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Eight are inducted into Euclid Sports Hall of Fame

By John Sheridan

Sports fans and sports icons alike filled the Manor Party Center in Euclid on the evening of Sept. 30 to celebrate the latest additions to the Euclid High Schools' Sports Hall of Fame.

The gathering at the 24th annual Hall of Fame dinner included such celebrities and sports figures as Bob Addis, who coached the Euclid Panthers to a state baseball title in the early 1960s; former head basketball Coach Harold "Doc" Daugherty, for whom the high school gym is now named; former track coaches Bob Ramlow and Ted Theodore; Hall of Fame chairman Chuck Hill, one of the most loyal supporters of Euclid sports teams; and Euclid Alumni Director Joe Mayer, who was an assistant to the late legendary wrestling coach Clarence Eckert during the golden years of the 1950s when the Panther matmen brought home two state championships.

Other notables on hand included Euclid Mayor Bill Cervenik, and serving as emcee for the evening, John Telich Jr., the highly popular TV8 sportscaster who has been appearing on the station's Friday night high school football wrap-up show. (His dad, John Telich Sr., a long-time Euclid businessman and sports enthusiast, took in the evening's performances from a front-row seat.)

It was a night for reminiscing and renewing old acquaintances. But the spotlight shone brightest on the eight inductees in the 2010 Hall of Fame class, two of whom were honored posthumously. Six were chosen primarily for their athletic achievements: John M. Arlesic ('92), Steven D. Gebe ('61), Blair P. Jordan ('73), Tim Moriarty ('80), Frank A. Soltesz ('92), and Shawn C. Thompson ('93).

One inductee—Harry King Jr.—was selected for his coaching prowess, and another, Tim Baur, was recognized in the lifetime achievement category for his many years of work with the Euclid Jaycees' Kid Wrestling program, which became a building block for the Euclid Panther mat teams.

"I absolutely loved coaching," King told the crowd during his acceptance speech. "We had the most knowledgeable wrestling fans. It was an absolute fun time." He once took his wrestlers on a canoe trip to the Okefenokee Swamp to help get them into shape. "The canoe



In the spotlight at the Euclid Schools' Sports Hall of Fame dinner were, standing from left: Harold "Doc" Daugherty (who was a stand-in for Dr. Blair Jordan M.D.), Shawn Thompson, John Arlesic, Tim Moriarty, Harry King, and Frank C. Soltesz. (who accepted on behalf of his late son, Frank A. Soltesz.). Front, kneeling: Tim Baur, recipient of the "lifetime achievement" award for his work with the Euclid Jaycees' "Kid Wrestling" program. (Photo by John Sheridan)

tipped over—right next to a huge alligator," he recalled with a chuckle. Among the matmen he guided at Euclid, was heavyweight Shawn Thompson, who entered the Sports Hall of Fame along with him that evening.

Baur, a long-time Euclid realtor, took over the Kid Wrestling program in 1974 and has been running it ever since.

Emcee John Telich noted that more than 8,000 youngsters have participated in the program, which "gives kids a chance to get out on the mat and develop a little self-esteem." Since its inception, the program has been designed to ensure that all participants finish with a sense of accomplishment.

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Goodbye Ross' Meats and hello Josh's Family Meats

By Barb Pistillo

Those of us who live in the neighborhood of Ross' Meats have grown up with the tradition of going to the meat market on Saturday mornings, catching up on the local news with our fellow shoppers. This legacy has been with us since Joseph Ross's dream came true. He opened his own Meat Market in 1970, after many years working as a butcher for Fisher Foods. His son Larry and daughter Karen joined him in the family

business until Joe retired in 1985. After more than 40 years, the news came that Larry was going to close the store and retire the at end of October, which set off a buzz heard around the city.

Our weekly routine of walking to the butcher shop, hanging out with neighbors while waiting our turn would soon be ending. The realization was we would have to purchase packaged meats, like most other people did in a grocery store. Augh! We can't let this happen! This is a tradition in the City of Euclid! We don't want another empty storefront! Soon Neighborhood Association e-mails went out stating we were losing our beloved Ross' Meats. This is when Larry Ross found out just how much he was valued and appreciated. Can't we find someone who would be interested in keeping our neighborhood meat market open?

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Josh Pikovick welcomes familiar faces at his newly opened Josh's Family Meats.

EHS raises money for charities

By Charles Smialek

Students at Euclid High School have participated in several charitable causes at the beginning of the 2010–2011 school year. This is part of an ongoing effort on behalf of the administration, staff, and students of Euclid High School to ensure their school is again viewed as a "Pillar of the Community."


Earlier this month, students and staff joined to raise over \$1,600 for Hoops of Hope, a national fundraising effort designed to raise money for children in Africa. Students sought donations for a four-hour "Free-Throw-a-thon" held in the Daugherty Gymnasium. Over 60 students shot more than 250 free throws each. Local residents from the Police Athletic League joined in

the effort to fill the gymnasium for the afternoon. "We love to play basketball, and it's great to do this for such an important cause," explained Derrol McCladdie, an EHS junior. The effort was a regional one, as Eastlake North and Mentor's Heisley Racquetball Club also hosted events.

The volleyball team also participated in a charitable effort by raising money for "Volley for the Cure," an organization dedicated to fighting breast cancer. Head Coach Tamika Drake has made this a Panther tradition during her tenure leading the program.

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Greater Euclid AARP Chapter #1550 news

By Betty Czumber—
Corresponding Secretary

Our Greater Euclid AARP Chapter #1550 will meet Nov. 1, 1 p.m. at the Euclid Community Center, One Bliss Lane, Euclid. After a brief business meeting, Showbiz Kids Radio Station Ohio will entertain us. All seniors are invited to join us for a fun afternoon of entertainment, light refreshments and camaraderie with fellow seniors.

There will be no meeting in December. We will be celebrating our annual Christmas party at Tizzano's Party Center. There will be entertainment, door prizes, Cleveland Top Jazz Band and great food. Advance ticket sale only. Contact Ray at (216) 731-3507 or Bob at (216) 731-3428.




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Update from the mayor



Weekly curbside recycling is returning to Euclid! Recently, the city entered into a new solid waste contract that is not only more cost-effective but offered us the opportunity to make way for curbside recycling as well. The new contract charges the city per ton of trash collected, not a per household fee, as in the past.

The city also intends to enter into a five year agreement with a consortium of local communities. What this means is that Kimble Transfer and Recycling Co. will accept our materials and each of the communities will actually share in the revenue being generated by the sale of these materials. On other words, recycling will pay for itself.

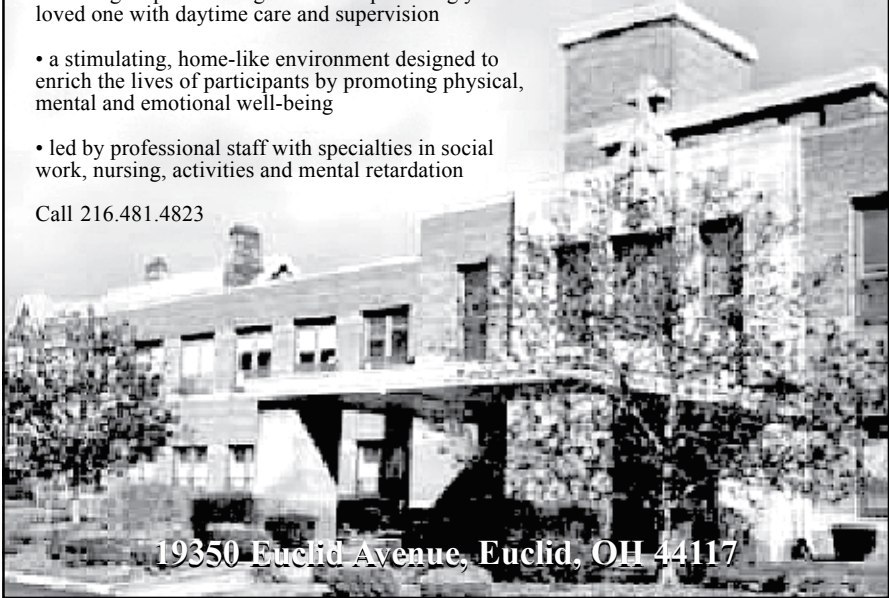
To get the recycling program up and running, we have to purchase a collection truck and will hire personnel for collection. Funding for the start up of the program will come primarily from a state grant. General fund dollars will



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In recent years the recycling program needed to be stopped due to budgetary constraints. I am happy to say that this is a long-term commitment to the community and to our environment. If we all participate and truly take ownership of our responsibility to recycle, we will have a successful program for years to come.

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Health News

Euclid YMCA news: aquatics programs available for adults of all ages

The Euclid Family YMCA offers a number of aquatics programs for adults of all ages, ranging from “do your own thing” open swims to structured aqua aerobics classes. This fall, adult open swim sessions are scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays. There is also an 8 a.m. early bird open swim on Saturday mornings.

Family swim sessions are offered on Tuesday and Friday evening and during the early afternoon on Saturdays and Sundays.

For those wishing to get in a vigorous cardio workout prior to heading to the office, adult lap swim sessions are offered, starting at 5:45 a.m. Monday through Friday. Lap swims are also slated during the lunch hour (11:30 to 12:30 p.m.) on weekdays and in the early evening, typically 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Other aquatics offerings include morning aquacize classes, an arthritis water exercise class in the early afternoon, and evening aqua jogging and aqua aerobics programs. For complete details, stop in at the Y on Babbitt Road and pick up a copy of the fall program schedule at the front desk.

Youth basketball

The next session of the YMCA’s Youth Basketball program gets under way Oct. 25 with leagues for different age groups.

The Rookie league, for boys and girls ages 6 to 8, will hold practice sessions on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m., while the Winner league for youngsters 9 to

11, will take over the court at 7:30 p.m. Games are played on Saturday, starting at 1 p.m. Youth Program Coordinator Gary Washington says the Y is hoping to create two teams in each division. “They will play against teams from other east side YMCAs,” he notes.

The participant cost is \$32 for those who are already YMCA members and \$64 for those who sign up just for the basketball program. The next fall session runs from Oct. 25 to Dec. 19.

In addition to league play, the Y also offers a basketball skills program to teach the game to youngsters ranging from 3 years to 12 years of age. For more information, contact Gary Washington or call the main Y phone number, (216) 731-7454.

Parents Night Out

Once a month, the Euclid Y offers parents looking for an evening to themselves the opportunity to get four hours of relatively inexpensive baby-sitting, while their kids enjoy plenty of fun and food at the Y. The Parents Night Out program is held on the last Friday of each month from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

While the parents take in a movie or enjoy a quiet dinner at a local restaurant, their youngsters will be treated to a variety of activities, from swimming to games and arts and crafts. And the Y will also provide food and show a movie.

“On September 24th, we had about 22 kids,” notes Lauren Leotta, the Y’s lead member service representative. “The next Parents Night Out is scheduled for

October 29th. We’re planning a Halloween theme.”

The fee for the program is \$10 for Y members and \$15 for non-members. Parents are asked to reserve spots for their children in advance (so the Y will know how much pizza to order). For more information, contact the Y at 731-7454.

New Fitness Classes

During the Oct. 25 - Dec. 19 session, new fitness classes will be offered at the Y. Women On Weights is a female-specific class designed to help women gain a beautifully sculpted physique while building confidence with weight-training equipment. It will be offered on Wednesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. and on Thursdays from 10 to 11 a.m. The cost is \$32 for Y members and \$64 for other program participants.

Also on tap is a BOSU and stability ball class, “using functional training tools to improve balance, strength, coordination, and core stability,” explains Health and Wellness Director Chadi AbouHaidar. The class will be offered on Mondays from 9:15 to 10 a.m.

The Y also offers a personal exercise program—60-minute sessions with a



“C’MON IN”—Lifeguard Faye Roth keeps a close eye on Mark DeRubies during one of the afternoon Adult Open Swim sessions. (Photo by John Sheridan)

personal trainer—to help participants overcome the challenges of getting in shape. The Y is currently offering a special discount of \$25 off the normal \$75 personal training fee, as well as \$15 discount on 30-minute sessions. Contact Chadi for full details.

Wanna Dance?

Also available at the Euclid YMCA is a free Power Sculpt class offered on Tuesday evenings and Sunday mornings. The class emphasizes repetitions with weighted bars and dumbbells. And, finally, line dancing classes are offered twice a week—on Monday mornings (for seniors) and also on Friday evenings—while self-defense classes for women and a hip-hop aerobics class are in the planning stage. For further information, contact the Y at (216) 731-7454.



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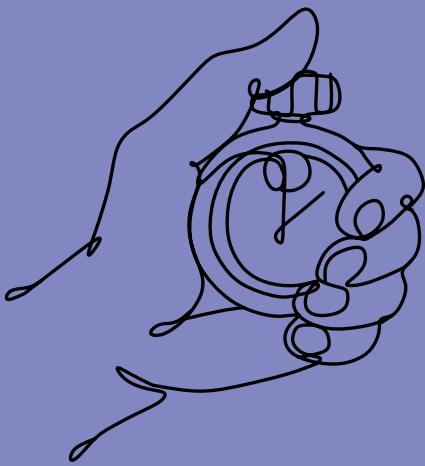


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City News

Do you know your Euclid Fire Department?

By Captain Will Anderson

Do you know the location of the closest firehouse to your home or business? The Euclid Fire Department operates three fire stations throughout Euclid.



Station 1, located at 775 East 222nd Street, is the fire department's headquarters and it an ambulance (Rescue 1), a ladder truck (Ladder 1), and a command vehicle (Car 23) that the on-duty officer in charge uses. Staff personnel also work out of Station 1. Station 2, located at 1500 Chardon Road, houses one ambulance (Rescue 2) and one fire engine (Engine 2). Station 3, located at 25970 Lakeshore Boulevard, contains one ambulance (Rescue 3) and one fire engine (Engine 3). Two staff members serve each ambulance and at least three firemen staff each fire apparatus. Euclid had a fourth station, located at 1395 East 260th Street, but budget cuts forced its closure. While the site no longer houses any firefighting personnel or apparatus, it is currently being used as a police mini-station.

We have at least 16 firefighters and paramedics on duty each day, which provides full staffing for the three firehouses and the assigned equipment. The fire department has 76 sworn members, 71 of these divided among three platoons, or shifts. Each platoon is on-duty 24 hours, then off-duty for 48 hours. Shift change occurs daily at 8:30 am. The other five members of the department are staff personnel and work a typical 40-hour work week. These members are the fire chief, the assistant fire chief, the training officer, the Fire Prevention Bureau captain, and one fire inspector. The department employs two civilians who work as administrative assistants to the fire chief and Fire Prevention Bureau.

Statistically, by the end of September, the Euclid Fire Department had responded to 5,560 calls for help. It's safe to say that this year we will likely respond to nearly 7,500 incidents, with 2010 projected to being the busiest

year in the history of the department. This represents an increase of nearly 24 percent since 2000. We are now averaging over 20 calls per day.

While keeping busy responding to our city's calls, we are also doing quite a bit to maintain our ability to serve our community.

- Vacancies allowed us to promote three members to ranks of higher responsibility.

- We conducted a competitive entrance exam last month to hire new personnel who will replace several members who have recently retired and will be retiring in the near future.

- We applied for and received a federal grant for \$600,000 to purchase a new ladder truck; it should arrive in November.

- We'll be receiving a new fire engine in March 2011.

- We are applying for additional grants from the federal government to add personnel.

- Nine of our members continue to train and participate as members of a regional specialized rescue team.

The fall is always busy for the Euclid Fire Department. In addition to our emergency responses, we also perform annual duties these fall months. These duties include ground ladder maintenance, cleaning and maintaining tools and equipment, pump testing of the fire trucks, annual driver's training, monthly station maintenance, next year's scheduling, and mandatory emergency medical service training and recertification classes.

The arrival of fall also reminds us to remember to change the batteries in smoke detectors. The best time to do this is when you set your clocks back Nov. 7. If you're physically unable to do this or can't afford replacement batteries, please call (216) 289-8425 to schedule a time when firefighters can come and do this for you free of charge.



This fire occurred July 27, 2010 at Paul Serra Field. Arsonists set the press box on fire in early morning hours. Photo by Platoon Chief Jim Zdesar.

Also, I look forward to the opportunity to help educate you about the Euclid FD.

Feel free to contact me via e-mail, wanderson@cityofeuclid.com, or at (216) 289-8415 if you have questions or concerns. Thank you, stay safe, and call us if you need us. We'll be there!

EHS raises money

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Students also showed their concern for the cause by designating one of the "Spirit Week" days as "Breast Cancer Awareness" day with students and staff wearing pink to symbolize their support.

The Key Club sponsored an outreach program, which aimed at raising money for Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital. Students were asked to donate money to one of two jars: the first with a picture of Principal Charlie Smialek, the second with a picture of Freshmen Academy Principal Ed Klein. At the end of three weeks, the administrator with the larger sum of money will shave his head live on the morning announcements. Senior Key Club leader, Amanda Burrell, noted, "I'm so glad the principals were willing to go through this to help us—it makes kids more willing to give their money!"

Kitchen fire reminds all to take precautions while cooking

By Captain Will Anderson

Euclid Fire Department crews answered a late afternoon call Sept. 14, at 282 Buckner Avenue. On arrival, crews faced heavy smoke as well as flames shooting from a back kitchen window of the condominium complex, and an occupant trapped inside. According to Lt. Jay Northup of Ladder 1, "A neighbor placed a mattress on the ground and the occupant dropped from the second floor window right before we arrived on scene." Firefighter and paramedic Jeff Mann treated the occupant, who complained of smoke inhalation, while another team of firefighters attacked the fire. Other crews assisted simultaneously in searching all of the attached condos, ventilating the smoke and hot fire gases from the building, and searching for hidden pockets of fire that could have extended undetected behind walls.

The occupant was transported to Euclid Hospital for severe smoke inhalation and admitted to the intensive care unit. He had begun to prepare his dinner on the stovetop, but went upstairs and fell asleep. Neighbors woke him by pounding on his windows and doors. He attempted to flee down the stairs, but was nearly overcome by the intense heat and deadly smoke coming up the stairs from the fire in the kitchen. His only escape was out his bedroom window. Damage estimates are around \$30,000. No one else was injured.

This dangerous fire serves as important lesson. Remember that cooking is the number one cause of home fires and injuries. Never leave food unattended on the stove!



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East Shore Garden Flower Show breaks all the rules

By Gay Marie Goden

The East Shore Garden Club held its annual Non-Standard Flower Show at the Euclid Public Library last month. This flower show is held every September, and this year's show was a success. But this was a non-standard show. To understand what a non-standard show it, you need to know what we do during a standard show.

A standard show has a horticulture division, a design division, two or more special exhibits, as well as a

printed schedule of the displays; each of these groups comes with its own rules. Additionally, accredited judges apply a standard system of judging and awarding. Because it could take at least a year of planning to pull off a good standard flower show, we don't hold an annual standard show; we have an annual non-standard show, breaking many standard rules along the way.

This year we had a horticulture display and two special exhibits, an educational display and a table setting display; there was no judging. We also had indoor and

outdoor plants for sale.

To establish our horticultural display members bring a flower, vegetable, or a shrub or tree branch from their garden (or their neighbor's garden, which is against standard rules) for display at the show. Members can bring more than one item but only one item per vase. Members will identify each item is identified by its common name, not necessarily by its botanical name as required in a standard show. Some members insist on using their own small vases, which is against the rules as well.

The themes of our educational exhibits were Recycling and Container Gardening. We are really pushing recycling, as we have used the recycling display for several years now.

There were four table setting displays, each beautiful.

We wanted our show to be non-stressful, fun and educational for the exhibitors and patrons, with the intention of simply educating the public on growing things. One patron viewing a tall white aster didn't realize it was a flower. She thought it was a weed and pulled them out of her garden. Another patron knew an item could be recycled but didn't know where to take it. People came and learned making this show a complete success!

Guests and new members are always welcome to attend our programs. We meet at the Euclid Public Library on the second Tuesday of the month. Our business meeting is usually first at 10:15

a.m. followed by a program at 11 a.m., and then refreshments. But then again, sometime the refreshments come before the program; we're very flexible. Dues are only \$10 a year and include membership in Garden Club of Ohio. So why not expand your social circle and join our friendly group. And no, you do not need a "green" thumb!

**“Winter’s Magic”
at the
Henn Mansion**

By Virginia Sherman

It may seem a little early, but Lake Shore Garden Club members are busy planning “Winter’s Magic” at the historic Henn Mansion, 23131 Lake Shore Boulevard, Nov. 12 from 1 to 4 p.m. and Nov. 13, from noon to 3 p.m.

The Henn will come alive with the sparkle of holiday flower designs, table artistry, exquisite gift wrapped boxes, Christmas stockings and more. Home grown container flowering plants, cacti, succulents, hanging baskets and terrariums will inspire indoor gardeners. The Educational Exhibits help to create interest in environmental concerns and organic foods.

The show is free and we welcome the public.



Show members enjoyed another successful, rule-breaking show.

Eight inducted into Euclid Sports HOF

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In high school, Baur wrestled at 120 pounds for the late Clarence Eckert and placed high in the prestigious Brecksville holiday tournament. He paid tribute to several coaches who had been influential in his career, including Bill DeMora, who was an assistant under Eckert.

Baur amused the audience with this anecdote from his high school days:

“When I was a sophomore,” he said, “I wasn’t able to make weight before a wrestling meet against St. Joe’s. So I decided to skip school that day.” However, he wanted to watch the mat battle between the Panthers and the Vikings, so he snuck into the gym and huddled with the other spectators. “But Coach DeMora spotted me sitting in the stands and shouted at me---‘Youuuuuu!!!’”

For profiles of the six inducted athletes, go to page 16.

Hello Josh’s Family Meats

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Individuals approached Larry, to see if there was any hope in this possibility, but Larry didn't think so.

So we all made a point of visiting Ross' Meats on their last day, Saturday, September 30th and wished Larry, Karen and their friendly staff a wonderful retirement and to let them know just how much they will be missed. Some folks knew the good news, but I did not. Hurray! Josh Pikovnik, a familiar face behind the meat case is the new owner and it will be opening soon as “Josh’s Family Meats.” Everyone was expressing their gratitude.

Josh, a graduate of Euclid High School, has worked hard along with family and friends to get his new business up and running quickly. His first day of business was Thursday, Oct. 7th. Josh is an experienced meat cutter, having worked 10 years at Holzheimer Foods before joining Larry at Ross’ Meats two years

ago. Josh’s staff consists of his mother Katherine Pikovnik, a fellow meat cutter Mike Suchy, Tim Bock, and Tiffany Chenock. Larry Ross can still be found in the back room offering his expertise when asked. Now it’s Josh’s dream come true in the opening of his new “Josh’s Family Meats” and the neighborhood is very relieved and happy to welcome him!

When you visit, be sure to pick up your monthly “Euclid Observer” and “Euclid Library Lines” another source of local news, that is, other than your local Meat Market.

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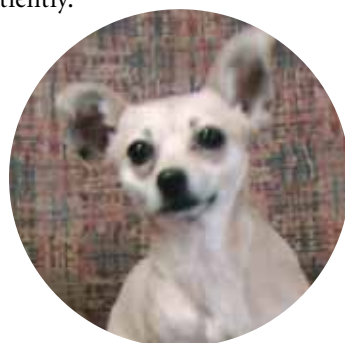
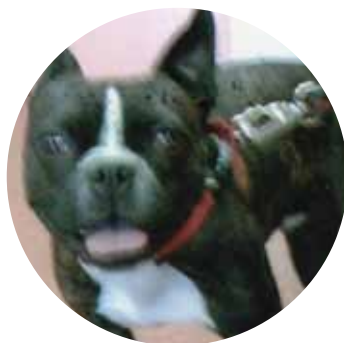
Often they are friendly, frisky animals who would make wonderful pets. Animals like Kobe (bottom left) and Trixie (bottom right), for example.

Kobe is a two-year-old male Bulldog-Boston Terrier mix, while Trixie is a female Chihuahua with a handicap—she has only three normal legs. Her small fourth leg was the

result of a birth defect. Both Trixie and Kobe were picked up as strays.

Anyone who might consider adopting either Trixie or Kobe can stop in at the shelter, located at 25100 Lakeland Boulevard, between Babbitt Road and East 260th Street). The shelter is open Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 4 p.m., and Thursday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. For information, call Officer Ann Mills at (216) 289-2057. You can also e-mail her at: amills@cityofeuclid.com.

Meanwhile, Kobe and Trixie, and their friends, will be waiting patiently.



Euclid Hospital sock hop gives back to the community by way of 487 pairs of socks donated to Euclid public schools

By Samantha Brainard

Poodle skirts and root beer floats, rather than the expected scrubs and lab coats, filled the Euclid Hospital cafeteria when the clocks turned back for a 1950s-themed sock hop and employees donated pairs of socks to benefit the Euclid Public School District.

The event, which was held to recognize employees, turned into a way for hospital staff to help others.

"I believe that bringing all of the employees together in an effort to help our local schools is an excellent way to give back to those in need in the community," said Sue Meeker, Employees Activities Committee coordinator, and organizer of the event.

Sock hop donations numbered more than 485 pairs of socks, in assorted sizes. The socks were presented to the Euclid Board of Education Sept. 30, and will be distributed to students in need.

Located along the picturesque Lake Erie shoreline, Euclid Hospital provides acute and sub-acute hospital care, along with a full spectrum of outpatient services and is home to one of the region's leading rehabilitation and orthopaedic centers.

Kiddie City grows to serve more children from the Euclid area

By Jennifer Boger

Kiddie City Child Care Community would like to share exciting news about our recent expansion. Our second building opened in June, increasing our capacity from 40 children to 74. We invite you to come and see the new and improved Kiddie City.

Let me introduce our program to you by sharing our mission: Kiddie City provides an enriching learning environment for children from infants through pre-kindergarten in the Euclid area fostering curiosity and imagination to create a lifelong love of learning.

We asked some of our current 3 to 5 year old students what they have learned at Kiddie City. Here is what they said:



“How to write,” Hailey, 4 years old
 “How to use a computer,” Arianna,
 5 years old

"How to build with blocks," Christopher, 3 years old

"Numbers and Letters," Javen,
5 years old

"Science!" Angelo, 5 years old

“To speak Spanish,” Trey and Earnie, both 4 years old

“How to play and be a friend,” Logan,
3 years old

“How to try new things,” Kamryn,
5 years old

A parent of a child who graduated from Kiddie City this year sent thank you card, with this message: "There is so much I will miss about Kiddie City, but what I will miss the most is the way my son and I were treated like family from the moment he became a part of Kiddie City." Nicole Frazier, mother of Keith Frazier.

Kiddie City is currently in the midst of its 2018 annual appeal. We are currently seeking support from the community in fulfilling our mission. We embrace the philosophies that “to teach is to touch a life forever” and “it takes a village to raise a child.” In a continued effort to

provide high quality child care, with lower than average student to teacher ratios and higher than average teacher qualifications, we are asking for your support. Kiddie City is a 501c3 non-profit organization, making your contribution tax deductible. In this tough economic climate, it is a constant struggle to fulfill our mission without community support. If you are able to support Kiddie City and its mission in any way, the children and staff would be eternally grateful. Any amount would be greatly appreciated; as little as \$25 covers the cost of consumable supplies for one child for three months.

Kiddie City will accept donations mailed or made in person. Our address is Kiddie City Child Care Community, 20110 Wilmore Avenue, Euclid, Ohio 44123. Include your name and address with your donation so we can mail a receipt. For more information about Kiddie City, contact Jennifer Boger at (216) 481-9044.



Photos courtesy of Kiddie City

Far left (in circle): Tyrus helping with a class mural.

Top: Jonaye and Stephanie enjoying a story.

Bottom: Friends...Jamel, Aleia and Sanela.



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Party Planapalooza 2011 will showcase area businesses

By Sherrie Zagorc

If you are in the business of making events special, showcase your talent at the Party Planapalooza, scheduled to take place Jan. 15, 2011, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Shore Cultural Centre. We are assembling entertainers, caterers, floral designers, rental facilities, party destinations, cake decorators and others for vendor displays, a variety show, and interactive demonstrations.

You will provide creative ideas and an opportunity for our public attendees to plan for their special events in 2011, incorporating your business in their children and adult birthday parties, anniversaries, family reunions, church

events, women’s and men’s gatherings, and business functions. Attendees will see first-hand what your business has to offer and you will provide contact information, check available dates on your calendar, and arrange contracts to be involved in their memorable day.

Kiddie City Child Care Community and Shore Cultural Centre are sponsoring Party Planapalooza. Contact Sherrie Zagorc at (216) 481-9044, or e-mail at kiddiecityeuclid@att.net, or Laura Kidder at (216) 289-8578, e-mail at llk@thecoralcompany.com for more information including a registration packet. Look in future *Euclid Observer* newspapers for additional coverage of the Party Planapalooza.

Euclid Collaborative News!

By Courtney Nicolai

Strengthening Families Series

The Euclid /Hillcrest Area Family to Family Collaborative is hosting a Strengthening Families Series that started Oct. 11 and will run every Monday through the end of December. Anyone is welcome to attend. All sessions are held at Euclid Lutheran Church, located at 431 East 260th Street, and run from 6 to 8 p.m. Children over 13 years of age are invited to join the presentation and child care is available for younger children. Light snacks will be provided. Those with questions may contact Courtney Nicolai at the Euclid YMCA, (216) 731-7454.

- Oct. 18 - Active Parenting (Part 1)
- Oct. 25 - Active Parenting (Part 2)
- Nov. 1 - The Overindulged Child
- Nov. 8 - Negative Family Patterns
- Nov. 15 - Raising Sons
- Nov. 22 - Safety in Relationships
- Nov. 29 - HIV/STD Education (free HIV testing available)

- Dec. 6 - Parenting about Sexuality
- Dec. 13 - Depression and Drugs/Alcohol
- Dec. 20 - Bullying and Peer Pressure

Annual Back to School Rally

We also wanted to thank everyone for a wonderful turnout for our Annual Back to School Rally. The Collab was able to hand out close to 500 bags of school supplies to children and youth in our community. We have a special thank you to Employment and Family Services, Girl Scouts of Northeast Ohio, Berea Children’s Home, Euclid Lutheran Church, Our Lady of the Lake, R.A.D.’s and More, Job Corps, Kiddie City, Euclid Fire Department, Collab CAC members, Collab steering committee members and staff, Euclid YMCA staff, Pizza Pan, SIMS, Rick Case Honda, Euclid PPG, TAPS Sport’s Bar and Grill, Councilwoman Kandace Jones and Ken and Carol Nicolai.



Waiting in line for school supplies.



Euclid YMCA/Collab Back to School Rally.

Holiday happenings at Ss. Robert & William Parish

By Ellen Ivory

We invite you to get an early start on your holiday shopping at the Ss. Robert & William Holiday Craft Sale Oct. 31, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the school gym. Hand-crafted items will be featured in the Baby Boutique, Quilter’s Corner and Trim-a-Tree to name a few.

A highlight of the sale will be a gift basket auction, which has a selection of gift baskets (valued at \$50 and up) filled with handmade items and holiday gifts. A Christmas tree with

trimmings is also being offered, and you could be the lucky winner. Additionally, a special Santa Shop area will be set up for children 12 years old and younger. It will be stocked with gifts for parents, teachers, brothers, sisters and friends.

The sale is being hosted by Ss. Robert & William Art & Environment Guild with the support of The Mustard Seed. Ss. Robert & William Parish is located at 367 East 260th Street, Euclid. Call (216) 731-1515 for additional information.

Adult day service coming soon to Shore Cultural Centre

By Marlon Duncan

Up a creek without a paddle? We can help!! Attention all caregivers and seniors! Ostellafran adult day service is coming to Shore Cultural Centre in January 2011. If you are caring for a loved one or a friend, and are overwhelmed by the demanding day-to-day responsibilities, perhaps neglecting your personal day-to-day responsibilities, as well as leisure activities, then Ostellafran may be a choice for you. Seniors looking to get back into exciting daily activities are welcome too.

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Politics

Observations

By Jerry Corbran

Count me as one of the Democrat voters disgusted by the scandals uncovered by the FBI in Cuyahoga County government; I voted for the charter change about to take effect following the Nov. 2 general election. We will elect eleven district councilpersons and an executive to replace the three commissioners who administer the business of the county, with a taxpayer mandate to sweep clean the widespread corruption.

In the recent primary, Democrat voters chose Ed FitzGerald and the Republicans Matt Dolan to run for the county executive position. Independents Tim McCormack, Ken Lanci, Don Scipione and Green Party candidate David Ellison are also in the running.

Democrat FitzGerald has a record as mayor of Lakewood, as an FBI special agent and an assistant county prosecutor. But he, along with scores of others in the county Democratic Party, is named on the FBI list as Public Official Number 14, although he has not been charged with a crime. He will be the beneficiary of big funding by the Ohio Democratic Party. If elected, will he be pressured by the party machinery that he is vowing to sweep clean of corruption?

Republican Matt Dolan has been a state representative for several terms. He is a partner in a law firm, vice president of a real estate management firm, a former Ohio assistant attorney general and a Geauga County chief assistant prosecuting attorney. He is a member of the family that owns the Cleveland Indians baseball team that may be a source of big campaign financing. His campaign so far has been a few hard hitting TV commercials tying FitzGerald to indicted Commissioner Jimmy Dimora. I'm sure that the Republican state party will be pushing his candidacy in the county where voter registration-strong Democrats are caught in the major corruption scandal.

Another promising candidate is former Democrat, now Independent Tim McCormack. He was a state representative and senator, the Cuyahoga County auditor and then commissioner. Currently, he has taken unpaid leave from the County Planning Commission. He is also an attorney in private practice. In

comparison to his opposing candidates, he can claim having the most experience in county government. Tim claims to have a clean record in public service. As we enter October, his campaign has yet to gain attention. I suspect that he suffers from inadequate financing. No longer a Democrat, his only financial sources would be old friends gathered in his many years of public service. He may get some votes from long time Euclid residents who remember his council stint back in 1972. Other than that he may be a spoiler for FitzGerald and draw Democrat votes from those disgusted with their party, but just can't vote for a Republican.

Another Independent is wealthy businessman Ken Lanci. He has no elective experience but has a record of making a success of several struggling businesses. He is well known for his charitable works. He has gone to court to challenge county commissioners on spending matters. He is putting a lot of personal funds into his campaign, especially with placards on RTA buses. He has offered to accept one dollar a year for the \$175,000 county executive salary. It is questionable whether his personal wealth is enough to carry him to victory. The *Plain Dealer* analysis of his candidacy was not flattering, linking him, perhaps unfairly, to shady characters throughout the article.

Independent Don Scipione can claim he was the volunteer treasurer and the only candidate actively working for the successful charter reform movement. He has a doctorate degree, with an early background in rocket science. He is president of a software firm. He promises to save taxpayers \$200 million using state-of-the-art management initiatives. He has a passion for good and efficient government and wants to apply his many ideas to weed out unnecessary positions. Whoever wins would do well by hiring him as a technical consultant. He admits to being a long shot and suffers from inadequate financing.

The Green Party candidate is architect David Ellision. He has been a vigorous civic activist, running petition campaigns in support of various causes. He hasn't spent much on his campaign and felt victorious getting the Green Party

on the ballot. Owing no one any political favors, he feels he has the ability to clean house in the county government.

The voters will also choose eleven district council members from Cleveland and the surrounding suburbs. District 11, which includes Euclid, Richmond Heights, South Euclid, Lyndhurst, University Heights and Beachwood; will choose either Democrat Sunny Simon or Republican Kathryn Gambetese, both veteran council members, or Independent Rich Devor, Jr. Simon is part of and has the backing of the Democrat Party political machine. That was obvious in the large number of yard signs that sprung up in Euclid during the primary elections. The sign locations are used year after year by the Euclid party to promote their candidates. Gambetese, running in Euclid that has a low Republican registration and weak party machinery, is at a disadvantage and must appeal to disgusted Democrats and independent voters. Independent Devor will take votes from Gambetese. How the candidates will fare in their hometowns and other suburbs is unknown. But Simon has to be given an edge in Democrat registration rich Cuyahoga County.

Big money will be spent by the major parties and national political

action committees, formed by special interest groups like unions and environmentalists. These organizations can independently create campaign literature and radio and TV spots without permission of the candidate. They realize that Cuyahoga County and Ohio are most important to the outcome of state and national elections. If a Democrat candidate wins this county by 100,000 votes over a rival, the candidate can expect statewide victory. But the county corruption scandal may keep disgruntled Democrats away from the polls and many may switch their loyalty.


The poor job approval survey poll numbers of President Obama and the Democrat-controlled House and Senate can be another negative factor in both state and county races for the Democrats. The poor economy and an unemployment rate at 9.6 percent, rather than social issues, appear to be the foremost on voter minds. A report stated that one in five borrowers will lose their homes by foreclosure is both a reality and a possibility for many families.

The Tea Party movement has been devastating to incumbents nationwide for both Democrats and Republicans.

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Restoring Honor Rally

By Alyce Turner

Last month I wrote about the “Good Old Days” growing up in Euclid and all my fond memories. Now it is time to get back to the real world; things are definitely different.

Six weeks ago I did something I have never done before. I went on a bus trip to Washington, DC for the Glenn Beck Restoring Honor Rally. There were over 100 of us, leaving out of Mentor on two buses; it was very exciting. We arrived at our nation’s capitol at 5:30 a.m. for breakfast and then were dropped off at the Metro. WOW! The crowd was so immense that we waited in line over two



This is me, as I headed to the rally.

hours to get our tickets. I noticed upon getting closer there was the same long line on the other side of the tracks. So the trains were filling fast and we had standing room only for the 30 to 40 minute train ride. What a ride. Upon emerging from the underground, the first thing we saw was the George Washington monument looming in front of us. It was beautiful.

As we made our way to the National Mall, people were merging from every area in the direction of the rally; some carried huge American flags and everyone was cheering. My daughter and I were in awe just being there. The crowds became very thick, and once we came upon a treed area (it was very hot) the group decided to settle down. I was not content with this because I could not see the Lincoln Memorial, and I was determined to get a picture. I pushed on through the heavy crowd, sometimes having to go under a rope and then climbing over legs and people. I was get-

ting frustrated because I hadn’t even seen the reflecting pool before coming up to a guardrail. I turned and headed the other way and was soon faced with another guardrail. I gave up, but not before managing to see the corner of the Lincoln Memorial for my picture. I turned around to look behind me and was awe struck seeing how far I had come through this sea of people.

Heading back I saw the huge video screens they had mounted and heard the heart wrenching stories of the wounded warriors being honored and the beautifully sung songs. It was a thrill to see and hear Glenn Beck, Sarah Palin and Alveda King, among many others. The mass exodus at the end of the rally was just as crowded as the gathering hours earlier. We thought we would have a



couple hours to see the sights until we remembered the long lines on the Metro, so we headed to the train.

It was a grand experience to be among people who want to restore our country to the way our Founding Fathers intended, keeping our Constitution and Bill of Rights intact. It gives me great hope that after Nov. 2, my grandchildren will have the opportunity to remember their “good old days” growing up where ever they happen to be living.

McCormack’s team braces for final campaign push

By John Sheridan

Although not as well-heeled as some of his opponents in the race to become the first Cuyahoga county executive—the leader of the new county government—Tim McCormack and his campaign team have been gearing up for a strong finish.

With the Nov. 2 election little more than two weeks away, opponents like millionaire Ken Lanci have been able to clog the airways with a seemingly unending barrage of TV ads, while the McCormack forces have been limited to mailings and planting lawn signs around the county.

However, the McCormack team--operating out of its East 185th Street headquarters office, is hoping to close the campaign financing gap to some extent by holding a pair of fundraisers in the near future. The first was scheduled Oct. 16 at Cebars Tavern on East 185th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., just before the start to the Ohio State Buckeyes

game against Wisconsin. For a \$20 admission fee, supporters received food and drink tickets. “It was a great opportunity for local supporters to come out and show support for Tim,” says Euclid’s Kevin Gorman, one of Tim’s campaign lieutenants.

“With only a few weeks left in the campaign, the strategy is to contact and reach as many voters as possible,” Gorman notes. “Mailers have been going out, and we have been delivering yard signs all over the county. Anyone who would like to request one, can contact the campaign office at (216) 481-0100. The office, open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, is located in the former Kollander Travel building at 971 East 185th Street.

As of the *Observer* deadline for this issue, McCormack’s team had not yet finalized plans for an “election watch” gathering.

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Many longtime office holders were bumped from their seats in the primaries. As the general election day nears, polling numbers show a great number of U.S. House and Senate Democrats are in danger of losing their seats to Republicans consisting of many women supported by the Tea Party. If the pollsters are right we can expect a dramatic change of direction, not only in the nation, but within the parties. The old guard leaders will be replaced by spirited newcomers tired of the go along to get along attitudes that are so distasteful.

The coming *Plain Dealer* endorsements will make a big difference in the county races. The possibility of an endorsement of a long shot Independent could have positive results. The paper has pulled out all the stops in exposing the corruption. The bottom line is you must think beyond your loyalties and choose the district council member and county executive, who will completely clean out the corruption at all levels. Who can you trust to do that?

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County council candidates express views at League of Women Voters forum

By Kurt Steigerwald

Public employee ethics and transparency in county government were the themes of the day as the three candidates for the District 11 county council slot met with voters while fielding questions at a recent candidate’s night. The 11th District council position will represent Euclid, South Euclid, Richmond Heights., Lyndhurst, Beachwood and University Heights. Sponsored by the League of Women Voters and held at Brush High School Oct. 6, the three candidates found more to agree than disagree on as each fielded questions on topics ranging from the economy to the transition process for the county government. Each mentioned the need for ethics training by all elected officials and county employees as top priorities.

Two of the candidates, Sunny Simon (Democrat) and Kathryn Gambatese (Republican) seemed to reference the others’ comments on several occasions as both are experienced public officials having served on city council in their respective home cities. Simon, currently serving on the council of South Euclid, cited her experience in working with various groups to help bring about positive change in the city as a reason why



Sunny Simon (Democrat). she would be a good county council representative. Simon also has experience as a magistrate and is an attorney in private practice. Among the many

challenges faced by the county, if elected Simon said one of her areas of focus would be on justice affairs with a specific focus on prisoner reentry efforts. She also intends on looking at areas of specific interest, including MetroHealth Hospital. “MetroHealth has people on the board that don’t know about the business of running a hospital,” said Simon.

Gambatese also cited her years on Richmond Heights council, as well as significant experience working with publicly funded entities in the area of health and human services – specifically in alcohol and drug rehabilitation – as



Kathryn Gambatese (Republican). evidence of her worthiness. Gambatese would leverage this experience in evaluating the county’s approach to health and human services-related issues as one area of focus if elected. She also mentioned the significant challenge faced by newly elected council members in helping to set the foundation for the new county government in the short term as one of her primary goals.

Following her long tenure on the Richmond Heights City Council, “I want to commit to helping make our county government work” as she looks to wind down her career in the public sector. “How the first four years of the new government go will set the path for

how successful this governing body will be in the future.”

Richard Devor, Jr. (Independent) is the lone candidate with no political experience, a factor he believes is in his favor as voters look for fresh faces after the recent corruption problems in



Richard Devor, Jr. (Independent). Cuyahoga County. His interest in politics began two years ago culminating in his first run for public office this year. He currently works at Conrad’s Tire Center.

There were a few areas of disagreement among the candidates. While Gambatese and Simon both supported regionalism as a concept for governing Cuyahoga County and beyond, Devor was a bit skeptical about taking regionalism too far. “I’m not totally on board with the regionalism. When you take local issues out of the equation, the competitive factor is removed and then a city can’t compete against another and provide its advantages,” said Devor.

Another point of differentiation with the candidates was the role of government and its interaction with businesses. Gambatese and Devor thought that government should be supportive of business efforts, but generally stay out of the way so that businesses focus on growth and creating new jobs. “Government needs to get out of the way and

eliminate those impediments to job creation,” said Gambatese.

Simon sees government and business working more in partnership with each other. “I don’t believe government has to get out of the way,” said Simon.

While each candidate voiced support for the new approach to county governance, they also cited issues that they would have liked to see changed. For example, the salaries of the County Council and the County Executive were seen as too high. The Executive position will earn \$175,000 a year while council members will earn \$45,000 with council president earning \$55,000. Another problem with the council is that there are no at large members, an issue that Simon fears may lead to territorialism. Yet another issue is the limited role council plays in any executive-level hiring that will take place in the county.

The candidates all agreed that the transition team helping candidates prepare for their new positions were doing an outstanding job. They expressed hope that some of the transition members would continue to be part of the new organization once the election was over. The candidates viewed a key part of their role as being a check on the balance of power with the new county executive and their administration. “This new county position has the potential to create a leader that is potentially more powerful than the mayor of Cleveland,” said Simon.

“Council controls the purse strings so that’s a check on the power of the county executive,” added Gambatese.

The final candidates night sponsored by the League of Women Voters is Oct. 19 at Cleveland State University’s Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The event is being conducted in partnership with Cleveland State University.

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Perspective

Euclid through a fresh set of eyes

By Garth Wadleigh

I have a confession to make: I'm not much of a "city" person. I'll take small town living or a rural setting over big city excitement any day of the week. But small towns and rural areas do have one great flaw; lack of employment opportunities. So here I am, a small town boy in a big city setting who is very thankful to be employed.

Now, if I'm going to be "stuck" in the city for any length of time, I'm finding that Euclid is one of the better locations in which to live. Its diverse cultural, racial, and religious make up leave the door open for growth through understanding—provided you are an open-minded person who is looking to learn.

The city's location on the shores of Lake Erie is an often-overlooked attraction. Euclid has a decent system of public transportation to get to points inside and outside its borders. Housing is affordable, shopping choices are sufficient, and public recreation opportunities abound. But I'm discovering that there is more to Euclid than meets the eye, which sweetens the deal even more.

Several weeks ago, my car was in the shop for repairs over the weekend and I found myself looking for something to do. I pulled my bike out of the basement, dusted it off, filled the tires, and rode off to see what I could discover.

First stop: the Cleveland Buddhist Temple on Euclid Avenue. It was closed at the time of my arrival, but there is an Ohio historical marker outside the building that I took a few minutes to read. Here's a condensed version of what it says:

"...Japanese-American Buddhists, who resettled in the Cleveland area in 1943-44 after being released from World War II internment camps, established the oldest continually meeting Buddhist organization in Ohio...The Temple welcomes all those wishing to study the teaching of the Buddha."

The next stop was the Euclid Histori-

cal Museum on North Street. I chained my bicycle to the front railing of this beautiful old building and made my way inside. I was greeted by a kindly, somewhat quiet gentleman, and asked to sign in. At first, my private tour guide just followed me around silently while I looked at the various clippings and pictures of Euclid's history that you encounter in the entrance of the museum. When I asked about the historical significance of some of the pictures, I found my guide to be responsive and well-versed in Euclid history.

Housed in what was once the Euclid High School built in the late 1890s, the museum contains many articles, artifacts, photographs, and publications that tell the stories of bygone eras. A descriptive inventory of all that the museum has to offer would be lengthy, so I'll just mention a few items that particularly caught my attention.

The museum has a very prominent piece located in the main room of the building. Born in Euclid in March of 1849 was a man by the name of Charles F. Brush. While attending high school at Cleveland Central High, Brush began to develop an arc light system. In the years to follow, Brush continued to improve and expand on his original idea for lighting systems. After college, Brush succeeded in gaining backing from a Cleveland-based company to develop his "dynamo"—an electric generator used to power arc lamps. Brush not only succeeded in patenting his ideas, but also sold lighting systems to several cities with his then state-of-the-art technology. One of Brush's arc lights can be found in the museum. My informative tour guide told me that the light still worked when it was donated to the museum, but is now no longer functioning. The arc light is a beautiful piece of Americana from the early electrical age and definitely worth seeing.

Another item of interest at the museum is a set of pictures. In the 1920s, a physician by the name of Cunningham believed that breathing pure

oxygen could do wonders in helping heal many sicknesses. Around 1929, Dr. Cunningham had a very large spherical building erected in the area of W. 185th and Lakeshore. Another outer building—a normal-looking brick facility—still stands in the area and is now owned by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. The odd-looking main building no longer stands but is captured in the photographs displayed at the museum.

The spherical hospital had a system that filled the interior with pure oxygen so that patients could experience its healing effects during their stay. Known as the Cunningham hospital, patients would arrive for a two-week stay and first be led to a conditioning chamber that adjoined the spherical portion of the hospital. In the conditioning chamber, they would slowly adjust to an ever-increasing supply of oxygen prior to entering the hospital itself. Once inside the hospital, the patient neither left the facility nor had outside visitors for the full two-week duration needed for recuperation. The Cunningham hospital survived for a half decade before doubts of its effectiveness caused its closure.

The Euclid Historical Museum is open from 1 to 4 p.m. most days. Call ahead to confirm hours of operation, but make sure that you don't miss a visit to this treasure. Additionally, if you're a history or genealogical buff, the Euclid Historical Society welcomes new members, especially those who are interested in taking an active role.

Right up the hill from the museum on Chardon Rd., the Sisters of Most Holy Trinity oversee the Shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes. Free and open to the public during restricted hours and dates, this is a great place to go and meditate, regardless of your spiritual affiliation. The actual Shrine and the many places for meditation are located out of doors in a woodland setting. Because of the outdoor setting, the Shrine is only open from May to October. I parked my bike, took a stroll along the path that follows

the Stations of the Cross and an outside "walkable" rosary, and just enjoyed the peace and quiet of nature. The Sisters also run a dining hall during the Shrine season where meals can be purchased at a reasonable price if you are so inclined to dine there during your visit.

The Shrine, with its outdoor setting, just managed to whet my appetite for getting back to nature, so I rode my bike over to the Cleveland Metroparks' Euclid Creek Reservation. The picnic grounds were filled to capacity with various family reunions, which was a heart-warming sight to see. Riding on a little further, I was able to enjoy the quiet babble of the creek and the sway of the trees in the light breeze. Though the park was crowded, the natural beauty made for a calming experience. If you want to have some solitude at the park, bike riding isn't the way to go as the more obscure paths are only open to pedestrians. The park is a wonderful asset to our city and offers a nice chance to "get away" without traveling very far.

For my last distraction of the weekend, I took advantage of the free concert of the Smokin Fez Monkeys, which was held on the lawn at the Church of the Epiphany on Lake Shore Blvd. This event turned out to be a fun and interactive event that appealed to a wide range of people, as evidenced by the mix of the audience. The free admission included a "snack" of pulled pork sandwiches with a dozen or more side dishes at the conclusion of the concert. This was one of many free or low cost events that happen within the Euclid city limits on a regular basis.

What started out as a bad weekend of car trouble for me turned out to be both memorable and enjoyable. Sometimes we look too far for excitement and entertainment only to miss what is offered in our own neck of the woods. I'm already beginning to plan my September Euclid "getaway." Hmmm, let's see. I've never been to the Polka Hall of Fame but keep saying that someday I'll get there...

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Perspective/Sports

Short Takes

By John Sheridan

Judging from the glossy political mailings that have been flooding voters' mailboxes lately, county executive hopefuls Ed FitzGerald (the Democratic Party's endorsed candidate) and Republican Matt Dolan (who won the Plain Dealer's endorsement) have been engaging in a hot-and-heavy name-calling contest.

One recent Dolan mailer pointed out that half a dozen figures named in the FBI's county corruption investigation, including Frank Russo and Jimmy Dimora, have contributed to the FitzGerald campaign fund. In response, FitzGerald has accused Dolan of spending \$430,000 of the Dolan family fortune to fund a "mud-slinging" campaign. The Lakewood mayor also insists that Dolan won the Republican primary "by trashing Victor Voinovich's reputation."

Now, wait a minute here. We've been wondering: If you accuse your opponent of mud-slinging isn't that a form of mud-slinging?

In any event it seems possible that, by attacking each other in mail and TV campaigns, the two heavy-spending candidates for the top county job just might be improving Tim McCormack's chances of slipping through to victory on Nov. 2.

Marc's Makeover

The Sept. 21 "Grand Re-Opening" of the Marc's Lakeshore Boulevard store in Euclid revealed some dramatic improvements to the store's layout and, especially, its presentation of grocery items. The makeover included expansion of the frozen food and dairy sections, as well as a remodeled fresh meat department.

Thanks to the revamped layout, customers are finding it much easier to locate the items they're looking for, especially those customers who bothered to pick up a copy of the new floor diagram that the store is making available. And, to top it all off, the exterior of the entire shopping strip will be sporting a new facelift as part of the overall downtown Euclid renovation.

Library Art Exhibit

The Euclid Public Library is now

hosting an exhibit of 20 paintings and other artwork by Ted Theodore, a former Euclid High art teacher and track coach. The art show is scheduled to run through the end of October. Ted and his wife Irene, by the way, have become known for their globe-trotting travels to take in Olympic Games around the world, including the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece.

Computerized History

Most of the items in the Euclid Historical Society's extensive collection of records and artifacts of local historical significance have been logged into a computer database. The bad news, as noted in the society's September newsletter, is that the computer system is "rather old and no longer very user-friendly." Moreover, the system "doesn't really lend itself to Internet access."

Well, that may be about to change. The organization is now working with a consultant to acquire a new computer and software designed specifically for museum use. The new system is expected to provide more rapid access to data.

Making a significant contribution to the society's data management efforts has been volunteer Evelyn Kubach, who recently catalogued the museum's collection of obituaries of notable Euclid residents. After completing 1,000 files recently, she put them on a CD and delivered it to Historical Society President John Williams. Previously, Evelyn computerized all of the Euclid Township records from April 1810 to April 1843. The city certainly owes Evelyn a debt of gratitude.

The historical society and museum, located at 21129 North Street, holds its monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. For information, contact John Williams at (216) 289-8577.

Clambake Deadline

There is still time, though not very much of it, to order tickets to the Euclid Pet Pals' clambake slated for Oct. 22 at the Manor Party Center. The deadline for purchasing tickets is Oct. 19. Proceeds benefit the Euclid Animal Shelter. Tickets are available at the shelter, 25100 Lakeland Boulevard.

Northeast Ohio golfers win the "other" Rider Cup

By John Sheridan

No, that's not a misspelling in the headline. We're not talking about the internationally acclaimed Ryder Cup matches here, but rather the Rider Cup challenge, which has become an annual three-day golf showdown between teams from Northeast Ohio and Pennsylvania. A number of the Ohio linksmen are low-handicap players with ties to the Euclid area—including Steve Blackburn Sr., a former grounds superintendent at Briardale Greens Golf Course, and his son, Steve.

The Rider Cup employs a format quite similar to that used in the biannual battle between the top USA professionals and the cream of the crop from Europe, but it is much more low key and is conducted without benefit of large galleries or an international TV audience.

In late September, the Ohio team, captained by the younger Steve Blackburn, posted a runaway 55.5 to 34.5 victory with a strong showing on the two tournament venues used this summer—Manakiki Golf Course in Willoughby Hills and Little Mountain Country Club in Concord. The three-day event began with a Saturday practice round at Stonewater Golf Club. In between the Sunday and Monday rounds, the participants—20 players on

each team—enjoyed a convivial dinner at Mulligan's in Highland Heights.

The secret to the Ohio team's strong performance? "We just wanted it more," said Steve Blackburn Sr. "We were on our home turf and we were motivated to play well."

The event, originally organized 15 years ago by Bobby Delcoco, is traditionally held on the third weekend in September.

The location alternates between the two states and this was Ohio's year to play host. "Regardless of who wins, it is great fun, great food, and great friends," said Delcoco, a technical sales rep for Lincoln Electric Company, who served as captain of the Ohio team during the

event's first five years.

From the Saturday practice round through the Monday "match play" windup, the Rider Cup participants enjoyed ideal weather. "We seem to have beautiful weather for this event just about every year," noted Euclid's Paul Hribar Jr., a veteran participant in the interstate golf battle.

In addition to Hribar, Delcoco, and the Blackburns, the Ohio team included: Mike Yelenic, Chris Chambers, Carl Quercioli, Ken Bieniek, Ron Gordish, Tom Rittberger, John Sichko, Cliff Johnston, Dan Marinelli, Mike Angie, Mark Foss, Eddie Neer, Phil Bojc, Joe Zabukovec, Dave Sotka, and Joe Hurtuk.



SMILIN' STEVE—Ohio team captain Steve Blackburn (right) holds the "Rider Cup" trophy, while Pennsylvania captain Tom Kunkle offers congratulations.



THE WINNERS—Members of the Ohio Rider Cup squad (wearing red shirts) gather for a post-tournament "team photo" --- as some of the Pennsylvania golfers try to squeeze into the picture. (Both photos by John Sheridan)

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Sports

SPORTS SHORTS: Panther volleyball team is on a roll

By John Sheridan

After making headlines in late September for their stunning victory over Mentor, the Euclid Panther girls' volleyball team kept its winning momentum going with a lopsided 25-16, 25-13, 25-11 triumph over Garfield Heights last weekend.

As noted in a recent Plain Dealer report, the come-from-behind win against Mentor gave Coach Tamika Drake her first-ever conquest of the Cardinals, who are the defending Lake Erie League champions. Behind the stellar play of Shaniqua Chisolm and Marissa Williams, the Panther girls rallied for the victory after losing the first game, 13-25. Whitney Hayes contributed eight kills and eight digs to the Panthers' victory over Mentor, which boosted their season record to 15-6 and kept them in first place in the LEL Lake Division.

City Golf Champs — The top winner in the city of Euclid Golf Championship tournament held Oct. 9 and 10 at Briardale Greens Golf Course was John Iosue, who won the low gross stroke play title in Flight A. He edged runner-up Steve Blackburn Sr. for the crown. In the Flight A handicap division, Jim Churney posted the best low net score, while Al Winton finished second.

In Flight B, the low gross champion was Ron Rositani, while Gary Cogin took runner-up honors. In low net play, Stan Kebe took first place, just ahead of Ted Heindel.

What's Up, Doc? — Former Euclid Panther basketball coach Harold "Doc" Daugherty is now serving on the executive board of the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame and Museum, which will hold its sixth annual induction ceremony for the Class of 2011 next May at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

The mission of the organization is to "recognize outstanding players and coaches at all levels and maintain a historical museum which portrays the history of basketball in Ohio."

Coach Daugherty was enshrined with the Class of 2010, along with such familiar names as Cavaliers' owner Gordon Gund and Coach Lenny Wilkens. The inaugural class in 2006 included former St. Joseph High and Ohio State standout Clark Kellogg.

For the Bookshelf — Former Euclid resident Bob Dolgan, a long-time sportswriter for the Plain Dealer, is now promoting his latest book, "The Sports-writer Who Punched Sam McDowell."

You probably guessed it — that sportswriter was Dolgan himself. The author also claims credit for giving

McDowell the nickname "Sudden Sam." The new book includes 114 stories about such Cleveland sports figures as Bob Feller, Lou Boudreau, Brian Sipe, Otto Graham, and Jim Brown. Published by Kent State University Press, the book is available at Amazon.com.

Dolgan, who notes that he is available to appear for "humorous talks" at meetings and events, also authored a 2006 tell-all book, "America's Polka King—The Real Story of Frankie Yankovic."

Who's Crazy? — Speaking of sports-writers, Dan Coughlin, who once spent two weeks filling in at the old Euclid News-Journal as a favor to a staffer who needed a vacation break, also has a new book out. Coughlin, better known lately for his work on TV8's Friday night high school football report, titled his: "Crazy—With the Papers to Prove It."

The explanation: "I covered sports in Cleveland for 45 years and that would make anybody crazy," Dan says. "I wrote about the screwballs, oddballs, and goofballs. I covered thrilling events and also met fascinating people." Among the "oddballs" profiled in his book are gambler Junior O'Malley, dwarf sportswriter Dennis Lustig, and practical joker Doug Dieken.

Coughlin's book includes more than 40 chapters or vignettes, including an account of a day spent with heavyweight champ Muhammad Ali and another about the sad end to the friendship between Browns' coaches Paul Brown and Blanton Collier. Published by Gray & Co., the book was scheduled to appear in bookstores on Oct. 15.

In Dad's Footsteps — Mike Golic, the one-time standout football player at Notre Dame and St. Joseph High, must be paying special attention the fortunes of the Fighting Irish these days. During a recent game against Boston College, one of his sons, Mike Golic Jr., got a chance to play for Notre Dame as a backup center. Another son, Jake Golic, is a tight end for the Irish.

Cross-country for the Sweets, running is a family affair

By John Sheridan

This fall, Emily Sweet has clearly been the brightest star on the Euclid Panther cross-country team. She's hit the finish line in first place in four major invitational meets--and she's placed second in two other prestigious events, including the recent "Legends Meet" in Trumbull County.

Next, she's off to the Lake Erie League championship race at Forest Hills Park this weekend. That's the same venue where she scored a major triumph earlier this season, crossing the finish line in first place in 19 minutes, 21.36 seconds, in the McDonough Invitational hosted by Villa Angela-St. Joseph. Against a strong field, Emily pulled ahead of the other top female runners after negotiating the daunting hill about midway through the difficult course.

Her goal for the upcoming LEL meet? "I hope to beat the time that I ran in the McDonough Invitational," she says with a shy smile. She is also pondering the possibility of qualifying for this year's state cross-country meet at Scioto Downs near Columbus.

If she makes it to Columbus, it won't surprise people who are familiar with her running career. Thanks to a vigorous summer training regimen, she's steadily improved her race times this fall. Her success may also have something to do with her family's interests, and its genes.

Emily's mother, Laurene, is a triathlete who finished among the top 10 female competitors in the Cleveland Triathlon two years in a row. Laurene, who has often risen at 5:30 a.m. to get in a training run, has also finished among the leaders in several 5K races. However, back surgery last August has forced her to put her running on hold for the time being.

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Euclid soccer team wins West G tourney

By Timothy Bowman

The Euclid Youth Soccer Organization's co-ed mini-travel team won the U-14 division at the West Geauga Soccer Tournament Oct. 2. The West Geauga Recreational Council hosted the tournament at the West Geauga Commons in Novelty, Ohio. The Euclid team, which had to play without some of its older players, swept all three of their games to reach the championship match. In their first match Euclid beat the Twinsburg 2 team with a score of 4 to 0. In their second game they outscored Middlefield 6 to 1, and in their third game they beat the Twinsburg 4 team by a score of 6 to 1.

The team faced last year's champions from Chagrin Falls in this year's cham-

pionship match. In a tough game, Euclid scored the only goal of the game early in the second half and hung on to win. Jack Michals, Brandon Ray, Mark Okocha, Chris DiFrancesco, Daniel Taylor, Matt Brodsky, Stephen Tella and Connor Bowman led a high scoring offense that tallied 16 goals in the first three matches. Lincoln Johnston, Kris Kaiser, Isabella Tortorici, Sarah Howe, Krystal Koster, Sierra Thompson and Ana Thompson played solid defense in holding four opponents to a combined total of just two goals. In the championship match, Brodsky and DiFrancesco each logged a shut-out half in goal, and Jack Michals free kick early in the second half found the back of the net for the 1-0 win. Rounding out the team are coaches Dave DiFrancesco and Emmett Ray.

Sports

Cross Country

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But the genetic connection doesn't end with mom. Emily's grandmother, Kathleen Korosi (Laurene's mother), was a premier runner in her day. In fact, she still is. Back around the 1970s, Grandma Korosi placed third overall in one of the Revco Marathons. "My mother is 64," Laurene notes, "and she still runs marathons on a regular basis. She's still faster than many people in their twenties."

Then there are Emily's siblings. Older brother Zack Sweet, now a sophomore at Ohio State, was a regional qualifier in cross-country while running for the Euclid Panthers. And two kid brothers, Anthony and Thomas, compete in cross-country for their elementary school, St. John of the Cross.

Finally, there's Emily's dad, Matt Sweet. A one-time varsity swimmer at Euclid High, he hasn't done much run-

ning lately, he admits, although he has competed in 5K races in the past. These days, his primary role in the family's running adventures is that of No. 1 Cheerleader and bus driver, transporting family members to various races across the state.

In the near future, Matt will be driving to the Lake Erie League (LEL) meet on Oct. 16, the Division I district meet at Lakeland Community College on Oct. 23, the regional cross-country meet at Youngstown Boardman on Oct. 30, and, hopefully, to the state meet the following week.

If Emily is fortunate enough to earn another trip to Columbus, she qualified for the state track meet last spring in the 1600 meters and as a member of the Panthers' 4x800 relay, she'd like to set a new personal record (PR) on the

fast Scioto Downs layout. Her current PR is the 18:51 mark she posted in the Strongsville Invitational in late September. She also clocked an 18:53 in winning the big-school division in the prestigious Gilmour Invitational.

Once the cross-country season is over, Emily will switch gears and begin training for another sport, swimming. As one of the top performers on the Euclid High girls' team last winter, she swam in "every event but the breaststroke" and qualified for the district meet as a member of the Panthers' 400-meter freestyle relay.

Running? Swimming? It may not be long before Emily begins following in her mom's footsteps by competing in those grueling triathlons. However, for now, she's simply hoping to do well in Saturday's LEL meet.



ALL IN THE FAMILY—Emily Sweet (center) has been enjoying a successful cross-country season for the Euclid Panthers. Her biggest fans are dad and mom, Matt and Laurene Sweet (standing) and kid brothers Anthony (kneeling, left) and Thomas (right).

GRIDIRON REPORT: Panthers, Vikings snap losing streaks

By John Sheridan

Things were starting to look pretty grim for the Euclid Panther football team—and also for the VASJ Vikings' chances of earning a playoff spot this year. Both

squads were mired in losing streaks with the season more than half gone. But last weekend, both teams buckled down and rewarded their loyal fans with sorely needed victories on the road.

The Panther gridders, who had lost five straight after beating a solid Strongsville team in the season opener, edged host Shaker Heights, 20-14, on the strength of quarterback Chuck Bradford's three touchdowns, including the winning score in overtime.

Euclid had a chance to win the game in regulation, but after a Bradford run came up short on a third down play with about three minutes left on the clock, the Panther coaches opted to go for a field goal. Unfortunately, Mike Ruscini's 32-yard attempt came up short.

The Panthers got the ball back again with about a minute left, but a sack and a holding penalty thwarted any chance of putting the needed points on the scoreboard. Euclid senior Jamaal Henry, a 5-foot-9, 195-pound defensive end, quickly returned the favor by sacking the Shaker quarterback with two seconds left on the clock, so the teams headed into overtime.

On a third-and-goal situation, Panther QB Bradford went up the middle on a keeper play to put Euclid ahead, 20-14, and that margin held up—thanks in part to another big defensive play. Defensive back Josh Kitchen, a 5-8 senior, batted down a fourth-down Red Raider desperation pass to ice the victory and enable the Panthers to escape from the Lake Erie League's Lake Division cellar.

The Panthers, now 2-5, should have an opportunity to notch at least two more victories as they take on Cleveland Heights in a home game Oct. 15 and then travel to Bedford on Oct. 22. However, any remote chance of sneaking into the Division I playoffs would no doubt require an improbable upset victory over resurgent Mentor in the season finale Oct. 29 — at Mentor.

In recent weeks, Mentor has beaten two good teams in St. Ignatius and Willoughby South. And last Friday, the Cardinals posted a 28-13 victory over Warren Harding, the same Warren Harding squad that trounced the Panthers, 42-14, two weeks ago.

For the VASJ Vikings, the odds are slightly better that they might make the Division V playoffs, since they now own a 3-4 record after edging Trinity to escape a tie for last place in the North Coast League's White Division. And, like Euclid, VASJ has a couple of winnable games coming up.

The Vikings host St. Peter Chanel Oct.



SHOWING HIS COLORS – This VASJ rooster decorated his face in the Vikings' colors—red and blue.

16 and then face Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin a week later. Both games are scheduled for Euclid's Sparky DiBiasio Stadium. And, like the Panthers, the Vikings end their season against a formidable opponent, Elyria Catholic, which had been ranked No. 1 in Ohio in Division IV in the Associate Press poll. Of course, that was before the Elyria gridders saw their unbeaten record spoiled last weekend in a 41-23 loss to Padua.

Meanwhile, VASJ jumped out to an early lead and managed to outlast the Trinity Trojans, 24-17, to notch its third victory of the season. In that one, senior running back Clinton James rambled for 153 yards, including an 84-yard touchdown run. And defensive lineman Mike Brately, a 6-2, 195-pound senior, scored on a 30-yard fumble return. Brately also caught the conversion pass from senior quarterback Darryl Jones to give the Vikings an early 8-0 lead.

The Vikings took a 24-3 lead into the locker room at halftime, but failed to put up any points in the second half. That continued a trend that has some Viking fans wondering whether Coach John Storey's two-way players are being asked to do too much--and whether they might be running out of gas in the later stages of their games.

In the eyes of some Monday Morning quarterbacks, the Vikings need to find a way to ensure that their key players still have fresh legs in the final quarter—especially if they hope to have any chance of upsetting Elyria Catholic in the regular season finale.



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Dedication to Jack Lardomita

By Roy Pignatiello

Jack Lardomita's memory was honored Oct. 1, with a tree dedication on the east side of Euclid High School's E-room. Jack was the equipment manager, assistant coach and bookstore manager at the high school since 1977. Jack had worked at the high school until his passing last spring at the age of 94.

The Grounds and Maintenance Department purchased the tree and Euclid High School provided the plaque dedicating the tree in Jack's memory.

I first met Jack in 1984; he was 69 and already a fixture at the high school, as the equipment manager and assistant coach on the football team. I was an assistant coach. I think that a tree is a fitting tribute to Jack. Jack was about living and remembering him

with a living object, something that will continue to grow as time goes on, is an appropriate memorial.

At the time, I knew him only as this old guy who "could go" at any moment. Little did I know that that moment would be 25 years later, and I would be closer to 69 years old then 30. Through those years, those times on Friday nights, hanging out with him until all the uniforms were collected, and walking out to his car because I was afraid he might not make it, the times I had to beg him for a new football to use, and of course the eggplant parmesan sandwiches he shared with us, I got to know him much better as a man, a colleague and a friend.

But it was at the funeral home last spring that I realized that I had shared only one of Jack's many lives. I remember the photograph of this handsome young man with the look in his eyes that

only youth seems to have. It had to be his high school picture, or one taken around that time. It is the time in life when all of us start to figure out who we are as an individual.

That picture, like all pictures, marked a moment in time. It was his first life, a life that started just a little past the last century. A life that would end just a little past the next century; bread was a nickel a loaf, telephones were new, and I used to tell him, dirt was just invented.

Then I saw his wedding photo, a picture of a beautiful wife and her husband. It was then that I knew why Jack had always been so dedicated to his wife Ann. Let's just say that Jack married way out of his league! I must say, with all respect, Mrs. Lardomita was a looker. But that photo marked another of Jack's lives; starting and raising a family, a son and daughter, 30 years supporting them with his job at TRW. That was the life they shared with Jack, as father and husband.

So what does he do after all that, when many people begun a relaxing retirement? He started working at Euclid high. I don't think people today are as dedicated to their jobs as Jack was to his job. I cannot remember when the man missed a day of work. Maybe it is generational, maybe it is something we have lost today, but Jack cared more about the way he did his job then what the job actually was. He did it well and he did it with self-respect and pride.

The curriculum is based on the Ohio Department of Education Early Learning Content Standards. These standards include: language arts, mathematics, science and social studies. The center also offers daily specials that enrich our curriculum, such as physical education, music and movement, computer science and literacy.

Each day the children enjoy both quiet and active play suitable to their age levels and abilities. The physical environment has an indoor playroom, gymnasium and outdoor playground. These activities promote physical coordination and cognitive development.

The center will host an open house Oct. 27 from 6 to 8 p.m. Those interested may also call (216) 797-4360 to schedule a tour. Parents may also visit the center's web site at www.euclidschools.org for further information.

The center is accepting registrations for the 2010-2011 school year! The Child Development Center is another quality program of the Euclid City School district.



The tree dedication was the perfect tribute to Jack.

He touched many people over the years. There is not a Euclid High School football player who will ever forget him yelling to get there pants turned in. They all loved Jack.

Which brings us to this ceremony and this tree. To me the trunk is Jack, that young Jack I saw in the picture. The branches are the different lives he had. One branch is family, one branch his years at TRW, one branch his football life, one branch his time in the bookstore. All these branches growing out, spreading their own ways, seeds dropping and new trees, new lives springing up.

That is the way I will remember Jack. We should be so fortunate to have been a part of so many lives, because that is how we will be remembered over time. A picture only marks a frozen point in time. It shows that moment, but not the life events that got us there. It is not alive like this tree; I am glad to be a leaf on Jack Lardomita's tree.

Have we done all we can? Consider becoming a Big Brother/Big Sister
By Alisa Boles

There were a few tragic news stories involving area teens last July that compelled me to action. I heard of a shooting here in Euclid on East 200th Street, and around the same time there was the report of a Mentor High School athlete who was found passed out in a backyard of a friends' house and died on the way to the hospital. While it's too late to undo what happened, we don't have to get caught up in the faulty logic of the "since we can't save everyone, we shouldn't even try" mentality. Instead, we can focus on the things that do go well and continue doing the positive things that do make a difference for the sake of those they do make a difference to. Sure, some kids won't listen, but some will. We can at least respond to those who reach out to us.

The best community service any adult can do is to set a positive example for young people. We can start at home and with extended families, and then we can seek and take advantage of any opportunity to be encouraging to all young people in our community. Smile at them as you go down the street, thank them when they do something considerate, offer them praise, and wish them well if you see them still wearing their sports gear at the library after practice. You could also attend their sporting events and theatre productions that are advertised around town. If you are even more compelled, you can get involved as a tutor, youth group leader, or coach. Those who still have more to share may want to consider becoming a Big Brother or Big Sister for a child who would benefit from time, attention and practical advice from an understanding adult in his or her life. **To read the rest of this story, log on to www.euclidobserver.com.**

Come learn with us!

By Deborah Barberio, Director

With insight towards the future, Euclid City Schools fulfilled a very important need of the community by establishing its Child Development Center in 1978. The center offers a full and part time preschool program for children ages 2 and a half to 5, and a before and after school program for children ages 5-12. There is a Euclid residency requirement for the school age program.

The center is located in the former Benjamin Franklin Elementary School, located at 21331 Wilmore Avenue. The center is open Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Child Development Center provides an excellent program for young children. The center fosters a learning environment where students have an opportunity to acquire new learning skills within a creative setting. The certified preschool staff will enhance your child's day by providing age appropriate activities with age appropriate materials. The center also offers field trips throughout the school year.

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Fun Page

Eight inducted into Euclid Sports HOF

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Here, in alphabetical order, are snapshots of the six athletes inducted:
John Arlesic ('92): An All-GCC quarterback as a senior, he played on Coach Tom Banc's great football teams of the early 1990s. He also played baseball for Hall of Fame Coach Paul Serra and, in his final game for the Panthers, he and his teammates helped Coach Serra secure his 400th win. For the last 13 years, he has been a high school mathematics teacher and football coach, recently taking over the head coaching job at Streetsboro.

Steven D. Gebe ('61): Now deceased, Gebe lettered in football during the era of Coach Don Mohr, earning All-Ohio honors as a fullback. He also wrestled for three years under Coach Eckert and Assistant Coach Mayer, becoming a district champion in his junior year. Later on, he carved out a 43-year career in the industrial world, working at Reliance Electric Co.'s Ivanhoe Road plant and later for Kennametal Corp, in Solon. At the Hall of Fame banquet, his son Eric appeared on his behalf.

Blair P. Jordan, M.D. ('73): At Euclid High, he played basketball for two years under Coach "Doc" Daugherty and lettered for three years on Coach Herb Nold's tennis teams. In his senior year, he captained the tennis team. He later played tennis and basketball at Denison University and earned his medical degree in surgery from the University of Texas Medical Branch in 1985. For the past 26 years, Blair has served as a vascular surgeon at the Sadler Clinic in Texas. At the dinner, "Doc" Daugherty accepted for "Doc" Jordan, who was unable to attend.

Tim Moriarty ('80): A two-way tackle on Coach Ron Seymour's football squads, Tim was Euclid High's first Parade Magazine All-American. At 6-foot-2, 245 pounds, he won All-GCC and All-Scholastic honors in high school and earned a football scholarship to The Ohio State University, starting a trend of outstanding Euclid gridders heading to the Buckeyes in the decades to follow. After two years at OSU, he finished his college football career at Sam Houston State in Texas, before beginning a career as an equipment operator for the city of Cleveland Heights.

Frank A. Soltesz ('92): Honored posthumously, Frank Soltesz is believed by many to have been the greatest hockey player ever to compete for the Panthers. He earned varsity letters in track and field (as a pole vaulter) and in soccer, as well as in hockey, where he played goalie. He later earned four varsity hockey letters at the University of Massachusetts. After college, he spent six years as a professional hockey player, including a stint with the Cleveland Lumberjacks. His father, Frank C. Soltesz and his wife Martha were on hand to accept the honor on his behalf.

Shawn C. Thompson ('93): The 6-1, 265-pounder was a two-way lineman for Coach Tom Banc's football team and also earned three letters in wrestling—as a heavyweight, naturally—under Coach Tim D'Anna. He also tossed the shot put and discus for Coach Bob Ramlow's track teams. In football, Shawn earned All-GCC and Second Team All-Ohio honors and was chosen to play in the annual East-West game. As a senior captain of the wrestling team, he qualified for the state tournament by placing fourth in the district. He was named Euclid High's Most Outstanding Athlete in the Class of 1993. Later, he was a four-year starter in football at Kent State. He has spent the past 12 years as a special education teacher, most recently at Lincoln West High School. He also served as head wrestling coach at East Tech.

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