach you the basics of wet felting while also exploring the sculptural potential of seamless felted forms. Learn how you can transform wool into functional objects, organic soft sculptures, or even theatrical puppets. This class is designed with the beginner in mind and requires no prior experience. \$105 per person. Register online.

#### Intro to Machine Knitting

Saturday, April 18, 10 AM – 4 PM Put aside your knitting needles and learn to use the knitting machine! At Praxis, we have knitting machines ranging from standard to bulky gauge to accommodate every type of yarn. These straight machines operate by moving a handle side to side to create panels of knitted fabric. Learn to choose material, cast on and knit swatches using all 3 gauges of knitting machines in this introductory course. \$105 per student. register online.

#### AT THE BEACHLAND

Gal-entine's Day Prom February 14 Featuring AJ and the Woods, Kid Tigrrr, Elizabeth Kelley, SexyPigDivas, Sarah Arafat, and Molly Andrews-Hinders. Founded on the sweet nostalgia of delta blues, AJ & The Woods elevates roots rock to a new height.

#### Ohio Burlesque Presents the 10th Annual Sweetheart Showcase February 15

Back at The Beachland Ballroom celebrating the 10th production of their annual Sweetheart Showcase show; this year it is The Ziegfeld Follies.

#### **Beachland 20th Anniversary**

The Beachland's 20th anniversary is coming up during the first weekend of March. During that weekend, they will be revisiting their garage punk roots with Reigning Sound (3/6) and New Bomb Turks (3/7). Additional shows throughout March will touch on all the musical roots that have made the Beachland into the venue it is todav.

To celebrate the day, Cindy and Mark are doing serious repair work: a tear off and replacement of the 30-year-old roof and new heating and air conditioning units for both the Ballroom and Tavern, followed by fixing the broken plaster and ceiling tiles that were damaged by leaks in the old roof, and a general tidy-up of the whole venue. Many thanks to the fans who came to the fundraising shows and /or donated!

#### AT SIX SHOOTER

Six Shooter Coffee's move into a bigger space next door to Waterloo Arts turns out to be more dramatic than originally planned - because the new space is not just bigger, it's dramatically bigger. What does a coffee shop do with 1000 square feet of vacant space? Open a Tex-Mex restaurant, it turns out. As soon as they find a chef. They've already set the tone with cactusprinted wallpaper - one wall being reserved for art from Maria Neil, of course.

Tex-Mex food fits nicely with Six Shooter's name, which reflects Peter's Texas heritage (his great-grandfather was a cowboy); while he was opening the original shop, he read that the coffee on Lyndon B. Johnson's

ranch was described as so strong, it could float a revolver. And so a brand was born.

#### AT CITIZEN PIE

In another food note - exciting news for pizza lovers, Citizen Pie is (literally) brewing up "something really good like nothing else out there ... yet !! Be patient, fermentation takes time." Your guess is as good as mine.

#### AT BLUE ARROW

An Evening with Steve Wynn Friday, April 10

7 PM – 10 PM. Steve will be playing songs covering the entire span of his 40 year recording career-from "The Days of Wine and Roses," his debut album with The Dream Syndicate, all the way through selections from his solo records, The Baseball Project, Gutterball and more. He will be selling and signing copies of his book "Steve Wynn—Complete Lyrics 1982 to 2017" and almost all of those 300 songs will be fair game for playing at the shows. There will be a cash bar with limited selection of beer/ wine. Proceeds from the bar will benefit the Waterloo Alley Cat Project, a 501(C)(3) organization that cares for the homeless/stray cats living around Waterloo Road. http:// www.waterlooalleycatproject.org/

Blue Arrow Records is a brick and mortar retail vintage vinyl record store in operation since 2009

#### AT POP LIFE

Pop Life promised a life-and-energy building filled with life-affirming partners - and they're beginning to assemble.

The latest addition is Maeve's All Natural, the maker of beauty products from natural ingredients. The shop in the Pop Life building is open Monday-Friday 9 to 5; Saturday 10 to 4; Sunday 10 to 2. Maeve's suggestion for a starter visit: grapefruit scrub & body butter, the ultimate duo and the perfect citrus scent to uplift and remind you that warmer days are ahead. Try it in person in the shop. Or Calendula Salve, great for soothing irritation, redness & rashes - a must have for winter or anyone who suffers from eczema.

And to complement Maeve's products, Pop Life provides crystal manicures, community yoga and much much more! (In case you hadn't heard - Team Crystal Nails are international champion nail technicians: 3 International Championship victories, 24 gold medals at the London Nailympics, and dozens of gold, silver, and bronze medals at 200 international nail competitions worldwide. 40 types of builder gels and acrylics, over 500 color gels, 300 acrylic color powders, and 300 CrystaLac gel polishes Goodness gracious!

#### 1619 Project Discussion Series at Kumbava: A Reminder

Tuesdays & Thursdays 6 - 8 p.m. January 28 - February 27

The National Institute for Restorative Justice presents The New York Times 1619 Project Discussion Series. Participation is free and open to the public ages 16 and up, but will require registration (email your name and email address to rjusticeinc@ aol.com) beginning Monday, January 13 through Friday, January 24, in order to prepare individual participant packets for the series. To review previous discussions visit www.restorativejusticeinstitute.org.

These discussions - all discussions at Kumbaya - are conducted in a living-room atmosphere in Mittie Jordan's cosy coffee shop, with coffee, tea and Mittie's soups and baked goods available to keep up your strength. kumbayashore.com.

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# COMMUNITY

# CityMusic Concert March 11, 12, 13, 14

Conductor: Amit Peled. Soloist: John Clayton. Spoken Word: Orlando Watson.

Antonín Dvořák's "New World" Symphony was profoundly influenced by the music of the old plantations, which he learned from Henry T. Burleigh, his student from Erie, Pennsylvania. Dvořák's great Symphony is complemented by a work commissioned from acclaimed jazz bassist and composer John Clayton, which he said represents "a continuum of Dvořák's compositional influence by African-American music" — "The New World Revisited."

Local Cleveland lyricist artist Orlando Watson will be featured as a spoken word

Dvořák Symphony No. 9 "From the New

Jazz selections played by The Spirit of the

KIRTLAND Wed, March 11 - 7:30 PM\*\*\* Lakeland Community College, Dr. Wayne L. Rodehorst Performing Arts Center, D Building, 7700 Clocktower Dr., Kirtland

UNIVERSITY CIRCLE Thu, March 12 - 7:30 PM\*\* Milton and TamarMaltz PerformingArts Center, 1855Ansel Rd.,

LAKEWOOD Fri, March 13 - 7:30 PM\* LakewoodCongregationalChurch, 1375

SLAVIC VILLAGESAT, MARCH 14 – 8:00 PM\*Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus, 3649

Zerolandfill Winter Pick-Up Dates February 22, 2020 9:00am-12:00pm

February 28, 2020 3:00pm-6:00pm

Come find expired samples from the Interior Design industry that can be repurposed into classroom materials, art projects, or after-school activities. Everything is available at no cost - bring a friend or colleague to join the fun and help reduce waste.

Zerolandfill is located at Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District; 4750 East 131st Street, Garfield Heights.

#### Cuyahoga SWCD Is Selling Trees

The Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District is pleased to announce its inaugural (hopefully) annual tree and shrub sale for the fine residents of Cuyahoga County. They have teamed up with Licking SWCD, which already has assembled an extensive list of native trees and shrubs of all sizes.

Ordering will be through the Licking SWCD website and will go live on February 1st, and close on March 24th. Pickup will be at the Cuyahoga SWCD office, located at 3311 Perkins Ave, Suite 100. Check with the organization's blog at CuyahogaSWCD. org for a hyperlink to the order form when it becomes available – and be sure to use the "Cuyahoga SWCD" dropdown when ordering. (This will be the single way for all parties involved to know that Cuyahoga County citizens' trees get delivered to Cuyahoga SWCD).

4:30PM and April 18th from 9AM-5:30PM with no exceptions at the Cuyahoga SWCD office. Natural Resources Conservationist Justin Husher will be coordinating all things tree sale this year. All questions should be directed to him at 216-524-6580 x1007 or jhusher@cuyahogaswcd.org.

means, trying to find out from Cleveland Housing Network, who so far have explained that a tenant's maximum income

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LaSalle Apartment

out there will tell me.

to participate. Stay tuned.

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The apartment for rent above the refur-

bished La Salle is subject to "income restric-

tions and requirements"; not sure what that

limit is 80% meaning...one person income

cannot exceed \$41,280, two persons income

cannot exceed \$47,200. Eighty percent of

what, I don't know - but I'm sure someone

East 185th Merchants Association has re-

ceived a grant for the Walk and Roll festi-

val this summer, partnering with the Old

World Festival and holding the event in a

vacant lot on the north end of the street.

Local merchants will contribute tickets and

prizes - Waterloo merchants might be able

Robert is pausing the development of his

gaming-centered world to consider fresh

options, and has moved out of the current

space. Stay tuned for a re-invented business,

again on E185, and again thoughtfully cre-

The market had to close last Saturday be-

cause of a heating problem - but It Has Not

Closed for the Winter. It will, as always, be

open every Saturday year round. And you

will find that you can make a surprising va-

riety of meals using mostly what the market

Pickup will be on April 17th from 8AM-

has in stock (this will test just how devoted you are to sourcing locally). Produce offerings, of course, are not what they are in July and August, but there are lots of root veg and greens (spinach! kale!), along with eggs and cheese and baked goods, pickles, jams and honey. If you froze that wealth of beans and zucchini and eggplant back in the summer, you have no more to wish for.

And to while away the cold weather, Kelvin has an interesting list of demos, which he describes below

#### Fresh Mozzarella: Feb.15th, 11am

The following demo will be covering mozzarella from scratch. You'll have the opportunity to go home with what you need along with your gallon of milk so that you could make your own fresh mozzarella.

#### Fresh Pasta: Feb.29th, 10am

On that elusive February 29th we will be doing our always-popular pasta making demo. It's a hands-on demo where you'll make your own pasta from scratch and have an opportunity to taste your handiwork. Everybody plays at this one.

#### Pressure Cookers: Mar.14th, 11am

On March 14th we're going to cover the still-underappreciated pressure cooker. With the enormous success of the Instant Pot it's time to get pressure cookers of all types back into the kitchen. There is nothing to be afraid of.

#### Tamales: Mar. 28th,

And we round out the winter session with tamales. The importance of this class over its expensive counterparts is that you're actually going to learn how to make your masa from scratch at this one. We'll also make some tortillas from scratch.

REMEMBER ... cooking classes are always FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! All you have to do is be at the market on that Saturday morning. And if there's something else you want to learn let us know and they'll produce that demo for you.

# Cleveland's Kurentovanje February 22nd





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The Kurents

#### by William McCulloch

Ok, what the heck is Kurentovanje? Almost every culture seems to have developed their own way to celebrate the ushering in of spring. Kurentovanje is a relatively new carnival tradition starting in Slovenia in 1960 carried over to Cleveland in 2013. It ties cultural traditions with pre-Lenten festivities. A kind of Slovenian Mardi Gras if you will.

Kurents are a mythical creatures whose purpose to frighten and chase away winter and evil spirits with their presence. They are large lumbering furry figures with long red tongues, colorful ribbons on their

heads, bearing clubs, and klanging as they walk with large cow bells.

Although there are a number of associated events in the preceding week, the main festivities take place on Saturday February 22nd. Things kick off with a 5K race at 9:30. The parade then starting at noon at St Vitas and winding down St Clair Avenue finishing at the Slovenian National Home. There you'll find different performances of dance, traditional and contemporary music, foods and libations till 6:00 pm. Now what happened to my pivo?

For more information go to the website clevelandkurentovanje.com

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History Month projects by David Peck

FOR QUALIFYING STUDENTS!

by David Peck school year.



# Programs, Events, and Activities at **Collinwood Library**

by Kiaira Jefferson PROGRAMS, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES **Collinwood Library** 856 East 152nd St, Cleveland, OH 44110--216-623-6934 Manager, Caroline Peak cpl-collwd@cpl.org

#### Manager's Note:

"THANK YOU" was the theme of the Collinwood Branch's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Program to reflect on the work of service that our First Responders and Safety Forces for children attending the branch. Please see below for a sample of the notes written by them.

#### YOUTH PROGRAMS Kid's Café Meal Program

In collaboration with the Cleveland Food Bank, Kids Café is being served! Monday – Friday, 3:30pm-4:30pm Living African American History Museum Discover African American history through storytelling and visual display. Participants will engage in a visual museum like activity to lean about African Americans today and in the past that are making and have made significant contributions to or community and the world. Tuesday, February 4, 4:30pm

Make Your Masterpiece: Digital Darkroom Learn to use digital darkroom techniques to manipulate color, contrast and size of your photos Thursday, February 13, 4:00pm

#### ADULT PROGRAMS

Cleveland 20/20 Exhibition: Cleveland 20/20: A Photographic Exploration of Cleveland, an exhibition partnership project of the Cleveland Public Library and the Cleveland Print Room, explores our diverse city--full of life, culture and history. The exhibition containing nearly 200 photographs is now open in Brett Hall, on the first floor of Main Library in downtown Cleveland

One Community Reads: Everyone in Cuyahoga County is encouraged to read Palaces for the People: How Social Infrastructure Can Help Fight Inequality, Polarization, and the Decline of Civic Life by Eric Klinenberg. Participating Libraries, Playhouse Square and The City Club of Cleveland will hold events to cultivate dialogue about social issues affecting our communities. Author Eric Klinenberg will visit Cleveland on Monday, March 9 for a book discussion at the Playhouse Square Mimi Ohio Theatre at 7:00 p.m. Call (216) 241-6000 or visit onecommunityreads.org for registration and information.

## **UpStage Players announces ticket** sales for Frozen Jr performance



#### by Kurt Steigerwald

UpStage Players, a children's performing arts group operating in Cleveland's Collinwood neighborhood, has begun selling tickets to its upcoming performance of Frozen Jr. scheduled for March 19 through March 21 at 7:30 pm, with a final performance March 22 at 2:30 pm. Tickets are on sale online at www.showtix4u.com with presale prices of \$11. The performance is at the Cleveland Public Library Memorial-Nottingham Branch.

This upcoming performance of Frozen Jr. represents the 26th year for UpStage Players. With 88 children performing as actors or working as stage hands, the theater group includes children from throughout the area with some driving up to 40 minutes to be a part of the production. "Theatre provides the social and emotional skills for children ages 6 to 15. It is amazing to watch them evolve," said Artistic Director Carrie Walsh-Hilf.

The children work hard and we strive to ensure an atmosphere that is supportive and creative. It is great to give them the Broadway experience right here in Cleveland," added Kris Walsh, choreographer for the program.

The theater program's no-cut policy ensures every child gets the opportunity to participate. The all-volunteer staff gets financial support from a variety of sources, including the Downtown Kiwanis Club #2, Cuyahoga Arts and Culture, and Children's Guild. Alumni, family and friends of UpStage Players also help keep the program funded.

"It is always fun to begin the journey with a new show. We are excited to see that some alumni through the years are coming back to make a contribution and to bring their children to participate," said Bernadette Walsh, Executive Director of UpStage Players.

#### **Collinwood Nottingham Historical** Society by Mary Louise Jesek Daley by James Jessen Badal, explores some of the unwritten history and includes the latest

Dear Friends. It has been a while since we had an actual article in the Collinwood Observer. So much is happening, though, that we wanted to share with you.

First of all the Historical Society is going back to having regular monthly meetings. We are meeting on the 1st Monday of the month (unless a Holiday) at the Collinwood Recreation Center at 16300 Lakeshore Boulevard beginning at 6:00 PM. Please feel free to join us. In months when we cannot meet on the first Monday we will plan on some other activity. We are also, for the first time, able to expand the board and this will enable us to do more.

One of the big accomplishments for this year is the publication of a new book on the Collinwood School Fire (see attached book announcement). This book, written

## The Collinwood Tragedy

The Story of the Worst School Fire in American History James Jessen Badal

"The Collinwood Tragedy is a meticulously researched, clearly rendered narrative of a horrific event that will appeal to not only historical researchers and history buffs but to general readers as well "

-Ron Rozelle, author of My Boys and Girls Are in There: The 1937 New London School Explosion

"The Collinwood Tragedy is a quintessential 'good read." Compellingly written, it is almost impossible to put down.' -John J. Grabowski, author of Cleveland A to Z: An Essential Compendium for Visitors and Residents Alike

The worst school fire in the nation's history occurred on March 4, 1908, in Collinwood, Ohio-a village east of Cleveland. The staggering death toll shocked the entire nation and sparked impassioned official inquires about the fire's cause. Changes in the structure of school buildings and the materials used in school construction were implemented as a result. To this day, the Collinwood School Fire ranks as one of Cleveland's greatest disasters and still survives in the city as a powerful urban legend As with all urban legends, however, much misinformation has accrued around the story of the fire and aftermath during the last century. James Jessen Badal clears up many of these erroneous assumptions with this vivid, in-depth account, also memorializing both the children and teachers who perished inside the school.

## Halls for Rent Slovenian Home Collinwood



#### by angela ferritto

In case vou didn't know...COLLINWOOD SLOVENIAN HOME, located at 15810 Holmes Ave. (Cleveland 44110) has EVENT HALLS to RENT. We have the space for your meeting, reception, shower, cabaret, repast or anything else you can imagine! Our Meeting Room holds up to 50 peo-

ple and has one unisex restroom. Our Lower Hall seats up to 200 people, has a full kitchen, bar, stage and men's/ women's restrooms.

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James Jessen Badal is an award-winning author and nsvlvania Torso Murders

# meetings in 2020.

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and most up-to-date list of those children

who perished in the tragic Collinwood

School Fire of March 4, 1908. It is still

worth talking about and this book explores

that while relating the story of the Collin-

wood community and our ability to move

forward after such a devastating chapter

in the young community's life. The official

book launch will be at Muldoon's Saloon

on East 185th Street starting at 6:00 PM on

Friday, February 28, 2020 along with the

Collinwood Nottingham Historical So-

ciety's Annual Meeting. Hope to see you

Thank you for all your support and we

look forward to seeing you at events and

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tant professor of English and journalism at the Eastern Campus of Cuyahoga Community College. He ha erved on the board of trustees of the Cleveland Police rical Society since 2001. His previous books includ In the Wake of the Butcher: Cleveland's Torso Murders. Twilight of Innocence: The Disappearance of Beverly Potts, Though Murder Has No Tongue: The Lost Victin of Cleveland's Mad Butcher, and Hell's Wasteland: The

Join the Discussion at: www.collinwoodobserver.com

St. John Nottingham Lutheran School exists to equip the children of the Greater Cleveland and surrounding area with integrity, creativity, academics, compassion, and spiritual maturity in a diverse, interconnected, and ever-changing world.

Merit Roll for 2nd Quarter (GPA of 3.00

# 2nd Quarter Merit and Honor Roll Lists

# SJN Prospective Student Day



8th grade SJN students hard at work on Black

Each year, St. John Nottingham hosts a Prospective Student Day where we open our doors to families who are looking for a good, Christ-centered school. Come meet the teachers and see the classrooms!

Assistant Principal Joe Miziker will be on hand to answer all of your questions about SJN and what we can do for you! Mrs. Cindy Rollins will be available to answer all of your questions about the Cleveland (Voucher) and EdChoice Scholarships, as well as assist you in filing all of the paperwork necessary to apply! Students will also be available to answer questions and show you around

Pre-register an appointment to visit and get a coupon free for a FREE Gym Uniform (a \$25 value)! And as always, we will have give-aways and prizes!

The 2020 SJN Prospective Student Day is Saturday, March 14, 2020, from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. No appointment necessary, but if you want to schedule a visit, call the SJN office at (216) 531-8204.

COME SEE WHAT WE CAN DO FOR YOU!

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Alani Jones

by David Peck

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Honor Roll (GPA 3.50 - 4.00\_ 1st Grade Jaiden Bridges Victor Dozier 2nd Grade Nolan Sanders Ryleigh Wynn 3rd Grade **Reice Bowers** A'miya Chatman Kailia Hunter Ramiyah Ivory Stephon Johnson Seth McCall Reginald McCurdy 4th Grade Kyle Byous Mi'Zarriah Mason-Hawthorne Damarion Zellars 5th Grade Collin Brown Amonii Carr Marie Gerald-Murray Shamya Harris Sondria Mixon Aniya Morris Brooklyn Randle Paul Walton 6th Grade Javayah Bridges John Gibson Promise Hobbs Dalania Jenkins Darion Morgan Mo-Nika Peterson 7th Grade Katherine Boone Lawrence Boyd Jamiyah Dye Ari Jones Madison Mostella-McClain 8th Grade Antorvia Collins Londen Dukes Ja'Kyra Jackson

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area, and invite you to become part of the SJN family!

There are no registration fees for qualified students, and SJN is fully authorized to accept both the Cleveland (Voucher) and EdChoice Scholarships. The SJN office is always available to assist new families file all of the needed paperwork for these scholarships, so stop on by and let us help you! (Note that the window for applying for Cleveland (Vouher) Scholarship is February 1 through April 30, and the window for EdChoice is February 1 through April 15.) We offer a quality hot lunch program and families may apply for free or reduced price lunches through the SJN office if they so desire. SJN also offers a very affordable Extended Care Program that operates from 7:00 AM until school begins and from the end of the school day to 6:00 PM for the convienience of our families. Families may apply for bus transportation services through CMSD or their local school dis-

Come be a part of the SJN Family! You'll be glad you did!

# Alani Jones: SJN Student of the Month!



by David Peck

Meet the SIN Student of the Month for February, 2020, 8th grader Alani Jones! An honor roll student. Alani started dancing at the age of 3. She loves dancing because it is a form or art and expression through movement, not to mention that she also loves musicality of dance. This coming March, she will have 11 years experience with dance. She travels across the country performing. Currently, she is dancing with the #2 hip hop dance crew in the United States, ELEVATED Dance Crew. It's her dream to one major in dance from Cleveland State University and own her own dance studio.

Congrtatulations Alani on being SJN Student of the Month!

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by Bev Caldwell



# Misrach Ewunetie '20 receives full scholarship to Princeton

by Kristen Mott '09

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Misrach Ewunetie '20 has received a full four-year scholarship to Princeton University through the QuestBridge National College Match program.

College Match Scholarship recipients are granted early admission to one of QuestBridge's college partners with a full, four-year scholarship that covers tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, and travel expenses.

Ewunetie said she learned about the scholarship opportunity through a community-based organization that she's involved with called Minds Matter Cleveland.

As part of the application process, students must complete an online application form and essays and submit two letters of recommendation from teachers, a school report from a high school counselor, a high school

Students can rank up to 12 colleges that Ewunetie said Princeton is her top they would like to be "matched" with. In addition to Princeton, Ewunetie said she included Stanford University and Yale University on her list.

Students are notified in early December if they've been matched with one of QuestBridge's college partners. Ewunetie said she was "really excited" when she found out she had been matched with Princeton.

"It felt like a weight off my shoulders and that I wouldn't have to stress too much about college decisions anymore," she said.

This year, 1,127 finalists were selected as College Match Scholarship recipients to 40 QuestBridge college partners, with 51 students being matched to Princeton.

Princeton is a non-binding school, which means students admitted through the match aren't required to commit

transcript and standardized test scores. to attending the institution. However, choice at the moment. She's interested in majoring in a science.

Ewunetie said she would definitely recommend the QuestBridge program to other VASJ students.

"It's a similar type of application to most others in terms of supplements, transcripts and all of that, but the essays are different. The really nice part is that you find out decisions a lot earlier than with a normal application," she said.

She added that VASJ has played a major role in helping her to determine which paths she wants to pursue after graduation.

"My time at VASJ has given me the opportunity to really figure out what I want in my future," Ewunetie said. "I've been able to step outside of my comfort zone because my friends have encouraged me to try new things



VASJ senior Misrach Ewunetie while I've been here. Because of that, I wasn't really stressed about senior year because I figured I had done most things I really wanted to do in high school. All of my teachers and classes have really made a difference in how my high school path has gone, especially in what clubs I've ended up joining because of them."

Students accept awards during annual Founders Day Mass at VASJ

by Kristen Mott '09

Every January, the Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School community joins together to celebrate the traditions of the school's founders: Blessed William Joseph Chaminade, founder of the Society of Mary (Marianists), and St. Angela Merici, founder of the Ursuline Sisters. The Mass celebrates VASJ's combined core values and unique identity.

The morning began with the bestowing of the Faces of Our Founders Awards. This is the fourth year the awards have been given out to VASJ students.

"It's an award simply for being a good person," said Christin VanAtta, assistant director of Campus Ministry at VASJ. "It's designed to recognize students at VASJ who exhibit the same qualities and commitments that our founders exhibited during their time on this Earth."

Several weeks ago, students voted during Religion classes for an individual in each grade who they think embodies certain qualities and values. From Blessed William Joseph Chaminade: a strong sense of community, mission, inclusivity and a deep love for God and Mary. From St. Angela Merici: a commitment to compassion, justice and the contemplation of their faith.

For the first time, four senior students tied for the award.

"We believe that this demonstrates the stellar nature of this current senior class and shows their general attitude toward service and a family spirit," VanAtta said.

This year's winners of the Faces of

Our Founders Awards are: Freshman Ava Longstreet

• Sophomore Joey Webb

• Junior Jenecya Wood · Seniors Cha'Nyra Cooper

Robby Guzzo, Alia Sealy and Reanna Croasmun

At the conclusion of Mass, students were awarded scholarship money related to the school's sponsoring orders. Each of the scholarships was founded in the spirit of Fr. Chaminade or St. Merici to recognize the accomplishments of current VASJ students

**Ursuline Service Scholarship** In keeping with the mission of the Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland to transform society through social justice, the Ursuline Service Scholarship recognizes students who are generous in their service to the school, church and community, and leadership in issues of justice. Recipients of \$500 scholarships are:

• Roland Ivy, Jr.

 Faith Thompson Sr. M. Ursula Fahey Scholarship The Sr. M. Ursula Fahey

Scholarship recognizes a daughter of a VA or VASJ alum who displays leadership in school, church and community. The recipient of a \$500 scholarship is:

• Julianna Le-Quay Sr. Rosemary Hocevar Science Scholarship

Sr. Rosemary Hocevar is a former science and math teacher and principal of Villa Angela Academy. The Sr. Rosemary Hocevar Science Scholarship is designed for current sophomore or juniors who have maintained a 2.5 GPA, have

demonstrated service to school, parish and/or community, and are interested in a career in education, science or math. The recipients are selected by the family through an application process. The recipients of \$1,000 scholarships are:

- Maurice Jackson
- Edward Marxen
- Lisa Lowe

Sr. Naomi Schreiner Scholarship

The Sr. Naomi Schreiner Scholarship is named after a legendary longtime VASJ Hall of Fame teacher. This \$500 award is given to a senior who best represents the four characteristics of the National Honor Society: scholarship, leadership, service and character. The recipient is:

Sr. Angela Marie Waldron

## Scholarship

Scholarship recognizes a student who has shown a love of learning, has a grade point average of at least 3.0, participates in multiple activities and is active in his/her parish. The recipient of a \$500 scholarship is:

 Macklin Muhlhan Anna Mae Eppich-Lang

Scholarship

Scholarship is an award in memory of Mrs. Lang. The recipient is a female resident of Cleveland who, in addition to performing well academically, has qualities that epitomize the spirit of VASJ. The recipients of \$500 scholarships are:

Sarah Carroll

- Jasmine Riddle

Fr. Louis Wiesner Scholarship The Fr. Louis Wiesner Scholarship was established in memory of the founding principal of St. Joseph High School. This scholarship is awarded to students who have demonstrated growth in the principles and characteristics of VASJ. The recipients

- of \$750 scholarships are: • Sophia Trickett
- Vasillios Capuozzo
- Tyler Boyd-Roston

Marianist Urban Students Program

The Marianist Urban Students Program was founded in 1990 and came to VASJ in 1999 with the first graduating class being in 2003. Since then, more than 55 students have graduated from MUSP at VASJ. These students receive academic and social support at VASJ. The students in MUSP receive more than \$10,000 in tuition scholarship aid during their four years of high school. Those chosen for this program go through a thorough and competitive selection process. Current MUSP students are:

· Freshmen Savonda Jackson, Monasia Manigault, DeAngelo Irving, Cristian Williams and Rozall Gall, Jr. · Sophomores Anthony Dixon,

Paige Jones, Gbagalo Kennedy, Kevin Laster, JoVon Reiley and Ta' Shuna Thomas.

• Juniors Maurice Jackson, McKayla Nicholson, Delesia Hall, Levelle Smith, Joshua Shumpert and Aiyanna Martin.

• Seniors Daisha Terrell, Nariah Johnson-Moore, Michele Blackshear and Aniyah Milton.

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# **OLL Open House Welcomes Visitors**





Our student ambassadors greet and guide families through our school.

Our Lady of the Lake School set out the ultimate "welcome mat" by puting its student ambassadors at it's doors on Sunday, January 26th. Visitors had the chance to sample OLL School's high-quality curriculum as they took guided tours of the school with the student ambassadors and visited the classrooms to view student work and meet the teachers. The compassionate, faith filled environment was also on display in the kinds of projects the students engaged in, and the focus on kindness and inclusion incorporated into the classrooms by the teachers.

The Open House kicked off Catholic Schools Week, with enjoyable activities planned for the students such as Spelling Bee, Challenge Day, Classroom Movie, Geography Bee, All School Mass, Awards Assembly, Ecumenical Prayer Service, a CAVS assembly, and One School-One Book with Buddies to round out the week.

The PTO, which is an engaged group of parents who support the school with fun family activities was in attendence. Also,

#### **Academics Community** Faith

**OLL School Strong on STEM** 



by Bev Caldwell

Our Lady of the Lake School is known for its strong STEM curriculum with specialized instruction in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math at every grade level.

The annual Science Fair celebrates the STEM focus as eighth graders showcase their ingenuity and skills. Every year, as a right of passage, eighth graders must select a topic, keep records, plan and then process their experiment, documenting the scientific method with their hypothesis and the experiment results as they do so. Their





experiments and results are remarkable as is their enthusiasm.

This year, OLL School has a STEM teacher who facilitates experiments and also directs student use of the 3-D printer in the Maker Lab. The students are engaged as they enjoy putting science experiments to work such as the egg drop - where students cushion an egg with materials to absorb a drop and not break.

Strong STEM curriculum prepares students with the science and creative aptitude to be tomorrows leaders.

## Join Us For Lent and **Easter!**



by Bev Caldwell All are welcome to Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Parish. Come and see!

Join us for the following: Palm Sunday Weekend: April 4-5 Tenebrae: 7pm - April 8

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm - April 9

Good Friday: Community Stations of the Cross 12 Noon/The Lord's Passion 7pm - April 10

Holy Saturday: Blessing of Food 12 Noon/Easter Vigil 8pm - April 11 Easter Sunday: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord 8am, 10am, 12 Noon- April 12



Principal Jenny Millett talks to a family at Open House

Life on the Lake committe members were there with a first dibbs look at the raffle tickets for wonderful baskets that will be showcased at Life on the Lake's Night at the Races on February 1st, as well as tickets to the event itself. Additionally, parents of students currently enrolled could enter a silent auction where the highest bidder wins the prize such as being school principal for the day.

Catholic Schools Week extends to February 3rd.



# **St. Jerome Church**

The Beacon on the Boulevard Collinwood's Catholic School 15000 Lake Shore Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio 44110



# **Giving Back!**



Kailyn shows off some of the bracelets the students made to raise funds for Flashes of Hope.



Classmates Lydia, Skyla and Daniel gave up recess to make braclets for this service project.

by Adele Markert

Miss Ottato and Miss Mastrangelo weren't sure what kind of response they would get when they suggested that the 5th grade class do a service project. The teacher and aide at St Jerome School need not have worried. The class jumped at the opportunity and chose to raise funds for "Flashes of Hope" a non-profit that serves young cancer patients

in two ways. First they arrange professional photo shoots to help children undergoing treatment to see themselves as the strong, brave people they are. Children get attention from a professional stylist before the photo shoot and receive a "Happy Pack" filled with comfort items and things to distract from the boredom of a long hospital stay. The organization also partners with other



Shamira concentrates on getting a bracelet just right! The children raised the money for the materials to get started.



Dalyla helps Ronald finish a bracelet while Laila works on another.

organisations to fund research into juvenile cancer and last year contributed \$1,000,000 to this important research.

The 5th graders decided to make and sell bracelets to raise money. They started from scratch, holding a bake sale to raise money for materials. Then they started in, giving up recess time to work on bracelets. Every student in the class has contributed time and

effort to this worthy cause. Congratulations 5th grade, we are very proud of you!

If you would like to contribute to the project donations can be made to St. Jerome School, 15100 Lake Shore Blvd, Cleveland, Ohio 44110, Attn: Flashes of Hope. For More information about the foundation visit www. flashesofhope.org.

**Celebrating Catholic Education at St. Jerome** 



St. Jerome School Graduate, William Wagner, came back with his lovely wife Sandra to see what had changed. They met Katie Kern-Pilch who was able to fill them in on all the current goings on.

#### by Adele Markert

Every year we stop and take the time to recognize the importance of Catholic education in our neighborhood. Alumni



Future Pre-schooler, Harrison shows his drawing skills to Miss Keller.

come back to visit childhood memories and see what the current students are doing. Parishioners and friends come to reconnect and catch up. Parents of prospective students

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The annual Book Fair is always a popular stop. With so many titles to choose from there is truely something for everyone.

come in to look around and get an idea of what their families experience might be like at St. Jerome.

Registration officially opens February 3rd



Former student Jessica came back to visit St. Jerome Librarian, Miss Stephanie and check out the Book Fair.

and will continue until April 9th. Interested families can call the school office at 216-486-3587 for further information and to schedule a tour.













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# National School Choice Week

Preparing for our school parade!

Imagine Bella Academy of Excellence students are preparing for a parade to celebrate National School Choice Week! Thanks to all the amazing parents, students, families, and teachers for choosing to be part of the Imagine Bella Family!!

# House meetings





Adkeysiga trust game!



Unhu bracelets!

# 100th Day of School!

Imagine Bella Kindergarten students celebrated their 100th day of school! Check out some of the pictures of students in Ms. Hoy



Time to enjoy some snacks on 100th day!





# **Quarter 2 Awards Assembly**



Ms. Salone's award winners!



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Ms. Nie's award winners!



and Ms. Jenkins' Kindergarten classrooms.

Ms. Jenkins' class is celebrating 100 days of school!



Ms. Davis' award winners

Congratulations to all the students who were recognized during the quarter 2 awards assembly. Looking forward to our next awards assembly!

# Got a reusable bag? Councilwoman Cheryl Stephens is happy to share



#### by TeamCherylStephens

Pastor Will Robinson

ously asked

by Lillian J. Anderson

What is something you love or love to do?

When I was younger I loved listening

to my older sister, Debra, and my younger

brother, John, play the piano or keyboard.

The music they played drew me to them. I

would stand next to them as they played or

find a seat close to them. Ahh...What beau-

tiful memories from my youth! Here are

two men's responses to the question previ-

Pastor (Man of God) Will Robinson, the

If you see Cheryl Stephens or members of "Team Cheryl" knocking on your neighbor's door in the coming weeks, it is probably to deliver reusable bags. Thanks to an initiative from the County Solid Waste District, Stephens has committed to giving out sturdy reusable plastic tote bags to anvone in her district who makes a request

via the link teamcheryl.org/bags. The colorful, eco-friendly bags, which are made of recycled plastic, are estimated to replace 700 disposable bags each and will be distributed as long as the supply lasts.

This home delivered bag campaign is an outreach of gratitude for all of the residents who called and emailed, voicing their support of the Cuyahoga County plastic bag ban that went into effect January 1 of this year. Stephens admits she understands the reservations expressed by both retailers and some residents but believes "we need to make decisions today to take care of the future" and hopes to work with grocers and retailers to support them while also finding other ways to make our community more sustainable.

"This isn't a test," says Stephens. "It is a way to save our lake and to have less trash and debris on our streets and yards.

We have seen that other communities and states have done this successfully. And now Cuyahoga county is a leader in Northeast Ohio<sup>3</sup>

Sustainability has always been a core issue for Stephens, who is up for re-election on the March 17 Democratic primary ballot, but she is probably best known for her life-long commitment to housing and economic development. As vice-chair of the County's community development committee, she is currently working with County staff negotiating with banks to meet the needs of the communities they serve. This includes requirements for community reinvestment, loans to families in low to moderate-income census tracks, counseling for small businesses, and specialized loan pools for those businesses all things which residents across the County have indicated are important to them.

able and I am so blessed to have her. I am

truly an example of a guy that "married

up"! If I think that my earthly wife is more

than I deserve, how much more undeserv-

ing am I of the love and grace from our

"He concluded: "My passion towards my

wife of 45 plus years must pale in compari-

son to God's passion towards us. Particu-

larly, towards me. I can't begin to imagine

how awesome God's love is toward us. No

wonder the Psalmist wrote: "When I con-

sider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers,

the moon and the stars, which thou hast or-

dained; What is man, that thou art mindful

of him? and the son of man, that thou visit-

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er's Bible Church, American Legion Post

343, 20750 Arbor Ave, Euclid, OH 44123,

Master (Sensei) Leaston Chase, IV Mar-

Phone: (216) 285 - 0122, james122.org.

"Love yourself. Love others. Love God."

Master Chase loves teaching the art, having

What he teaches is not just about kicking

and punching. It's about learning about

yourself and how to avoid trouble. As a

tial Arts Instructor had this to say:

started at the age of 24.

est him?" (Psalm 8:3-4 Holy Bible KJV)."

Heavenly Father."

Reflecting on the year since she first took office, Stephens is eager to continue serving Bratenahl, Cleveland, Cleveland Heights, East Cleveland, and University Heights. "When we start initiatives, they are not just for the core city, but also for first-ring suburbs," such as the Closing the Achievement Gap initiative which helps ensure that at-risk youth have the academic, social, emotional support they need to graduate high school and succeed in higher education. Education and housing are two components of what Stephens sees as the basic American dream, which everyone should be able to work hard and achieve.

"People who work hard should be able to have a good home and do a little something extra, whether it's to put a little something extra in the plate at church on Sunday or buy some groceries for a friend in need. Everyone should be able to do that."



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by Rev. Ron Rollins tingham is no exception.





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discipline,... a method for better health....a way of improving confidence, defending vourself...nothing can be better. He feels that the way to keep Martial Arts and tradition alive is through our young people.

"Young people need structure so they can develop, grow and mature. By having structure, they develop discipline (a work ethic), self-control (over their emotions and actions), and respect for others and themselves. They also learn how to avoid conflict and when to engage in defense of one's self."

He concluded: "A feeling of satisfaction is obtained when his students grasp and retain some of the knowledge he has tried to pass on to them. During each and every class Master Chase stresses honor, respect and tradition, not just in Martial Arts but also in daily living....similar to the Christian way of 'doing unto others as you would have them do unto you'. "

Master Leaston Chase currently gives instruction in Martial Arts and self defense at the Collinwood Recreation Center located at 16300 Lake Shore Blvd, Cleveland, Ohio 44110



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Master Leaston Chase, IV

Pastor of Bible Believer's Church respond-

ed in this way: "My love for my wife and God's love for me."

"I love my wife with all of my heart. My love for her is unconditional. I love our good times and our struggles. I love her amazing qualities and she tolerates my not so amazing qualities...her patience with me is legendary. I certainly appreciate having someone in my life who is both the love of my life and my best friend. It is unbeliev-

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## Hannah Gibbons enrolling students, learn more at open houses



Families interested in enrolling students at Hannah Gibbons can learn more at open houses the school holds from 1 to 3 p.m. on the fourth Friday of every

Hannah Gibbons School is enrolling students for the 2020-2021 school year.

The school, located at 1401 Larchmont Dr., includes preschool through eighth grade. Preschool is free in CMSD schools. Hannah Gibbons focuses on projectbased, hands-on learning and real-world problem solving.

Families interested in learning more about Hannah Gibbons can attend the open houses the school holds from 1 to 3 p.m. on the fourth Friday of every month. For more information, call 216-838-

Remember, You are From Dust, and **To Dust You Shall Return** 

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The season of Lent is nearly upon us. It is a very special time in the church year: a time of reflection and soul searching - a time of preparation for Resurrection Sunday (Easter). Lent is observed as 40 days (not counting Sundays) beginning on Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday. All Christian churches with a history before 1500 AD observe Lent, and St. John Not-

The focus during the season of Lent is the recognition that we are sinners leading us to confess our sins and repent of them. This will be done by the particular worship service we are planning, the message to be given and, in particular, with the 'Imposition of Ashes' onto the foreheads of those

who would like to participate in that special part of the worship service.

By receiving the ashes, the worshipper acknowledges that God's judgment against their sin is right and just. Also, the ashes are applied to the forehead in the 'sign of the cross' - the very instrument by which our Lord Jesus took upon Himself the punishment for our sin... in our place.

The words "Remember, you are dust, and to dust you shall return," are spoken by the pastors as the ashes are applied because they paraphrase the words of God in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3:19). And so, the cross of ashes and the words spoken serve to remind us that we are sinners, and that Jesus Christ died for us sinners.

St. John Notitngham will be holding its Ash Wednesday Worship Services, with the Imposition of Ashes, Wednesday Feb ruary 26 at 1:30pm and again at 7:00pm.

All are welcome to worship and participate in the 'Imposition of Ashes', with the only requirement being that of an acknowledged sinner! Finally, for clarity, the Imposition of Ashes is purely symbolic, and is only an outward expression of our faith and of our humanity. To God be the glory!



#### by angela ferritto

The Collinwood Slovenian Home has had a great year full of fun and comraderie!

Reminding all members to renew memberships by Feb 9. (One year only \$15.00) New members of Slovenian descent are welcome. Former members of Waterloo Home---please join us!

We are your Slovenian Home, celebrating one hundred years in the Collinwood community at our historically designated landmark building

We now have Ohio Lottery! Keno, Pick 3, 4, Classic Lotto, MegaMillions, pull tab tickets, EZ play games--we have it all! Also featuring a Queen of Hearts game for members, every Monday at 7 pm.

We had a fun bowling season culminating in a celebretory banquet with many awards and prizes given out. New bowling league starts the week of Feb 10.

Some of our upcoming events:

Euclid Animal Shelter benefit purse auction--Sun, Feb 16, 1--4 pm. Only \$5.00; food, prizes, and cash bar. Call 216-289-2067 for reservations.

Our 50/50 raffle--Friday, Feb 21, at 6 pm; Cash prizes, food.

Ribeye Steak dinner--Sun, Feb 23, 3--7 pm. \$20.00

Corned Beef dinner--Sun, Mar 15, 3--7 pm--\$15.00

For any information about membership and events, please call 216-681-6649

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## Hospice of the Western Reserve Earns Highest Level In National Veteran-Centered Care Program

#### by Laurie Henrichsen

Hospice of the Western Reserve (HWR), headquartered in Collinwood, has been named a Level 5 Partner with We Honor Veterans (WHV), a program of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO) in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Level 5 is the highest level WHV partners can attain and includes several required activities and yearly recertification. We Honor Veterans was launched in 2010 to address the growing need for veteran-centered care, especially as veterans are aging and need access to palliative and hospice care.

As a partner in the program, Hospice of the Western Reserve provides specialized care to veterans facing a life-limiting illness through its Peaceful & Proud program. Last year, HWR provided care for more than 1,400 veterans and their families. Level 5 partners place a greater emphasis on paid and volunteer staff education and caring for Vietnam era and combat veterans and serve as mentors to other hospice programs.

At HWR, a continuing education program for paid and volunteer staff providing direct care incorporates webinars, videos and presentations from the VA and Veterans Service Commissions focusing on issues such as trauma informed care, PTSD, moral injury, suicide prevention, soul injury and self-awareness.

on Vietnam era veterans, who have distinctive needs shaped by the unique cultural and political climate and social experiences of the era.

"Through a series of meetings and inter-

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views, Vietnam veterans shared personal insights with us. These learnings are helping us develop a custom program of care for Vietnam veterans and their family caregivers," said provider relations manager Nate Gradisher, who chairs the nonprofit agency's Veterans Committee. "Hospice of the Western Reserve is also a partner in the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War, a Department of Defense program that honors Vietnam veterans and their families."

Gradisher said volunteers play a meaningful role in the agency's Peaceful & Proud program. Through a veteran-to-veteran volunteer initiative, hospice patients are matched with volunteers who can relate to them as fellow service members. Sixty-sev en veteran volunteers provide companion ship, family caregiver support, assistance with legacy work and vigil support in the final hours. They also participate in Veterans Recognition Ceremonies honoring fellow veterans. Last year, more than 1,000 veterans were recognized, ranging from private ceremonies for hospice patients and their families to large public recognition events honoring veterans in the community.

"When we set out to create the Level 5 program, we knew that it had to be different to truly showcase the efforts needed to go above and beyond. Not only have you demonstrated your commitment, but you have helped shape the program and have A specialized program at HWR focuses continued as an example of what all hospice partners should strive to be," said NHPCO President & CEO Edo Banach. Learn more at WeHonorVeterans.org and Peaceful & Proud.

# **ENTERTAINMENT**

# 6 Underground Movie Review



# **Bad Boys For Life Movie Review**



#### by Brian Friedman

When I first saw the trailer, I was excited to buy a ticket and see it in a theater. Much to my surprise, this very high budget, globe-trotting movie was made for streaming on Netflix. With Michael Bay producing and directing, the action scenes are beautifully shot and choreographed but the story is a little challenging to follow. This feel looks and feels shockingly expensive for a streaming service. I have to admit when Michael Bay has an R-rating, it is a guilty pleasure of mine. Grade: B minus.

by Brian Friedman Will Smith drags Martin Lawrence out of retirement for this unnecessary but pretty fun





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