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East Tech basketball coach, Brett Moore, along with senior Jimmy Horton, who recently signed a letter of intent with Ohio Christian University. Photo courtesy Lighthouse, Inc.

A Rising Star: East Tech High School Senior Raises GPA, Earns College Scholarship

By Rockette Richardson

East Tech senior Jimmy Horton signed a letter of intent this May to continue his education and play basketball at Ohio Christian University ("OCU"), a private, four-year Christian university, just south of Columbus.

What makes this accomplishment even more remarkable is that, until relatively recently, Horton was not academically eligible to play. Previously, he struggled in school, earning a 1.18 GPA, and considered dropping out in his sophomore year.

That all changed after he joined the Heaventrain AAU program, sponsored by American Income Life, two seasons ago. "To be on the team, you have to go to school,"

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East Meets West At This Year's Asian Festival

By Bronson Peshlakai



A record crowd enjoyed the sights, sounds and entertainment at this year's Asian Festival. Top and bottom right photos by Bronson Peshlakai. Left bottom photo by Charles Fong.

Throngs of people celebrated with the Asian community May 19 and 20 at the 3rd Annual Asian Festival, held at Asia Plaza situated at East 30th Street and Payne Avenue.

The free event brought people from all backgrounds to the eastern fringe of the Campus District to celebrate the "Year of the Dragon" on a weekend where great warm weather drew record

crowds, estimated to be about 50,000.

"The crowd at this festival keeps growing every year," said Ken Kovach, chairman of the festival's outreach committee. "A

lot of the growth has to do with community outreach. We let all the surrounding communities know that this festival is open to the public and everyone is

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The Cleveland Energy Saver program will use both blower door and infrared camera technology. The blower door shown above simulates a 30 mph wind and magnifies areas where air leaks infiltrate your home. Photo courtesy Cleveland Energy Saver Program

New Energy Saver Program Helps City's Homeowners Reduce Energy Consumption, Save Money

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CSU Farmers Market Returns June 7

CSU's Farmers Market returns to the Campus District on Thursday, June 7. "We are crossing our fingers that we'll have strawberries for opening day, along with maple syrup gathered late winter, honey, spring lettuces, greens, beets, zucchini, yellow squash, cucumbers and our fantastic local lunches," said the market's director Donita Anderson. Visit the market, located in the 1900 block of Euclid, on Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. through the fall. Photo courtesy North Union Farmers Market.



Opinion

Changing the Future of Education in Cleveland’s Central Neighborhood

By Susan Hyland

In April 2010, Rich Frank, Guidestone President and CEO, shared his vision of a Guidestone sponsored charter school while discussing the agency’s 2009-2012 Strategic Plan.

“Our agency works every day to treat the many behavioral health concerns facing our clients; however, without addressing the generational cycle of poverty and low academic achievement at the heart of the social problems we treat, it is difficult to make a lasting difference,” Frank said. “Creating a unique, no-excuses culture, integrated with our proven support services for the entire family, will give students the opportunity they need to thrive in today’s society.”

With this vision in mind, Guidestone is opening Stepstone Academy, a new charter school in the Cleveland Central Neighborhood, in August 2012.

After extensive re-

search, Guidestone chose the Central Neighborhood of Cleveland as the site of the charter school not only because of our experience in this area, but also because Central is one of the most high-need communities in Northeast Ohio.

Many of the families living in Central are faced with several barriers to success, including high poverty rates and falling behind in their education, putting them at risk of never graduating high school. As a result, children growing up in the Central Neighborhood could benefit from multiple support services that would help overcome these challenges and give them a solid education.

Stepstone Academy, founded on the philosophy of “no-excuse”, will create access to high quality education that will provide all the educational and social supports necessary for children to change their odds and realize an academic future that can lead to a successful life.

What makes Stepstone

Academy truly unique is its rigorous curriculum, its seamless integration of learning support services, and use of technology in the classroom to personalize education. These learning support services including behavioral health; parenting and family skill building; and workforce development, will be provided by Guidestone to remove any barriers facing the families being served. The use of computers for learning will allow the teachers to differentiate instruction to meet the needs of each student, so that all children can make important academic strides.

Stepstone Academy is initially starting with 125 kindergarten and first grade students and will add one grade each subsequent academic year. The school day will run from 8:00am to 3:50pm, 196 instructional hours above the state standard per school year. The school will also hold a six-week summer program, as well as after-school and Saturday academic pro-

grams, to give students additional instruction.

Stepstone Academy will be located at 3500 Carnegie Avenue, near the intersection of E. 32nd Street, in the heart of Central, as well as adjacent to Guidestone’s Cleveland campus. This will enable us to effectively provide support services to the families enrolled in Stepstone Academy.

If you are interested in changing the odds for disadvantaged children through funding opportunities, please contact Paul Pawlaczyk, Vice President of Advancement, at paul.pawlaczyk@GuidestoneOhio.org or 440.260.8853. To learn more about Stepstone Academy, please contact Susan Hyland, Vice-President of Early Childhood and Family Support, at 440.260.8891 or susan.hyland@GuidestoneOhio.org

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EAST MEETS WEST AT THIS YEAR'S ASIAN FESTIVAL

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invited to this celebration.”

Visitors to the Asia Plaza were able to sample many different foods from 18 food booths sponsored by local restaurateurs and businesses in what is now considered “Asia Town,” Kovach noted. Samples of cuisine from the Orient were available from places like Cambodia, China, Japan, Philippines and Thailand.

Inside the plaza, local health care providers offered free screenings for glucose, blood pressure and bone density to educate the public.

A headliner to the festival was “Instant Noodles,” a dance group who finished as MTV’s Top 5 America Dance Crew.

A grand celebration for this community brought a melting pot of people to enjoy and sample this part of the city.

“The diversity of the people that are here - if you’re looking at the audience or at the people walking the streets at the festival, it’s just not Asian people. There are people of all ethnicities and all nationalities, which is one of the goals of this festival - to bring a lot of different people together,” Kovach said.

Bronson Peshlakai is student at Cuyahoga Community College, and an associate editor at The Voice, Tri-C’s student newspaper.



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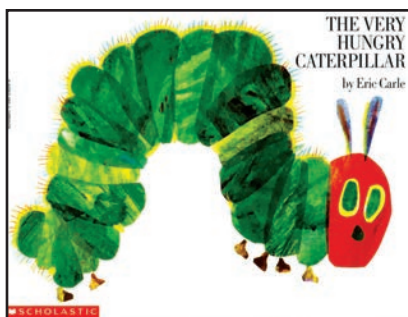
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June At Sterling Library: HUNGRY CATERPILLARS, PHAT RHYMES & FUN FOOD



A Very Hungry Caterpillar Celebration

Enjoy stories, activities and crafts celebrating Eric Carle's perennial favorite *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. For Pre-School ages. Tuesday, June 12 at 3:00 p.m.



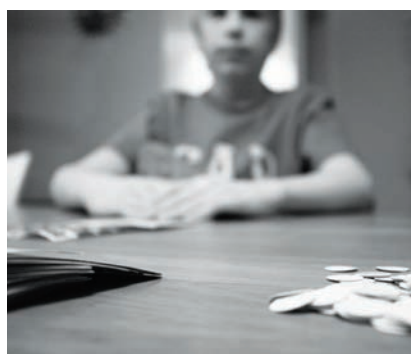
Bookin' Beats

If you like to rap, sing, write and research, this program is for you. Join Edward “Phatty” Banks to create and record your own original musical composition about fresh foods and excellent eats! For school age children. Thursday, June 14 at 3:00 p.m.

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Tuesday, June 19 at 3:00 p.m.



Veggie Patch Bingo

Meet a few local vegetable superstars as you try your luck in Veggie Patch Bingo! For school age children. Monday, June 25 at 3:00 p.m.

Cleveland Public Library's Sterling Library is located at 2200 East 30th Street. For more information about events, programs and services, call (216) 623-7074 or go to <http://www.cpl.org/>.



Cleveland Public Library's Sterling Branch: A Neighborhood Anchor Looks To The Future

By Cal Zunt

Previous articles in this three-part series about the Sterling Branch reviewed the nearly 100-year history of this well-used neighborhood resource and its impact on the Central Neighborhood. Over the decades the Library kept pace and responded to the changing needs of the surrounding residents.

Today, the Sterling Branch continues to anchor, support, and revitalize the community in which it resides.

Recently, the Board of Trustees of the Cleveland Public Library approved a new Strategic Plan, centered on a long-term vision of the City of Cleveland transformed by a vibrant culture of learning. To achieve this vision, the Library will focus its energy and resources on five strategic priorities: forming a community of learning; fighting community deficits; readying for the future; cultivating a global perspective, and innovating for efficient and sustainable operations. All of the Library's locations will be involved in implementing the new strategic plan over the course of the next several years.

The Sterling Branch collaborates with a wide variety of individuals, institutions, and organizations to help build a stronger neighborhood. Examples of such partnerships include the Sisters of Charity Foundation (whose board members include Felton Thomas, Jr., Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Cleveland Public Library) and Campus District, Inc. (whose Board of Directors includes Cindy Lombardo, Deputy Director and Chief Operations Officer for the Library).

Members of the Sterling Branch staff work closely with the Promise Neighborhood Program and Ambassadors, the Marion Sterling Partnership, Trinity Cathedral, the senior patrons of the CMHA Hi-Rise, the Friendly Inn Settlement House, CWRU Nutrition Study, Beech Brook, the City of Cleveland's Department of Economic Development, area churches, Head Start and daycare providers, the Cleveland Municipal School District (CMSD), the Girl Scouts of Northeast Ohio and others.

Also in support of the community, Sterling's staff models to the children and young adults served by the Library the positive behaviors that are expected in all community public spaces. Employees promote reading and responsible computer use, and strive to match the Branch's collection to the information needs of its patrons. In partnership with the City of Cleveland, and the Jewish Community Federation, CPL staff members provide lunch during the summer to thousands of hungry children annually. The Library offers computer training and resume writing assistance for adults, along with a Reader's Advisory service.

Members of the Sterling Branch staff have established close relationships with area schools, especially CMSD's Marion Sterling and Campus International School

"All of the Library's locations will be involved in implementing the new strategic plan over the course of the next several years."

(CIS). All CIS students study Mandarin Chinese, and students and parents were informed about CPL's database "Muzzy," to support their language studies.

The Sterling Branch provides curriculum-based activities and programs designed to support and encourage family literacy and life-long learning. Parents and caregivers of young children can participate in the “Every Child Ready to Read” (ECRR) program, which delivers a framework to provide pre-literacy skills to children from birth through age six. As decades of research have shown, early intervention supports future school and reading success.

The Branch also partnered with Cleveland State University (CSU) to offer after-school tutoring via the “America Reads” program, which provided inner-city youth more than just homework help and reading tutoring. Participating children met and worked with CSU students from the countries of China and Turkey, literally gaining a one-on-one global perspective.

Other examples of cultural programming available at the Branch includes music, dance, poetry, and art. Nationally recognized children's book author, Denise Fleming visited the branch in 2011.

In collaboration with Beech Brook and CMSD, Sterling Branch provides meeting room space, books and online resources to support parenting and middle school programs. And, in the fall of 2012, it will open one of six Cleveland Public Library Learning Centers in the city, to expand and enhance its work with life-long learners of all ages.

As its long and illustrious history has proven, the Sterling Branch has grown and changed with the neighborhood, and will continue to listen and respond to its needs!

Cal Zunt is Manager of the Cleveland Public Library's Sterling Branch.



Done in A Day:

Federal Employees Volunteer in Cleveland's Central Neighborhood



Left: VA employees Erick Walton and Shawnee Fox, with Paul Lord and Jason Gallo, from the Veterans Health Administration, clean up at Out-hwaite Estates. Center, Right: NASA's Janet Clark, making bead bracelets and necklaces and VA's Carlton Moreland, face painting at Friendly Inn Settlement House. All photos by Joan Mazzolini



(l) Carol Rivchun, Y.O.U.'s President, along with event supporters Sherman Dean II and Dee Lowery. (r) Ja'marra Calhoun and Bentley Reese from John Adams and Kassia Davis from Shaw. Photos courtesy Y.O.U.



Youth Opportunities Unlimited Showcases 170 High School Juniors & Seniors at Youth Career Olympics

By Marge Zellmer

This April, more than 170 youth from Youth Opportunities Unlimited (Y.O.U.) participated in the Youth Career Olympics, held at the Cleveland Clinic Lyndhurst Facility. This event allows area high school juniors and seniors to showcase their talents and knowledge in various employability skills.

Wayne Dawson of Fox 8 News, was the emcee, and Randell McShepard, VP of Public Affairs at RPM International Inc., was the keynote speaker.

THE WINNERS WERE:

- Public Speaking:
Ali-Zaye Heskell of the Prime Time Program at the MLK Library
- Employment Interview:
Antonio Jenkins of MC2 STEM
- Visual Display:
Marchele Lilly of MC2 STEM
- Program Cover Design:
Deron Furr of Shaw H. S.
- Application Review:
Yanassa Hudson of Shaw H. S.
- Employment Test:
Christopher Giboney of Shaw H. S.
- Community Service:
Taylor Worsham of Prime Time MLK Library
- Budgeting for Life:
William Smith of Glenville H. S.
- Decision Making:
Curtis Rogers of John Adams H. S.
- Corporate Team Challenge
Taylor Williamson & Yvonne Hardy of Shaw H. S.

Youth Career Olympics is made possible through the generous support of area sponsors. This year Y.O.U. raised more than \$80,000 to help provide year-round employability skills training to youth ages 14 to 19. Lead sponsors included: Cleveland Clinic, Deloitte LLP, Matco Tools, ArcelorMittal, Dominion East Ohio, Huntington National Bank, Kaiser Permanente, KeyBank, Swagelok Company, and Turner Construction Company.

In addition to these sponsors, twenty seven employers and colleges participated in an Opportunity/ Job Fair, where all the teens were able to meet, interview, and apply for positions with area employers.

Y.O.U.'s mission is to provide tools for Cleveland teens to succeed in school, in the workplace, and in life through education, employment and entrepreneurship. Among it's major partners are a number of Campus District member organizations, including Cuyahoga Community College, Cleveland State University, the Sisters of Charity Foundation and the Cleveland Public Library. If you missed this year's exciting event, mark your calendars for Thursday, April 25, 2013. Please go to www.youthopportunities.org to find out how you can get involved in impacting a teen's life.

Marge Zellmer is the Development Director for Youth Opportunities Unlimited (Y.O.U.).



New Graduating Class of Women in Transition

By Joan Mazzolini

Sixty-six women graduated in early May from the Women in Transition Program, exhilarated by what they'd learned and eager to start the next chapter of their lives.

"You have to ignore the naysayers, you know they are," keynote speaker Margaret

Mitchell, president and CEO of the YWCA of Cleveland told the graduating women and their family and friends. "You have the courage to be the women you want to be.

"Don't be afraid to fail." Annie Glover, a resident of Outhwaite homes, who is an active volunteer in the Central Neighborhood, CONTINUED ON PAGE 7

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Neighborhood Connection's Tom O'Brien. Photo courtesy Fred Seals.

THE PROMISE PEOPLE

Neighborhood Connection's Tom O'Brien

By Fred Seals

This is the fifth in a series of feature stories highlighting people who are part of the Central Promise Neighborhood Initiative.

Tom O'Brien is the Program Director for Neighborhood Connections, the small grants program of Suite 1300 Services, an affiliate organization of the Cleveland Foundation. Neighborhood Connections funds small, grassroots organizations in the City of Cleveland.

In addition to grants, Neighborhood Connections provides training and technical assistance programs, connects neighborhood leaders and neighborhood groups to each other, to organizing campaigns, and to policy discussions to ensure resident voices are included in decision-making throughout the city of Cleveland.

Prior to directing Neighborhood Connections, Tom was a community organizer in Cleveland's Slavic Village neighborhood for five years. He worked with neighborhood residents on community building initiatives, issue campaigns, and leadership development. Prior to coming to Cleveland, Tom served on the staff of the Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest as an Area Director, recruiting, training, and assisting full-time volunteers in Oregon and Washington.

I first met Tom about 2 years ago. He and the rest of the Neighborhood Connection's Team believed in me enough to approve a \$5,000 grant which we have used to open a computer lab at Cedar Hi Rise. Needless to say, he became one of my favorite people in the community. Since then I have worked with him on numerous occasions since, and he has gained my trust, admiration, and gratitude.

As with all the Promise People, he is the right person in the right position at the right time. Not only does he have the credentials, he has the understanding, passion, and compassion that puts him in a class of his own. I have studied him in many workshops and, even when he is not speaking, his expressions speaks volumes to me. No matter what's going on, he has a calm and reassuring manner that makes you feel that everything is alright. He listens, and when things get off track, he steers the dialogue back on point, and when things are going well, he gives everyone something new and relevant to consider.

He is a master situation manager, and always puts everyone at ease so that we always come up with the right mindset to deal with anything that comes up. He has a presence that everyone in the room recognizes.

He is a stabilizing force in the project to revitalize the Cedar Central area, and I consider him and the rest of the Neighborhood Connection Staff as family.

Fred Seals has been a Cedar/Central resident at Cedar HiRise for three years. He is vice president of CMHA's Local Advisory Council and a member of its Progressive Action Council's Executive Board, in addition to serving as a Promise Neighborhood Ambassador.

New Energy Saver Program Helps City's Homeowners Reduce Energy Consumption, Save Money

By Lee Fields

City of Cleveland homeowners can save 30% to 50% on their home utility bills with qualified home energy efficiency improvements through the Cleveland Energy Saver Program.

Sponsored by the City of Cleveland, Cleveland Housing Network, and Cleveland Action to Support Housing ("CASH"), this is the first program of its kind to offer utility company rebates from Dominion East Ohio AND FirstEnergy, in addition to a 20% discount off labor and installation costs. Launched in February 2012, it has helped Cleveland homeowners from Kamm's Corners to University Circle save energy in their homes, and ultimately save money on their monthly utility bills.

As Chuck Ackerman, one of the program's first participants, said, "The Energy Saver Program was just what we needed. I knew my heat (and my money!) was escaping through the walls but I didn't have the money to make the improvements and I didn't know where to start. The audit identified the most critical areas and gave me direction. Then after adding up the rebates, discounts, and low interest rate, it was a no brainer."

About half of home energy consumption is used for heating and cooling. Many of today's homes are drafty, leaky, hot in the summer, and uncomfortable throughout the year. Many also suffer from a multitude of other problems -- mold and moisture, high energy bills, and poor indoor air quality. Home performance upgrades through the Cleveland Energy Saver program are solving many of these problems, all while contributing to greater energy efficiency and lower utility bills.

One of the program's greatest attributes is its pool of highly qualified contractors with years of experience in energy efficiency. One such contractor, Martin Berry of Berry Insulation, urges homeowners to act now. As he puts it, "The Cleveland Energy Saver program is an unprecedented way for Cleveland residents to improve the efficiency and safety of their homes. As a BPI certified Weatherization contractor, we are proud to be a participating contractor in the Cleveland Energy Saver program. We pledge to provide participating homeowners with the highest quality service and installation."

Improvements may include attic insulation, furnace replacements, programmable thermostats, and most importantly, sealing any leaks in thermal bypasses that are allowing outside air into your home.

Financing is available to homeowners through the program's lending partner, CASH. As Marcia Nolan, the executive director of CASH, said recently, "The Cleveland Energy Saver program is the perfect strategy for Cleveland property owners. For the first time, we are able to provide options to decrease their long term energy expenses. Homeowners will see their energy bills immediately decrease and they will receive the rebates as well. It is a great opportunity that people should be very excited about."

This is one of the most attractive rebate and/or incentive package ever offered to Cleveland's homeowners, but it won't last long! Homeowners must act now to lock in savings before they expire this fall. Only 100 Clevelanders will benefit from this program, so act now before it's too late!

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Step 1: Call

- Call **216.672.3535** to learn more about the program and find out if you qualify for huge energy savings! You will receive a letter about the program explaining your next steps.

Step 2: Schedule

- Schedule your low-cost energy assessment with a qualified home assessor. Receive a detailed home energy report with recommended upgrades to achieve maximum energy and cost savings. Qualified personnel will help maximize discounts & rebates. You enjoy reduced energy bills! Upfront cost to homeowners for energy assessment is \$50. This cost will be reimbursed to homeowners that complete the Energy Saver Program.

Step 3: Upgrade

- Select the energy efficient improvements that are right for your home and budget. 2.3% interest rate financing is available to qualified homeowners through CASH. Select a contractor from our approved list and schedule your energy efficient upgrades.

Step 4: Save

- Sit back and enjoy your energy and cost savings. Receive a final savings report six to twelve months after your upgrades are completed.

It's as simple as that!

Lee Fields is Community Relations Manager for the Cleveland Energy Saver Program.

A Rising Star: East Tech High School Senior Raises GPA, Earns College Scholarship

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said Lighthouse executive director Andy Batten. "He started going to school, and participating in our in-school mentoring and tutoring program."

The mentoring and tutoring proved to make a difference, as Horton earned a 3.38 GPA this past year. He was now academically eligible, and college coaches began to take notice as Horton scored season highs of 18 points against Archbishop Hoban and 19 points against state powerhouse St. Peter Chanel. Horton helped lead East Tech to a 16-7 record under the direction of head coach Brett Moore. The Golden Scarabs finished the season ranked #23 in the Cleveland Plain Dealer poll, after

finishing as Senate League runner-up and reaching the District Semi-finals.

"We love the way he plays and carries himself as a young man," said Ohio Christian head coach Tony Stockman. "He understands the point guard position and has natural speed and athleticism. He can score the ball but he chooses to set his teammates up first by playing his role as a distributor and being a team player."

"Jimmy Horton has decided to change his life story over the past 18 months and that has given him this opportunity," commented OCU's recruiting coordinator, Jamey Batten. "He is living proof that personal investment in students can change lives. Basketball was simply a tool

to help him get to that point." He went on to add that "We heard about Jimmy from the folks at Lighthouse, Inc. Having an advocate that was so determined to help see this young man succeed grabbed our attention, but once we saw him in person, we knew he was special."

Horton joins an OCU team that finished 27-10 during the 2011-12 season as the Trailblazers reached their first ever NCCAA Final Four. Horton joins a standout 2012 recruiting class that includes Lawrence Parsons, the 2012 Division I Player of the Year from the state of Virginia.

Rockette Richardson is executive director of the Campus District.



Untitled 2011 by Rebecca Cross. Detail of large shibori installation (handmade paper & silk). Photo courtesy Morgan Conservatory.

**"presence/absence:
new works in silk and paper"**
by artist Rebecca Cross

New Exhibit at the Morgan Conservatory

By Susan Kelley

The Morgan Art of Papermaking Conservatory and Educational Foundation is pleased to present its latest art exhibition, *presence/absence* by artist Rebecca Cross.

The exhibition can be viewed May 29-July 7, with an opening reception with the artist scheduled for Friday, June 1, 2012, from 7 to 9 p.m. The Morgan Conservatory is located at 1754 East 47th Street.

A native Pacific Northwesterner and current resident of Oberlin, Rebecca Cross teaches art and writing at the Kent State University School of Art in Kent, Ohio, where she received her MFA in Crafts in 2008. First trained as a bel canto singer, she has performed

contemporary art music in a range of venues. The worlds of music, dance and books continue to fascinate and inform her visual art.

“Intrigued by how all art must traverse the imagined and the material, I improvise my way into work in a kind of waking dream. This state of continuous attention allows me to explore what is captivating, troubling, deeply beautiful, or mysterious. Always using my hands in repetitive actions, these interior journeys often occur while quite literally holding on by a thread.”

This exhibition commemorates the life of her daughter, Emma Rose Coleman, who died unexpectedly at
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Matthew Skitzki in Tower Press Studio. Video Stills by Dan Morgan

Matthew Skitzki has been hovering around the Campus District for a long time. When Tower Press created Artefino, almost 10 years ago, Matthew performed at the Grand Opening, even though he was even younger than he is today. He was an under-grad at Bowling Green State University.

When it came time to pick a grad school, Skitzki largely ignored scholarship offers from all over the country. Matthew accepted Cleveland State’s scholarship offer because he likes Cleveland, for all the practical reasons - cost of living, close to home etc. As he has been settling into a career in Professional Piano, Skitzki has become even more passionate about Cleveland.

Just a few years ago, friends from the other cities used to persistently ask Matthew why he is in Cleveland. “I was constantly defending my choice to stay in Cleveland, but as my friends have begun to see all the positive national publicity we have been getting, they are all starting to question their own choices to be in much larger, more competitive, and much more expensive markets.”

“Today, I love walking to teach classes at CSU and Tri-C. The walk is easy and hey, it’s good for you isn’t it?” Matthew proclaims. Cleveland State’s growing “on campus” housing is getting closer and closer to Tower Press, where Skitzki has been living for almost four years now. “I was concerned, at first, that practicing piano might annoy my neighbors, but they have all been so nice and even encouraging!”

Every Monday night Mat-

thew plays at the Velvet Tango Room, 9-11 p.m. The “off the beaten path” nature of the Tango Room appeals to Skitzki. “I meet all types and ages, from all over the world there.”

On August 10 at 8 p.m., Severance Hall’s Reinberger Chamber Hall presents: “Cleveland’s Rising Stars” including Matthew and an eight-piece jazz band, comprised largely of several fellow jazz musicians who enjoy frequent “jam sessions” with Skitzki at Tower Press.

For more about Matthew Skitzki’s upcoming events, visit www.professionalpiano.net.

Photographer Dan Morgan, a native Cleveland and graduate of the University of Dayton, has been shooting professionally for more than 25 years. For more about Dan, see www.About-DanMorgan.com.



Based in the Campus District’s Tower Press Building, Matthew Skitzki is owner/pianist at Professional Piano, which provides premium piano services for customers in Northeast Ohio. Photo from www.ProfessionalPiano.net - © Matt Perko, 2011.

Opinion

An Artist's Point of View:
Creativity Flourishes at Tower Press Building

By Matthew Skitzki

On any given day, something creative is happening at the Tower Press Building.

Whether it’s in design, music, film, photography, writing, painting, or some combination of those, the building’s conglomeration of talent and proximity to downtown’s supplies and services makes it a perfect testing ground for fresh ideas.

For example, a group of musicians began meeting in 2010 to test out new pieces of music. All of the musicians were superb professionals, including Josh Rzepka, whose album “Into the Night” reached #9 on national radio charts in February of this year, and Bobby Selvaggio, the director of the Kent State University jazz program.

Tower Press provided the perfect time and space to stretch out and try new pieces, and to spend some time getting to know each other better - luxuries that typical gigs rarely afford. Fast forward to August 10, 2012, and the group that began playing each other’s tunes casually over coffee and donuts is now premiering those works in a concert at Severance Hall, home of the Cleveland Orchestra.

The creative time and space allowed by the campus district environment was the bridge between innovative musical ideas and an elegant stage for those ideas at Severance Hall.

Matthew Skitzki is owner/pianist with Professional Piano, which provides live piano music for special events, accompaniment, and lessons.

New Graduating Class of Women in Transition

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took part in the eight-week program that the Cuyahoga Community College offers at its three campuses.

The Women in Transition program “is designed to assist women through a period of transformation and empower them to move forward through education and training” according to TRI-C.

This graduating class, which included a diverse group of women from across the region, took part in classes, workshops and trainings that explored careers options, and personal development. Students attended workshops from resume writing to legal issues to test anxiety. The students were given refresher courses on online social etiquette and career search techniques.

The program, which is provided free,, also provides help in accessing financial aid resources for those going back to school, support and tools to help make positive changes in the lives of the students.

“I was about the oldest one in my class,” Glover, 59 said. “I heard so much, achieved so much ... it was just an inspiration to me.

“I am stepping out, trying to do what I can to try to help my community, education myself on things I don’t know. We all were learning things we should know as women and as leaders.”

Glover, a mother of three adult daughters, is on the Care Alliance Board and is a Cleveland Central Promise Ambassador, working to inform and include Central Neighborhood resident in the initiative that is working to ensure children are ready to go to kindergarten, go to good schools, graduate from high school and on to college or other educational program and a career.

“It’s never too late,» she said.

Joan Mazzolini is communications director for the Sisters of Charity Foundation.

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Training Workers for Northeast Ohio’s Manufacturing & Healthcare Industry: WorkAdvance Begins Year Two

By Christie Yonkers



In 2011, WorkAdvance, a collaboration of Northeast Ohio workforce and economic development organizations led by Towards Employment, was awarded a 5-year \$5.5 million grant to serve Northeast Ohio residents entering or advancing in the manufacturing and healthcare sectors.

The program has completed its first year of operations, enrolling 133 people. **As it enters its second year, about 467 spots remain available.**

WorkAdvance replicates a successful sector-based career pathways model. It focuses on helping the unemployed and entry-level working adults increase their employment and earning potential by finding quality jobs that have potential

for advancement.

Both manufacturing and health-care have deep roots in the region and both have current demand for skilled employees. WorkAdvance’s objective is to ensure participants have the skills and support necessary to meet the needs of local employers.

Whether it’s technical training, help with transportation, or a focus on communication skills and work-ethic, WorkAdvance prepares Northeast Ohioans to successfully compete for jobs with career paths that offer advancement opportunities. The project works with employers to identify hiring and training needs and then tailors training programs and other services to best meet employer needs.

“WorkAdvance can provide a pipeline of qualified candidates to be considered for specific job openings or advancement opportunities,” said Rebecca Kusner,

WorkAdvance Coordinator for Towards Employment. WorkAdvance will also offer support and continued career coaching for up to a year after placement to encourage job retention and advancement.

Partners

Towards Employment is the lead agency for the collaborative and oversees implementation of the project in Northeast Ohio. The program links the expertise of several organizations and provides seamless client support across the workforce development system, ensuring that job seekers can easily navigate the services available and obtain the right service at the right time.

Collaborators include Center for Families and Children, Employment Connection, The Literacy Cooperative of Greater Cleveland, Manufacturing Advocacy and Growth Network (MAG-

NET), WIRE-Net, NOHSIC, and The Center for Health Affairs.

A menu of training options will be available for Cuyahoga County participants through the region’s community colleges and adult training institutions based upon which programs are best meeting employer needs.

Get Involved

WorkAdvance is now recruiting participants for Year 2, especially individuals interested in pursuing training in either manufacturing or healthcare. Visit www.waneo.org or call 216-696-7311 for eligibility and other details.

Christie Yonkers is a staff member at Towards Employment, a local nonprofit whose mission is to empower individuals to achieve and maintain self-sufficiency through employment.

"presence/absence: new works in silk and paper" Continued from Page 6



(l) Untitled 2011 by Rebecca Cross. Shibori with handmade abaca paper. (c) Untitled 2011 by Rebecca Cross. Detail of Shibori with handmade abaca paper. (r) Untitled 2011 by Rebecca Cross. Detail of Large Silk Shibori Installation. Photos courtesy Morgan Conservatory.

age 19 last November. All of the work in the show has been made in silk or paper in the intervening months. Grief, memory, time and love provide a psychic residence for this body of work, which suggests larger cycles of destruction and renewal: power and fragility, direction and loss, the illusion of control and the certainty of chance. As an artist in residence at the Morgan Paper Conservatory last summer, she began considering how to express textile techniques in paper while making significant quantities of large paper, some of which exceed 6’x10’. Textural variegations in paper, the varying strengths of bast fibers, the way handmade papers respond to color, water, heat, and manipulation, all resonate with her experience with fabrics.

These explorations, while primarily sculptural, led her into new worlds of books, printmaking, drawing and utilizing texts, which is why she decided to also apply narrative and time-based enhancements to the work, including original music by *Ross Feller* and a video loop by *Rian Brown-Orso*.

A color- and shape-resist technique, traditional Japanese *shibori* is a constant in her work. *Shibori* embeds memory in fiber, in color and form, providing a rich metaphor for presence and absence, and for the elusive passage of time.

Gallery hours at the Morgan Conservatory are Tuesday through Saturday, from 10 to 4. The Conservatory’s main entrance is on East 47th Street (one-way north from Commerce). Opening reception parking is

available at the East 45th entrance (one-way south from Payne Avenue).

For more information about *presence/absence*, upcoming exhibitions or workshops, please contact The Morgan Conservatory (216) 361-9255 or visit our website at www.morganconservatory.org.

Susan Kelley is a staff member at The Morgan Art of Papermaking Conservatory and Educational Foundation, an Ohio non-profit art center dedicated to the preservation of hand papermaking and the art of the book.

The Morgan Conservatory pursues its educational and charitable purposes by serving the greater community locally, nationally, and internationally with sustainable practices in an innovative green environment.

"This state of continuous attention allows me to explore what is captivating, troubling, deeply beautiful, or mysterious."



The future site of Green City Growers is under construction, in Cleveland's Central neighborhood. Photo courtesy Green City Growers.

Green City Growers Cooperative: Growing Local Food, Local Jobs, and Local Prosperity

By Mary Donnell

Quality People. Quality Products. Quality Neighborhoods.

That's what Evergreen Cooperatives are building in Cleveland.

The newest Evergreen Cooperative business is being constructed in the heart of Cleveland on a ten-acre site located at 5800 Diamond Avenue, just off of East 55th Street, south of the intersection of East 55th and Woodland Avenue in Cleveland's Central neighborhood.

Green City Growers Cooperative's 3.25-acre greenhouse will grow 3 million heads of lettuce and 300,000 pounds of herbs each year on shallow pools of water. The greenhouse will be completed in November 2012 and will harvest its first crops in January 2013.

This facility will be the largest urban "leafy greens" greenhouse in the country, and it will provide fresh lettuces and herbs year-round to grocery stores, restaurants, and institutions throughout Cuyahoga County.

The greenhouse will grow hydroponically, on rafts floating on water and without soil, to produce delicious, high quality products. They'll be grown and sold locally, so they can be on your table within a day or two of harvest.

The greenhouse will hire neighborhood residents who have the opportunity to become employee-owners of the busi-

ness and share in the profits of the company. Green City Growers Cooperative will join its sister companies, Evergreen Cooperative Laundry and Evergreen Energy Solutions. More Evergreen businesses are in the final stages of business planning, so expect more employment opportunities will be coming to the neighborhoods surrounding University Circle and to the Central neighborhood in the future.

Evergreen Cooperatives hire from the neighborhoods where they are located, pay good wages, provide health benefits, and share profits with employee-owners. This innovative business model is called the "Evergreen Initiative" (or the "Cleveland Model" by people outside of Cleveland).

Green City Growers will hold a community meeting on June 16 from noon to 2 p.m. at the City Mission, located at 5310 Carnegie Avenue. No registration is required, and participants will be able to find out more about the greenhouse, the construction timeline, the job application process, and what it means to part of an employee-owned company.

More information may be found at <http://evergreencooperatives.com/> or email gcgcooperative@gmail.com.

Mary Donnell is the CEO of Green City Growers Cooperative, and has extensive experience in the national value-added produce and hydroponic greenhouse industries.



(top) The Fresh Stop connects urban and rural neighbors in northeast Ohio, providing access to fresh produce and an expanded customer base for local farmers. (bottom - left) On Tuesday evenings during the growing season, shareholders pick up their fresh produce for the week, all grown by local farmers. (bottom - right) Volunteers from Trinity Cathedral and the surrounding neighborhoods help staff and run the delivery site, a great opportunity for those interested in supporting local and sustainable food. Photos by Sam Hubish.

Fresh Produce—From Farm to City Available at the Midtown Fresh Stop Beginning June 12

MidTown Fresh Stop is run by volunteers from Trinity Cathedral and the MidTown neighborhood in cooperation with City Fresh, a non-profit program of the New Agrarian Center. The goal of City Fresh is to build a more just and sustainable local food system in Northeast Ohio. City Fresh seeks to meet the needs of both urban and rural communities by improving access to fresh locally grown food for urban residents and marketing opportunities in the city for local farmers.

Fresh Stops offer weekly "share bags" that include a mix of produce available from local farmers each week. The contents of each bag will vary according to what produce is available that week. The share bag program is a form of cooperative purchasing in which a group of neighbors purchase a share of produce from a local farmer. The farmer receives payment upfront in exchange for a bounty of produce throughout the growing season. This is a form of "community supported agriculture" in which a group of

people support a local farmer or group of local farmers by committing a portion of their weekly food budget to supporting that farm.

On Tuesdays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. (beginning June 12) during the growing season, shareholders visit Trinity (2230 Euclid Ave., free parking is available in the lot on Prospect Ave.) to pick up deliveries of fresh produce grown by farmers within 75 miles of downtown Cleveland. Shares must be pre-ordered one week in advance.

Family Share (for 3-4 people): \$28*
Single Share (for 1-2 people): \$15*

*Persons on limited income (as defined by the WIC guidelines) can purchase their shares \$16 for a family share (3-4 people) and \$9 for a single share (1-2 people) and pay on the day of pick-up with Ohio Direct Card.

To order a share, email midtownfreshstop@gmail.com for an order form or download a form at: <http://cityfresh.org/sign-up-shares>. Those interested in volunteering with the Midtown Fresh Stop are also welcome.



Volunteers Always Welcome at Trinity Cathedral's Urban Farm

Growing fresh food to share with the neighborhood

By April Miller

Since 2006, volunteers have been working hard—and more are always needed and welcomed—at the Trinity Cathedral/Charlie Comella Urban Farm. Last year's harvest was an abundant 3,141 pounds from the formerly vacant lot at East 35th and Cedar Avenue.

This year's harvest goal is

3,500 pounds. One hundred percent of the urban farm's crops—spinach, green beans, tomatoes, yellow squash, peaches, apples and more—are donated to neighborhood hunger ministries.

Food is used for Trinity Cathedral's Sunday lunch program, A

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(top) Beth Miller at the finish line of the "On My Own Two Feet" marathon. (bottom-left) Beth Miller running the "On My Own Two Feet" marathon in Kent, Ohio. (bottom-right) Beth Miller competing during the marathon. Photos courtesy Kristen Mott.

CSU GRAD WINS MARATHON, ATTRIBUTES SUCCESS TO CSU REC CENTER CLASS

By Kristen Mott

Marathon training is nothing short of challenging. Runners spend countless hours preparing for race day, and usually develop a training plan on their own. However, one Cleveland State University graduate broke out of this mold and used a class offered by the CSU Recreation Center as a means to train and win a recent marathon.

Beth Miller, a recent CSU graduate with a degree in health sciences, is an avid runner. As she was preparing for her seventh marathon, the "On My Own Two Feet" marathon in Kent, Miller decided she needed to focus more on cross-training and building upper body strength in order to excel during the race.

A friend of Miller's signed up for "158" at the CSU Rec Center, a high intensity class that focuses on functional training, core and endurance. The friend encouraged Miller to take the class as she was preparing to train for the upcoming marathon.

Miller started taking the class this past

January, and was immediately challenged.

"I couldn't even finish the class at first," Miller noted. "It was harder than anything I make myself do."

Although it was challenging, Miller did not quit. She improved not only her endurance but overall body strength with every class she participated in.

When the day of the race arrived, Miller was prepared physically and mentally. During the race she continued to think about all the reps and hard work she had put into 158, which motivated her to push forward in the race.

"I overcame the mental wall that tells you 'I can't do this,'" Miller said.

Miller not only completed the 26.2 mile marathon – she won the entire race. She said she attributes her success 100 percent to taking 158 at the Rec Center.

"158 is responsible for this win, and I am so lucky to have had this opportunity to be pushed and challenged by the amazing trainers," Miller commented.

"It was harder than anything I make myself do."

—Beth Miller, CSU Graduate

As she prepares to move to Nashville, Tenn., Miller will no longer be participating in marathons in the Cleveland area. However, she encourages other runners and individuals training for a marathon to participate in 158 and see the same results she did.

Kristen Mott is a journalism & promotional communication major at Cleveland State University.

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Ballet classes on the plaza are one of downtown's summer highlights. Photo courtesy PlayhouseSquare.

SUMMER EXCITEMENT BEGINS AT PLAYHOUSESQUARE'S STAR PLAZA

By Jackie York

PlayhouseSquare District will be bustling with activity outdoors on Star Plaza and inside the PlayhouseSquare theaters, as PlayhouseSquare and the PlayhouseSquare District Development Corporation (PDDC) present “Summer Excitement 2012 at PlayhouseSquare.”

The program is a combined effort of both organizations, and includes over seventy outdoor lunchtime and after work events plus theatrical engagements such as *Mamma Mia!* and a classic film series. All outdoor events are free of charge, with the exception of the annual PlayhouseSquare District Block Party & Tour.

Slated to return to Star Plaza this year are:

U.S. Bank Summer Garden Music Series - Star Plaza lunchtime crowds will enjoy a variety of instrumental music performed by Cleveland’s talented musicians on Mondays from 12 noon to 1:30 pm. Summer Garden Music Series dates are: June 4, 11, 18 and 25; July 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30.

CBS Radio Free Lunches - Enjoy free food, contests, prizes and more from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm. Free Lunch dates are: June 13 and September 12.

Labatt Blue Light Lime Outdoor Concert Series presented by 106.5 The LAKE – The after work concert series begins at 5 pm on Star Plaza with live bands, plenty of happy hour specials, giveaways, grilling foods and

great people. Blue Light Lime Outdoor Concert Series dates are: *Outlaws 1 & 1*, Thursday, June 14; *Carlos Jones & the P.L.U.S. Band*, Thursday, July 19 (party on 14th Street); and *One World Tribe*, Thursday, August 9.

Hatha Yoga classes - Learn how to relax in a series of standing-pose stretching movements that promotes good overall health. Classes are held at Star Plaza on Tuesdays from 12:15 pm – 1:15 pm. Hatha Yoga class dates are: June 12, 19 and 26; and July 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31. June 12 - July 31.

Tai Chi classes - “The Movement of Life” for all ages and physical conditions with Tai Chi instruction to recharge the mental, physical and spiritual health. Classes are held at Star Plaza on Wednesday after work from 5:15 pm – 6:15 pm. Tai Chi class dates are: June 20 and 27; July 11, 18 and 25; and August 1, 8 and 15.

90.3 WCPN ideastream “Around Noon” Open Air Broadcasts with six broadcasts – A summer celebration of music and the arts broadcast live from Star Plaza at 12 noon. Around Noon “Open Air” broadcast dates are: June 7 and 21; July 12 and 26; and August 9 and 23.

4th Annual PlayhouseSquare Cornhole Tournament – Office workers from the PlayhouseSquare area buildings will compete in a double elimination cornhole tournament

at Star Plaza on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, August 6 through September 4. At summer’s end, tournament play concludes with the top two teams competing for the grand prize (cornhole trophy and bragging rights) at the PlayhouseSquare District Block Party & Tour, September 7. Cornhole tournament registration fees benefit the City Mission, Cleveland Animal Protective League and Rise Above It.

13th Annual PlayhouseSquare District Block Party & Tour – The traditional end of summer event on Star Plaza is scheduled for Friday, September 7. This outdoor block party celebrates with signature dishes by the PlayhouseSquare restaurants, A Taste of Excellence Catering and Johnsonville products, live music presented by the Downtown Cleveland Alliance, cash bar, a walking tour of the neighborhood by the Take a Hike guides and the cornhole tournament finals. Tickets go on sale August 1. “The Block Party is a true neighborhood event where people who work here actually know each other, and that makes PlayhouseSquare an attractive downtown area to locate a business,” states Tom Einhouse, Executive Vice President of the PlayhouseSquare District Development Corporation. “It’s one way we meet our not-for-profit mission of developing the area surrounding the theaters.”

New this year, Star Plaza will be the site of the **SPARX City Hop “Chow Down”** on September 15 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. when some of Cleveland’s favorite food trucks will set up shop to provide food and drink for the estimated crowd of almost 30,000 expected to come explore downtown’s neighborhoods, art galleries and eateries as part of this annual event.

Summer excitement at PlayhouseSquare includes the following theater schedule of performances and entertainment: *Sondheim on Sondheim*, now through July 8; *Footloose*, June 1-3; Kristin Chenoweth, June 13; Bobby Selvaggio Hendetet Jazz Collective, June 16; North Coast Men’s Chorus presents Brian Stokes Mitchell, June 23; *Wait Wait...Don’t Tell Me!*, June 28; *Mamma Mia!*, July 13 – 22; Nicki Minaj, July 19; Cinema at the Square, August 2 – 19 and II Divo, August 14.

Tickets are currently on sale (except for Cinema at the Square) at the PlayhouseSquare Ticket Office, 1519 Euclid Avenue, online at playhousesquare.org or by calling 216-241-6000. Group orders for 15 or more may be placed by calling Group Services at 216-664-6050.

Jackie York is PlayhouseSquare District’s marketing manager.

Volunteers Always Welcome at Trinity Cathedral’s Urban Farm

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Place at the Table. Those in need are provided a hot and nutritious lunch. In 2011, more than 9,000 meals were served. The urban farm’s produce is used to supplement the lunch program’s food supply and is some of the only fresh ingredients the guests enjoy all week.

Crops have also been donated to Trinity Cathedral’s Blessings in a Backpack program. The initiative

benefits children and families at the church’s neighboring K-8 Marion-Sterling School. Each Friday, children are given backpacks filled with healthy food (enough to feed a family of four) providing them nourishment for the weekend. Fruit and vegetables from the farm have also been donated to the Cleveland Foodbank and the Cedar-Central Senior Building.

Another goal of the urban farm is to aid in neighborhood beautification. Attractive landscaping, raised flower beds, trees, shrubs, public art and other decorative elements have helped turn the once vacant lot into a site of urban renewal and growth.

Typical workdays are Saturdays from 9 a.m.-noon (and can also be arranged for other days), but even if you

have only 30 minutes to spare, do stop by. We need help weeding, mowing, trimming, watering, nurturing, harvesting and much more!

To get involved with the urban farm, email leader Scott Blanchard at scottwblanchard@roadrunner.com or call Trinity Cathedral at 216-771-3630.

April Miller is Communications Manager at Trinity Cathedral.

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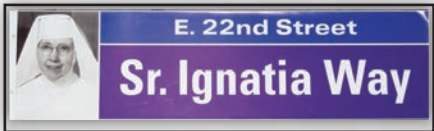
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Saturday, June 2
You and the Environment Cleveland Composting & Recycling Forum Symposium begins at 9 a.m. Downtown YMCA, 2200 Prospect Avenue
This symposium will feature keynote speakers Bob Gedert, Director of Resource Recovery in Austin, Texas and Neil Seldman, President of the Institute for Self-Reliance in Washington, DC. The forum will also feature local experts on composting and recycling discussing the plans for recycling programs in Cleveland and across the country. Sponsors include CNDC, Environmental Health Watch, Earth Day Coalition, Sierra Club and GreenCityBlueLake with support from the George Gund Foundation. For more information contact Sarah Batke at sbatke@ohiocitizen.org or at 216-861-5200. Cost: \$10 with lunch; \$5 with brown bag lunch.

Tuesday, June 5
MidTown Cleveland, Inc. 2012 Annual Meeting “Reinventing MidTown Build Your Business. Make a Difference.” 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Grand Ballroom, InterContinental Hotel Cleveland, 9801 Carnegie Avenue
Join MidTown Cleveland as it reveals plans for: East 55th/Euclid area, Agora Complex and Health-Tech Corridor. Keynote speaker will be Len Komoroski, President, Cleveland Cavaliers and Quicken Loans Arena. Individual Tickets - \$60; Table of Ten - \$500 (\$35 of each ticket is tax deductible). Free Valet Parking. For more information, contact Diane Dunleavy at (216) 391-5080 x101 or ddunleavy@midtowncleveland.org.

Beginning Thursday, June 7
Cleveland State/North Union Farmers Market Returns! 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. CSU Campus, in the 1900 block of Euclid
CSU’s Farmers Market opens June 7. Market is every Thursday from 11 AM to 2 PM through September 27, and features the best in fresh, local vegetables, fruits, flowers, potted plants, bedding plants, poultry, maple syrup, eggs, honey, pork, baked goods, dairy products, grass-fed beef and more. Now accepting SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) EBT Cards. For more information, go to: www.northunionfarmersmarket.org.

Tuesday, June 12
2012 Business Opportunity Fair “Building Bridges for a Stronger Economy” 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Cleveland State University/Main Classroom Building, 2121 Euclid
The Northern Ohio Minority Supplier Development Council (NOMSDC) and the Northeast Ohio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (NEOHCC) are co-hosts of the **2012 Business Opportunity Fair “Building Bridges for a Stronger Economy”** on Tuesday, June 12, 2012 at Cleveland State University. This exciting collaboration developed out of a current partnership and shared mission to promote and develop minority business enterprises (MBEs) and to facilitate networking and business opportunities for MBEs that will impact economic development in northern Ohio. For more information, contact NOMSDC at (216) 363-6300 or NEOHCC at (216) 281-4422.



Tuesday, June 12, 2012
Rosary Hall 60th Anniversary Luncheon Windows on the River 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
The first hospital-based comprehensive alcohol treatment program in Cleveland, Rosary Hall continues to be the leader in alcohol and drug withdrawal management and outpatient services in Ohio. Featured speaker for its 60th Anniversary Luncheon will be “Boxer Frank” O’Donnell of Glasgow, Scotland. To receive an invitation or to inquire about sponsorships or tickets, please contact Geri Douglas Marshall at St. Vincent Charity Development Foundation at (216) 875-4605.

Monday, June 18
College Visitation Days at Cuyahoga Community College 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
College Visitation Day is a great opportunity to: talk with program representatives about degrees and certificates; meet with academic counselors to learn how to meet your educational and professional goals; learn about financial aid and scholarships ; take a campus tour and/or apply

to Tri-C. College Visitation Days will be held at Brunswick University Center, Eastern Campus, Metropolitan Campus, Western Campus and Westshore Campus. For more information, call 1-800-954-8742, then select the “Admissions” option for more information.

Saturday, June 23
Ward 5 Community Family Festival and Parade Friendly Inn Settlement located at 2536 Unwin 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Plan to be a part of the annual festival. With the support of Ward 5 Councilwoman Phyllis Cleveland, the Central Family-To-Family Collaborative is again hosting the Ward 5 Community Family Festival on Saturday, **June 23**, at Friendly Inn Settlement, Inc. The goal for the Ward 5 community festival is to provide a safe, fun-filled community event the residents can be proud of and enjoy on an annual basis. If you are interested in participating as a vendor, service provider or displaying your talent, please contact Charles Taylor at Friendly Inn Settlement, Inc. at (216) 431-4656.

Sunday, June 24, 2012
RideUNITED 6:30 a.m. Registration and breakfast. 7:30 a.m. Routes Open 11:00 a.m. Lunch available at CSU and University of Akron 3:00 p.m. Rest stops close
GearUP for the Second Annual RideUNITED bike tour on Sunday, June

24, 2012. RideUNITED is a regional, one-day bicycle tour traversing the roads and Towpath Trail from Cleveland to Akron and back again, in partnership with the University of Akron and Cleveland State University. Routes range from 12 to 100 miles round-trip. Registration fees and money raised benefit United Way of Greater Cleveland and United Way of Summit County. All rides begin at the Cleveland State University Student Center, located at 2121 Euclid Avenue. For event information and registration, go to www.rideunited.org.

Friday, June 29, 2012
Joseph’s Home 12th Anniversary Luncheon Doubletree by Hilton Cleveland Downtown located at 1111 Lakeside Avenue East 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Joseph’s Home has been creating life-changing opportunities for acutely ill homeless men for 12 years. Join them for this anniversary celebration, which will include a sports-themed buffet, silent auction and art sale. The keynote speaker is The Honorable Richard “Dick” Ambrose, Cuyahoga Common Pleas Court Judge and former Cleveland Browns linebacker. Tickets start at \$40 and table sponsorships at \$500. For more information, contact Nathan Munn, development manager, at (216) 875-4634 or NMunn@sistersofcharityhealth.org, or visit www.josephshome.com/events.

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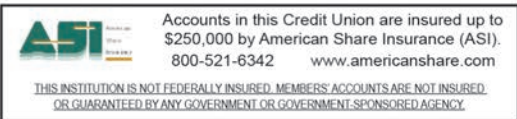
- **Transfer balances** from any credit card or department store charge card onto your OFCCU VISA up to your credit limit and that amount will remain at 4.99% APR until it is paid off. Minimum transfer amount: \$500.
- **New purchases or cash advances** will be charged the regular rate and will be paid off first with monthly payments.

Join us and apply for a VISA now! Limited time offer!



We serve anyone who lives, works, worships, or attends school in Cuyahoga County and their family members.

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* Subject to credit approval and based on individual credit quality. Rate applies to qualifying transfers during the promotional period. Members must come into an OFCCU Office with proof of debt. Transfers can only be made up to a member’s individual credit limit by authorized OFCCU personnel. Promotion is for a limited time only and can end at any time. The transferred balance will remain at 4.99% APR until that amount is paid in full unless there is a late payment of 5 days or more. Then the entire account balance would revert to the regular rate on the account. APR = Annual Percentage Rate