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## Paving the way for more parking!



by Lauren Calevich  
On February 17th, demolition started on the LaSalle Tavern and adjoining house and garage. Demo of these buildings will

allow the LaSalle to more than double it's parking lot capacity. Stay tuned throughout the next few months for more updates!



## Cleveland WPC Provides Updates on the East 185 Street & Marcella Road Relief Sewer Project



Work is progressing on theEast 185 Street and Marcella Road Relief Sewer Project that will help reduce street and basement flooding during heavy rains. The project will continue through summer and it is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year.

Micro-tunneling will continue for several more weeks. Micro-tunneling is not loud, but causes vibrations felt above ground. Traffic on East 185 Street will remain limited to a single northbound lane while the southbound lane is closed between East Park and Pawnee avenues. For the next few weeks, the northbound traffic lane will shift slightly while a water main is being relocated.

Since work began on the project last July, Cleveland Water Pollution Control (WPC) has worked closely with the contractors, the Regional Transit Authority (RTA), utilities and several city departments to minimize inconveniences. WPC, its contractor and Councilman Michael Polensek also have participated in several community meet-

ings to keep residents and business owners informed and to address concerns. Regular postings by WPC on Twitter and Facebook also keep project information before the public.

Traffic and access to businesses are two areas of concern for property owners and Polensek. Closures have been limited to the immediate areas of the construction, which in this case had many fenced-in work zones at Marcella Road and East Park and Pawnee avenues.

“We acknowledge construction zones and detours can be disruptive, but our goal from the beginning has been to minimize negative impacts and ensure safety for motorists and pedestrians,” WPC Commissioner Rachid Zoghaib said of the \$15 million project. He explained that micro-tunneling option was selected over the traditional open cut method to minimize road closures and other disruptions.

Once the 5,200 feet of 48-inch diameter relief sewer is installed, 10 connections will be made from the existing sanitary sewer system to the new relief sewer to accept excess flow. Notices will be posted when the tie-ins begin. Each intersection between Neff Road and Pawnee Avenue will be closed one after another for about three to five weeks each. The tie-ins will begin at the East 185 Street and Pawnee Avenue intersection, then move to the East 185 Street and East Park Drive intersection and proceed south on East 185 Street from Mowhawk Avenue.

Project updates are regularly posted on Facebook at @ClevelandWPC and on Twitter at @CleWPC, using #E185SewerProject.

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



by Allison Lukacsy-Love  
Register NOW for the fourth annual Euclid v. Collinwood “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 100 million people are expected to take part in a community clean-up in April 2020. The “Big Clean” is our 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 abilities are encour-

aged to join in.

Euclid volunteers are still the undefeated champions (although Collinwood was really close in 2019!), so gather your family, friends, coworkers, neighbors – EVERYONE – to banish litter from our environment.

Registration for individuals and organizations - in both Euclid and Collinwood - is hosted on the City of Euclid’s website, cityofeuclid.com. Simply click the “Big Clean” icon to be routed to the registration page.

The “Big Clean” is made possible through monetary and material donations from partners including the City of Euclid, Cleveland Plogs, Keep Euclid Beautiful, Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School, Greater Collinwood Development Corporation, Ohio EPA, Court Community Service and Jakprints. If you would like to sponsor the “Big Clean”, please visit the City of Euclid’s website for sponsor levels and perks or contact Linda Beck at the City of Euclid.

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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## Councilman Update



by Michael D.  
Polensek

Wow! Have we been lucky with this weather. There is still some winter to come with snow and ice. As always, hazardous road conditions on city

streets should be called into (216) 664-2510 along with all the potholes that are popping up. Be proactive and drive carefully.

The contractor working on the East 185th Street Marcella Road Storm sewer project is now working 24 hour shifts in order to move this much needed and critical project along. Completion is still set for the end of the year – if everything goes according to schedule. Please continue to support the businesses along East 185th Street; many have been severely impacted by the project. Thanks, again, to all for your patience and understanding during this construction period. It has been like root canal but we all know it is needed to address the wide spread basement flooding in the area. Work is continuing as well on Holmes Avenue and areas adjacent to and off of St Clair Avenue to address storm sewer issues in the St. Clair corridor and beyond.

Demolition of the properties adjacent to the historic LaSalle Theatre has taken place. The three structures are down and work will commence soon on the new LaSalle Theatre parking lot. This is a joint project involving the CDC, Cleveland Neighborhood Progress, the Northeast Regional Sewer District and the Cuyahoga County Landbank. My thanks to all for their involvement. The additional parking for the LaSalle Theatre is critical in ensuring the success of this entertainment complex.

As I reported last month, our community, along with the entire city, was facing Issue 3 and 4 pertaining to the reduction of Cleveland City Council and pay reduction. These two issues are still on the Tuesday, March 17 Primary ballot. However, wiser heads prevailed and the two issues were officially withdrawn. Even though Issues 3&4 are still on the ballot, for the ballots had already been printed, these issues will not be counted. My sincere thanks to the Greater Cleveland Clergy Coalition and the Committee who circulated the petitions for the ballot issues for working together and realizing that Issue 3, specifically, would divide the city. We all know, unfortunately, what happened with the last council reduction and redistricting.

The west side Council leadership drew ward lines that tore up the entire eastside, specifically, the St Clair-Superior neighborhood, Glenville and portions of Collinwood. Had Issue 3 passed, the damage that would have been inflicted on the entire northeast side would have been devastating. I have always maintained that reasonable people can come up with reasonable solutions. In this case, reason prevailed.

Regardless, there is still a Primary Elec-

tion on TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2020, St. Patrick's Day. Since this day is very special in our own community, I urge everyone to vote by ABSENTEE ballot to ensure that your vote will be counted. There is still time to request an absentee ballot. You can do so by calling the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections at (216) 443-8683 or by going online to <https://boe.cuyahogacounty.us>.

Very shortly, all Americans will be receiving your invitation to participate in the 2020 CENSUS. I cannot begin to tell you, how critical this census is. For, not only will it shape the congressional districts in Ohio for the next ten years, it will impact how the Cleveland City Council wards are drawn. What is even more critical is that this Census will determine how approximately \$700 billion will be distributed to the cities, counties and states for critical services and programs based on population. In the last Census, it has been estimated that a minimum of 40,000 Cleveland residents did not respond to the Census. That is the equivalency of almost two council wards, and as a result, the city lost substantial federal funding. This time there will be no corrections or adjustments to the final figures. Whatever the final count turns out to be for the city that will be the official count. When you receive the "invitation" to participate in the 2020 Census – respond immediately. You will be able to respond online, by phone or be able to request a paper census form. If you don't participate initially – then you will be called and maybe even pay a visit to your home. Not participating is not an option, my friends; if you don't participate, it is taking money out of your wallet and that of your children and grandchildren and losing representation.

Think of all the senior and childhood programs that would be cut. Community block grant funds for housing and restoration programs would disappear and highway, bridge and roadway improvements that would not take place. The Census is that critical and it is up to all of us to do our part as American citizens. Do not delegate your responsibility.

As always, I may be reached at (216) 664-4236 or via email at [mpolensek@cleveland-citycouncil.org](mailto:mpolensek@cleveland-citycouncil.org).

Michael D. Polensek  
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1st Thursday of the Month  
5:30 PM  
Salvation Army Temple Corp  
17625 Groveside Avenue

**EAST 185th STREET NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**  
2nd Tuesday of the Month  
6:00 PM  
Lithuanian Hall  
877 East 185th Street – next to Post Office

**DEMOCRATIC WARD CLUB**  
2nd Wednesday of the Month  
(September to June)  
6:30 PM  
Collinwood Slovenian Home  
15810 Holmes Avenue  
PRESIDENT: Councilman Polensek

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

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

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

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

**CLEVELAND CITY COUNCIL**  
Monday night at 7:00 PM  
Please note – this is a public and an open meeting but does not take public commentary  
Any questions about these meetings please feel free to call  
Mary Louise Jesek Daley,  
Councilman Polensek's office, (216) 664-4236

## COMMUNITY

## Keep Cheryl L. Stephens on County Council: She's Working For Us

by Pam Turos

"Energetic. Smart. Hard-working. Loyal." These are a few words used by Cheryl Stephens' supporters to describe the Cuyahoga County Council representative who is eager to continue a second term serving the residents of Collinwood, East Cleveland, Glenville and the nearby Heights communities.

A former Cleveland Heights mayor and city council leader, Stephens sees her role on County Council as a way to serve all of Greater Cleveland. Like other first-ring suburbs, the city of Cleveland Heights has faced many challenges that she helped navigate with her signature traits of diligence, integrity, fiscal accountability and collaboration.

During the past year serving on County Council, Stephens has strengthened important relationships and laid the groundwork for progress on the issues that are important

to residents in District 10, such as housing, community & economic development, safety, education, and protecting workers rights.

A self-proclaimed "housing nerd," Stephens has spent her career focused on the issues that underscore many Cleveland residents' concerns — as a leader first at the Cuyahoga Land Bank and currently as the President & CEO of the East Akron Neighborhood Development Corporation. Housing & economic development are her first loves, but Stephens' priorities are often re-shaped through tireless information gathering around the district.

As vice-chair of County Council's community development committee, Stephens is currently working hard with the County Treasurer's office, the development department and Office of the County Executive to

negotiate agreements with local banks that would require community reinvestment programs such as loans to families in low-moderate income census tracts, counseling for small businesses, and specialized loan pools for those businesses. The positive effects of such programs will be felt all across Cuyahoga County, according to Stephens.

Stephens' experience tells her that communities are safer when economic development and quality education are prioritized by elected leaders, making her an outspoken supporter of the Closing the Achievement Gap Initiative, which is offered to six communities in the county. She also voices concern about the ongoing human rights violations at the Cuyahoga County jail and is working with the council's committee Chair of Public Safety toward initiatives that will help re-define the culture of our criminal justice system, another example of how Stephens feels called to advocate on behalf of all County residents.

Stephens excitedly describes a three-step collaborative process for how she plans to financially empower East Cleveland in its search for a healthy, sustainable grocery store partnership. You can tell she thrives on the push and pull of community economic development, and she's got over twenty years of direct experience and the negotiating skills to back it up. We need strong, honest and resident-focused leadership to advocate for us in Cuyahoga County, and a vote for Cheryl Stephens on the March 17 Democratic primary ballot is a vote for exactly that.

## We Endorse Cheryl Stephens



State Senator  
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State Rep.  
Boyd



State Rep.  
Smith



Cleveland  
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## EXPERIENCED

- Incumbent, Cuy. County Council District 10
- Former Councilmember, Cleveland Hts.
- Former Mayor, Cleveland Hts.

## DEDICATED

- Establish County Housing Programing
- Closing The Achievement Gap (CTAG) for our children
- Working to create a East Cleveland grocery store
- Cuyahoga County Jail Diversion Program
- Financing adult guardianship services
- Protecting services for seniors

## COMMITTED

- Volunteer, Greater Cleveland Foodbank
- Over 100 constituent mtgs. in 2019
- Protecting worker rights
- Reading to children districtwide
- Protecting funding for safety forces
- Fighting for veterans

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DEMOCRATS, join us in re-electing  
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## Ohio Legislature

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- Juanita Brent, Representative
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- Gus Kious
- John Farina
- Peter Lawson Jones
- Jan Purdy



# COMMUNITY

## Nan's Notes



by Nan Kennedy

Playwrights, BTW, reports that of the eight playwrights receiving Individual Excellence Awards from the Ohio Arts Council this year, four have had plays produced by Playwrights, and one has appeared in their annual Cleveland Playwrights Festival.

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### Save the Date:

**Playwrights Local Present "Hey Siri" March 20-29**

Having moved to Virginia Beach - Tamicka Scruggs has returned to Cleveland to tell this heart wrenching tale of pain, loneliness and redemption. Written by Dr. Mary Weems and directed by Michael Oatman.



**At the Beachland  
Sunday March 15th - Robert Lockwood Jr.  
105th Birthday Memorial**

Celebrating the life of blues legend Robert Lockwood Jr. with a free show featuring local blues favorites. The show will also include a premiere of 'Real Blues Spirit,' a film showcasing a concert from Robert Lockwood Jr. at Brothers Lounge in 1994. Free Event

### AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

#### Garden Ideas from SWCD

Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District is offering two great ways to put your landscape to work on behalf of the waters of Euclid Creek this spring.

1) Plant some natives. This year you can purchase native plant kits, native trees, or native seed packets. Native plants have longer root systems than traditional turf lawns and help to soak up water during rain events. They also require less fertilizer, meaning less nutrients contributing to Lake Erie Algae Blooms.

2) You can plant native trees. As everybody on the planet must have read by now, trees act as the earth's lungs - and the SWCD also has native trees.

Order from <http://www.cuyahogawscd.org/> Deadline for Spring Native Plant Kit Orders: March 11th. Deadline for Native Tree Orders: March 24th. Seeds available year round.

#### Dreaming of Spring?

Thinking of the repairs that you need to do around the house? If your house needs painted this year, maybe PAINT CLEVELAND can help. This is the 2020 exterior

paint program the Greater Collinwood Dev-corp are running in conjunction with the City of Cleveland. Call AJ @ 216.383.9772 x 205 to get find out if you qualify, and to set a time for application. Deadline is February 28. Both owners and tenants may apply. You will need to complete a lead safe work practice class and you will receive vouchers for up to \$1500 for paint and supplies. AJ is also available for walk-in appointments at Five Pointe Community Center on Mondays and Thursdays.

#### Shop Class for Motor Bikes

Molly Vaughan and Brian Schaffran started Skidmark Garage as a place for motorcycle riders to come, fix up their bikes, share parts and knowledge. It's a community DIY garage.

"We knew not only do kids need shop class, but they need to find places where they could work on something together and find commonality in a place outside of the classroom,"

Every week, students from schools throughout Cleveland, including Design Lab Early College, Saint Martin de Porres High School, University Settlement and soon, Magnificat High School, will come to the garage to get hands on learning, by building up and breaking down motorcycles - advancing your knowledge of math as well as of engines.

With their mobile rig, the group can pack up all of the equipment in Skidmark Garage and bring it to each school, and then set up shop right there.

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## Euclid Hospital's Sub-Acute Care Center receives U.S. News rating.



**John Bertsch, MD**  
Cleveland Clinic  
Euclid Hospital

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"The U.S. News rating is very important because it is a way to statistically show how well we are doing," says John Bertsch, MD, Medical Director, Sub-Acute Care Center at Cleveland Clinic Euclid Hospital. "The rating is like taking a test in school. Earning the High Performing rating means we've 'aced' our test."

The Sub-Acute Care Center, or skilled nursing unit, is where patients with more complicated medical issues - such as joint replacements, cardiac conditions, infection or stroke - are treated. The length of stay is typically 14 days.



U.S. News' high performing ratings for Short-Term Rehabilitation are based on 10 quality measures, focusing on:

- Staffing
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- Processes of Care

The Center's scores are much higher - a higher score is better - than the averages across the nation and in Ohio.

"The U.S. News rating reflects the high quality of care that our patients receive," says Dr. Bertsch.

Visit [EuclidHospital.org/Specialties](http://EuclidHospital.org/Specialties) to learn more about the Sub-Acute Care Center and other services offered at Euclid Hospital.

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**Matthew Faiman, MD**  
Cleveland Clinic  
Express Care Online

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The provider can also pull up electronic medical records for Cleveland Clinic patients to check if any prescriptions or medical conditions might put the patient at increased

risk. For example, older patients, pregnant women, young children, and transplant, nursing home or COPD patients may need to be evaluated and treated in an emergency care center. Following the virtual visit, the provider can send a report to the patient's primary care physician and provide documentation for absences from work.

"Express Care Online allows adults and children age 2 and over to quickly see a doctor, nurse or other provider for minor complaints such as colds, flu, rashes or urinary tract infections," says Dr. Faiman.

Patients 17 years of age and under must be accompanied by a parent/guardian during the online visit. Many insurance companies cover the cost of an Express Care Online visit. Without insurance coverage, the cost of a virtual visit is \$55.

For more information and to access Express Care Online, go to [ClevelandClinic.org/ECO](http://ClevelandClinic.org/ECO) or download the free app at the App Store or Google Play.

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**Thursday, April 23, 2020  
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FREE screenings and health information for all members of the public.

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##### Main Campus

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#### Cleveland Clinic

##### Lutheran Hospital

1730 West 25th St., Cleveland

#### Cleveland Clinic

##### Akron General

1 Akron General Ave., Akron

#### Cleveland Clinic

##### Lorain Family Health Center

5700 Cooper Foster Park Road, Lorain

Screenings: blood pressure, cholesterol, diabetes, heart disease, kidney function, prostate cancer and more.

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# COMMUNITY

## Mfg Works Provides Training, Transportation To Jobs

 *by Greater Collinwood Development Corporation Staff*  
Manufacturing Works, formally

Wire-Net, recently launched a transportation pilot that connects individuals to jobs in the manufacturing sector. Utilizing idle church vans in partnership with Cleveland Clergy Coalition and the American Association of Clergy and Employers, the organization seeks to address the “no car, no job; no job, no car” paradox and has identified Collinwood as a transportation hub.

MFG Works secured funding for the pilot in August of 2019 through Fund For Our Economic Future’s Paradox Prize and is beginning to deploy the first cohort of vans in Collinwood. MFG Works will pick up individuals at their homes, take them to partner employer Parmatex in Solon for tours, interviews and, upon hire, to work.

For some, transportation is a barrier to employment, and employers have identified transportation as a barrier to talent acquisition and retention. The pilot seeks to remedy that.

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mium chemical products to the automotive maintenance and repair, home and hardware markets. Core brands include: Permatex®, Fast Orange®, Spray Nine®, the Right Stuff® and Devcon® Home. The Solon manufacturer is seeking a Machine C Operator to join their 2nd shift team, 3:00pm-11:00pm. The position is the manufacturer’s entry-level position, requires High School Diploma or equivalent (GED), and at least 1 years’ experience in a manufacturing environment. Machine C Operator will be responsible for: operating assigned line equipment in an efficient manner while maintaining production quality standards, performing minor adjustments, setups and changeovers, loading, cleaning and general operation of various filling and packing equipment, keeping track of production, providing assistance to other line teams, operating lift equipment, and participating in S.T.O.P Safety Program. Pay range for this position is \$11.00/hr - \$14.96/hr, based on experience and skill set.

For over 30 years, Manufacturing Works has been a leading force to strengthen manufacturing in Greater Cleveland. For those interested in the pilot rideshare program or a career with Parmatex, please contact T.J. McGowan at MFG Works: 216-588-1441

## The Color Purple



Black is the color of Ash Wednesday as Pastor Ron Rollins ‘imposes’ ashes onto the forehead of church member Mrs. Harolyn Gruden

*by Rev. Ron Rollins*

With the black of Ash Wednesday behind us, we enter the season of Lent with the color purple. But why purple? Purple suggests repentance and solemnity. Its deep dark richness invites us to slow down and consider the sacrifices Jesus did for us.

Scripture tells us that the garment the guard put on Jesus during his trial and beatings was purple. And so, purple sym-

bolizes pain, suffering, mourning and penitence. (Mark 15:16-20) Purple can symbolize both the pain and suffering leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus as well as the suffering of humanity and the world under sin.

But purple is also the color of royalty. It reminds us of Jesus’ resurrection and hope of newness that will be celebrated on Easter. We rejected our King, our Savior in the purple account of Mark, and mocked Him while He suffered and died for us. But Jesus rescued the color purple from the pits of sin, anguish, and despair and transformed it into a royal and majestic color.

Jesus has done the same for us, rescuing us from the grip of sin, death and the devil where we too are transformed... from sinner to saint and from death to life, all in Christ and by Christ, as we look enter the end of Lent - Passion Week - the bitter reminder of the sins which nailed Jesus to the cross... our sins. And then, just three days later, celebrating the Resurrection which is ours too, in Christ!

## Poster Contest for K-12 Students Themed “Where would we BEE without Pollinators”

Cleveland, OH – The Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) is hosting a poster contest for Cuyahoga County students in Kindergarten through 12th grade. Awards will be given for 1st and 2nd place in the following grade categories: K-1, 2-3, 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12.

The 2020 stewardship theme is “Where would we BEE without Pollinators.” Pollinators form the foundations of a healthy and sustainable future for food and the environment, but in recent years, they have shown concerning signs of decline. It’s important that we work to help them prosper by enhancing native pollinator habitats and protecting against pollinator declines.

Linking art and creative thinking with science, the poster contest provides K-12th grade students the chance to develop and share their thoughts and ideas about natural resource issues. Students are encouraged to use the poster to creatively express

their ideas on how conservation improves the environment. Teachers may use this contest to correlate with National Visual Arts standards for all grades. It’s a great way for teachers to instill in their students an appreciation for the environment and an awareness of the need to protect our natural resources.

Cuyahoga SWCD’s mission is to implement programs and practices that protect and restore healthy soil and water resources. For more information regarding this contest, contact Jacki Zevenbergen, Stormwater Education Program Manager at 216/524-6580, ext. 1006 or jzevenbergen@cuyahogaswcd.org. Visit <https://cuyahogaswcd.org/events/2020/03/12/2020-poster-contest> for contest rules and registration. Classes and youth groups are asked to submit their top entries to the Cuyahoga SWCD office by Earth Day, April 22, 2020

## More Than Just Food

*by Rev. Ron Rollins*

As impressive as the food distribution is at the CCC3 Hunger Center on the East Side of Cleveland, there is more to this seemingly small ministry than just food. Area residents who qualify to access the Center are also given the opportunity to rummage through the extensive clothing offering as well.

“We are so blessed by the number of churches and individuals who help support the Hunger Center through their very generous gifts,” says Center Coordinator, Mella Young. “Apart from the food we get through the Cleveland Food Bank and the purchases we make through donations received, we are also recipients of cloth-

ing, which are available to those we serve. And these are good clothes. It’s sort of like Christmas all the year through. It truly makes our hearts joyful to be able to help fill the needs of families in as many ways as we can. That’s why we strive so hard to continue to host our Annual Toy Give-Away which our families really appreciate. We hope and pray to continue this ministry as long as we can.”

Funding of the Hunger Center is provided exclusively through donations which may be made directly by mail to St. John Nottingham Church or through the SJN website under the “Giving” tab at [www.stjohnnottingham.org](http://www.stjohnnottingham.org)

## Construction begins at Easterly Wastewater Treatment Plant

*by Jennifer Elting*

Beginning in March, the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District will begin construction of the Aeration Tanks Rehabilitation project (ATR-4) at the Easterly Wastewater Treatment Plant. The prime contractor for this \$10.4 million project is Shook Construction Co.; entire project is expected to last two years.

This project will make performance and energy efficiency improvements to the treatment plant’s equipment, including eight aeration tanks. Aeration tanks use microorganisms and oxygen to break down organic materials and nutrients in the wastewater treatment process.

“We hope to minimize construction impacts as much as possible, but there will be increased odors as we dewater and clean the tanks,” said Robert Bonnett, Plant Superintendent. “We wanted our neighbors to know in advance and I thank them for their patience as we continue to make improvements at Easterly.”

The Sewer District does not expect to encounter additional noise, dust, or truck traffic.

If you have any questions or concerns about this critical work, please contact the Sewer District’s Customer Service Department at 216.881.8247 or askus@neorsd.org.

## National Congress of Black Women-GCC Scholarship Opportunities

*by Pamela Gray-Mason*

NATIONAL CONGRESS OF BLACK WOMEN-GREATER CLEVELAND COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS 2020 OPPORTUNITIES

Two 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 by request [ncbwccleveland@gmail.com](mailto:ncbwccleveland@gmail.com). or calling Pamela Gray-Mason 216.268.9658 Late applications will not be reviewed(Deadline: April 30, 2020 at mid-

night). Award luncheon will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2020.

Primary eligibility requirements: Students must receive their diploma during the academic year(2020) and continue their education.

Students who have a minimum GPA of 2.5; Students who can demonstrate community service and involvement and must have applied to and/accepted into a college or university.

Honey Bell-Bey, Scholarship Chair Lauretta Amanor, 3rd VP-Youth

## A CALL TO ALL WOMEN 3/20

*by Lillian J. Anderson*

At this time when we remember, and even revel in, the freedoms we have as women (including the right to vote) let us remember the price many women before us paid as they sacrificed and worked to see this day finally come true! And as we celebrate, let us not forget the women we interact who are pained with the loss of a child due to death, a court order, or a miscarriage.... Those who are barren and desire to have a child....Those who are dealing with the loss of a marriage, a home, a business, a dream, or even, the desire to live.

As we console others, let us look to Jesus to fortify us. He said, “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” (Matthew 11:28-30 Holy Bible NIV.) This great Advocate, Champion and Liberator of women, Jesus, lived some 2,000

years ago. He deterred the stoning of a woman to death who was caught in the act of adultery and whose accusers were guilty of the same. He spoke to a woman whose ethnicity and lifestyle were regarded with contempt. This was considered taboo, yet, he took the time to speak to and listen to her. He rebuked a woman for being too busy to spend time sitting and listening to him as he taught his 12 disciples, and he used another woman that was sitting with his disciples as an example for her to follow. Before his death he instructed one of his disciples to care for his mother. Then He hung his head and died for us. You are of more worth than you can even begin to fathom; so is every woman you interact with, whether here or on the other side of the globe. Value her and value you. Remind yourself daily that Jesus Christ, the greatest Advocate, Champion, and Liberator of women loves you so much that he willingly died for you! Women! Celebrate and revel in that too!

## DWGN Radio presents The Community Record Contest

*by Donna Walton*

Calling all Soloist, Rappers, Groups, Instrumentalists, Spoken Word Artists to present the opportunity to win studio time to record your very own original Single to be played on several nationwide radio stations, be on several radio interviews and shows, featured in various magazine and

newsletter articles, perform in the IRC Concert Tours, Conferences, Events, and much more. Registration is available through April 18th. Go to the Indie Radio Coalition webpage, [dwgntv.info](http://dwgntv.info) to register or contact Donna Walton at [dwalton39212@gmail.com](mailto:dwalton39212@gmail.com) for more information.

# COMMUNITY

## Adopt-A-Flower-Bed on E. 185th St



*by Lillian J. Anderson*

Kimberly Smith  
BEST Community Resource Center is searching for public involvement in the enhancement of the E. 185th St community. The Adopt-a-Flowerbed program is a volunteer-based activity where area volunteer groups “adopt” and maintain designated flowerbeds on E. 185th St. Kick off for Adopt-A-Flower-Bed is on Earth Day, Wednesday, April 22, 2020

**What is Adopt-A-Flower-Bed?**

Adopt-A-Flower-Bed is a volunteer activity where volunteer groups “adopt” a flower bed on East 185th St. The adoptive group is responsible for planting and maintaining the bed during the spring, summer, and fall.

**We provide all the materials you need.**

BEST Community Resource Center pro-

vides all planting materials and tools. Volunteer groups need to provide energy, time and enthusiasm. This is an ideal service project for all ages, children through seniors!

**Program Guidelines**

The flowerbed or planter should be adopted for one complete growing season (tentatively April through September) Adopters may either be an individual or a group, however groups must identify one person to be the contact with the Parks and Recreation liaison

Planting is restricted to only those areas identified by Parks and Recreation as Adopt-a-Flowerbed locations

Sign up is on a first come, first served basis Volunteer Responsibilities

Remove and dispose of litter and weeds Notify Best Community Resource Center of problems or concerns

Visit the site frequently to ensure good health of plant material (suggested bi-weekly)

If applicable, maintain adequate signage of plant or display boards

Install mulch provided by the BEST Community Resource Center when needed

Plant Flowers

Get Involved

If you would like additional information or to have a representative come and speak to your group, please email [best848@yahoo.com](mailto:best848@yahoo.com) or call Kimberly Smith at 216.326.7437.



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# COMMUNITY

## Five Pointe Community Center: Our Focus is Community



by Collinwood & Nottingham Villages Development Corporation

FPCC is a local community center managed by Greater Collinwood Development Corporation dedicated to serving the people in the Greater Collinwood area. FPCC focuses on providing inclusive programming for all residents as an ongoing effort to build community and provide resources.

We have daily programming for the community, seniors, and youth. FPCC partners with local organizations in order to offer a variety of programs that support the needs out of residents. Some of our partners include, Collinwood Neighborhood Catholic Ministries, Greater Cleveland Food Bank, Reading Ramm, OSHIIP, and many more. **Our programming includes:**

• **Produce Giveaway**  
Second Wednesday of the month (March-November) at 2:00pm

Registration is on the lower level of FPCC. Please bring a valid ID and your own bags. Must be 18 years or older.

• **Food Bag Giveaway**  
Last Thursday of the month at 1:30pm  
Lower level of FPCC. Please bring a valid ID and must be 18 years or older.

• **Senior Meal Program**  
Offered every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

Light breakfast is offered from 9:00am until 10:00am and Lunch is served at 12:00pm. All meals are served at the lower level of Five Pointe Community Center. Prior registration is necessary. Special presentations are made monthly. To register, please contact Mary Payne at 216-761-5229

• **Medicare Specialist Appointments**  
Medicare Specialist Appointments are available through OSHIIP on Thursdays from 2:00pm until 4:00pm or by appointment. To make an appointment contact Doreen Banks at 216-761-5906

• **ID/Birth Certificate Clinic: Free voucher program for adults in need of ID/Birth**

## Free Paint comes to Greater Collinwood

by Peggy Kearsey

Are you already planning for the spring? Making a list of your spring outdoor projects? If one of those includes painting your house or touching up your trim we may be able to help you. The City of Cleveland is working with Greater Collinwood Development Corporation on the 2020 Exterior Paint Program. Qualifying applicant can receive up to \$1500 in free paint and supplies. Income limits are higher than other programs which will allow more people to apply.

To qualify you must live in the City of Cleveland, reside in the house being painted (tenants may apply with signature of owner), you must attend a free lead work practice class and you must meet income guidelines. Application deadline is February 28, 2020. Properties must be completed between April 1, 2020 and October 31, 2020. The voucher can't be used to pay anyone to help paint. GCDC is currently

### Certificate

1st, 2nd, 3rd Thursdays from 11:00am-1:00pm

Eligibility Requirements: A resident of Cuyahoga County; Eligible for SNAP/ Food stamps (gross monthly income of \$1307 or less for single adult). Please bring: Some form of ID: birth certificate, social security card, medical record and proof of residency.

• **Creative Painting:** Free painting classes for adults 18 and up. Instructed by William Denihan and Doug Rothschild, no art experience necessary. To sign up contact CNCM (216-481-8182)

Saturdays from 10:30am-12:30pm (March 14th and 28th, April 25th, May 2nd and 16th and June 6th)

• **Crocheting Circle:** Come join the fun and conversations while meeting new and old friends from the neighborhood. Supplies and snacks provided. Every Friday from 2:00pm-4:00pm

• **Wellness Program:** This program includes gentle chair yoga, reiki, healing touch, meditation and breathing techniques. If you are interested, please join us on 2nd Friday of the month at 2:00pm and 4th Tuesday of the month at 10:30am

• **The Reading RAMM** (recording arts, music and media) Academy takes a non-traditional approach to learning, using project-based learning as the engine using multimedia as the fuel.

• **Free Breakfast and Lunch**  
FPCC has a partnership with Greater Cleveland Food Bank during the summer and winter months to ensure ensures that youth continue to receive nutritious meals during long school vacations when they do not have access to school lunch or breakfast.

If you are a resident in need of any help or resources, we are here to help you. If we don't have a solution, we will connect you with the organization or contact that does. If you are an organization interested in partnership opportunities, let us know. Lastly, any graduating seniors looking for service hours, contact us.

**Five Pointe Community Center**  
813 E. 152nd St. Cleveland, Oh 44110  
(phone) 216-268-2138 (fax) 216-268-2157



## Bonnie Gordon (March 16th, 1959 - January 30th, 2020)



Christmas Eve at Ted's

by William McCulloch

What does one say about Bonnie Gordon. She was a big chunk of Cleveland. Since

moving to Collinwood, we've met a cast of characters, and I mean that in the best sense of the word. People who really care about their friends and neighbors. Bon was a promotor and activist in her own way for the betterment of the neighborhood and community at large. Irish and born on the cusp of St Patrick's Day, believing that it was merely an extension of her own birthday celebration. Bonster was an ole hippie chick, rock band roadie, and die hard Brown's fan all rolled up into one Zig-Zag.

Her favorite pastime was just sitting out back at Beulah taking in the sunset off the lake in all it's variations with her companion/caretaker Jamie, and her beloved golden retriever Charlie Dog, aka "Lassie". Bon, you are truly missed by your family and friends.

## Kimberly Smith Receives Hair Replacement Certification



by Kimberly Smith

Kimberly Smith completed a hair replacement certification in December. She is certified as a hair replacement specialist which allows her to work with dermatologists and oncologists.

She currently works with "Look Good, Feel Better" through the American Cancer Society to assist women suffering from hair loss, as they undergo chemotherapy. She is also the Executive Director of "BEST

Kids" providing hair replacement systems and support for children who have lost their hair due to chemotherapy, radiation therapy, Alopecia, etc. She was trained to service men, women and children by learning to measure, fit and secure a client for a hair loss system and/or unit.

If you or someone you know is suffering from hair loss issues Kimberly Smith can be reached at:

Nothing But The Best Salon & Hair Replacement Center 848 E.185th street Cleveland, OH 44119 (216) 692-BEST (2378)  
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# V Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School

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## VASJ basketball hosts Broadmoor Bobcats

by Kristen Mott '09  
Photos by Lisa Lowe '21

You could feel the love at Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School on Valentine's Day when the Broadmoor Bobcats traveled to the school to take on the VASJ Vikings basketball team.

When the Bobcats entered the school gym, they received enthusiastic cheers from VASJ students, faculty and staff dressed in green and white to show their support for Broadmoor.

The game has become a much-loved annual event for both schools. The Broadmoor Bobcats are made up of a group of students from the Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities/

Deepwood.

The VASJ Vikings put up a good fight, but the undefeated Bobcats ultimately maintained their winning streak, defeating the Vikings 73-64. VASJ presented the Bobcats with a trophy following the game, and students joined the Bobcats on the court for a post-game group photo.

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.



## Join us for VASJ Night at Progressive Field May 29

**Indians**  
VILLA ANGELA-ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL SPECIAL OFFER  
AT PROGRESSIVE FIELD

by Kristen Mott '09

Show off your school spirit at the ballpark and come support our Cleveland Indians during VASJ Night at Progressive Field on Friday, May 29! The game starts at 7:10 p.m. against the Kansas City Royals.

The first 250 ticket purchasers will receive a co-branded Cleveland Indians and Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School ball cap. These caps are

limited edition, so once they're sold out, they're gone! Even if you miss out on a hat, join us for Sugardale Dollar Dog Night, \$2 Pregame in the District and post-game fireworks. Help us get to 500 tickets sold and we'll be able to nominate an individual to throw out the first pitch!

Tickets are open for anyone to purchase. Ticket sales through VASJ end Friday, April 24, 2020, per Indians group sales agreement. After April

24, tickets must be purchased through general ticket sales. Guests who require a wheelchair can request assistance at the gates.

For more information about our big night with the Indians or to purchase tickets to the game, visit [vasj.com/indians](http://vasj.com/indians).

For assistance purchasing ADA-compliant tickets or general questions, contact Cheryl Stashinko '03 at [alumni@vasj.com](mailto:alumni@vasj.com) or 216-481-8414 ext. 254.

## Save the date: Continue the Dream gala May 16

by Kristen Mott '09

Join Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School for its biggest fundraising event of the year, the Continue the Dream gala, on Saturday, May 16 in the VASJ Gym. The gala supports the school's effort in providing quality, Catholic education in the traditions of Ursuline and Marianist values. This year will also recognize the 30th anniversary of VASJ and its ongoing legacy present and thriving today.

Attendees will enjoy live and silent auctions, games, raffles, dinner and drinks, and programming to commemorate this special anniversary year.

Support the gala as a Presenting, Platinum, Gold, Silver, or Bronze sponsor. Each tax-deductible sponsorship includes seating and advertising on specified promotional material and media

platforms. Sponsorship deadline for inclusion in the event program is Friday, March 17.



The Advancement Office has created an Amazon Wish List of items to be included in silent and live auctions and raffles. In addition to the items on our Amazon Wish List, the Advancement Office welcomes other gifts to be used at auction or giveaway, such as vacation homes, special event tickets, memorabilia, experience packages and more. Please drop off donations in the Main Office of VASJ between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

For more information about the Continue the Dream gala, please visit [vasj.com/continuethe dream](http://vasj.com/continuethe dream).

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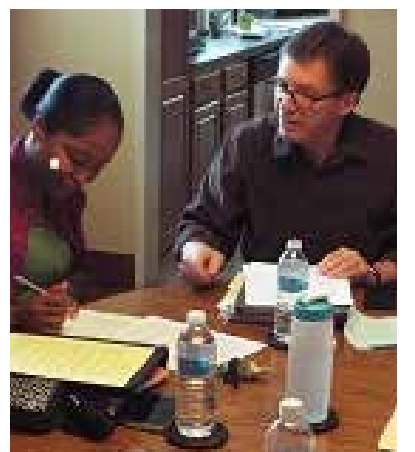
## Our Lady of the Lake Microloan Program Helps Small Businesses in the Community



The Microloan participants at a Holiday gathering.



Microloan cohort members and Fr. Joe receiving the Harry Fagan Organizational award.



A microloan recipient signing her loan agreement with Fr. Joe

by Bev Caldwell

Most new small businesses take a leap of faith and some much needed resources to make a go of a great idea. But many lack the necessary resources. Our Lady of the Lake Parish's Microloan Program may be able to help!

The Microloan program provides recipients with small loans of up to \$2000 that are repaid in monthly installments over a one-year period. Recipients also work and meet with a cohort of parishioners and other loan recipients who mentor and support them over the period of their loan.

The result can be a perfect union for both the recipient and the community as we are all better off supporting small community businesses.

To be eligible for a microloan, applicants must:

- \*Be 18 years of age or older
- \*Live or do business in Euclid or North Collinwood
- \*Have a specific idea for starting or growing a small business
- \*Commit to participating in the program, which includes attending monthly cohort meetings.

The Microloan Program began in 2016 with a mission of providing modest financial assistance to people who want to start or grow a small business, but are without traditional sources of capital. Since then, 12 loans have been made to a wide range of businesses. These include retailers, a thrift shop, urban clothier, grocery, health and beauty store- as well as businesses offering varied services such as commercial cleaning, alterations, children's entertainment and parties and hair extensions and wig cleaning.

The Microloan Program of Our Lady of

the Lake and Fr. Joe Fortuna won the Harry Fagan Organizational Award from the Catholic Commission of Cuyahoga County and was presented the Award at the Peace and Justice Awards Luncheon on June 13, 2019 for demonstrating a strong and active commitment for social justice and for being a positive force for systematic change in the community.

To learn more about the program or begin the application process, contact Fr. Joe Fortuna at 216-486-0850 or [joe@olleuclid.org](mailto:joe@olleuclid.org).

## Our Lady of the Lake School Registration



by Bev Caldwell

We are now accepting registrations for Pre-K through 8th grade!

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## What Would You Give to be Principal for the Day?



Principal Brown and Asst. Principal Zgela having breakfast at Bagel Buddies.

by Bev Caldwell

Each year at Our Lady of the Lake, Life on the Lake has a silent auction for a very distinguished prize: Principal for the Day!

The winner gets to appoint his Assistant Principal for the day and together the pair have a wonderful adventure! This year was no different as Principal Brown and Assistant Principal Zgela enjoyed a breakfast meeting at Bagel Buddies, visited classrooms, organized a game of Knock Out, then were chauffeured to lunch at Chik-fil-a and dessert at Dairy Queen before ending the day supervising a student favorite - school relay races in the gym.

## Ecumenical Prayer Service A First for Our Lady of the Lake School

by Beverly Caldwell

All Are Welcome! Let Us Join Together in Prayer!

With a wonderful mixture of Christian churches attended by Our Lady of the Lake students, Fr. Joe seized the opportunity to welcome the student's pastors to join together with him and the students in prayer. As a result, Our Lady of the Lake School had its first Ecumenical Prayer Service on January 30th. The Pastors of five student attended churches con-celebrated with Fr. Joe and the OLL Student Assembly.

The Ecumenical Prayer Service included an Opening Prayer, a Reading, and Gospel followed by a Homily and then a Laying on of Hands Blessing from all five of the pastors. Celebrating with Fr. Joe were: Rev.

Wayne Dawson of Grace Tabernacle Baptist Church; Fr. Gary Chmura of St. Adalbert; Pastor Steven Hackmann of Shore Haven Lutheran; Fr. Bill Jerse of St. Jerome and Rev. Rosalind Hughes of Church of the Epiphany. The prayer service was very well received and prompted the question "Can we do this again?" as many in the parish and school community look forward to joining together again in prayer.



## 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:

Lenten Evening Prayer: Sundays during Lent 6:30p

Five on Fridays: Fridays during Lent 5p-Ministry Center

Palm Sunday Weekend: April 4-5

Tenebrae: 7pm - Wednesday - 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

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## Celebrating Catholic Schools!



Jaidon helps our Kindergarten students with their Bingo cards. Every one was a winner in this annual tradition.



Second grade heroes TJ and Rick are here to save the day for their classmates!



Sisters Damauri and Damiyah dressed as twins for "Twins Day"



Somto from 8th grade and Allison from 7th grade were the top spellers in our Spelling Bee. Somto will be going on to the County Spelling Bee! Good Luck Somto!



Students squared off against teachers and staff in a bowling tournament. 4th grader, Jayda, takes careful aim at the pins.



Remember how much you liked "Dress Down" days? On "Wacky Wednesday" students were encouraged to flaunt the dress code with mismatched socks, shoes, and "wacky" outfits. Kindergarteners Kaila and Jayvon show off their "wacky" best!

by Adele Markert

Sunday, January 26 was Open House at St. Jerome school to kick off Catholic Schools Week. Catholic Schools Week celebrates Catholic schools and everyone who attends and works at a Catholic school. At St. Jerome's school each day brought something different and new to celebrate.

On Monday students made cards for the pastors and principal. Tuesday parents joined the students for Pastries with Parents. Parents stopped in school and had breakfast with their student. They had a picture taken

of their family during the visit. Students could dress like a twin with other students. There are some actual twins in the school who dressed alike on twin day!

Kids enjoy a pie throwing contest. Any student who bought a ticket could throw a pie in the face of Teachers and Staff members. As you can imagine kids loved the event! Wednesday was student appreciation day. Students enjoyed no homework and Wacky Wednesday which meant students could dress in miss matched clothes.

The Spelling Bee was watched by the whole

school. Talented spellers studied hard and the school winner, 8th grader Somto, will move on to the County Spelling Bee. On Thursday students were allowed to dress like their favorite Super Hero. Not only did they dress like a Super Hero they were real Super Heroes to the residents and employees of the Cleveland's Slovenian Home. Students made cards for everyone.

Thursday was packed with activity which also included Staff versus students bowling game, and finished with an all school bingo game. To encourage the ideals of a Catholic

school, the middle school students helped the younger students with their Bingo card.

During the entire week students could buy a ticket for a chance to guess the number of candy pieces in a jar and win the candy! Proceeds from the money raised went to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in honor of Father Cassese. To encourage the love of reading The Scholastic Book Fair was open all week for students to browse and buy something interesting to read.

## Come join us for services in Lent

by Adele Markert

We do many things to prepare for the Joy of Easter. Wonderful food, Easter baskets, nice clothes, maybe new, are just a few ways we prepare. We invite you to join us in Spiritual preparation for the Resurrection of our Lord and our own redemption.

**Stations of the Cross ~ 5pm Saturdays:**  
February 29th.; March 7th, 14th, March 21st, 28th.; April 4th  
Fridays, 2pm  
March 13th, 20th, 27th.; April 3rd  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Saturdays from 2:45pm ~ 3:30pm at St. Jerome

### Annual Diocesan Evening of Confession

Wednesday, March 11th 5-8pm

### Collinwood Cluster Masses

Monday, March 2nd ~ 7pm

St. Jerome 15000 LSB

Monday, March 9th ~ 7pm

Holy Redeemer, 15712 Kipling

Monday, March 16th ~ 7pm

St. Casimir, 18022 Neff Rd

Monday, March 23rd ~ 7pm

St. Mary, 15519 Holmes Ave

### Cluster Communal Penance Service

Monday, March 30th ~ 7pm

St. Jerome 15000 LSB

2020 Holy Week Schedule

### Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 5th ~ 10am

Tenebrae Service

Wednesday, April 8th ~ 7pm

### Holy Thursday

April 9th ~ No 8:30am Mass

Living Stations of the Cross ~TBA

Holy Thursday Mass ~ 7pm

### Good Friday

April 10th ~ No 8:30am Mass

Good Friday Service ~ 3pm

Stations of the Cross ~ 7pm

### Holy Saturday

Saturday, April 11th

Blessing of Food ~ 2pm



## Poster Contest Winners



Imagine Bella Character Poster contest included participation from all students in grades K-2. Congrats to all the winners!

## Digital Learning Day



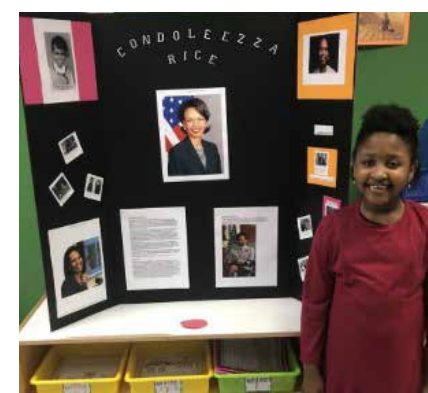
Kahoot is a fun digital learning activity!

Imagine Bella students love using technology everyday and celebrated Digital Learning Day this year!

## Black History Month Live Wax Museum

Imagine Bella Academy of Excellence held its annual Black History Month Live Wax Museum. Students research during class and at home about their important figure. The students prepared reports, speeches and presentation posters. During the event students

visited the classrooms of other students and parents came in to hear their speeches. Many students wore outfits, hairstyles, and props to match their person. With just a press of a "button", our wax figures came to life! Check out the awesome pictures from our event.



## Leaders of the Month



Congratulations to our leaders of the month for showing perseverance! These students were voted by their class!

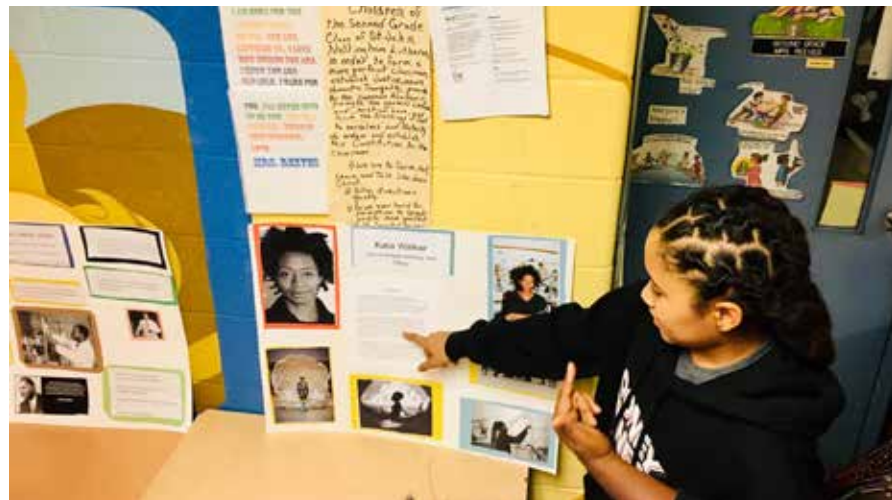






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## SJN Celebrates Black History Month



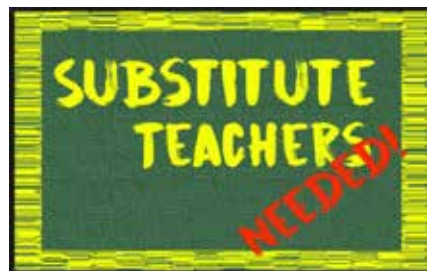
by David Peck

Several times each year, the faculty and families of St. John Nottingham Lutheran School gather together to share a meal, fellowship, and see the work the SJN students are doing. This February, we celebrated Black History Month with a wonderful soul food meal provided by Mr. Paul Walton, a respected member of the St. John Nottingham School Commission. The students displayed research and art projects in which they explored the many, many contributions African-Americans have made (and continue to make) to our great society, told parents and visitors about the accomplish-

ments of a wide variety of black inventors, entrepreneurs, athletes, artists, politicians, and authors, and just had a lot of fun.

We call these meetings FACT Nights, which stands for "Families All Come Together," and that's exactly what happens. The families that make up SJN all come together to join as one in celebration and community. Prospective and curious families considering SJN as a school are, of course, always welcome at these events. If you are interested in attending, simply contact the SJN office to find out when the next one is happening!

## Substitute Opportunities Available at SJN



by David Peck

There are opportunities for Substitute Teachers at SJN for the upcoming and the current school year. Subs must have a minimum of a 4 year BA or BS degree from an accredited university (Education major preferred) and must have a clear FBI/BCI background check. SJN administration is currently interviewing potential substitutes for grades K through 8. Contact the SJN office at (216) 531-8204 if you are interested in exploring this opportunity.



## SJN Student of the Month: Samuel Boone

by David Peck

SJN's March Student of the Month is Samuel Boone! Sam is a 4th grader in Mrs. Maynard's class. His favorite subjects are Math, because he likes how he gets to learn something new every day, and reading because, well, because in his words he just "likes to read." He loves playing basketball, soccer, and football, and hopes to play on the SJN team next year (as long as his mom says it's OK, that is). He's really into Roblox, a videogame, but in the summer, likes to get outside to play as much as he can. His

favorite show is the anime "My Hero Academia," which he likes to watch in the original Japanese while reading the subtitles (although he did once type some words into an online translator, and found out that the subtitles aren't always accurate).

Sam was chosen to be the Student of the Month by the SJN faculty for Sam's kindness, love of learning, and his true Christian attitude towards others. Sam is just a nice kid! Congratulations to Samuel Boone, SJN's March Student of the Month!

## Gcdc Hosts Hiring Event In Partnership With Us Census Bureau

by Greater Collinwood Development Corporation Staff

Greater Collinwood Development Corporation hosted its first US Census Bureau Hiring Event, Wednesday Feb. 5th at Five Pointe Community Center. Attendees received information about and assistance in applying for the US Census Bureau Enumerator position. Cleveland Industrial Innovation Center was also in attendance to provide information about and to recruit for a General Labor position, which they are currently seeking to fill.

FIBERWORX uses recycled plastic materials to create a clean and lightweight synthetic fiber used in numerous commercial applications, such as padding, linings, insulation and industrial filters. Fiberworx currently focuses on automotive applications and supplies material to 1st tier customers for both thermal and acoustic products. The company operates multiple lines including thermally bonded PET, toll compounding, as well as other secondary processes.

Fiberworx is seeking to fill a General Labor position at their facility on St. Clair Ave. The position requires High School

Diploma or equivalent, at least 3 years' experience operating manual machinery in a production-based environment, mechanical proficiency, attention to detail, ability to perform basic arithmetic (including reading a tape measure), and complete drug test and background check. Extrusion experience is highly desirable; Quality experience is highly desirable. Responsibilities include: setting up and operating a wide range of nonwoven processing equipment, partake in the process of manufacturing thermal, acoustic and filtration products, set up fiber formulas, utilize hand tools and measuring devices, troubleshoot and repair issue with machines, confer with engineering, supervisory or manufacturing personnel to exchange technical information, and comply with all safety rules and company policies. Pay for this position is \$12.00/hr - \$13.00/hr, day shift with full benefits, PTO and 401K.

Interested applicants for Fiberworx should contact David Laggan at CiiC: 216-767-4483. For information about the US Census Bureau Enumerator position, visit 2020census.gov/jobs or call 1-855-JOB-2020.

## Playwrights Local Announces "Hey Siri" Opening March 20

by Playwrights Local 4181

New drama by Mary E. Weems, Ph.D. explores the impact of technology on three urban lives. Directed by Michael Oatman, the production runs March 20 through 29 at Waterloo Arts in Cleveland. Cleveland, OH; February 13, 2020

Playwrights Local announces the world premiere of "Hey Siri," an exploration of urban life in the age of technology by Cleveland-based playwright Mary E. Weems, Ph.D. Featuring direction by Michael Oatman, this timely new drama runs March 20 through 29 at the Creative Space at Waterloo Arts in Cleveland.

The new drama "Hey Siri" by Mary E. Weems, Ph.D. explores the lives of three very different callers in the same city. Mack is an Iraqi War veteran who suffers from PTSD. Elizabeth is a former doll hoarder without a single relative or friend. Lucky is an agoraphobic whose mother died from a heroin overdose. What happens when all of these isolated people turn to Siri, the voice of their iPhones, for salvation? Is there insight behind Siri's responses or is her intelligence truly artificial? "Hey Siri" tests the value of this pervasive technology when these three users start asking real questions.

Playwright Mary E. Weems, Ph.D. has had numerous works published or produced since 1997. In 2009, a selection from her work "At Last" was presented as part of the Ingenuity Festival in Cleveland. In June 2009, her monologue "Rainwater" was selected for the "Queer Shorts 4" Playfest in Madison, Wisconsin. In 2002, her piece "Woman in the Tree" was part of the University of Louisville's 6th Annual June-teenth Festival of New Works, and in 1998, her play "Another Way to Dance" won the Chilcote Award at Cleveland Public Theatre. Dr. Weems' play "Move to the Back of the Bus," an overview of the Civil Rights Movement, was produced by Young Audiences from 1998 through 2007. Currently, Dr. Weems is seeking additional production possibilities for "Closure," her play

about the financial crisis which opened the 2010-11 season at Karamu House. Dr. Mary E. Weems is the 2015 recipient of the Cleveland Arts Prize's "Emerging Artist Award in Literature." Additional information about her can be found at www.maryeweems.org/.

The cast of "Hey Siri" includes Michelle Broome, Mim Goloboff, Tamicka Scruggs, and Darryl Tatum. Design for the production is by Inda Blatch-Geib (costumes), Tara Codella (lights), Todd Plone (set), and Lisa L. Wiley (props). The staff includes L.J. Chandler (stage manager), Tom Hayes (carpenter), Autumn Jacobs (assistant director), and David Todd (production manager).

"Hey Siri" runs March 20 through 29, 2020, with performances Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. All shows will be at the Creative Space at Waterloo Arts (397 E. 156th Street, Cleveland, OH 44110). Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$15 for seniors and groups, and \$12 for students. Group packages can be arranged by contacting Playwrights Local at info@playwrightslocal.org or (216) 302-8856. For complete information, visit www.playwrightslocal.org.

"Hey Siri" is presented thanks to the generous support of The Paul M. Angell Family Foundation and Cuyahoga Arts & Culture. Additional funding for the company is provided by The AHS Foundation, The Char and Chuck Fowler Family Foundation, The Cleveland Foundation, The Cyrus Eaton Foundation, Dramatists Guild Foundation, The George Gund Foundation, and The Ohio Arts Council, as well as private donors listed at www.playwrightslocal.org/supporters/.

About the Company Playwrights Local is a theater company in Cleveland. As a playwrights' center, our goal is to provide a home for dramatic writing in Northeast Ohio. We offer classes and workshops, produce original plays, provide networking opportunities, and engage the community through outreach projects. Learn more about programs such

# EVENTS

## Gcdc To Host Manufacturing Training Pilot Information Session

by Greater Collinwood Development Corporation Staff

Greater Collinwood Development Corporation will host an information session with Towards Employment about the workforce organization's pilot manufacturing training program, March 10th at Five Pointe Community Center. The session will spotlight manufacturing as a family-sustaining career and provide interested candidates with information about the 4-week TE training course.

The pilot aims to revitalize the talent

pool in manufacturing in Greater Cleveland, with a current focus on reentry citizens. Collinwood manufacturers, among others, have designed the training course and have committed to swift onboarding of those who successfully meet course requirements and score 9 or better on WorkKeys assessment. The 4-week pilot course will accept 15 students beginning March 30th.

To RSVP for the information session at Five Pointe, please call Towards Employment at 216-696-5750.

## Join Our Team: Workforce Development AmeriCorps VISTA



by Collinwood & Nottingham Villages Development Corporation

Greater Collinwood Development Corporation is proud to announce we were awarded an AmeriCorps VISTA through Ohio CDC Association (OCDCA) AmeriCorps program. We are seeking an ambitious AmeriCorps VISTA to assist in the development of a workforce development program for Northshore Collinwood, Collinwood Nottingham Villages, Euclid Green and Glenview East. This position will be one-year of service, the service year will begin June 8, 2020 and end June 7, 2021.

The VISTA duties will include:

- accessing businesses' needs towards resident employability in target Collinwood

districts.

- applying local strategies to regional and global strategies.
- securing partnerships with support service agencies to assist in overcoming barriers to employment.
- planning of youth internship/training leadership program with area schools and experts.
- assisting GCDC in 2nd Annual Employment and Training Resource Fair.

Applicants should be professional and should possess excellent research and verbal/written communication skills. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Kristian Hunter 216-268-2138 or email: khunter@greatercollinwood.org. If you would like to apply for this position and have an opportunity to interview, please visit www.greatercollinwood.org and go to About GCDC and click on Join Our Team tab.

## Gcdc Partners With State Rep, City Council For Eastside Jobs Expo

by Greater Collinwood Development Corporation Staff

Greater Collinwood Development Corporation has partnered with State Representative Terrance Upchurch, Congresswoman Marcia Fudge, Cleveland City Councilmembers and Famicos Foundation for the Eastside Jobs Fair & Resource Expo, Saturday March 14th. The expo will be held at Aspinwall Outreach Center in Collinwood, 9:00am-1:00pm. Employers across the region will be recruiting for immediate employment opportunities, and job seekers will be able to obtain information about training and job readiness events.

US Census Bureau will also be in attendance to recruit for the Enumerator position.

US Census Bureau is hiring Enumerators in the Cleveland area for the 2020 Census.

The position offers flexible hours, weekly pay and paid training. Responsibilities include: interviewing household residents and updating address lists. Availability in the evenings and on the weekends is a must. Applicants should be at least 18 years of age, have a valid social security number, is a U.S. citizen, have a valid email address, have access to a vehicle and a valid driver's license, and have access to a computer with Internet (to complete training). If offered the position, candidates must pass a criminal background check and review of criminal records (including fingerprinting). Pay range for this position is \$20.50/hr - \$22.50/hr. Apply online at 2020census.gov/jobs.

For more information about the Eastside Jobs Fair & Resource Expo, contact 216-268-2138

as our Young Playwrights Collective and our annual Open Call for Submissions at http://playwrightslocal.org/. Make your tax-deductible contributions to our 501(c)(3) group at http://www.playwrightslocal.org/donate/.

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## EVENTS

## Celebrate the Accordion at Euclid's 38th Super Button Box Bash, Sunday, April 5



Join the squeezebox celebration at the Polka Hall of Fame's Super Button Box Bash 38 at the Slovenian Society Home in Euclid, Sunday, April 5.

by Joe Valencic

Join the squeezebox celebration at the 38th annual Super Button Box Bash on Sunday, April 5, 2020. Dance to the sounds of sixty accordions on two stages, plus jam sessions all day. The Slovenian Society Home in Euclid, Ohio, becomes the Woodstock of Polka Music just for the occasion, from 12:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Enjoy the grandest festival of button accordion music in North America. Bring your own box and play along. Indulge in nationality treats, such as smoked Slovenian sausage, savory roast beef and strudel. Pick up a souvenir tee-shirt, sweatshirt, babushka or polka CD at the Polka Hall of Fame pop-up shop.

Fourteen button box groups and artists appear in two dance halls, plus polka jamming in the annex. At 3:00, meet the winners of the Polka Hall of Fame button box awards, Joe Grkman Jr. and Ron Likovic and Friends. They'll appear on the main stage, followed by an All-Star show of Cleveland-Style Polka entertainers. Featured performers include: Canada's Mary Lou Downs

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The Hoboes  
The Fairport Jammers  
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Rob DeBlander

Your hosts are the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame and the Slovenian Society Home, 20713 Recher Avenue, in Euclid, Ohio. Take I-90 to the East 200th exit; go north on East 200th one-half mile and turn right on Lindbergh Avenue to the Hall.

Admission is \$10. 18 and under free. Dinners, sandwiches, side dishes, desserts and beverages are available. Advance tickets recommended. Order from the Polka Hall of Fame, 605 E. 222nd Street, Euclid, OH 44123. (Open Wed., Fri., and Sat.: 11 to 4) For more information, contact the Polka Hall Fame, (216) 261-3263, or Polkashop at aol.com. ###

## Black History Facts and Voting Rights!

by Teresa Morgan

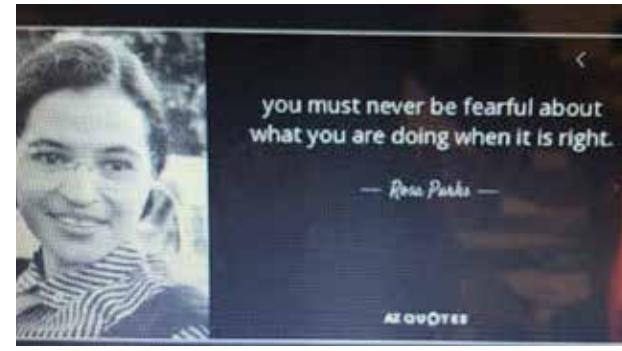
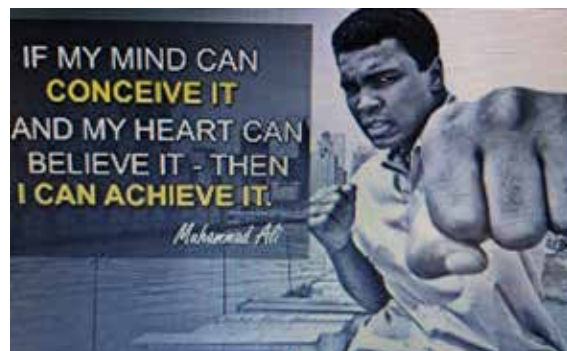
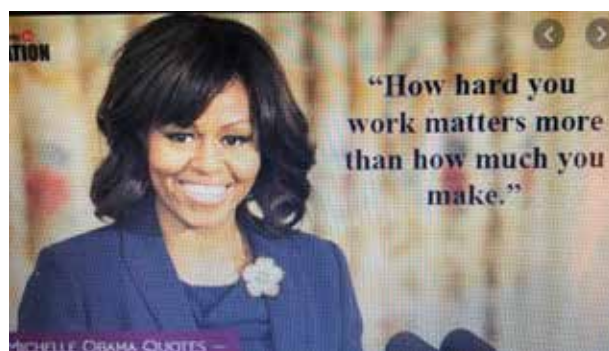
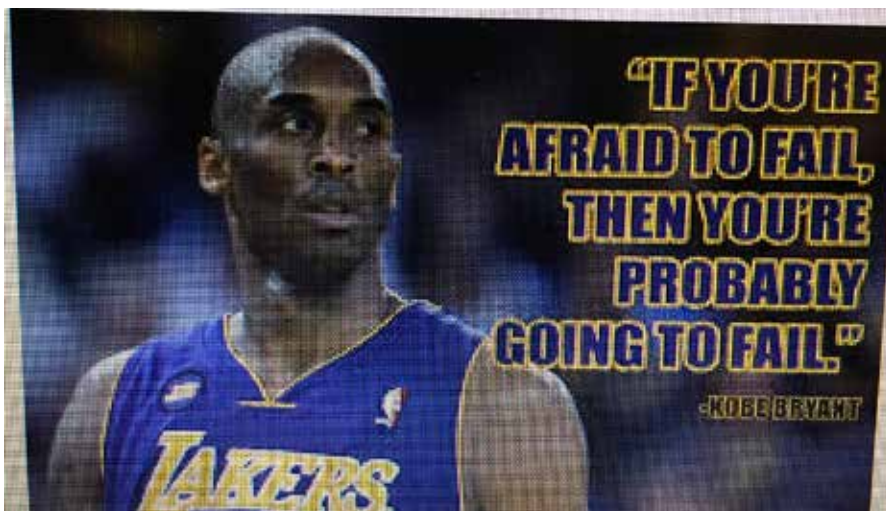
2020 marks the 150th anniversary of the 15th Amendment (1870) which gave the rights to black men to vote after the Civil War. It also marks the centennial of the Nineteenth Amendment and the culmination of the women's suffrage movement. African American and the vote, recognizes the struggle for voting rights among both black men and women throughout American History. It is an ongoing conflict for people of color that continues into the 21st century. Even before the Civil War, free black men first petitioned state legislatures for the right to vote, but it wasn't until 1870 when the 15th Amendment was ratified providing that "the right to vote shall not be denied or abridged on basis of race,

color, or previous condition of servitude."

Black History Month first originated as a part of an initiative by writer and educator Dr. Carter G. Woodson, who launched Negro History Week in 1926. Woodson proclaimed that Negro History Week should always occur in the second week of Februar, between the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln.

Since 1976, every American President has divulged February as Black History Month. Today, other countries such as Canada and the United Kingdom also devote an entire month to celebrating black history.

Here are a few quotes from famous Black American:



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## A Mystery You Can Sink Your Teeth Into



MP Monaghan

Two families, one body, a fabulous dinner, and loads of fun....what more could you want from an evening out?

Love a good mystery? Then mark your calendars for April 25 and gather your friends for a Mystery Dinner Fundraiser sponsored by Shore Cultural Centre and Silhouette Productions. This fundraiser helps to support the October musical held at Shore. Judging by last year's smash show "Anything Goes" you will definitely want to attend this October's musical production.

As Joe Friday would say: "All we want are the facts Ma'am," so here they are:

WHO: The Fitzpatricks and the Marinz-

anos, two rival families, go head to head to figure out who killed Danny Boy Fitzpatrick. Will you crack the case?

WHAT: "Oh Danny Boy" Mystery Dinner Fundraiser includes dinner, show, and open bar. There will also be raffles and a 50/50 drawing.

"Oh Danny Boy" was written by Donald Disantis of Backstage Productions.

WHEN: Saturday, April 25, 2020

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Dinner and Show at 7:30 p.m.

RESERVATION DEADLINE is April 21.

WHERE: Tizzano's Party Center

1361 East 260th Street, Euclid

HOW: Tickets are \$50/person or bring a group to share the fun and reserve a table for 8. Tickets can be purchased from the office at Shore Cultural Centre or through the Mystery Dinner Fundraiser page on our website at [www.shoreculturalcentre.com](http://www.shoreculturalcentre.com). You can also order tickets online through Eventbrite or by calling Silhouette Productions at 216-219-3630.

WHY: To support two local community organizations and to have some fun of course. Or as Hercule Poirot would say to "exercise your little grey cells."

## Senior Trip to Three Museums in a Weekend

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Regular Menu on Wednesday and Fish Fries are on Friday.  
Hours for food 5:00 - 9:00pm

## EVENTS

SJN Prospective Student Day  
March 14

by David Peck

On Saturday, March 14th, 2020, Mr. Miziker, Vice Principal of St. John Nottingham Lutheran School will be hosting a Prospective Student Day from 11 AM to 4 PM! Come meet the teachers, see the facilities, and more! There will be raffles for prize baskets, SJN Spirit Wear will be available to be ordered, and Mrs. Rollins, the Secretary

will be on hand to assist with any and all paperwork, from applications to records transfers and even scholarship applications for Cleveland (Voucher) Scholarships and EdChoice/EdChoice Expansion.

No appointment is necessary, but you can make one if you like by calling the SJN School Office at (216) 531-8204.

## St. Mary's Fish Fry

by Paul Sedmack

On Saturday, March 14th, 2020, Mr. Miziker, Vice Principal of St. John Nottingham Lutheran School will be hosting a Prospective Student Day from 11 AM to 4 PM! Come meet the teachers, see the facilities, and more! There will be raffles for prize baskets, SJN Spirit Wear will be available to be ordered, and Mrs. Rollins, the Secretary

side (Cole Slaw, Applesauce, Home Fries or French Fries) \$2. Also, each meal comes with a piece of homemade Slovenian Apple Strudel! We look forward to seeing you this Lenten Season. We are open from 3-7 PM every Friday from February 28th until April 3rd. We are located at 15519 Holmes Ave. Cleveland, Ohio 44110

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\*\*\*After breakfast head over to OH Perry Elementary School located on E. 185th for our 1st annual Easter Egg Hunt at 10:30\*\*

\*\*\*weather permitted\*\*\*

## Mock Interview Workshop

Greater Collinwood Development Corporation is hosting a mock interview workshop with Dress for Success Cleveland and Passages, Tuesday March 17th, 10:00am-2:00pm.

Find out what hiring managers look for during the interview process and get feedback about your interview skills from workforce professionals at Dress For Suc-

cess Cleveland and Passages, Inc.

Mock interview workshop attendees will receive a ticket to a private suiting event the following week for interview-appropriate attire.

Registration for the job readiness workshop is encouraged. For more information and to RSVP, please call: 216-268-2138.



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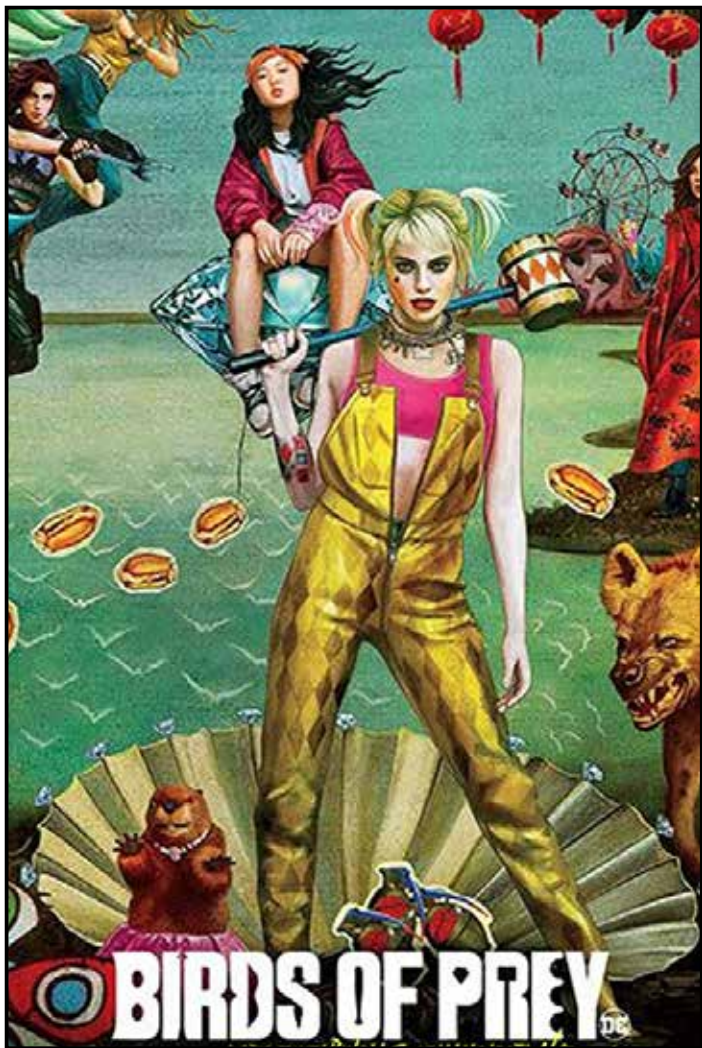
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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Birds of Prey Movie Review



by Brian Friedman

Going in with no expectations, I was surprised with this movie's humor, writing, and action scenes. An incredibly fun performance by Ewan McGregor is barely out-shined by Margot Robbie's beaming eyes, smile and strong comedic timing. My quips are small with the film including a weird casting for Cassandra Cain and that too many scenes are day lit for a movie taking place in Gotham. Those are minor so I am as shocked as you are that I give this film a B plus.

## To All The Boys 2: PS I Still Love You Movie Review



by Brian Friedman

This unnecessary sequel has barely a plot that justifies the 101 minute running time. Almost nothing happens and the boy vying for the lead's attention creates no chemistry and is anchored by some painful dialogue. The movie is well directed with some truly great camera angles and Noah Centineo remains a rising star. Grade? D

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# HEALTH

## Cleveland Clinic Launches Eight-Week Health Challenge in Euclid / Collinwood

by Ellie Westerburg

Cleveland Clinic is offering a free eight-week health challenge for the Euclid / Collinwood communities. This fun competition will build on the success of the 2019 health challenge, which saw participants lower their blood pressure, lose weight and learn how to lead a healthy lifestyle. The next challenge kicks off on March 4, 2020 with an event from 5:30-8:30pm at Euclid Hospital Waltz Auditorium, 18901 Lake Shore Boulevard in Euclid. The kick-off event will include an introduction to the program, initial health screenings, educational information and light refreshments. The eight-week program includes group exercise sessions and health talks with Cleve-

land Clinic caregivers and other lifestyle management professionals in the community. Pre - and post-challenge health screenings are performed to help participants track their progress and celebrate their success. The program is free, but registration is required. To register or for more information, visit [clevelandclinic.org/HCI](http://clevelandclinic.org/HCI), call 216.692.8969, or email [acoughli@ccf.org](mailto:acoughli@ccf.org) or [mmack@ccf.org](mailto:mmack@ccf.org).

The "Euclid Collinwood" 8-Week Health Challenge is part of the Healthy Communities Initiative (HCI) - a collaborative effort between Cleveland Clinic and community partners to promote optimal health and wellness.

## Children's Grief Support Camps Offer Hope and Healing



by Laurie Henriksen

The beauty of nature provides the healing backdrop for two unique summer camps for children who have experienced the death of a loved one. Both are led by trained grief support specialists from Western Reserve Grief Services.

Riding Through Grief, a day camp offered June 22-26, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, in collaboration with Fieldstone Farm Therapeutic Riding Center, 16497 Snyder Road, Chagrin Falls, is for children ages 8-12. Through riding and working with horses on a 45-acre farm, children explore their feelings in a supported environment. The gentle, nurturing feedback of therapy horses in a tranquil environment has a healing effect. Registration for Riding Through Grief is due by May 31. The camp fills quickly, so early registration is recommended.

Together We Can takes place August 4-6, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at scenic Red Oak Camp, 9057 Kirtland-Chardon Road, Willoughby. Designed for ages 6-13, the camp encourages self-expression through art, music and sharing with other kids who have also experienced the death of someone they love. The environment creates a "safe zone"



where kids can feel comfortable sharing emotions and asking questions. Registration for Together We Can at Red Oak is due by July 8.

"The children engage in activities to express feelings, support coping skills, and honor their special person," said Karen Hatfield, Team Leader. "We have done drum circles, yoga and karate activities through the years that the kids and counselors enjoy. They also have time to enjoy the gorgeous outdoor setting and have fun with other children. There is swimming, rock climbing, archery and kayaking in the afternoon. There is comfort in being with other kids. They learn they are not alone, they are not going crazy and other children their age are coping with some of the same kinds of feelings."

The children's grief support camps are one of many community grief support services offered by Hospice of the Western Reserve made possible through charitable gifts from the community. To request a registration packet for one of the camps, call 216.486.6838. More information is available at [hospicewr.org/camps](http://hospicewr.org/camps).

## Cleveland Clinic Euclid Hospital Cares for the Community

by Ellie Westerburg

Cleveland Clinic Euclid Hospital has been part of the Euclid and Collinwood communities since 1952 when it moved from Glenville to its current location. The hospital has a strong history of caring for the community, which is a tradition that continues today. Nationally renowned specialties include sub-acute (skilled nursing) care, neuro-rehabilitation, emergency medicine, senior behavioral health, geriatric assessment, orthopaedics and outpatient rehabilitation. The hospital continues to invest in improving the services offered for patients. In fall of 2019, Euclid Hospital opened a new Senior Behavioral Medicine Unit. The \$3.1 million investment created increased living space for Euclid Hospital

and the Sub-acute Care Center, or skilled nursing unit, recently earned U.S. News & World Report's 2019-2020 Best Nursing Homes designation, with an overall rating of 5 out of 5. Euclid Hospital has also been designated by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's (ANCC) as a health facility on the Journey to Magnet Excellence® designation. This designation recognizes a health care organization's commitment to creating and sustaining a culture of excellence in nursing.

Euclid Hospital's commitment extends into the community as well. For six years, the hospital has received the Practice Green Health Emerald Award, recognizing health care facilities for their commitment to environmental stewardship. The hospital also recently launched a free eight-week health

## Heroin Epidemic: It won't happen to my kid

by Lorie Hannan VanTilburg

There is a Heroin Epidemic that is killing our kids, and it isn't going away, it's only getting worse. No one wants to talk about it and everyone thinks it won't affect them. I used to think that way until 2012 when I found out my daughter was using and less than 9 months later we lost her to an overdose. Back then it was just the beginning of Heroin taking a hold in cities all across our country, and I knew nothing about the drug much less how to help my daughter. Now you have Fentanyl mixed with Heroin and the deaths are increasing.

You probably think "It won't happen to my kid", and I pray it doesn't because the loss is devastating. But odds are the life of someone you love or know will be changed because of Heroin. So what can you do to help them? You can start by not being ashamed because of their addiction. If you are ashamed or afraid to talk about it how can you expect an addict to feel comfortable enough to ask you for help.

Education and Awareness...These two things are the first steps in combating this Epidemic. Educate yourself about this drug, know how to recognize the signs of someone using. Not just the physical signs like nodding out, pinpoint sized pupils, track marks (between toes, back of hands, wrists and inside the elbow). But the changes in their personality (separation from family, stealing, drastic change in appearance or personal hygiene, urgent need for money with no explanation). Do not be afraid to trust your instincts, if you see drastic changes and behaviors say something. I know you may not want to con-

front them because you are afraid you may be wrong. But it's better to speak up and be wrong than to keep quiet and do nothing and have regrets when they overdose and die.

There are so many resources available to help, whether you are the one struggling with addiction or a loved one of an addict. You can contact SAMHSA's National Helpline, 1-800-662-HELP(4357).

There is also Casey's Law. Ohio enacted Casey's Law in 2012. The law allows the parents, relatives or friends of an addicted person to lawfully intervene and request involuntary, court ordered addiction treatment for their loved one. Contact Cuyahoga County Probate Court for information on filing.

If your loved one is not receptive to getting help or treatment I strongly recommend you looking into NARCAN/ NALOXONE. Having this on hand can save their life. You can contact your local Health Department or Harm Reduction Ohio provides it through this link. <https://www.harmreductionohio.org/>.

You don't have to do this alone, there is support out there you just need to know where to look. There is an amazing non-profit organization that is dedicated to helping addicts, their friends and family find safe judgement free support groups to talk with others going through the same thing. They also offer a support group for families needing support in their grief. <https://www.heroinsupport.org/>.

Please don't let the stigma of addiction keep you from reaching out for help.

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