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Cleveland Plogs returns to East 185th in August!



by Stephen Love Hey neighbors!

Cleveland Plogs had another great socially distant plogging last month along Lakeshore Blvd. A small but mighty group of ploggers stayed 6ft apart (which is easy to do when you keep moving!) and wore gloves and masks but didn't let COVID-19 get in the way of keeping or community clean!

Missed out on the fun last month? No worries because the fun continues this month when Cleveland Plogs heads to East 185th St Wednesday August 26th! Ploggers will clean up and down the East 185th St business district. We will be set up outside Villa Angela High School (18491 Lakeshore Blvd.) with bags, gloves and hand sanitizer.

In order for everyone to keep their distance, small groups will be heading out on different routes. Masks are required when meeting to pick up supplies. Once everyone has picked up trash on their route, we'll meet back at the Rec Center around 730pm for a socially distant but fun plogging photo - and if the concession stand at Wildwood is open, we'll head there afterwards for some Honey Hut ice cream! We hope to see you there!

Please plog responsibly. Wear protective gloves when picking up litter and bring along hand sanitizer. Please wash your

hands with soap and water at least 20 seconds when you are done. Please consider wearing a mask.

Need a plogging refresher? Plogging is a fitness and litter cleanup craze from Sweden that is quickly spreading throughout the world and right here in Collinwood. Plogging involves a combination of jogging and picking up trash along your running route using a small bag to collect the litter you find along your route. Plogging is great exercise and a great opportunity to meet new people and make a positive impact on our environment and our neighborhood! Check out - City Lab - Pick Up Trash While You Exercise. It's Called Plogging https://goo.gl/xRFVRc

You can check out our 2020 schedule and meet up locations below or on facebook.

Cleveland Plogs 2020 Schedule: September through October the last Wednesdsay of the month

September 30th - East 152nd - Meet outside Five Points Community Center - 14002 Lakeshore Blvd.

October 28th - Waterloo - Halloween Themed Plogging! - Meet at the Waterloo Tower 15600 Waterloo Rd.

Like Cleveland Plogs on Facebook - facebook.com/cleplogs Happy plogging!

Grand Opening Event at Dedicated Senior Medical Center



by Lori Perko-Waryk

Dedicated Senior Medical Center is having their grand opening event the first two weeks of August. At Dedicated, we follow a unique model that has transformed the Senior healthcare experience, specializing in compassionate, coordinated care, allowing patients to lead longer, healthier lives. Through prevention and quality care by our doctors, our patients have 28% fewer hospital admissions, 33% fewer emergency room visits, and 38% fewer hospital sick days. Many of the services we offer on site are:

- Primary care providers spending increased time with patient
- Cardiology, podiatry, social workers, nursing, and acupuncture
- \bullet Labs and testing, x-rays, ultrasound

- Door to door transportation, exercise, educational, and social events
- Person phone number of Primary care provider provided to patient
- Same day appointments and walk in appointments provided to existing patients

Coordinated care also includes working closely with specialists, with whom our PCP's have long, established relationships. We honor Seniors with affordavle VIP care that delivers better health by managing high-risk deseases and reducing hospital sick days. Services may vary by location. Subject to change without notice. Limitations, co-payments, and restrictions may apply. Some services are not covered under all plans. Check plan documents for details.

Masks Donated



Thank you MetroHealth and Bikur Cholim of Cleveland for your generous donation of masks for Collinwood! We can't wait to distribute these to our community!

Walk and Roll Carvana

by Barbara Liddell e

Save the Date for Walk & Roll Caravana!

In this time of COVID, we're all having to adjust our plans, and the E.185th are making changes to Walk & Roll this year, too. We weren't able to hold our usual sidewalk event and community festival on E. 185th St - so this year, we're bringing the event to the community, instead! To keep everyone safe and healthy, we're planning a new way to celebrate with businesses and residents with our Walk & Roll Caravana event - a car parade that will tour our North Collinwood community on Sunday, August 30. We'll be decorating our cars, playing some fun music, and heading out - so step out on your porch when we go by to give us a wave and enjoy the parade. We'll also have some great free give-aways, like free masks, hand sanitizer, and even a bike raffle! Watch our Facebook page for more details - just visit us at https://www.facebook.com/WalkAndRollE185/ for updates and information.

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Councilman Update



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It is hard to believe that since June 25 another 20,000 Americans have died of COVIC-19. It is inconceivable to me how our country finds itself

in this condition. What has become very clear to me, and should be to all, that we Americans have been misled over the past 50 years to believe that we have the best healthcare system and the most proactive country in the world. We all know differently now – because the verdict is in.

When the greatest nation in the world cannot produce nasal swabs and personal protection equipment for our front line health care workers, something is terribly wrong. In addition, when the majority of our pharmaceuticals and medical equipment is produced off-shore, this should be a wakeup call as well. My Brothers and Sisters, the Covid-19

pandemic has exposed all the weaknesses in our healthcare system and our critical supply chains. I say this to you because we are in the midst of a Presidential Election, and all of us should be asking of both candidates as to "what is their gameplan to bring manufacturing jobs back to America and to strengthen our healthcare industry? "If we do not let our collective voice be heard then nothing is going to change. Remember, the majority of both Democrats and Republicans in the U.S House and Senate, as well as those who occupied the White House, over the last four decades, have stood and waved our jobs "good-bye" as big business invested off-shore, specifically, in China. This was done so that they could escape paying living wages, providing healthcare benefits to their employees, and avoid environmental laws, as well as not paying their fair share of taxes. I believe in the Capitalist system. What we see today, though, is pure greed, crony-capitalism and support of dictatorial countries by corporate leaders. How disgusting.

I, like the majority of Americans, have become outright angry as to what I see and experience every day. Our Federal and

The Observer is proud to announce that we

have a new member on our team. She will

be submitting feature stories beginning this

month with the first of a three part series on

Rachel Bevel is a freelance writer and con-

tent creator. She graduated from Miami Uni-

versity in Oxford, OH with a B.A. in English. She resides in Euclid with her husband and

two kiddos. Rachel loves the outdoors and

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Covid's effect on the Opiod crisis.

hopes to publish a children's book.

State-wide leaders have to put America first. Big business has a responsibility to the nation which helped to create them. This year, 2020, is a year that many of us would like to forget. However, we can't. We can bemoan what is taking place or do some-

thing about it. You have heard me say on so many occasions over the years that, "a community is only as good as the people in it." The same holds true for our country. Let us all recommit to looking out and caring for each other more than ever before.

The weaknesses have been exposed; disparity, ignorance, racism, lack of opportunity, poor healthcare and troubled and dysfunctional educational systems. These have had a debilitating effect on our country, state and city. I implore all of you get more involved and pay more attention than

How do you do that in a Covid-19 world? First, register to vote and exercise your right to vote. In addition, pay attention to what is happening on your own street and neighborhood; be proactive. Remember what President J.F. Kennedy said, "ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country." Too many Americans are sitting on the sidelines complaining about what is happening around them, yet they choose not to get involved. No one is going to doing it for you, even though far too many believe that is the case. If you are waiting for government alone to rescue you and your family- you are in for a shock and a great disappointment.

As I have reported over the last month, I have received more phone calls and emails pertaining to neighborhood issues than ever before. There is a tremendous backlog to a whole host of neighborhood concerns city-wide specifically "quality of life" issues; ie. High grass, fireworks, illegal dumping, loud music, speeding and most disturbing police response to calls for service. City Hall is still only open two days a week until further notice, and finally Housing Court and Municipal Court have re-opened but are backlogged big-time.

Please be the eyes and ears of the community and continue to report issues of concerns especially into the City's new hotline of 3-1-1 for all calls except for police, fire and EMS. So, if you have an issue with high grass, road conditions, health-related

complaints, or building & housing issues, or any other non-emergency service, just call 3-1-1.

Obviously, the shutdown has affected many projects and initiatives but we are beginning to see the "light at the end of the sewer pipe" for the East 185th Street Storm Sewer project. It continues on pace. Just be careful on the street. The Historic LaSalle Theatre is back open for business and their parking lot should be completed by Fall.

Our lakefront MetroParks are jammed as a result of city pools being shut down; parents and family members please watch your children. We have had some near disasters this year with unsupervised children playing in and around the water. If you are going to the beach be responsible and above all, watch your children. In addition, please clean up after yourself. The debris and litter left behind by some folks is totally unnecessary and disrespectful. We fought to get these parks, now we must respect them and nurture them.

Anyone who has not returned their 2020 CENSUS forms PLEASE DO SO. The response from the East side of the City has not been good. Far too many citizens have ignored the forms and as a result there could be a large undercount in the city which WILL affect the Federal dollars which flow into our city and state. The question I ask to all, "would you walk out of a store and leave your money on the counter without getting anything in return?" The same holds true for the Census. If our citizens do not respond, then when there is a cut to federal programs that have benefitted our citizens, then who is to blame?

Finally, Please WEAR A FACE MASK when entering a business or establishment, social distance whenever possible and practice personal hygiene (ie washing your hands). If each does their part then we can curb the deadly pandemic. We can then get back to enjoying our lives and our families, once again. Stay safe and stay healthy.

Even though City Hall is open on a limited basis, I am always available. I may be reached at (216) 664-4236 or at mpolensek@clevelandcitycouncil.org or mdaley@clevelandcitycouncil.org.

Kids' Free Summer Mobile Meals!

Summer's here, and that means many children won't be receiving daily meals from their schools. If you know a child in need of free summer meals, come to one of our mobile Summer Meal sites listed below. Parents, Food Bank staff is ilable at each site to help you apply for SNAP and other critical ben Cleveland Metropolitan Housing Authority: Bellaire: 12502 Bellaire Road: Mondays 10:30 am - 12:00 pm Riverside Park Community Center: 17800 Parkmount Avenue: Mondays 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm Springbrook Apartments: 1675 Ansel Road: Mondays 10:30 am - 12:00 pm Willson Family: 1919 East 55th Street: Mondays 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm Cleveland Public Library: Fleet: 7224 Broadway Avenue: Thursdays 10:30 am - 12:00 pm Fulton: 3545 Fulton Road: Thursdays 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm Sterling: 2200 East 30th Street: Thursdays 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm Waiz: 7910 Detroit Avenue: Thursdays 10:30 am - 12:00 pm Dudley Triangle Park: West 73rd Street & Elton Avenue: Fridays 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm No food trucks/meals on July 3 First Draft Barber Shop: 11337 Superior Avenue: Fridays 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm No food trucks/meals on July 3 Garfield Heights Middle School: 12000 Maple Leaf Drive: Wednesdays 10:30 am - 12 pm and 12:30 pm - 2 pm Garfield Middle School (Lakewood): 13114 Detroit Avenue: Fridays 10:30 am - 12:00 pm No food trucks/meals on July 3 Shore Cultural Centre: 291 222nd Street: Tuesdays 10:30 am - 12:00 pm and 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm



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Chronic joint pain? There are many options for relief.



Robert Nickodem, MD Euclid Hospital and Mentor Medical Office

in their 50s to 70s, the number of people with chronic joint pain is growing. The truth is that it's part of the normal aging process for our joints to wear. Cartilage grows until about age 25, then slowly wears over the rest of our lives. The rate of deterioration depends on factors like trauma

With baby boomers now

Taking the first step

"If you experience chronic joint pain, the first step is to try some of the many non-operative options," says Robert Nickodem, MD, an orthopaedic surgeon at Cleveland Clinic Euclid Hospital and Mentor Medical Office Building.

(tears/breaks), wear and tear, genetics and weight.

These include:

- Weight reduction.
- Exercise.
- Physical therapy.
- · Elastic sleeves or braces. • Medications (which may have side effects). These include aspirin, NSAIDs (nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs like Advil® or Motrin®), acetaminophen (Tylenol®) and prescription medications.
- Injections into the joint cortisone or viscosupplementation.

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Cleveland Clinic Sports Health 5555 Transportation Blvd., Garfield Heights Monday through Friday, 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cleveland Clinic Solon Family Health Center 29800 Bainbridge Road, Solon

Monday through Friday, 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Patients ages 2+

For more information, visit: ClevelandClinic.org/OrthoExpress



In addition, about one-third of people who try natural remedies – like glucosamine and chondroitin and shark cartilage – say they feel better when taking them. Although not proven effective, they are not harmful. These supplements are not FDA-controlled and the active ingredients vary.

If these options don't help, arthroscopic surgery to smooth off the cartilage on the bone's surface, remove loose chips of cartilage or remove torn cartilage (meniscus) may provide relief, says Dr.

And, when nothing else is working, it may be time to consult an orthopaedic surgeon to see if knee or hip replacement is right for you. It is estimated that more than 1.2 million knee and hip replacements will be performed in the United States in 2020.

Recovery from joint replacement surgery is fairly fast, and most patients say that they wish they had done it sooner. In fact, joint replacement works great for 90% of patients.

For an appointment with Dr. Nickodem or another Cleveland Clinic orthopaedic specialist, call 216.444.2606.

New cardiologists at Euclid Hospital.

Cleveland Clinic Euclid Hospital is pleased to announce that two Cleveland Clinic cardiologists are now seeing patients in the Euclid Medical Office Building:



To make an appointment, call 216.531.9000.

Don't delay. Cancer screenings save lives.



Vinit Makkar, MD

As we all start to reestablish some sense of normalcy after the past few months of sheltering at home due to COVID-19, it's time to think about scheduling any preventive screenings, checkups or medical appointments that were canceled or

postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic.

"Cleveland Clinic has all the necessary measures in place to safely provide routine care, which is critical for your long-term health," says Vinit Makkar, MD, a specialist in hematology and oncology who treats patients at Cleveland Clinic Hillcrest Hospital. "The virus is still a concern, but so are other health issues including cancer."

- Symptoms of cancer can include:
- Changes in bowel or bladder habits. Cough or hoarseness that persists.
- Easy bruising or bleeding.

eyes and mucous membranes).

- · Dizziness or vision troubles. • Jaundice (vellowing of the skin, whites of the
- New lumps anywhere, but especially new lumps of the breast.
- Persistent fatigue, night sweats or unexplained
- infection or weight loss. Unexplained fever.
- · Unexplained skin moles, especially if they are dark or change color.

"If you are ignoring any of these symptoms or putting off seeing your doctor, don't delay. It's important to continue to receive regular screenings, from mammograms and PAP smears to skin checks and colonoscopies," says Dr.

Why? Because some cancers grow slowly, but others grow quickly, so prompt diagnosis is key. A delay in diagnosis can transform a cancer that is potentially curable to one that is not.

If you're experiencing any symptoms or have questions about cancer screenings, please reach out to your primary care provider.

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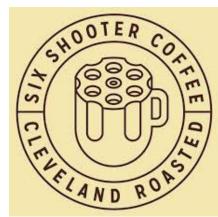


by Nan Kennedy Photocentric in the News

Michael Loderstedt is partnering with Foothill Galleries in Cleveland Heights for separate showings of Collinwood/Cleveland Heights Now, for which neighborhood photographers have been invited to submit their impressions of their surroundings. Michael interviewed Kahlil I. Pedizisai, one of the Collinwood artists, for CAN Journal, and got this provocative quote: " I think Collinwood is a neighborhood of focused intentionality that other Cleveland neighborhoods don't have."

Collinwood Now opens on August 7, 5-7pm, with work by eight photographers: Stephen Bivens, Bruce Checefsky, Tim Lachina, Jeff Lawson, Kahlil I. Pedisai, Lori Kella, Michael Loderstedt and Bellamy Printz. The Heights show opens at Foothill Galleries (2450 Fairmount Blvd. Suite M291) on August 6.

Meanwhile, Photocentric's Lori Kella is creating some of her fantasy landscapes as visual interest for Les Delices' 2020-21 Season, entitled Embracing Change. (See



Six Shooter Has New Rules

No more than six customers in the store at one time, and masks are required, not just requested. This will all be worth it when you get your iced spiced coconut latte, with house-made coconut syrup infused with cardamom and cinnamon, shaken with ice and espresso, topped with half and half. Enjoy it with a fresh bagel from Cleveland Bagel Co. (Notice the high class of Six Shooters' suppliers? You can tell a person's character by the company they keep.

So Does the Mill Fill

Mask wearing: if you're sitting in the bar or outside at a table, you don't need a mask. When you come inside, mask. When you move about inside, or within the outside area, mask. Basically, if you're sitting, no mask. If you're standing or moving, mask.



Bailey, Lucy Friday, August 7, 6 - 7:30 PM Virtual open

At Praxis

"Daylily"

by

Daylily, a solo exhibition by 2019-20 Praxis Emerging Artist Fellow Lucy Bailey. The reception will be held on Zoom. The exhibition will be viewable in person by appointment through its closing date of August 31. Please email praxisfiberworkshop@gmail.com to schedule an appointment.

Statement from the artist: " I chose the title Daylily because, like a daylily, I want my work to express a moment of beauty, this flash of bright color in the midst of settings which for me can induce anxiety: poking through guardrails on freeways, planted outside Big Box stores; growing

abandoned in a world of asphalt. The goal of my work is to have the viewer experience this mix of emotions which can amplify each other. Like a daylily, I want to evoke the feeling of hopefulness blooming out of an overwhelming and troubled world."

Lucy grew up in Kirtland and received her BFA from the Cleveland Institute of Art in 2019, with a double major in painting and printmaking. While her work is rooted in the logic and history of painting, she employs multiple different processes including photography, digital assemblage, fiber processes, and installation. Her work is a response to her struggles with mental health and the confusing nature of one's emotion. She is currently the 2019-20 Emerging Artist Fellow at Praxis Fiber Workshop.

Silk Marbling Class Saturday, August 8, 10 AM - 4 PM

Learn the magical art of marbling on fabric with this one-day intensive workshop. Explore pattern and design through marbling on silk scarfs, using both traditional (Ebru) and nontraditional approaches. Marbling consists of suspending inks on water thickened with carrageenan, then putting them through a series of swirls, rakes and other techniques to transform a given design. The outcome then becomes printed, similar to monoprinting, on a surface of choice. Instructor: Jen Omaitz

New Class **Block Printing Silk Scarves** Saturday August 29, 10 am

Knit by the Light of the Moon

There is so much to learn and process every day. Our friends @fran.chestnut and @ babycashew are hosting a recurring gathering open to anyone who wants to work with their hands and be rooted in a safe and supportive space. Meeting, making, and remaking in alignment with the moon cycle. RSVP encouraged but not required to come. Hoping the weather will be nice so we can set up outdoors. #praxisfiberworkshop #knittingcircle #fiberfriends #water-

Praxis Emerging Artist Fellowship

Calling all recent grads from schools in NE Ohio to apply for the Praxis Emerging Artist Fellowship, which offers 6-8 months of immersive, supported research in fiber processes at Praxis. Prospective fellows should demonstrate dedication to building a longterm studio practice. . More info and how to submit at: www.praxisfiberworkshop.com/ emerging-artist-fellowship/.

Framed Gallery

Framed has a new tenant, Merriweather Collections, a fashion designer and seamstress. You can see her ultra-glamorous wedding gowns at Merriweathercollections.com. I'm hoping for a fashion show when normal life returns - they are fabulous. In the meantime, you can visit the gallery (with some rules) and see the equally fabulous paintings that keep flowing to Framed. Get the latest news and updates about events, artists and exhibitions at the gallery by signing up for the mailing list https://bit.ly/fgemails.

Clean and Green on Waterloo Saturday August 10, 10 am

Join The Collinwood Collective for a day of socially distanced/masked community care, as they once again roll out Cleveland Neighborhood Progress's Clean and Green truck to provide the tools and resources necessary to weed, trim, and beautify the over 70 flower beds along Waterloo. The plan is to divide and conquer all of the beds along the street, while remaining socially distanced and safe. Stay for the whole event event, or for as long as your day permits. Together, though far apart, street cleaners can work miracles.



At Pop Life

Studio Yoga Classes Off for Now

Given the dangers of COVID, Pop Life has decided that indoor classes are still not wise (the decision was confirmed by the breakdown of the upstairs air conditioning), so for now the studio s closed, while Pop Life proceeds with developing other offerings. Colored light therapy will be installed in the main yoga room, and the wellness program will be readied for infrared sauna sessions, reiki, and more. Look for a re-opening in the Fall. In the meantime, Ritual Juicery and the Pop Life Shop will remain open with normal business hours, and the studio is working on some weekly outdoor classes at nearby parks, so there will hopefully be at least some opportunities to practice. Feel free to contact jen@poplifeuniverse.com with any questions you have pertaining to your yoga

The Pop Life shop has received two decks of fortune-telling cards from @serpentfire: stop in to get the She Wolfe Tarot and Sigil Oracle Deck. Open every day, M-F 10am-5pm, Saturday & Sunday 10am-2pm. When you purchase a deck, you can receive a free one-card reading from @k_n_r_d_



AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD At The Market

The Ohio Farmers' Market Network has named Kevin Scheuring a certified market manager; he has the paper to prove it. Those of us who have been thankful for his work at the market for the past 14 years are not too much surprised.

The Health Department has inspected the market's kitchen, all of the vendors, and their COVID measures, and pronounced itself very satisfied. If you're still reluctant to venture out for shopping, this might reassure you. (I could add that the Coit Road Farmers' Market is one of the least crowded places in Cleveland.)

Save the Date: (Much Needed) Waffles and BBQ fundraiser on August 22 Now You Can Buy a Hot Meal

The Health Department also approved the

market to have hot food sold on the property (they've been working on cleaning/ repairing/equipping the original market kitchen for quite some time). This is great timing for the newest vendor, Wendy's Spice of Life Kitchen, which will be serving up lunch on Saturdays from 10am-1pm. She will be the first business incubated at the market. If you know anyone serious about starting a food business, let them know about this remarkable opportunity.

August 2020

The menu will change every week; this is

Chef Salad \$8 Garden Salad and Caesar Salad \$6

*Bacon Bits and Sliced Jalapeno available

Dressings: Housemade Red wine Italian Ranch, Bleu Cheese, Caesar And Raspberry Vinaigrette

Weekly Hot food will vary. Fried Green Tomatoes Turkey Sausage Zucchini Bowl

Meatball Subs Grilled Beef Hot Dogs Jerk Chicken

Ribs Shrimp Bowl

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Lasagna Burgers

Soul Rolls Fried Wings

Wraps and Subs (Cold) *Meals will come with Roll and Small Side

Water and Pop \$1 Most Items are Spicy!

I'm hearing from people who no longer want to handle money - credit cards only. There is actually a way to do credit without a card, at the Coit Road market. Andrew at Needham Gardens is happy to be sent a check or a Venmo deposit that will give you cash-free shopping for as long as the money lasts; I've used up my first deposit and have started on my second - I buy 90% of my food at the market. City Greenhouse Partners offers CSAs (a Community-Supported Agriculture Share) and is happy to add you in. I'm working on the other vendors.

After the asparagus and tomatoes and corn, after the raspberries and cherries and peaches, a big reason for shopping at the market is fresh, non-additive baked goods - gluten-free or not, your choice.

Chandra is the queen of all things gluten-free - and I do mean all things, Breads of many flavors, cookies, fruit breads, brownies . . . For traditionalists Eric from the Farm at Chatham Lea also has a long list of breads, scones, cookies . . . My favorite is a partly whole-wheat loaf sweetened a little with molasses and loaded with seeds called . . . Seedsation. Long, long ago when we lived in London, my favorite bread was a grocery loaf called Hovis, developed by a Victorian baker and sweetened slightly with malt. It made the most divine toast malt (like molasses) gives the toasted bread a cookie-like crisp chewiness. I've been missing it for 50 years or so, and wasbitterly disappointed on my last London visit to find that the patent had expired and the new owners had Chaned The Recipe - it is now a boring partly whole-wheat loaf. So I love Seed-sation. Also the fruit scones. And the sourdough boules. This week I'm trying

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linwood Tragedy: The Story of the Worst Announcements from Crosslens Photo Studio We are adding

a editors cafe/ lounge to the facility - a clean, safe, cool place to edit your photos,

talk with clients and just relax after a shoot or before. A complimentary cafe bar, quality and spacious seating, Photoshop and Lightroom access, free WiFi, and more. This feature is still under construction but will be done very soon.

Two Interns

The studio is looking for not one but two intern/assistants, in an eight-month program that will equip the listed creatives with everything they need to become entrepreneurs and upgrade their careers. Deadline is August 1st to Apply. Simply email us or DM us how to apply for this program. TELL EVERYONE, because this is a tell all type of situation!

Masks at Classics

Classics wants to spread the word that Masks Are Required. There's compensation - Happy Hour has been extended to 5 – midnight.

Dru Christine Make Your Own Purse

If you're looking for a new accessory to add to your collection, pick up one of Drue's DIY clutch purse kits. They include everything you need to complete the project, and you can choose from three different styles: Camo Patchwork, Black and White, Brown Multi Print. Only a few kits left so get yours today here at https://druchristine-fabricsand-design.square.site/

History Brought Back to Life

If you want to understand Collinwood, you have to know about the Collinwood school fire of 1908, in which 175 people died; hardly a family in Collinwood was unaffected, and the memories are still strong. Kent Stae University Press has published an account of the fire by James Jessen Badal - "The Col-

School Fire in American History." You can order it for \$24.95 at https://www.kentstateuniversitypress.com/2019/the-collinwood-tragedy/?highlight=collinwood. Ultimately, 172 children, two teachers,

and one rescue worker were killed, and the Collinwood community was irrevocably changed. Regionally, and eventually nationwide, changes were implemented in school structures and construction materi-James Jessen Badal's extensive research

reveals how the citizens of Collinwood were desperate to find someone to blame. Rumor and suspicion splintered the griev ing community. And yet they also rose to the challenge of healing: officials reached out to immigrant families unsure of their rights; city charities, churches, and relief agencies responded with medical help, comfort for the bereaved, and financial support; and fundraising efforts to assist families totaled over \$50,000-more than \$1 million today.

Lawrence Daniel Caswell Is Joining Neighborhood Connections

Lawrence will become the #CLEDocu menters Field Coordinator - and you can find out what that is at http://neighborupcle.org/meet-lawrence-the-new-cleveland

Lawrence has decades of experience in journalism, community engagement, podcasting, doing voiceovers, DJing and even comic book writing. Plus he has a really interesting take on life. Read more about him and join NC's mailing list to be notified when they host the first Cleveland Documenters workshop in partnership with City

OF INTEREST TO THE NEIGHBOR-HOOD

Les Delices and Lori Kella

You may have visited Lori's haunting "Vanishing Landscapes" at Photocentric Gallery, or viewed them on line. They will appear again as scenery, so to speak, for Les Délices' 2020-21 season, entitled Embracing Change, immersive audio presented

in a virtual concert hall. Lori explains her process as an exploration of "...historical, environmental, and personal connections to the land. Typically, I build tabletop dioramas out of everyday materials such as paper, soap, and wool, crafting these fabrications as an elaborate still life meant only for the camera's lens. Once constructed, I use lighting to dramatically transform these tableaus, bringing to the surface hidden truths that belie our understanding of the natural world; for the images unfolding in front of the camera are an amalgamation of familiar places, unexplored wilderness, and pure fiction."

Complete with on-screen titles, "notes" on the program, artist interviews, and behindthe scenes footage, the Concert Series' 60-minute performances will premiere on Thursday nights and include a live postconcert Q&A session with select artists. Each concert program will be available to stream on-demand for approximately 10 days following the premiere. Audiences can also join the artists for a celebratory online "closing reception" complete with additional live performances the following Monday. For details on how to subscribe: https://www.lesdelices.org/email-signup/



Cavotta's Is More than Gardens

the-city to provide some socially distanced social life. Enjoy weekend happy hours with live music, drinks, goat petting, socially distanced tables outdoors - and don't worry about rain. The tables are under the

About the All-Virtual Concert Series



Angela is making use of her idyllic farm-in-

Opening for Americorps Vista Intern

Cuyahoga Job and Family Services (CJFS), an agency of Cuyahoga County Department of Health and Human Services, is still recruiting for an AmeriCorps VISTA position for the 2020/2021 term. The position supports the Office of Community Engagement, which is part of the CJFS Communications Department.

https://mv.americorps.govmp/listing/view-Listing.do?id=94157&fromSearch=true

If you are aware of anyone that is interested in committing to a year of full-time service through AmeriCorps, please share this email or the attached flyer. If you have additional questions regarding this position, please contact Tina Coleman at Tina Coleman@ifs.ohio.gov.

The Pharmacy Technician Field Is Wait-

The Cleveland Job Corps Pharmacy Tech Program is a three to six-month course which aims to prepare students to work in a variety of pharmacy settings. The program centers around building the student's soft skills while establishing the basics of working in a pharmacy, understanding medical terminology, pharmacology, and building non-sterile and sterile compounding techniques.

This is an American Society of Health System Pharmacists (ASHP) accredited program, offering entry-level training to participants. The course requires a certain number of in-class lectures as well as hands-on labs and experiential work through an externship with a real pharmacy. Upon completing the curriculum, you will have been exposed to many different areas and have a wide view of the horizon which awaits you as a Certified Pharmacy

Certifications include: Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, Registration as a Pharmacy Technician Trainee. This is a paid opportunity to take both the National Health Career Association and the Phar macy Technician Certification Board's certification exams. Now is a great time to get into this career field.

Maxim's Pizza, An Eastside Tradition



Grand opening of Heisley location in 2014

by William McCulloch

For over now 70 years Maxim's Pizza and

Catering has been serving Cleveland's eastside neighborhoods. First established in 1949 by patriarch

Manny Berardinelli, Collinwood '39, at the southwest corner of East 185th and Cornwall Road, their store would later move out to Mentor on Lake Shore Boulevard in 2004. In 2014 Manny decided to take an early retirement at 93, and is now under the watchful eye of his son Tom. That same year daughter Loretta, son Gene, and daughterin-law Kathy would open and continue at their current location in the plaza off Heisley Road north of Mentor Avenue.

There you'll find a large selection for lunch and dinner options, as well as the



normal Pizza & sub fare. Maxim's Pizza, 6966 Heisely Road, Men-

tor, OH 44060, (440) 257-9070, www.maximspizzamentor.com M-W 10-7, Th-Sat 10-8, closed Sunday, delivery or take out.

It is with a heavy heart to let everyone know that Manny passed away July 29th at 99 years old surrounded by his kids. He was and always will be remembered as a hard working family man with a genuinely kind heart. He touched so many lives and will always have a special place in all our hearts. He always said "you have to be strong to survive in this world", and that's how Manny lived his life!

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VASJ Alumni: Get to Know Lisa Urankar '84



Villa Angela Academy alumna and local artist, Lisa Urankar '84

by Cheryl Stashinko

Since graduating from Villa Angela Academy in 1984, Lisa Urankar went on to Lakeland Community College and earned an Associates Degree in Business, specializing in Graphic Design. After college, she worked as a graphic designer creating page layouts and ads for local newspapers and as a production artist and quality assurance professional in screen printing for the apparel industry. Over the past twenty years, Lisa has concentrated on making a living as an artist and enjoys sharing what she's learned through the years with others. Lisa instructs art at various senior centers in the Cleveland area and offers paint events for

private parties, corporate events, churches and other gatherings. She has been a member of many art associations, including the Euclid Art Association, the Creative Art Association and the Colored Pencil Society of America and has received many honors and awards. In 2018, some of her artwork was featured in the Lake County Dream House for their silver anniversary. More recently, Lisa has joined Stella's Art Gallery in downtown Willoughby where she offers art classes and visitors can purchase her artwork. You can find Lisa Urankar on Facebook at FINE ART BY LISA URANKAR where she posts updated class information, art shows, paint events and

finished art commissions. She especially loves painting pet portraits!

Where did you grow up while attending Villa Angela Academy?

I grew up in Euclid off of East 260th Street. My family moved there when I was seven years old. I can still remember the first day arriving in our new home and meeting the neighbor kids (Tom, Mike, Amy and Heather) from across the street. We became fast friends and played outside until the street lights came on. We all got along so well whether we were playing tag, football, riding skateboards and bikes, conquering forts or building snowmen. I feel so blessed and fortunate to have such fond memories of childhood and still keep in touch with friends from the old neighborhood.

Where did you go to school before Villa Angela Academy?

I went to grade school at St. William in Euclid. My family was active in the parish. Every Sunday at noon Mass, we sat as a family and always in the same pew. I loved sitting next to my father because he had the most angelic voice and after Mass someone would always comment on his singing. My mother was one of the founding ladies to start the school lunch program at St. William. My father made calls for Catholic Charity donations. My brother Ed and I were always involved with school functions, especially CYO activities. I loved and participated in St. William Youth Renewals. The experiences I had on those weekends meant so much to me. On occasion, I still read through the HELP letters I received from family and friends.

Which teacher or class at Villa Angela Academy do you remember most and why? My favorite class of course was art and my favorite teachers were Sr. Lucia and Sr. Rosaria. It was at VA that started to feed my passion for the Arts! I believe I learned the necessary foundation and skills I needed to

become the Artist I am today. I can envision myself descending down that spiral stair case into the classroom ready to create that next masterpiece whether it be in clay, stain glass, drawing or paint. I recently ran into Sr. Rosaria at Ursuline College and am so glad I finally got the chance to express my gratitude for being such a wonderful mentor during my time at VA.

Did you have a favorite spot to hang out and what did you like about it?

My friends and I hung out a lot at the Mc-Donald's across the street from Villa Angela. I also have so many memorable moments and fun times at St. Joe's. Hanging out at weekend dances or attending school plays consumed most of my weekends. However, my favorite was attending donkey basketball events and rooting for whoever could stay on that mule long enough to make a basket! I have to admit, it was the funniest thing I have ever seen!

What, if anything, about your experience at Villa Angela Academy would you do over? One of my greatest honors at Villa Angela was receiving my class ring. I still wear it today and it symbolizes so many things for me. I feel blessed and appreciate that my parents provided me with such a strong, nurturing upbringing and implementing my education in catholic schools. It definitely made a difference in my life. If I could travel back in time to live those days over again I would hop right in that time machine and set the clock back to the 1980's! Attending another father-daughter breakfast with my dad, enjoying skits at school assemblies, participating in spirit week activities, enjoying lunch with my friends in the cafeteria and attending one more Villa Angela summer festival. Yes, I would do it all over again in a heartbeat!

To participate or nominate someone for a VASJ Alumni: Get to Know column, contact Cheryl Stashinko at alumni@vasj.com

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Cleveland City Councilman Anthony T. Hairston and the Collinwood Development Corporation stopped by to get and speak with the Collinwood Primary Care Physicians that will guide the seniors of the community to better

The group toured the medical center and discussed partnership opportunities for community service and providing senior programs in the greater Collinwood area. They're excited about the center's opening in just over a week

Jamar Doyle, Executive Director Collinwood Development Corporation Chris Payne, Associate Director, New Markets, Dedicated Senior Medical Center Cynthia Brookins, Director of Business Relations, Collinwood Development Corporation Bishop J.L. Mathis, Grace and Mercy Church

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Villa Angela-St. Joseph

HIGH SCHOOL

Misrach Ewunetie '20 selected as Bank of America Student Leader

Bank of America announced that the four Cleveland high school juniors and seniors selected as Student Leaders (#BofAStudentLeaders) have started their paid summer internship experience of leadership, civic engagement and workforce skills-building.

In light of the health concerns that remain in local communities, the program has been adapted to a virtual format, through which students will have the opportunity to participate in sessions that will expose them to the vital role that nonprofits play in advancing community health, the importance of public private partnerships to advance social change and a focus on building financial acumen.

The Class of 2020 Cleveland-based Bank of America Student Leaders are:

- Misrach Ewunetie, Villa Angela-St, Joseph High
- Russell Krofta III. Saint Martin de Porres High
- Diamond Boyd, Glenville High School

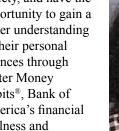
• Chukwuemeka Chukwekere, Cleveland School of Science & Medicine

"Now more than ever, as we collectively navigate the challenges we face in our communities, we remain committed to supporting youth and young adults of all backgrounds by connecting them to jobs, skills-building and leadership development," said Jeneen Marziani, Ohio market president, Bank of America. "Creating opportunities for our youth to gain skills and build a network is a powerful investment in the future of our community."

Cleveland Student Leaders will participate in programming that leverages Bank of America's national partnerships and expertise and will work closely with the bank's Ohio leadership and nonprofit partners. They will participate in a collaborative, mentoring-focused project working closely with the Greater Cleveland Foodbank on a project focused on diversity, inclusion and equity. In addition, Student Leaders will engage in conversations focused on

rights and how to build a more diverse and inclusive society, and have the opportunity to gain a better understanding of their personal finances through Better Money Habits®, Bank of America's financial wellness and education platform.

This





summer, Bank of America is connecting approximately 3,000 young adults to summer jobs through partnerships with nonprofits and local mayors and its own Student Leaders® program.

Adi Taraska named VASJ athletic director

by Kristen Mott '09

Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School principal David Csank announced July 15 that Adi Taraska has been named VASJ athletic director.

"We are excited for Adi to take on this new role within VASJ," Csank said. "She has been a wonderful asset to our studentathletes and we are confident she will continue to lead and grow our Athletic Department."

Taraska joined VASJ in July 2019 as associate athletic director. She previously served as assistant director of athletics at Lake Catholic High School from 2017 to 2019 and an assistant track and field, strength and conditioning coach at Cardinal Stritch University from 2015 to 2017. An NCAA Division I studentathlete in track and field at Xavier University, Taraska earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Xavier University in 2014 and a master's degree in business administration from Cardinal Stritch University in 2017.

"This next step continues to fuel my passion for impacting young people through athletics." Taraska said. "I am all about the growth and development of young women and men. Simply put, being to spend a little more time and I think involved as a student-athlete allows for life skills to be cultivated on the court, field or track. Learning about leadership

teamwork only prepares young people for the future. My goal is to help guide and support not only studentathletes but the Viking Village as a

Adi Taraska Taraska succeeds Elvis Grbac '88,

who was named VASJ athletic director in April 2019. Grbac will continue to serve as head football coach and director of the Marianist Urban Students Program (MUSP). He will also remain involved in the Athletic Department as associate athletic director. "I'm excited about having Adi Taraska

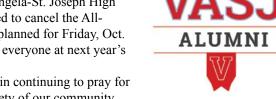
as the athletic director at VASJ," Grbac said. "She is extremely qualified and I know the athletic program will be heading in the right direction. I will be continuing on but in a different capacity as associate athletic director because of my role with the MUSP program, where I would like my students need a little more of my attention. Our athletic program is in great hands with Adi."

VASJ is a faith-based educational community that accepts you for who you are and helps you become the person you want to be.

VASJ.COM/ADMISSIONS

VASJ All-Alumni Reunion canceled

Out of concern for large gatherings and the health and safety of our community members, Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School has decided to cancel the All-Alumni Reunion planned for Friday, Oct. 2. We hope to see everyone at next year's



Please join us in continuing to pray for the health and safety of our community members during this time.

New VASJ street banners installed



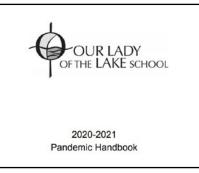
Keep an eye out as you're driving up and down East 185th Street for ne

The banners were installed in early July on East 185th Street as well as at the intersection of Lakeshore Boulevard and East 185th Street. The banners are a welcome new addition to the street and consistent with our school's updated branding.

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Our Lady of the Lake School Welcomes Students Back Safely and with Options



OLL Pandemic Handbook can be accessed on our school website olleuclidschool.org

by Mrs. Jenny Millett, Principal OLL School Finding the New "Normal" For the School Year whether In person or Online

Now that the State has released the guidelines on how to safely return to our school building, we can begin to put into place the policies and practices that we have been working so hard on this summer.

Since the pandemic began, we have been busy ensuring that our students remain engaged and successful with school. I am so proud of our staff! We were able to go from traditional learning to online learning in a matter of days. It wasn't a typical end to our school year, but each teacher and student made the most of it.

The spring experience has allowed for us to refine what actions the school needs to take, not just academically, but physically and emotionally when we return. This summer, we have been busy working on creating a plan and putting policies into place to safely return to the building. We have formed a committee to address these issues. The committee is comprised of staff and parents.

We know that many of our families do

One More For the Road - A Car

Parade to Cheer up Parishioners

not feel comfortable sending their children back to school yet, and we respect that. Any student that is not able or ready to return to the school building can complete the curriculum online. We are working on creating the policies for these students to receive the same engaging education from the safety of their home. We know that these students will be able to participate in Zoom sessions or Google Meets, and we have been researching other ways for our teachers to reach the students at home. The teachers are busy spending their time participating in professional development

simultaneous learning. We are excited that this year that all of our students will be equipped with a device whether at home or in the school building. Our preschoolers through grade one will have Ipads, while grades two through eight will have Chromebooks. We are also equipping our classrooms with Chromecast, which will allow teachers to easily share their screens with the students.

opportunities to learn more about

In the fall, we will also be opening our preschool playground, located at the Ministry Center. This will create a wonderful opportunity for our young students to engage in learning while

Next school year will definitely bring some challenges, but we know that we will be ready for whatever lies ahead. Ensuring that our students and staff are in a safe learning environment is our priority. There is an OLL Pandemic Guidebook on our school website for perusal at olleuclidschool.org. To register, please email Jenny Millet at jmillett@olleuclid.org or call the school office at 216-481-6824.

Camping with Christ Vacation Bible



VBS is Going Virtual with an original program designed by OLL staff.

That's Right! Our staff and some parishioners have created an original Camping with Christ Vacation Bible School that will be offered virtually this year! At the beginning of August, a link will be available at olleuclid.org. This link will give full free access to our virtual VBS: "Camping With Christ". It is a new twist on Vacation Bible School that helps all our children participate in the usual VBS fun safely from their own homes.

What will this look like? "Camping with Christ" will be a self-paced virtual experience that families can use when it is best for them. It will include 5 modules (or main lessons). These would typically be the 5 days of the VBS week, but they can now be completed whenever your schedule

Module 3: Seek Your Savior Module 4: Catch the Spirit Module 5: Shine a Light

Each module will include "places" for children to visit, including Storytime Rock, Arts and Crafts Lodge, Field and Trails, Dining Hall, Song River and the Cabin. Each "place" will offer children a lesson or activity they can do that is related to the theme. What will each of these "places" include? Let's take a look!

Storytime Rock - Bible Stories and Videos Arts and Crafts Lodge - Coloring Pages and Step-by-Step Tutorials for Art Projects Field and Trails - Outdoor Challenges and Activities

Dining Hall - Simple Campfire Recipes Song River - Sing-A-Longs and Music

Cabin - Community Sharing

As you visit the different "places" your family will be able to see some familiar faces! A few staff members and parishioners have given of their time and talent to create videos for our children. And you get to join in the fun, too! The Cabin will be a place for sharing what your family is doing at home for "Camping with Christ". You will be invited to share photos and videos of what you and your children create and do throughout this VBS experience. You can also connect with us about your VBS experience by using the hashtags: #CampingwithChrist and #olleuclid on social media.

For updates about "Camping with Christ", follow @olleuclid on Facebook and Instagram or check our website, olleuclid

For any questions, please contact Brianna Wilson at brianna@olleuclid.org We are excited to share in this summer's Vacation Bible School with you!

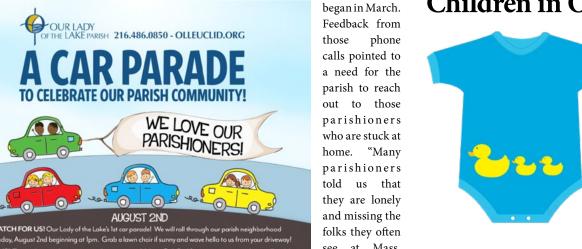
School is Virtual and One of a Kind!



by Brianna Wilson, Young Adult Ministryl

Here are the module themes: Module 1: Prepare for the Journey Module 2: Walk by Faith

Baby Corner Helps to Provide Gently Used Baby Clothes to Parents of Children in Our Community



by Beverly Caldwell

You may have seen a group of cars rolling through the Euclid neighborhoods in Our Lady of the Lake car parade on Sunday, August 2nd at 1pm. The car parade was planned in an effort for parish staff to reach out to those who are home bound and show support for the parish community.

Melissa Gali-Bird, Music Director at Our $Lady \, of the \, Lake, took \, part \, with \, other \, parish$ staff members in contacting parishioners to check on them since the Covid directives

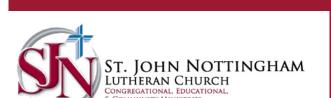
see at Mass. Many of these

people are not attending Mass because they are in a high risk group, Mrs. Gali-Bird said. "So we set out to create a car parade to let parishioners know that we are thinking of them and that we love and miss them", she explained. People got their lawn chairs out and waved from their driveways. Some parishioners even joined in the car parade. All in all the car parade reminded everyone how important reaching out can be!

also accept baby clothing donations and financial donations which help to provide items that we do not typically acquire through donations, such as diapers, wipes, and other baby supplies.We appreciate donations of gently used baby items such as car seats (no expired seats, please), strollers, chairs, swings, car mirrors, baby carriers, and pack-n-plays.

We would be happy to help you if you are in need of baby clothing from newborn to 4T. Please email us at the contact email below to request baby clothing or to get instructions on how to donate your items. If requesting items, please provide child's size and gender.

If you have questions, please contact Melissa Stankus at mel.stankus@yahoo.

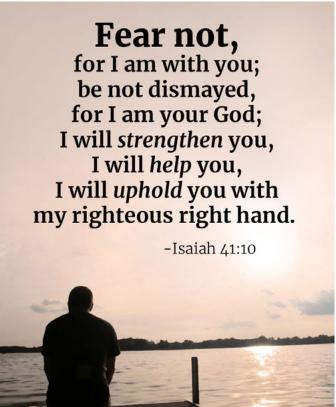


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SJN Announces Opening Plans For 2020-2021



Truly we should not fear! As the prophet Isaiah reminds us, God WILL strengthen, help, and uphold us, and that includes during this trying and stressful time. And few things are bringing us all more stress than the imminent beginning of the school year.

St. John Nottingham has officially announced the Opening Plan for the 2020-2021 school year. As we all know, plans may well change before the year begins, and the SIN School Commission is being extremely proactive in adapting plans to the evolving public health challenge presented by Covid-19, so the SJN Opening Plan may change

Full details of the SJN Opening Plan can be found on our website at www.stjohnnottingham.org, but here are the basics:

SJN will be opening on September 9, 2020, for the new academic year. The current plan is to open for both on-campus and online/ remote learning students simultaneously. We will be making the educational experience as close to normal as possible and as close to the same as possible for both oncampus and remote learners. Teachers will be live streaming their classes, and remote students will be expected to log in and participate just as if they were there in person. The only difference will be that the remote student will be present via computer screen rather than physically in the room. This is to ensure that the remote learning student is receiving the same direct instruction that on campus students are, and that the student has the same real-time access to the teacher. On-campus and remote learning students will be assigned the same work, the same projects, the same tests and assessment, and have the same work due dates and deadlines. St. John Nottingham WILL accommo-

date both students wish them to learn in person in the classroom students those whose parents wish them to learn remotely home.

On-campus students will be adhering to strict physical distancing practices. As SJN maintains smaller class sizes than are normal for the grade level, and a portion of our students will be attending via remote connection, we do not anticipate having difficulties maintaining

physical distancing. (There are some advantages to being small!) Access to the SJN buildings will be strictly limited to students and staff, and students will not share materi-

All SJN students grade 3 and above as well as all staff will be required to wear face masks while in SJN buildings, a strict regimen of cleaning and sanitation is in place, classes will not mix, and all students will have their temperatures checked at the door before being admitted to the buildings. SJN will be offering a full hot lunch pro-

gram. Students who qualify for free or reduced price lunches may participate even if they are remote learners by arranging a nocontact pick up of meals.

While these measures may seem strict, they have to be. Nothing is of more importance than the health and safety of our staff and students, which is why SJN has adopted the policy that if any staff or student member tests positive for Covid-19, even with all of the strict measures we have in place to utterly minimize the potential for exposure, SJN will immediately go to full remote learning for all students for a period of not less than 2 weeks from the date of last poten tial exposure.

SJN is also fully prepared to open for the school year with full remote learning for all students if that is what is best. In that event, we will be maintaining as close to normal a school experience as possible. Teachers will be livestreaming their classes from their classrooms and we will maintain a normal

If you have any questions or concerns about the upcoming school year, even if you do not go to SJN, Principal Peck will be happy to speak with you.

Cleveland (voucher) & EdChoice/ **EdChoice Expansion Application** Window Now Open



by David Peck

Both the Cleveland (Voucher) AND Ed-Choice/EdChoice Expansion scholarships are currently in an open application process! While the Cleveland (Voucher) program ended their summer application window last year, this year they have decided to bring it back, so if you live in the Cleveland

area, a scholarship program is available for you RIGHT NOW!

St. John Nottingham's tuition is set to a level where any of these scholarship programs will cover the cost of tuition IN FULL! When combined with out "No Fees" policy, that means that your child could attempt SJN at no cost to you beyond incidentals and supplies!

If you need assistance in applying for a scholarship, even if you are not currently enrolled at St. John Nottingham, we stand ready to help you through the process from start to finish! Call Mrs. Rollins at (216) 531-8204 for more information.



Kindergarten Filling Up Fast!



by David Peck

St. John Nottingham's 2020 Kindergarten class is filling up fast. We cap our Kindergarten class at 15 students to ensure that we have a proper teacher to student ratio. Mrs.

O'Dea, SJN's lead Kindergarten teacher, has over 25 years of direct classroom experience, and is assisted by Mrs. Hobson, our experienced teacher's aide. Our Kindergarten is a full-day program, following the normal 8:55 to 3:20 school day, and we have extended care available as early as 7:00 AM and as late as 6:00 PM for the convenience of busy parents. If you are interested in registering for Kindergarten at SJN, contact the School Office at (216) 531-8204 to schedule an appointment!

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by Beverly Caldwell

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Reopening Plan for the Imagine Bella Community



Our office is open weekdays and we are here for you! Imagine Bella Families,

We hope you and your family are well and staying safe. We have missed you! As we head into the beginning of the school year, we recognize this fall will be different than other school years, and we wanted to share our plan for a safe, caring, and challenging learning environment for the 2020-2021 school year. Within our plan we have included updates on safety precautions and learning models which will be used this year including School site learning, Remote learning, and a 100% virtual option for families. During the school year, we will continue to be flexible to transition between these models as necessary during any mandated school closures or to ad-

just safety protocols to respond to further needs. We have surveyed families to gain your input, and are investing in more technology with all students able to sign out a Chromebook device to support remote and virtual learning models.

We are always available for you to reach out with any questions or concerns and we look forward to supporting your child(ren) during the 2020-2021 school year!

Please regularly check the School's website and Social Media for updates and important information as this plan is subject

Reopening Plan available on our website: http://imaginebellaacademy.org

Stay in Touch

Stay in touch with us on ClassDojo! Imagine Bella will provide important updates to our families through the summer with ClassDojo. We include information on how to sign up to meet your teacher and sign out chromebook devices. Our office is open weekdays. Looking forward to the start of the school year!





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Does your child turn 5 after the Kindergarten cut-off date? Imagine Bella enrolls students in Kindergarten with our regular enrollment process for all children who turn 5 by September 30th. Students who turn 5 by December 31st can test into our Early Kindergarten program. Stop by Imagine Bella Academy of Excellence to get an Early Kindergarten information kit and learn more about our Early Kindergarten

program. Students must pass Early Kindergarten Test and submit a referral from a parent. Please call ahead to reserve a time

Kindergarten testing dates are being scheduled throughout the summer.

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Picnics Past!



Fr. Bill and a few close friends pose for a picture in 2016





Joe Lascio always enjoyed the get together. Here hs is in 2015

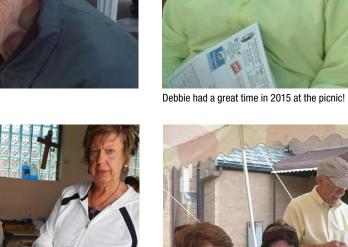
Fr. Bill looks good in this picture from 2017.

Doing our part to control the spread of the

including giving up large gatherings. Conse-

by Adele Markert

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Another winner in the making! The raffle is always

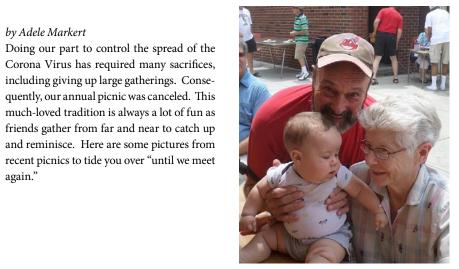




The Fuerst family always mkes a good showing.



Deacon Pete seems to know everyone!



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Collinwood Library



bv Kiaira Iefferson Collinwood Library 856 East 152nd St, Cleveland, OH 44110--Manager, Caroline J Peak

cpl-collwd@cpl.org Collinwood Library Celebrates Summer Lit League & Tarique Elmore, Our Free for All Fridays Raffle Winner!

It may be hot outside, but many of our

CONGRATULATIONS TARIQUE!

young readers were keeping things cool by participating in our Summer Lit League virtual programming. Whether making a craft every Monday with local artists on Facebook Live or listening to popular authors talk about their books during our Town Hall Thursdays on Zoom - there were so many ways to stay engaged with your local Library. Summer Lit League wrapped up at the end of July, but not before one local child was picked to win a weekly raffle

prize from our Outreach and Programming office. Weekly raffle prizes included a Nintendo Switch, Beats headphones, a Chromebook computer, Apple iPad, and Family Pass to either the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo or the Children's Museum. Tarique Elmore was the winner of some awesome Beats headphones! He loves using his tablet to watch movies and have stories read to him, so this is a perfect prize for

Our weekly raffles were just the beginning - for every child that completes Summer Lit League they were able to claim two tickets to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame! If your child has read their 10 books required to complete Summer Lit League they are

eligible for these tickets. Please call your local Cleveland Public Library branch to learn how to redeem them. To date Collinwood Library has 92 children and teens enrolled, and as of this writing 62 completed the program! Congratulations, everyone! **As a reminder: Collinwood Branch is

OPEN for Walk-Up service** Faxing, copying, and printing from

emails are a few of our available services. We are available Monday-Friday from 10:00a.m. to 6:00p.m

If you need more information or have any questions please feel free to call us at the branch!

CDC needs to fully explain about wearing masks; instead of giving partial information

Ear loop mask



by Jeanne Coppola

The CDC has guidelines about the coronavirus and about wearing masks that does not explain everything completely. We need to know about the effectiveness of cloth masks, against aerosols. Because the CDC says cloth masks protect against droplets, but experts say the virus is airborne (in aerosols), which can pass through the mask.

"...fabric masks may reduce the transmission of larger respiratory droplets... (but) There is little evidence regarding the transmission of small aerosolized particulates of the size potentially exhaled by asymptomatic or presymptomatic individuals with COVID-19. https://www.nap.edu/ read/25776/chapter/1#6

The CDC also says wearing a mask

Fabric mask

ease organisms. Always clean produ and strictly follow CDC guidelines. protects other people from us, if we are

Something is missing in the explanation about the virus, and the use of masks and

from getting the virus?

asymptomatic. But wearing a mask does

not protect us from catching the virus from

someone else. What mask can protects us

I have purchased several different ear loop masks, and some fabric masks. Recently I saw some ear loop masks that have the statement "fiberglass free" on their boxes. Does that mean the masks I originally bought are made with fiberglass? Is that why they make my face itch when I wear them? Am I breathing fiberglass fibers?

One mask I bought was antimicrobial, and has the statement on their box saying,

"This mask...does not protect users against bacteria, viruses, germs..." Does that mean that other masks I have, that are not antimicrobial, promote bacteria growth? Are antimicrobial masks better and safer for people who work all day?

The CDC should explain these things. They should also explain why we are told not to touch the front of our mask when we remove it. If our mask is contaminated, wouldn't our face and hair and clothes also be contaminated? Why would the contamination only be on the front of our mask, and nowhere else? Should we shower and change our clothes after coming home?

If respiratory droplets fall to the ground, as the CDC says, why would they be on the outer surface of our face masks at all?

The CDC guidelines do not tell the whole

Since we are supposed to wash our hands and use disinfectant on all the surfaces we touch, does that mean the virus only gets transferred to surfaces we touch? If we wash our hands and do not touch our mask, as they advise, why would the virus be on any surface?

Some information is missing here.

I recently heard on the news that many hand sanitizers are being recalled because they contain a poison called methanol. But the news did not mention anything about masks that are not sanitary. One box of face masks I was going to buy had the words "non sterile" and "not a medical device" on the cover. What does it mean if the mask is

I want a sterile mask to put on my face when I am breathing through it all day. Wouldn't anyone want this?

Another other thing the CDC needs to explain is why they list coronavirus deaths so far THIS YEAR as 132,366, but say nothing about the 250,000 deaths that occur EVERY YEAR from medical errors.

"250,000 deaths per year are due to medical error in the U.S. Their figure, published May 3 in The BMJ, surpasses the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) third leading cause of death - respiratory disease, which kills close to 150,000 people per year." https://www. hopkinsmedicine.org/news/media/releases/study_suggests_medical_errors_now_ third_leading_cause_of_death_in_the_us

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excitedly. "Two days prior my drug dealer and I were going out of town and the car flipped over. I ended up in the hospital to make sure everything was alright. That really was an eye opener and I said that something needed to change."

Laurie Beaver currently resides in a sobriety home in Richmond Heights where she has the option to stay indefinitely. With the help of her sober sisters, group therapy, a strict daily regimen and sponsor, she is more focused than ever. When asked about the challenges of sobriety during the coronavirus pandemic, Laurie answered that her only struggle was not being able to physically see her children during the shut

"As long as I keep talking about my feelings and expressing how all of this is making me feel, things have been getting better," Laurie said. Treatment looks a little different now with the introduction of video conference calling but for the Alcohol and Narcotic Anonymous meetings that have opened up, masks are required and social distancing measures applied.

Beaver encourages those who are currently in recovery to communicate and share their feelings with others. To change their friends, environment and connect with a higher power. Laurie hopes that in the future she will have custody of her two children, working a phlebotomy job while living in a house. "I'm always going to have this disease. The disease of addiction is a daily battle. I only have today and God willing, I will still be sober," she expressed.

are still dying from narcotic drug overdose. Dr. Nathan Gehlert, the Associate Professor and Department Chair for the Clinical Mental Health Counseling program at John Carroll University believes that in order to find solutions for today, we must study the behaviors of the past.

"In 2010, the CDC noticed clearly in data that U.S. life expectancy was decreasing for the first time. That is a really worrisome trend for a country and it was strongly correlated with the increase in opioid prescriptions, use and misuse. So, it took a number of years but in 2016 the CDC only focused on three aspects of the trend by limiting opioid access, the amount of opioids prescribed and limiting the amount of time patients are taking the opioid. Unfortunately, what we've seen in the last four years is that this hasn't resulted in a decline in misuse of opioids or impacted the decreasing U.S. life span," Gehlert exhorted.

U.S. life expectancy continues to struggle as rates decreased by 0.1% from 2016 to 2017. According to the National Institute of on Drug Abuse, in 2018 67,300 Americans died from drug induced overdose. Out of the 67,300 deaths 31,335 were caused by synthetic narcotics such as fentanyl. Although we've seen a decline in drug overdoce deaths involving synthetic parcetics are still rising.

"What this means is that what we're doing (as a society) is not working. We've gotten better at treatment over the last decade but we haven't gotten better at all with prevention," Gehlert continued. Addiction is a disease that thrives from isolation. In 2017, it was published in the Harvard Health Blog that according to scientists and clinicians, addiction is triggered by discomfort.

To cope with physical or emotional discomfort, people engage in potentially addictive behaviors.

The next step in potentially solving the opioid epidemic is to research and invest in addiction prevention methods. Dr. Gehlert suggests education initiatives such as emotional resilience, stress reduction, health education and increasing human conr tion. Research suggests that human adolescence is a prime development stage to incorporate strategic addiction prevention.

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FEATURE STORY

Pandemic Casts Shadow Over Thriving Epidemic

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Summer 2020 has proven to be a deadly season after social distancing restrictions were eased in May. As of July 26, 2020 the United States is leading the world with over 4.1 million confirmed coronavirus cases and 145,982 deaths. While America is fighting the war against COVID-19, a familiar enemy has resurrected in the shadows. The opioid epidemic continues to take the lives of neighbors, friends and loved ones with overdose rates increasing significantly since the pandemic began.

As of last month, 235 people died from drug overdose in Cuyahoga County and 191 overdose related deaths were reported in Franklin County between January and March. According to The Washington Post, the United States witnessed a 42% increase in drug overdose cases in May. Although not all of the cases were fatal, the data signifies a change in substance abuse behavior that treatment facilities and law enforcement officers must consider.

What is Addiction?

"Addiction is a chronic brain disorder, and a medical disease. Addiction is characterized by compulsive harmful behaviors that are continued, despite negative consequences," said Dr. Martina Moore of Moore Counseling and Mediation Services. "Many addictive substances release the same chemicals in the brain that are associated with the feelings of pleasure, such as sex and eating our favorite food," Dr. Moore adds.

Johni Fiber, the Director of Clinical Services at Highland Springs Hospital described addiction as "this ritualistic comfort seeking behavior. It's just that some people go and seek comfort in a way that has a lot of negative consequences," said

The unpredictability of COVID-19 has ncreased stress levels. According to the Center of Disease Control and Prevention, stress can worsen the effects of chronic health conditions and mental illnesses.

"This pandemic is obviously very stressful. People are struggling on multiple levels, they're struggling with isolation, they're struggling with financial issues, they're struggling with fear and anxiety about becoming sick or loved ones getting sick. Our world operates differently and we can't do the things that we usually do. Change causes stress and whenever there is stress present, someone with an addiction is more at risk of relapse," explained Johni Fiber, the Director of Clinical Services at Highland Springs Hospital.

A common misconception about substance abuse is that the decision is voluntary. But as time passes and occasional drug use continues, the brain begins to change. Research has revealed that addiction can cause physical and physiological



dependence. Although both are not mutually exclusive, the human body becomes dependent on the substance, making it difficult to function without it.

"When you have substance use disorder, it's really a chronic brain disorder that feeds off the reward system in your brain. It is so powerful! People don't believe it, that it causes changes in the brain and takes you

Fentanyl: The Silent Killer

"When the state shut down, tolerance decreased and people were at a much higher risk of overdosing and dying. When they disrupted the illicit drug supply because of COVID-19, many people were using anything they could get their hands on, including fentanyl," stated Dr. Leslie Koblentz, the chief clinical officer for the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County.

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is 50 to 100 times more potent than morphine. It is medically permissible to use fentanyl for severe pain, such as advanced cancer pain. But as of recently the synthetic drug has found its way in heroin and cocaine.

Clinical Director Johni Fiber analyzed the fentanyl crisis as a supply and demand problem. "People who are selling these substances begin to add it to their drugs to provide a stronger high for substance users. So the problem is nobody really knows what's in their substances, which leads to accidental overdose," Fiber described.

According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, tolerance is how a person's body adapts to a drug after prolonged use. Individuals with a higher tolerance level will take more of a particular substance to achieve the same feeling of pleasure. Decreased tolerance occurs for people who have been sober for a while and their body learns to adjust with-

out the substance present.

At the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, U.S. Customs and Border Protection increased their efforts to lock down the country and seize illegal drugs. From March to May there was a 57% spike in drug seizures compared to the same time last year. With a shortage of drugs available experts noticed two outcomes; substances were being cut and filled with lethal ingredients such as fentanyl and the second being a shift in drug tolerance for opioid users. Both behaviors have been attributed to the rise in accidental overdose cases in Ohio and na-

Maintaining Sobriety

"I've lost a few friends during the pandemic because of heroin overdose," said Laurie Beaver. "It's just very sad. Everyday you hear that something is killing these people. I keep hearing that there is fentanyl in everything now and that scares me so much. If I don't continue to do the next right thing, I'm going to go backwards and I don't ever want to go backwards," she emphasized.





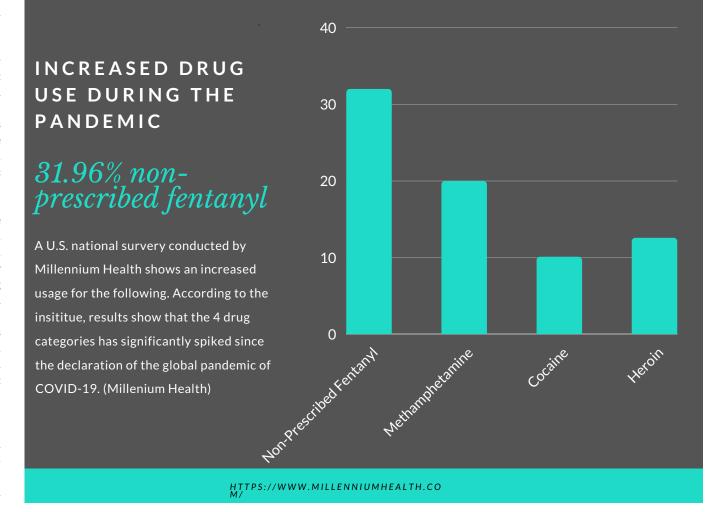
Laurie, now eight months sober, battled with her crack cocaine addiction for years. Raised in North Ridgeville Laurie Beavers recalls having a normal childhood.

"My parents were nondrinkers and very devoted to the family. We didn't really have the family dysfunction that's often talked about and I grew up with horses," Beaver said. There were two traumatic events that Laurie recognized as influential, which included her older sister leaving home unexpectedly and the death of Laurie's horse.

Laurie experimented with different drugs while in college but it wasn't until 2006 that she was reintroduced to crack cocaine and the addiction completely took over her life. Beaver sought the help of familv and attended intensive outpatient treatment at Glenbeigh Outpatient Center. After completing her program, Beaver was "dry sober" from 2007-2014. Dry sober can be described as not using any drugs or alcohol but still feeling unwell physically and men-

"I met my daughter's father, who was a regular smoker and I became a regular crack smoker. I was working a phlebotomy job, I had money, I had a car and I had everything. But once I met him, he allowed me to go another way," explained Beaver.

Laurie continued to battle with her addiction until 2019 when she was hospitalized due to a car accident. "My sobriety date is November 26, 2019," she said



GCDC Staff Luncheon



GCDC Invites Collinwood To Take Community Listening Survey



by Greater Collinwood Development Corpo-

ration Staff Greater Collinwood Development Corporation invites Collinwood neighbors and stakeholders to participate in a Community Listening Survey online. The survey

seeks input from members of the Collin-

wood community regarding the commu-

nity's thoughts and ideas for neighborhood

The Community Listening Survey asks members within GCDC geographic footprint to share their thoughts and ideas. These areas include: Collinwood Village, Euclid Green, Glenville-East, Northshore and Nottingham Village.

Answers will be reported out anonymously and collectively. GCDC is asking that neighbors share the online survey digitally with Collinwood neighborhood groups and associations.

GCDC thanks you in advance for your input. Find the Community Listening Survey here: https://www.surveymonkey.

2020 Census And You

by Greater Collinwood Development Corpo-

Taking the US Census has never been easier, faster or more secure than it is today. Offered in 59 languages, 13 offered online, the US Census is an important count of every person living in all 50 states, D.C. and five

The Census helps to paint a picture of our nation and determines how government resources are allocated locally. The US Census not only impacts Ohio and Cleveland; it impacts Collinwood.

More than \$675 billion in federal funding will be spent according to US Census response, for schools, roads and other public services for communities across the nation. The Census also determines where congressional districts are drawn and the number of seats Ohio will have in Congress, as well as representation in US government at all levels.

Occuring once every 10 years, the US Census provides residents of Collinwood an opportunity to be heard. Results from the Census have a lasting impact on communities. It is important that head-ofhouseholds count every person of all ages in the home as of April 1, children and those recently moved included. Your personal information on the Census is confidential, and federal law protects your responses. Your answers can only be used to produce statistics and legally cannot be used against you by any government agency or court.

For more information about how your response is counted, please visit Complete Count CLE - What Is The Census? To complete the 2020 Census online, please visit https://my2020census.gov/ or call 844-330-

GCDC Gages Community Interest In Financial Literacy Programming



by Greater Collinwood Development Corpo-

Greater Collinwood Development Corporation is currently gaging community interest in virtual financial literacy programming in partnership with Fifth-Third Bank. The virtual financial literacy program, Empower U, will be presented as a live webinar series with Q&A and 1:1 coaching sessions with Fifth-Third to follow

Interested individuals and Collinwood

families are invited to provide feedback about their level of interest in 13 optional presentations, as well as a NextJob presentation, by Aug 12th at 5PM, GCDC aims to customize the series to meet the needs of the community. To learn more about the series and to provide feedback, please visit https://forms.gle/bffhQNWw9oG5u14d7 or contact Krystal Sierra, Economic Development Specialist, at ksierra@greatercol-

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by Greater Collinwood Development Corporation Staff

EMPOWER HER NETWORK

Empower Her Network is seeking a Northeast Ohio Empowerment Advocate to access, diagnose, counsel and provide treatment/ care coordination for survivors of human trafficking and exploitation. The Empowerment Advocate will work with partnering agency in managing appropriate referrals and consultations and will represent EHN to partner agency and clients served. For each client, the Advocate will create and enact an individual Empowerment Plan to provide educational, housing, employment, and consultation services to men, and to perform related duties and responsibilities as required. Applicants must have working knowledge of trauma, prognosis, counseling, and treatment. Qualifications include graduation from an accredited college or university with a Master's degree in social work, women's empowerment, economic empowerment, psychology or closely related field. LCSW is preferred. For more information, please

NPA Coatings is seeking a 1st shift, fulltime Manufacturing Custodian at its facility in Berea, OH. The Manufacturing Custodian is responsible for performing housekeeping duties, general restoration duties, and light handyman duties. This opportunity is great for someone just entering the workforce or returning to the workforce with limited experience. Six months to 1 year of custodial experience is preferred, and High School Diploma or GED equivalency is required. For more information, please visit NPA Careers.

PPG Industries is seeking a Production Operator at its Cleveland location. The position includes blending, measuring and producing raw materials to manufacture industrial coatings, preparing materials and product for packaging and shipment to customers, and is a crucial part of PPG operations. Applicants must be able to lift 50 lbs on a consistent basis throughout the day and have the ability to work rotating shifts,

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jobs, and overtime as needed. Applicants must have a High School Diploma or GED equivalency. Experience in manufacturing or warehouse is preferred. For more information, please view the employment listing

PLATFORM BEER CO.

Platform Beer Co. is seeking a part-time Brewery Packaging Associate for weekday evenings and weekend shifts at its brewing facility in Cleveland, OH. The Brewery Packaging Associate is responsible for measuring dissolved oxygen and carbonation levels of beer prior to packaging, managing all aspects of preparing canning to ensure consistency in packaged product, cleaning and organizing canning line, ensuring canning line is running according to SOPs, preformming seam and dissolved oxygen tests throughout the packaging day and post results, and conducting routine cleaning on canning equipment according to SOPs. Applicants must have a High School Diploma or GED equivalency, and mechanical knowledge and experience is

preferred. For more information, please visit the employment listing here.

APEX PAPER BOX CO.

Apex Paper Box Co. is seeking a full-time Production Worker at its facilities in Cleveland, OH. Primary responsibilities include meeting production goals, adhering to procedures, meeting quality inspections, and following safety objectives. Interested candidates must be able to push/pull 20-50 lbs on a regular basis, must be mechanically inclined, possess problem solving skills, are able to work in a fast-paced environment and are reliable and punctual. High School Diploma or GED equivalency is preferred, and training will be provided. The position is ideal for those just entering the workforce or returning to the workforce with limited experience. For more information, please click here.

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COMMUNITY

Greater Collinwood Development Updates

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by Jamar Doyle

August 2020

Greater Collinwood Development Corporation (GCDC) has been busier than ever! Day-by-day we are learning new ways how to serve our community during the current pandemic. For example, GCDC was among a small handful of top performing CDCs to receive CARES Funding through the City of Cleveland, as well as separate funding through the COVIV-19 Rapid Response fund headed by the Cleveland Foundation. With these funds we will partner with Collaboration Station to expand meal service and add meal delivery. These new grants will allow us to not only maintain our vital food programs during these trying times but to expand capacity.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Access to fresh food has always been a need in our community, now more than ever. With that, GCDC offers youth breakfast and lunch 5 days a week during the summer and senior meals every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday year-round! Due to COVID-19 all meals are pick up. Produce pick up is twice a month as drive through

Other Community Engagement projects include

• GCDC has been working hard to educate the community on the importance of taking the 2020 Census. In July several staff members, in masks, went go door to door to encourage census participation as part of a citywide census campaign

•nGCDC is working to secure 1500 pieces of PPE to distribute to our community. Stay tuned for details regarding upcoming PPE and food distribution events, as well as census and voter participation drives

• Our Community Engagement Team has been working with last year's Collinwood Connects grant recipients on their community projects. 10 teams competed last year in Neighborhood Family Feud to receive \$500-\$4000 in micro grants for community projects. Each team that competed in Neighborhood Family Feud received a mini grant for projects that help build connectedness in Collinwood through fun, meaningful engagements.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

GCDC's Business Development Team has been working hard with local businesses to secure loans to help them remain open during these challenging times and have helped them obtain free PPE to help them safely serve out community. We recently hired an AmeriCorps VISTA who is focusing on workforce development and assisting with developing partnerships.

Other Business Development Team projects include:

- Working with Fifth Third Bank to conduct a virtual financial literacy series
- Becoming referral partners with workforce development programs offered by Ohio Guidestone and Passages
- Assisting businesses to find space within our community, most recently assisting •
- Dedicated Senior Medical Center, which opened on Monday July 20th

HOUSING AND CODE ENFORCE-

Our Housing and Code Enforcement Department continues to offer the same services; however, it is done with extra safety measures in mind. Some of the tasks this team covers includes:

• Through the Healthy Home Initiative partnership with the city of Cleveland, assisted 147 homeowners with the city's

newly reinstated paint program • Managing several residential rentals, one of which we recently leased

• Continuously looking for opportunities to remove blight and return vacant houses to productive use

COMMUNICATIONS

One of the newest things GCDC launched was an e-newsletter. The e-newsletter is also posted on Facebook and to the GCDC website. For those that do not have access to the internet, GCDC shares every e-newsletter article with the Collinwood Observer that produces a monthly local newspaper. Articles published in the e-newsletter include GCDC and neighborhood happenings, as well as information and resources businesses and residents may find beneficial and useful. To share information that should be included in the e-newsletter, or to sign up to receive this publication, please email clovely@greatercollinwood.org.

NEW OFFICE PROTOCOL

Due to the pandemic, GCDC has had to limit how many people are allowed in the office at one time. With that, staff have been assigned designated days to go in. When we are not physically in the office, we are working remotely. All staff can check their voicemail and access email remotely, and our staff continues to have the goal of returning calls and answering emails within 24 hours. The following is our staff directory: Main Office- 216-383-9772

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SWCD Workshops Available Online

our strategic plan for the year, that by April we would have bitten off much of our stated goal to increase our online outreach. Well thanks to the pandemic, Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) did just that. Staff very quickly were getting up to speed with Zoom, GO2webinar, and video editing tools so we could bring our content to residents while not being able to meet face to face.

Who knew that in January as we solidifed

While our staff certainly misses our in person rain barrel workshops and making chemical free home and lawn care products with residents, there are many benefits to be gained by having our workshops accessible online.

• You can watch our workshops anytime from anywhere as long as you have access to the internet and a streaming device.

• Perhaps you will tune into a topic you might not have, if offered in person and learn something new.

neighbor and they don't have to wait a year before we are in their community again. • No shirt, no shoes, no mask required to

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watch from the comfort of your home. We invite you to join our staff and tune in to our virtual workshops.

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Let the Flare See the Air Learn about tree care and why you should never never volcano mulch your tree!

ance while still having a beautiful and

Who We Are and What We Do Learn more about Cuyahoga SWCD and the ser-• Most of our content is available to you free vices we offer.



The New Landscape for Local News



by By R.T. Andrews Republished from The Real Deal Press If you are going to be scooped on your own story, it's likely best when a friend does it.

There is so much happening of grisly consequence these days — from the health, economic and civic ramifications of the COVID-19 pandemic and the absolutely horrendous response thereto by so many of our leaders on every level; to what has quickly shaped up to the largest public corruption scheme in Ohio history; to the quiet federal invasion of our city; to the ongoing crises in city administration; to the sense of possibility that exists in this moment of racial recalibration — we might be forgiven for failing to report on a couple of matters right in our backyard.

The first of these neighborhood items is captured in this piece by Jay Miller, longtime Crain's reporter, and one of a dwindling core of Cleveland journalists possessed of institutional memory. The local daily newspaper, the Plain Dealer, died

unceremoniously a few months ago, intentionally deprived by its absentee owner over several years of the resources it needed to sustain and reinvent itself. For the moment, its shell is being inhabited by cleveland. com, a digital news site that currently uses the PD nameplate to imply a false continuity with a bygone era. [It's reminiscent of when the Modell Browns slunk off to Baltimore: the NFL team's records and colors stayed behind, but the replacement squad

The media landscape has been changing rapidly all over the globe for the past quarter century, a development that shows no sign of abating. But even as so-called legacy newspapers gasp, shrivel, and vanish, the human and community need for local news and information about our increasingly complex, digitized, discontinuous, and amazing world, is, if anything, only heightened. Of the seemingly dwindling number of truths that remain undiminished, one is

that arrived a few years later still bears no

resemblance to the original.]

this: nature abhors a vacuum.

And so, as Miller reports, a "local news ecosystem" is taking root in Northeast Ohio. One of the earliest manifestations was the reconstitution of an association of disparate community publications — some old, some new, some ethnic, some territorial, etc. The reborn organization, to which Miller devotes some appreciative space, is the Neighborhood and Community Media Association of Greater Cleveland. Indefatigable media person Rich Weiss, who, in addition to editing a monthly print publication devoted to Cleveland's Tremont area, also founded and directs the Neighborhood Media Foundation, has been the driving force behind the newly energized

Member publications include the Cleveland Street Chronicle, Collinwood Observer, East Side Daily News, Erie Chinese Journal, Euclid Observer, Heights Observer, La Mega Nota, Plain Press, Profile News Ohio, The Neighborhood News, The Real Deal Press, The Tremonster, Ward Seven Observer, and West Park Times.

New officers elected at the group's June 25 meeting include The Real Deal Press publisher R. T. Andrews as president, Rich Weiss [The Tremonster publisher] as vice president, Jessie Schoonover [West Park Times editor-in-chief] as treasurer, Ellen Psenica [former Neighborhood News publisher] as secretary, and Ulysses Glen [East Side Daily News publisher] as parliamen-

"Local news engages citizens, improves public decision-making and makes political and civic leaders accountable to their

- a study commissioned by area founda-

Miller's article notes that "news deserts" — communities where information about local government and other matters is hard to come by — is not just an area phenomenon. In fact, as profiteers have swooped in and gobbled up legacy publishers' assets, only to shrink the products and decimate the newsrooms, many foundations and other philanthropies have become alarmed, in part because of research that shows local governments tend to become less scrupu-

lous as watchdog journalism decreases.

A study commissioned by the Cleveland and Knight foundations last year [I was among those interviewed] concluded in part, Miller writes, that "local news engages citizens, improves public decision-making and makes political and civic leaders accountable to their communities. It also makes contributions to public health and political participation."

In December, those foundations, along with the George Gund Foundation, the Akron Community Foundation, and the Center for Community Solutions, announced more than \$110,000 in journalism grants to address community information needs in Akron and Cleveland.

While The Real Deal Press has not sought such funding, we are excited about several major recent steps to increase our capacity to keep readers informed, including collaborating with several journalistic partners, among them Eye on Ohio, the Ohio Capital Journal, and Your Voice Ohio Media Collaborative. And significantly, the long-promised and long-delayed rollout of our 2.0 website will occur by this Labor Day, just about a month before early voting

Collinwood's Professional Boxing Past: Round 2



Al Jackson at his cafe center lighting up.

by William McCulloch

It's inevitable. No matter how long you may research a subject, as soon as you put something down to print, your sure to find something you've

missed. And that fine, the initial idea was to try and flush out anything that may have been missed. In this case I came up with

The first and earliest found was of Henry "Hank" Yompers who fought professionally from 1897 to 1900. From newspaper articles of the day, he was described as a railroad man, and at different times either a "Collinwood strong boy" or a "Nottingham strong boy". He was a middleweight trained by a George La Blanche, a marine who had a boxing school in Cleveland. I couldn't find anything else regarding him after he finished boxing.

The second was Al Jackson. I was just fishing on google and hit on some postings on the Pinterest website by

his grandson, Rick Jackson, who lives now north of Houston Texas, of varoius pictures and newspaper clippings.

Al was another middleweight trained and managed by former boxer Bryan Downey. Noted in a paper as the "Pride of Collinwood" he fought professionally from 1927 to 1928 and afterwards operated a tavern at 573 East 140th Street in the 1930's. He would though pass away at the early age of 37 of pneumonia and is buried at Knoll-

Now Leroy Koeth I had information on, but more regarding his time as a trainer. Leroy started out boxing early on with the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO), the



Leroy Koeth

Catholic counterpart to the YMCA. The program was called Highchair Boxing for younger children. He would then later train under former boxers Pat Yates and Tom Grant at their athletic club out of St. Joseph Church's gym at 14422 Aspinwall Avenue for the Golden Gloves Tournament of 1945 as did his brother Jimmy in 1946. He'd go on to fight as a welterweight professionally from 1946 to 1951 while serving in the

A plumber by trade, he would continue with boxing as a trainer after work out of the Collinwood Community Center from the late 1950's thru the early 1960's. Some of those he trained for the Golden Gloves included Leonard Trem and Al Tremaglio, Rudy Floran, Joe Morgan, Edward and Paul McHale, Art and Ron Sneperger, and Norman Walker. He passed away in 2012 at the age of 84 and is buried at Whitehaven Cem-The last I found was Frank Sallee, who

trained with Collinwood's Mike Carriere for the 1959 Golden Gloves Tournament. After Mike's passing later that year, Frank would continue training at the Teamsters Council 41 Athelic Club for the following year's Golden Gloves. He would go on to fight professionally for the next three years out of New York City winning three of his fights at Madison Square Garden. Henry Yompers: 1897-1900 (1-1-2) Al Jackson: 1927-1928 (2-4-0) Eddie Bojack: 1929-1933 (16-6-0) Louis Disantis: 1929-1934 (22-2-1) Frankie Bauer: 1929-1936 (23-24-3) Frankie Wallace: 1930-1941 (35-59-11) Joe Bauer: 1935-1937 (4-6-2) Mike Gamiere: 1936-1946 (29-17-6) Al Sivillo: 1937-1940 (1-1-0) Midge Mangine: 1937-1947 (9-9-1) Frank Bojack: 1938 (1-0-0) Joey Maxim: 1941-1958 (83-29-4) Vic "Jade" Jadrich: 1943-1947 (10-42-3) Chuck Hunter: 1943-1953 (45-26-1) Lou Dell: 1944 (0-3-1) Tony Brush: 1944-1947 (10-3-0) Leroy Koeth: 1946-1951 (8-8-1) Mickey Mars: 1950-1955 (17-7-0) Frank Collica: 1955-1956 (0-2-0) Tony Hughes: 1956-1963 (26-4-0) Larry Wagner: 1956 (4-0-0) Frank Sallee: 1960-1962 (5-8-0) Billy Wagner; 1968-1976 (34-9-2) Phil Brozier: 1977 (0-2-1) John Zele: 1982-1984 (5-0-1)

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COMMUNITY

In A Word: OPTIMISM

by Pastor Walther Marcis

Webster's Dictionary gives us the following definition. "1 - the belief that good ultimately prevails over evil. 2 - the tendency to take the most hopeful or cheerful view

Looking at the various things that have been taking place in the world, our nation, our state and in the community, it would not give us vary many good choices to make that would make us very optimistic. Yet the optimist should be able to see through tragedy to the blessing that lies beyond.

Have you ever considered the reason why some people act differently to the same problems and difficulties. Alan McGinnis says the following: "Optimists are not necessarily born with cheerful dispositions, nor do they lead charmed lives. Far from it, in fact. Many of them grew up in negative environments, and most of them suffered from crushing setbacks. But along the way, they discovered techniques for defeating depression and keeping their enthusiasm

Just look at some of the situations and challenges of our times: some people hate the president others love him, some belong to one political party and hate those in the other, all of us have some degree of fear regarding Covid 19. Some want the schools to open others to close them and have on line schooling, some want socialism and others capitalism, and so the list can go on and on. Our country seems so divided and it becomes so difficult to be optimistic about anything.

So many today to would believe the word PESSIMISM is the operative word of the day. All seems so hopeless and depressing we have no clue of an optimistic end game.

Housing is at Risk

Equal access to justice for all is the foun-

dation of American democracy. Yet, the

United States ensures no protections for

civil legal issues such as evictions. In these

cases, the basis for a thriving family is often

in the balance - and without access to an

attorney, many people are unnecessarily

plunged into deeper instability. Thankfully,

in Cleveland, more families will soon have

access to crucial legal representation that

Cleveland recently established a right

to counsel (RTC) for low-income tenants

facing eviction. Effective on July 1st, 2020,

tenants at 100% or below of the federal pov-

in their household will have access to free

In Cleveland, about 9,000 evictions are

filed each year. Only 1%-2% of tenants fac-

ing eviction are represented by legal coun-

sel, whereas most landlords can afford a

lawyer. Cleveland's new RTC law, the first

such law in the Midwest, will help balance

The scales are already levelling in New

York City. In 2017, New York became the

first city in America to pass a right to coun-

sel. Its legislation guarantees that tenants

under 200% of federal poverty guidelines

facing eviction have access to legal repre-

sentation. In the year following the passage

of the legislation, a report by the Commu-

nity Service Society found that evictions

in RTC zip codes declined more than five

times faster than those in non-RTC zip

the scales of justice.

can protect them from losing their homes.

by Danilo Powell-Lima

Yet there is hope. Here are a number of

Pray and ask God for guidance and wis

Do those things that would make you a problem solver and part of the positive solutions rather than making things worse. Ask yourself questions like: What can I do to make things better? How can I improve things in the home, church, city, or com-

Our world is imperfect so focus on things that you can do to prevent problems by anticipating problems. For example: On line school may happen in the public schools: What alternative do I have for the educa-

Encourage situations where we may talk freely about situations that differ from ours. This atmosphere is not prevalent in our society today. We tend to shout down any idea that differs from ours.

In a negative situation explore the chance that there may be something good out of this negative situation. If there is not anything good, in a kind way, guide the situa-

Pray for wisdom for yourself and others.

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items to consider:

dom from His Word. Worship, prayer and Bible study are key to setting us on a positive track as people of God. The Bible says that "All things work together for good to them that love God." This becomes a test and opportunity to put this into practice

tion into a positive solution.

If you are looking for answers to life's tough questions, contact us and set up a time when we may meet or talk. SJN Church 216-531-1156, or wmarcis@stjohnnotting-

tor Walther Marcis

financially from RTC legislation, with es-

timates reaching as high as \$320 million

in savings annually. This is because for ev-

ery 1\$ spent on legal aid, \$5-\$6 are saved

in providing services, according to a 2014

report from Legal Services Corporation

The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland be-

gan examining the merits of a right to

counsel in Cleveland in 2018 thanks to a

grant from Sisters of Charity Foundation of

Cleveland's Innovation Mission. From this

platform, the Housing Justice Alliance was

created. The Alliance is led by Legal Aid

attorney Hazel Remesch and an advisory

committee which includes low-income

the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Associa-

tion, and city leaders - including Coun-

cil President Kelley and Council Member

Brancatelli. The signing of Cleveland's RTC

is the culmination of the Alliance's work.

The United Way of Greater Cleveland is

working with Cleveland City Council to

lead and implement the new legislation.

The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland is con-

tracted with United Way to provide legal

representation. Come July 1st, Legal Aid

will be ready to provide those who qualify

for RTC with high-quality legal representa-

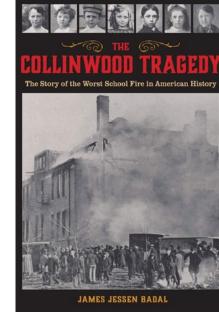
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The Collinwood Tragedy: The Story of the Worst School Fire in American History



A devastating loss of life and a community's response

March 4, 1908, seemed an ordinary morning at Lakeview Elementary School in Collinwood, Ohio, when fifth grader Emma Neibert noticed wisps of smoke. Her discovery soon led to a panicked stampede inside the school—the chaos of nine teachers trying to control and then save pupils in overcrowded classrooms. Outside, Collinwood's inadequate volunteer fire department—joined by members of the Cleveland fire department—fought a losing battle with the rapidly spreading blaze.

While some inside jumped from the building to safety, most were trapped. Ultimately, 172 children, two teachers, and one rescue worker were killed, and the Collinwood community was irrevocably changed.

The fire's staggering death toll shocked the country and resulted in impassioned official inquiries about the fire's cause, the building's structure, and overall safety considerations. Regionally, and eventually nationwide, changes were implemented in school structures and construction materi-

James Jessen Badal's extensive research reveals how the citizens of Collinwood were desperate to find someone to blame. Rumor and suspicion splintered the grieving community. And yet they also rose to the challenge of healing: officials reached out to immigrant families unsure of their rights; city charities, churches, and relief agencies responded with medical help, comfort for the bereaved, and financial support; and fundraising efforts to assist families totaled over \$50,000-more than \$1 million today.

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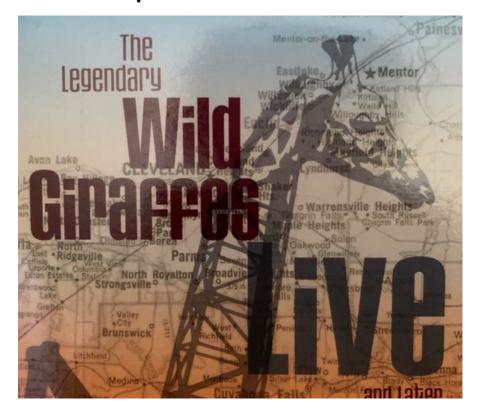
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MUSIC

Absolutely Feral: Reviews Of Recent Releases By Local Bands



by Buzz Kompier The Wild Giraffes - Live At The Cleveland Agora - Neck Records - 8 songs - LP The Wild Giraffes - Live And Later -

Neck Records - 16 songs - CD I'm combining these because they're es-

sentially two versions of the same releasethe first seven tracks and final track are the same on both, the CD just has an additional 8 studio tracks. We'll start with the live material. Oh my god! It's fantastic! They kick off with an absolutely smoking version of "Right Now," the title track from their only LP and it blows the studio version out of the water, which is a story that's repeated with pretty much every track here. I know people think the "Right Now" album is badly produced and sorta not that great- I fully understand that, though I still enjoy it- but they oughta check this out. The songs on the

LP (or the live half of the CD, if that's how you're listening) are basically the definitive versions- particularly the classic originals like "Love Me," "I Don't Know About You," and again "Right Now." There's also "Under My Skin," another great tune that's never been released before (though there is a studio version which someone should put out as a single). This is some of the greatest power pop ever recorded. No exaggeration. Immensely catchy songs, very high energy, perfectly jangly and pretty where it needs to be- but never ever wimpy or any of the other more negative traits associated with power pop, because first and foremost the Wild Giraffes are a rock band. And the group absolutely destroys on here. Dave Ivan and Alan McGinty are a powerhouse rhythm section (Dave "Animal" Ivan gets a couple good screams in, too- and I always

ened this opinion, that Chris King is the standard that all singers in this style should be held to. He's just at the top of the game. The whole thing makes you excited just listening to it. It's powerful. The final track of the LP is not actually another live track but an earlier studio track that's called "Tell Me You Love Me" on the LP and "Over And Over" on the CD, mysteriously. It's may be the weirdest track in their catalog. It's a six and a half minute groover that's kind of an okay song but is elevated by the presence of the brilliant Monte Carmont (or K.D. Carmont, as he's credited here) doing some bizarre teenage lust/Lou Reed-esque narration over the top of it. I can't quite make out everything he says, but what I can is pretty great ("Girls did respect me. I had no problems."). And then at one point, one of the Giraffes (Edgar, I'm pretty sure) starts doing his own spoken word thing too! It's kind of insane! Besides the Giraffes, who are absolutely underrated, there's another great Cleveland musician who more people should know- pick up that Monte Carmont & What 4 record if you can find it, it's great. Also included with the vinyl version is a nice booklet with lots of photos, newspaper clippings, and other cool stuff (I particularly liked looking at the Wild Giraffes fan club membership cards and seeing such notables as Jane Scott and David L. Atkins). Now that I've told you how great the LP is (and it really, really is and you should get a copy immediately), here's my problem: it's too short! It really leaves you wanting more. The whole thing feels like it's over in ten minutes. Yeah, all seven songs are incredible, but I need more! And

knew Alan was a good drummer, but man,

he's on fire here). The twin guitar attack of

Edgar Reynolds and Bill Elliott is in full

force- it's really incredible the way they

work together on here. And I've always

thought, but this record certainly strength-

I know there is more! Maybe (hopefully) they're saving some stuff for another future archival release. Fingers crossed. Now onto the studio tracks from the CD. Across the board, they're pretty good. They do not rip as much as the live stuff, but as far as the songs go there are some real winners here. "Good As Gold" is very '60s and very Beatle-y in particular, between the "Tomorrow Never Knows" drum beat and the "Ticket To Ride" quotation at the end. "Angel" is a little more new wave, but still cool. "I Wanna Be A Giraffe" and "99 Times" are both solid power pop rockers. I really like "Talk To Me," though it definitely sounds like an unfinished recording- Edgar and Bill feel not quite present enough, like they did everything but the final guitar overdubs. I'm almost certain I've heard live versions that have more going on. Still, good song and you gotta love when Chris King growls "talk to me" the one time. The weakest three are all right in a row, actually- "Another World" (which, honestly, is still pretty good, and it has some fuzz guitar in there), "A Girl Like You" (which must be earlier because, like "Over And Over," it features Mike Terrell on guitar instead of Bill Elliott), and "Give Me A Kiss," which is a straightforward rock 'n' roller but also a Christmas song. Even with those being the weakest links, they're certainly not so bad you'd skip them or anything. In either form, LP or CD, almost certainly my favorite archival release of the year, and again, I really really hope there's more releases planned because I know there's other great stuff that has yet to see the light of day. Still, for now, this will do you very well. 5/5

(thewildgiraffes.com) Are you a local-ish band? Do you have a record out? Email vaguelythreatening@ gmail.com or send to Buzz Kompier: PO Box 770203, Lakewood, OH 44107.



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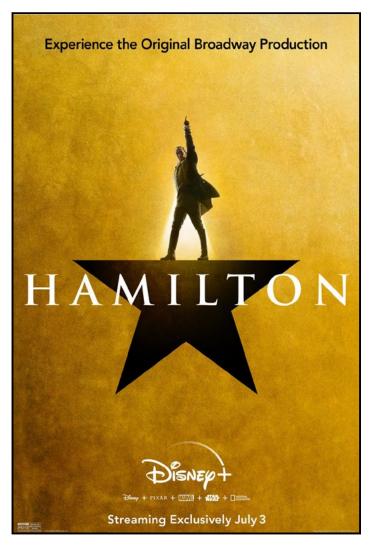
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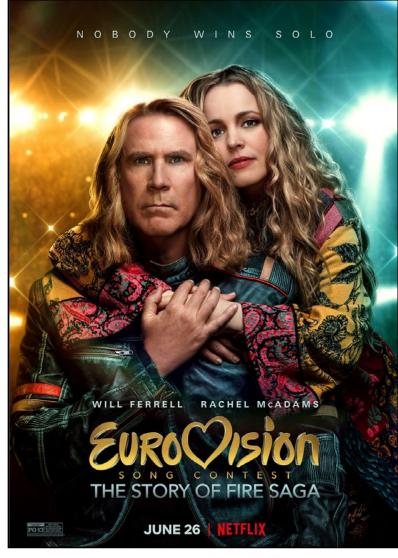
ENTERTAINMENT

Hamilton Musical Movie Review



I didn't get absorbed into the hype when the show hit Broadway then started touring. So, I was blindsided by the utter brilliance of this musical. Disney Plus pulls off the unimaginable in getting the viewer right into the action of this filmed stage production with the original cast without it feeling distant or uncompelling. Truly a wonder to behold even with a few historical inaccuracies. Grade? Solid A

Eurovision Song Contest Movie Review



Will Ferrell and Rachel McAdams play an Icelandic couple that go on a super obvious path to become Europe's greatest singers. If there are jokes, 95% of them went over my head in this slog of a film. Streaming on Netflix, the only redeeming qualities are great settings and Rachel McAdams' "singing". If you are tempted to tune in, just rewatch Pitch Perfect 2 again. Grade - D plus.





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