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## Euclid Schools to save 5.2 million

The Euclid City School Board of Education approved negotiated reductions and freezes for teachers, educational assistants, cafeteria staff and technical employees at their Aug. 22 regular meeting. This concludes the district's effort to reduce the compensation of every employee by three percent, including union, non-union and administrative staff, in response to significant loss of revenue from the state.

The district met the target for all groups to meet a three percent savings in addition to step freezes. Different groups met this with pay reductions, increases in medical contributions and prescription contributions, furlough days and unpaid holidays. On average, employees more than tripled their contributions to medical and prescription plans. In addition to a three percent reduction to employee compensation,

the district eliminated step increases for the next two years, bringing the total to three years of step freezes. Administrators also took pay decreases and tripled their contribution to health care.

These reductions will result in \$2.6 million in savings each year for a total savings \$5.2 million.

The savings allowed the district to reduce the millage amount for their November levy issue. The millage was reduced from 6.9 mills in May to 5.4

mills for November, a 21.7 percent reduction.

"Our teachers, staff and administrators have made a shared sacrifice for the long-term benefit of our district and our community. We appreciate the collective effort our staff have made during these tough economic times. Despite these sacrifices our staff have remained dedicated to providing a quality education for our students and preparing them for the future," said Superintendent Dr. Joff Jones.

## RTA upgraded in the city of Euclid



Newly dedicated RTA transit waiting environment in downtown Euclid



RTA CEO and General Manager Joe Calabrese and City of Euclid Mayor Cervenik cutting dedication ribbon for new bus shelters in Euclid

by Christopher Lewis

The newly opened Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (RTA) waiting area at the intersection of Lake Shore Boulevard, Babbitt Road and Bliss Lane is now official, with its dedication Sept. 29.

RTA chief executive officer and general manager Joe Calabrese, along with the city of Euclid mayor Bill Cervenik, brought the project to Euclid, thanks to a \$50,000 grant from the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) and its Transit Waiting Environment (TWE) Program.

The project is a prominent feature of the redevelopment of downtown Euclid, highlighted by a beautified waiting environment.

Bus routes 30 and 94 service the shelters. The upgrades include two new covered areas, seating, trash receptacles, landscaping and planters, along with additional electronic signage.

## Come see the swale garden at Euclid Beach State Park!



The group poses for a quick photo and then heads back to work on the swale garden! Over 300 plants were planted in one day!

by Stephen Love

Thanks to a Small Scale Storm Water Demonstration Grant from the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS), volunteers from the Euclid Beach Adopt-a-Beach Team planted Ohio native plants in two grass swales along the front entrance to Euclid Beach State Park. The demonstration project is part of a \$50,000.00 small grant initiative by the NEORS to help raise awareness about storm water management issues in our region. More information about the NEORS demonstration grant program can be found at: <http://www.neorsd.org/watershedgrants.php>.

A swale garden works by absorbing water through extensive root systems laid down by water tolerant plants. Water stays in the soil and out of the storm sewers and Lake Erie, reducing runoff, flooding and improving water quality. The plants, all Ohio natives courtesy of Great Lakes Natives Plant Nursery, will take root over the winter and blossom next spring and summer. With New England Aster, Purple Cone

Flower, Orange Cone Flower and many more, it is sure to be a colorful summer at the park! So next time you are driving along Lakeshore Boulevard admiring the new Collinwood Recreation Center, look across the street at the entrance to Euclid Beach State Park! While it does not look like much more than some mulch and sprouting plants today, it is actually a storm water management project in progress!

For more information about the Euclid Beach Adopt-a-Beach team, future volunteer events and pictures of the swale garden, search The Euclid Beach Adopt-a-Beach Team on Facebook or email [stephen.love20@gmail.com](mailto:stephen.love20@gmail.com).

Please consider joining us for our next beach cleanup Oct. 15 from 10 a.m. to noon at Euclid Beach State Park. We will provide volunteers with gloves, rakes and trash bags. Area food establishments Cafe Arts Collinwood, Chili Peppers and Giorgio's Pizza are graciously providing refreshments.



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## Garlic winner

Local chef Jeremy Esterle, currently working his magic at Paragon on Lakeshore, is the winner of the 2011 Cleveland Garlic Festival. His dish of grass fed sirloin with pickled garlic coleslaw, roasted garlic mayo, and potato salad with coconut, ginger and garlic was judged to be the best overall submission. The Garlic




Chef Jeremy Esterle

Festival, held in Shaker Heights, had a renown panel of judges including Loretta Paganini. Congratulations to Jeremy and be sure to stop in at Paragon and sample his genius on the weeknight specials.





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## Two candidate forums scheduled at library

See page 9 for candidate Q&A

The Euclid Public Library and the Euclid Chamber of Commerce will co-host a pair of October forums featuring candidates on the November election ballot.

The forums, which will take place at the library, are intended to give Euclid residents and business owners a chance to hear from the candidates seeking local government and school board positions.

On **Sunday Oct. 9**, candidates for the Euclid Board of Education and for municipal court judge are scheduled to appear from 2 to 4 p.m. Two weeks later, on Oct. 23, candidates for Euclid City Council and for the Euclid mayor's position will discuss where they stand on important local issues, also from 2 to 4 p.m.

Both forums will be held in the Euclid Public Library's Shore Room.

## Euclid Art Association meeting

by *Nancy Daly*

The Euclid Art Association meeting is October 3 at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall of East Shore Methodist Church at 23002 Lakeshore Blvd. Artist Holly Freedman will demonstrate watercolors. For info call (216) 692-0538.

**Euclid Art Association Gallery**  
Contact: Nancy Daly  
21128 North Street  
Euclid, Ohio 44117

## Everyone can do Housewarming

by *Charlie Kamen*

Everyone can take advantage of the Housewarming Program even those residents who may be over qualified!

It's that time of year when the temperatures are dropping and its time to prepare your home for the cold weather season that's approaching. Here in our office we offer a Dominion East Ohio Housewarming program for those that are eligible and within the income constraints. But for those residents who are interested in weatherizing their home but aren't in the income constraints you still can make your home more efficient at a low cost. Good Cents is offering this program with Dominion East Ohio. Dominion East Ohio is offering up to

\$1250 in rebates to encourage homeowners to make their homes more energy efficient. It all starts with a comprehensive home performance assessment - an energy audit - if you will. This three to four hour evaluation by a trained BPI certified auditor typically costs \$400-\$500. Through Dominion, it is now only \$50. GoodCents is running this Home Performance with ENERGY STAR program. To enroll, call (877) 287-3416 or visit [www.DEOHPwES.com](http://www.DEOHPwES.com).

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## Medicare open enrollment earlier than ever

by *Barbara Comiskey*

This fall's open enrollment period for 2012 Medicare Advantage Plans and Part D Prescription Drug Coverage has been moved up more than a month. It will begin Oct. 15 and end Dec. 7. This is a major change from prior years when open enrollment occurred between mid-November and December 31.

The open enrollment window is the period when those on Medicare advantage plans or Medicare prescription plans can join, drop or switch to a different plan. For those who have Medicare supplements with a prescription drug plan, this is the time when they can move to an advantage plan. Comparing plans during the open enrollment is critical because plans may change their coverage and costs from year to year.

"We want to make sure that everyone knows that these dates have been moved up. Many people are accustomed to delaying their decisions until the last week of the year. We're also asking people to make sure that their friends and family members are aware of these new dates as well," said Laura Mutsko of Mutsko Insurance Services, LLC.

Open enrollment is the time to compare plan options. Start by asking the following questions:

1. What are the costs of premiums, co-pays, deductibles, doctor visits and hospital stays?
2. Are my doctors in the plan?
3. Will my doctors accept the coverage? If not, which doctors will?
4. Will I have to choose hospital and health care providers from a network?
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6. Is there a yearly limit on out-of-pocket costs?
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## Keeping feet healthy

by *Joan Holmes*

Minor foot injuries in people with diabetes often lead to major amputations. To prevent such drastic treatment people with diabetes must take extra care to keep

## Flu vaccination clinics

by *Angela Smith*

### Seasonal Flu Vaccinations

Vaccinations are available for adult and pediatric patients. Location, time, appointments and fees may vary by location. Cash only (no checks). Medicare and some insurance plans are accepted. Signs and Symptoms of Seasonal Flu:

- Moderate-to-high fever (starting at 100–100.5 °F)
- Cough
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Sore throat
- Body aches
- Headache
- Nausea, vomiting and diarrhea (usually more common in children)

For most people, the illness can last a week or longer. In some people, however, influenza can lead to life-threatening conditions.

### How can I stay healthy?

- Cover your cough/sneeze
- Wash your hands often
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth after coughing or sneezing
- If you're sick, stay home
- Get vaccinated against the flu

The vaccine is safe, even for pregnant women. You cannot get influenza from the flu shot This information is not intended to replace the medical advice of your doctor or healthcare provider. Please consult your healthcare provider for advice about a specific medical condition.

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Upcoming Events

Boulevard Presbyterian Church Community Events for the month of October

by Lisa Kindle  
Grandpa's Thrift Store located at the Boulevard Presbyterian Church (24600 Lakeshore Boulevard, Euclid OH) will be open on Saturday, October 1st, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. A wide variety of winter items will be available at reasonable prices.

InterAct Community Meal will be held at Boulevard Presbyterian Church (24600 Lakeshore Boulevard, Euclid OH) on October 8th at Noon.

Come join Boulevard Presbyterian Church (24600 Lakeshore Boulevard, Euclid OH) on October 14th at 6:00pm for our monthly Neighborhood Prayer Walk! Rain or Shine! Come join us for prayers, even if you are unable to walk.

Boulevard Presbyterian Church (24600 Lake Shore Boulevard, Euclid OH) offers a Free Community Meal every third Sunday of the month. Please come join us on October 16th from 1:00-2:00 pm for a delicious meal and companionship. Doors open at 12:30 pm.

Fulfilling our Divine Purpose in the Seasons of Life

A Growing-in-the-Spirit Seminar led by Evangelist Norma J. Faith Walker Bean will be held at Boulevard Presbyterian Church (24600 Lakeshore Boulevard, Euclid OH) on Tuesdays,

October 25 and November 1 from 7-9 pm and Thursdays, October 27 and November 3 from 12-2 pm. These sessions will help participants understand the Seasons of Life and that God has a Divine Purpose for each of us. We will look at our life's journeys from a different perspective, which will empower us for a purpose-filled future. Please contact the church at (216) 731-8147 for additional information.

On Sunday mornings Boulevard Presbyterian Church (24600 Lake Shore Boulevard, Euclid OH) has worship service at 10:00 A.M. If you have any questions, please call (216) 731-8147.

Knights of Columbus to hold reverse raffle

Euclid Council 3164 of the Knights of Columbus will hold its annual Poor Man's Reverse Raffle Oct. 15 at Ss. Robert & William Church, 367 East 260th Street. The event, featuring a spaghetti dinner and a \$600 grand prize, starts at 6 p.m. The event will take place in the upper hall, which is accessible by elevator.

Only 75 main board reverse raffle tickets will be sold. The \$25 ticket price includes two dinners and one chance at the big prize. Side boards and Bingo games will also be available.

For reservations or more information, call either Sal Calabrese at (216) 731-0593 or Pete Ruminski at (216) 261-1667.

Upstage Players and Kiwanis of Cleveland collaborate to form Historic Builders Club

by Matthew Orgovan  
UpStage Players, the Collinwood-based children's theater company, recently entered into a partnership with the Kiwanis Club of Cleveland to form a Builders Club within the company. Builders Club is an international organization for middle school students that focuses on developing leadership through service. The creation of this student-led service club as a value-added part of a theater/drama company, rather than a club in a middle school, makes it the first of its kind in not only the State of Ohio, but also the United States.

"UpStage is so excited to be working with this international group that so clearly is aligned with all of the standards UpStage is known for, such as: leadership, team building, community, responsibility, tolerance, inclusion, commitment, standing up for what is right, sharing your talents, imagination and more," said Carrie Walsh-Hilf, artistic director. "The club will build activities centered on the arts to give back and build up community while developing student leaders."

Jerry Seppelt, Kiwanis member and advisor to the group, explained, "This is a unique opportunity because it is based on drama. These kids can take their drama and acting skills and bring them to the community. Builder's Clubs are always student-led. They come up with the ideas, the leadership and the programming. I told them that it is their imagination and excitement that can make it happen."

According to Kiwanis, which started Builders Club in 1975 as a part of its family of service programs for young people, the core values of the club are: character building, leadership, inclusiveness and caring. The club's objectives are: to provide opportunities for working together in service to school and community; to develop leadership potential; to foster development of a strong and moral character; and to encourage loyalty to school, community and nation. Kiwanis is a

global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.

Walsh-Hilf said that UpStage plans to have a representative from every grade level in the club, which will be comprised of a Board and then additional members. They will follow the Kiwanis by-laws but will establish how they will implement the objectives into the group. The Board and officers will create the club's calendar, events, meeting places, etc.

Upstage Players is a non-profit professional children's theater group run by an all-volunteer staff in Cleveland, Ohio. The organization was founded in 1995 with 30 children and a vision to create love and respect for the arts. They have evolved into a strong group that uses theater as a vehicle to teach leadership, creativity and responsibility to over three times as many children today. Although the UpStage family has grown tremendously over the years, their no-cut policy remains unchanged.

The children of UpStage Players come from varied backgrounds and neighborhoods, yet share the same drive to optimize their potential. In addition, the diverse cast/crew of UpStage Players is lead by an unpaid staff and supported by an army of volunteers dedicated to transforming everyday kids into accomplished artists.

For additional information about UpStage Players, visit www.upstage-players.com. To learn more about the Kiwanis Builders Club, visit www.buildersclub.org.



Euclid Symphony Orchestra Halloween concert

by Joseph Stepec

As the days become shorter and as the temperature gauge begins to drop, music is in the air! Come join the Euclid Symphony Orchestra in their first concert of the 2011-2012 season, with newly appointed music director, Joseph Stepec, at Euclid's Shore Cultural Center Oct. 30 at 3 p.m. The concert will feature Halloween favorites like Phantom of the Opera (think daaaa da da da da daaaa) and Mozart's spooky Don Giovanni. The concert will also feature the talents of Cleveland area violin-

ist and Violin for Vasculitis founder, Allison Lint. Bring a friend and bring the kids for an afternoon of orchestral thrills and spooks that will certainly get your nerves all in a bundle!

Tickets are available in advance for \$8 by visiting the orchestra's website at www.euclidsymphonyorchestra.com and filling out the concert ticket pre-order form, returning it by mail no later than Oct. 21, or by purchasing a ticket for \$10 at the door.

Community

Local business celebrates 6 years!

by Katherine Bulava  
Northeast Plumbing & Mechanical is celebrating its sixth year in business by offering a 10 percent discount for elderly, police, fire, teachers, EMS, active and retired military for the rest of the year.  
Owner Chris Baggott, who was a commercial pilot for close to a decade, started Northeast Plumbing & Mechanical in 2005 while he was still flying for Air Excellence. Having grown up in the restaurant equipment business - Chris's family owns Crescore in Mentor - he apprenticed at an early age at the factory and learned welding, pipe fitting and plumbing. Years later, after putting these skills to use as a landlord, Chris decided to follow in his family's footsteps by opening his own business.  
During his time as a commercial pilot, Chris provided countless trips for high profile clients such as Martha Stewart, Emril Lagasi, former presidents, famous musicians, golf pros, governors, senators and others. This experience servicing society's upper crust engrained in Chris the superior customer service skills and commitment to excellence that he employs at Northeast Plumbing & Mechanical. Unlike your average plumber, Chris takes the time to get to know his customers, listens carefully to their problems and remains approachable



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by Collinwood Nottingham Historical Society, Euclid Historical Society, Euclid Public Library, Bluestone Heights, and the Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District  
Several thousand years ago, a rising Lake Erie invaded Euclid Creek's final meanders. The result was a "drowned-valley estuary" a great place for early industry. From 1818 to the Civil War, the lake level meanders fostered the county's first stoneware kiln, a shipyard, and small port facilities. After the war, the Ursuline Sisters maintained the estuary as a nature park.  
Dr. Roy Larick will illustrate the estuary's natural history, early industry and Ursuline preservation. He will also show how the current Lower Euclid Creek Lacustrine Refuge project impacts the estuary's final meander. Possibilities now exist to serve the needs of nature, historical preservation, and recreational access equitably.

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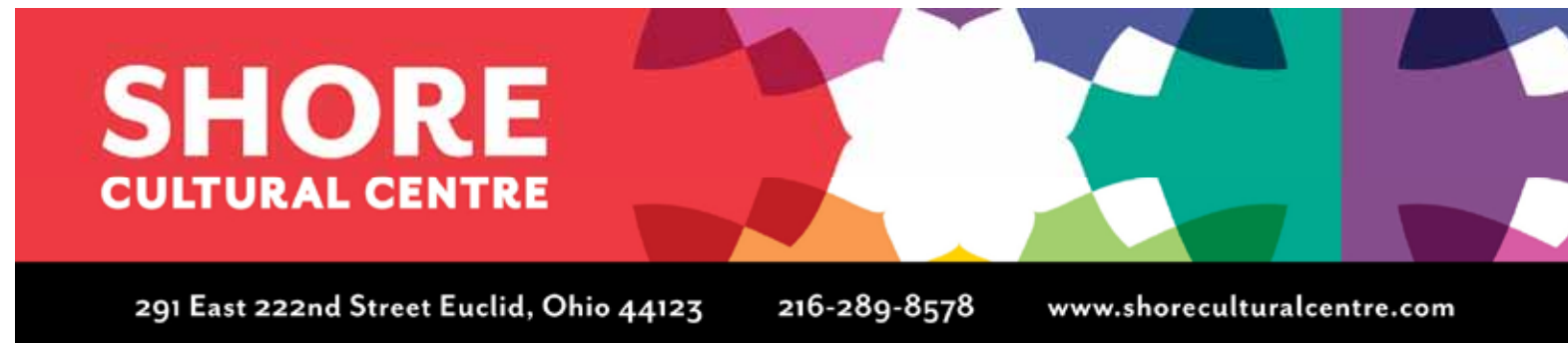
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## Shore Cultural Center



## Artist Profile: Lisa Kenion and Mark Olitski

By Sarah Gyorki

It was Lake Erie that first drew them to Euclid: a little bungalow near the Shore in a great neighborhood. Until recently, Lisa Kenion and Mark Olitski had lived in the heart of Tremont's arts community. But they love the new community they've found here — and they're already finding a second home in the arts community at Shore Cultural Centre.

Lisa is bringing us new artistic talents through a series of classes this fall, including a unique course is sculpture techniques that will let even those with no experience learn the process of creating their own mold, pouring the sculptural material and ending with their own original sculpture. The class has been taught at the Cleveland Institute of Art, but the technology has never before been available at Shore. As two of the owners of downtown's Studio Foundry, Lisa and Mark are especially qualified to teach this process. If you've seen the Bob Feller statue at Gateway, you've seen some of

Studio Foundry's work. Clients come from around the country to have their statues poured and finished by the same expert hands that will be teaching here. They'll offer their talents in other ways, too. Lisa's first love is teaching painting, so she's beginning a figure painting class. Mark is a nationally known musician, and will bring his string band to play at the square dance on October 28. And they have lots more great ideas to bring to their new home. They're learning first-hand that Euclid is a great community for artists — and for watching sunsets on the beach!



Lisa Kenion teaches a sculpture class to Cleveland Institute of Art students

## SCC's New After School Arts Is Thriving

Shore Cultural Centre now offers after school classes in Art and Dance for children 5-12 years old. Classes are offered on Tuesday afternoons between 3:00 and 5:00, to help busy families find the enrichment programs they want for their kids and avoid packing more into evening family time. A pilot program with Our Lady of the Lake school has provided free transportation between their school's after care and Shore, and similar models are available to all area schools. Programs will continue year-round and more offerings are being planned, including karate, music and drama. Call Shore to find out how your school can participate— 216-289-8578.



## Save the Date: Farmers' Market Fall Fling Offers Family Fun for All Ages!

If you missed our free community concert with Passport Project and Euclid High School's Pinwheels For Peace project, mark your calendars now for an evening of music and dance at the Farmers' Market Fall Fling. Along with art vendors, performances, great food and fun for kids, we will have a Square Dance, Pet Costume Parade and Contest hosted by TJ Reflections Photography, and a pumpkin patch for the kids, with free paintable pumpkins for the first 50 kids. Our market vendors will offer locally grown pumpkins, corn stalks, bird-house gourds, garden mums and produce along with home-made pumpkin pies, and affordable goodies including donuts, fresh cider, hot coffee, candy apples, apple fritters, hot dogs and sandwiches from Paragon wine bar. Kids can enjoy free crafts, and the whole family can step out in style to the square dance music of Both Lakes String Band. TJ Reflections Photography will also be offering on site 4x6 photos of your family and pet in costume for \$5 each. It all takes place in the park at Shore Cultural Centre on Friday, October 28. The markets and installation open at 4:00pm. Preregistration for the pet parade and costume contest start at 3:00 p.m., the Pet Parade starts at 4:30 p.m. with the Square Dance starting at 5:00 p.m. For information, call (216) 289-8578. For information on the Pet Parade and Costume Contest call TJ Reflections Photography at (216) 732-8840.

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## Expanding Our In-House Offerings

### DML Studio

Darryl Lewis, a 15 year resident of Euclid OH is pleased to announce the opening of his DML Music and Theater Studio at Shore Cultural Centre. He'll specialize in Piano, Voice and Acting instruction for children and adults. Mr. Lewis is a graduate from the D'Angelo School of Music and has been performing professionally for the past 8 years, including a current production at Playhouse Square. He also teaches at the Cleveland School of the Arts and Kent State University. For information on lessons, please call 216-421-5699 or visit [www.darryllewis.mysite.com](http://www.darryllewis.mysite.com).

### Artisan Treasure

Artisan Treasure's studio at Shore is popular both for arts workshops ranging from sewing to healing, and for custom-made jewelry and gifts. In their newly expanded space, they'll be able to offer much more! Visit their new, larger studio on the first level in Room 117. Information about their offerings is available at 216-526-9383.

For information on any of Shore's creative tenants and programs, please visit our website at [www.shoreculturalcentre.com](http://www.shoreculturalcentre.com)

## Shore Cultural Center

## Featuring Passport Project and Pinwheels for Peace!

On September 23, Shore Cultural Centre hosted Passport Project: Building Community Through The Arts and Pinwheels For Peace, a peace project from Euclid High School. The concert and exhibit were free, and helped raised funds for EHS mediators to attend this year's Peace Jam and continue their work promoting non-violence in the schools. Along with music, dancing and art, visitors also enjoyed an array of locally grown and organic food and baked goods at the Euclid Farmers' Market. Support from the City of Euclid and local business sponsors helps to make the concert series possible.

The next concert and art market will be the **Farmers' Market Fall Fling** on October 28 from 4:00-8:00pm. Don't miss the Square Dance, Pet Costume Parade & Contest, kids' Pumpkin Patch and lots of goodies! Join us for fresh local cider, donuts, candy apples, pumpkin pies, and loads of other goodies to help you celebrate our farewell to fall! This last market is also the perfect place to stock up on pumpkins, corn stalks, birdhouse gourds and those wonderful local apples. Mini pumpkins are free to the first 50 children, and there will be plenty of fun for all ages once the square dance kicks off. We're looking forward to seeing you at the party!



## Sign Up Now for Fall Classes

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## Save the Date! Euclid Holiday Celebration

The Euclid Holiday Celebration 2011 will feature lights, carolers, festive displays, arts and crafts, a visit with Santa, sleigh rides and more!

Mark your calendar now:  
**Friday, December 2**  
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Celebrate the holidays at Shore!



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## Library News

### EUCLID CITY ELECTIONS

The Euclid Public Library has interviewed the candidates who are running for office in Euclid and has created individual fliers for each one.

**On Tuesday, November 8, we will vote for the candidates to serve as Mayor of the City of Euclid, Euclid City Council, Euclid Municipal Judge and the Euclid Board of Education.**

A complete set of all the candidate interviews are available at the library in the lobby area. Candidates, and those representing issues on the ballot,

are welcome to bring campaign literature for this display as well.

Printed on the next few pages are candidate interviews, conducted by the library, for those who seek a position on the Euclid City School Board and for Euclid Municipal Judge. Candidates for Euclid City Council were interviewed as well, and those fliers are available at the library.

Sample ballots are ready for viewing on the Cuyahoga County Board of Election web site. When you are on the B.O.E. web site, you can click

the link to view the sample ballot for your specific ward. You might note that although there are four candidates for Euclid City School Board, we each will have only one vote for the two seats available on the Board.

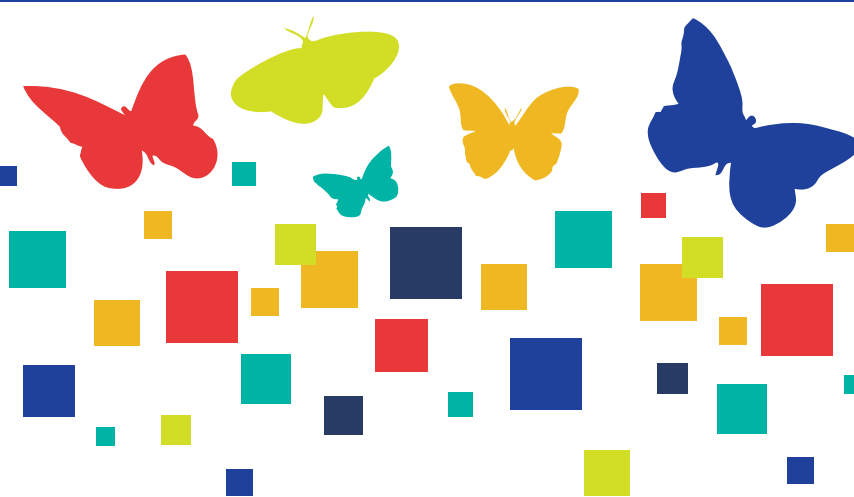
Many of the candidates on our Euclid ballot have individual web sites. Make a point to do

additional research and get to know the candidates before you cast your ballot! If you want to meet the candidates, make note of the Forums the Euclid Public Library will co-host with the Euclid Chamber of Commerce on Sunday, October 9 and Sunday, October 23. Details follow the candidate interviews on the next page.



October is  
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at EUCLID PUBLIC LIBRARY

Stop in the library and visit our "Garden of Hope" display in honor of those who have been affected by cancer.



Our EPL staff wants you to be informed about your health. Each week during October we will feature an awareness of different types of cancer. Notice our displays, handouts and our staff wearing a color that reflects the theme of the week. Every Monday, those staff members who are dressed casually, with a specific color, has made a donation to cancer research! Our staff is also challenging each other behind-the-scenes to raise money and awareness of this disease.

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## Politics

### SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES

#### KATHY DeANGELIS



It will be easier with my kids not in the schools.

1. What motivates you to want to serve on the Board of Education? **The fact that my kids are graduated from the Euclid Schools and I now have time to serve the district.**

2. At this time, what do you consider to be the most pressing issues facing the Euclid City Schools? **The test scores and communication. If communication between the administration, teachers and students improve then I feel the fallout could mean better scores.**

3. What attributes are essential for successful school board members? **Someone who wants to listen before reacting. They should do the research and get the facts before making any decisions and to get the whole picture.**

4. From the outside looking in, what do you believe are the greatest achievements of the school board in recent years? **Passing the levy to open the brand new buildings and have access to the newest technology and an environment that is comfortable for the students.**

5. What do you believe are the implications of the State Report Card for the Euclid City Schools? **The report card should never be printed. The numbers can be interpreted to give false appearances. It doesn't reflect what really goes on in the schools.**

6. What relationship do you believe should exist between the schools and the community? **A working-together relationship. City programs and events should be supported by the schools. We should work together as one.**

7. What is your vision for education in the City of Euclid? **My vision is for improved test scores with smaller class sizes from kindergarten on up – especially with all the special needs situations we have in Euclid. It will improve behavior, attendance and other topics that we get graded on.**

8. How will you contribute to successful school board meetings? **By coming prepared, open minded, having done research and by not making the meetings confrontational but making them a positive experience.**

9. Is the current membership of the school board compatible with your present position on how the schools should be managed? **Yes, I could work with them and have worked with them on other projects.**

10. What book are you currently reading? **My favorite author is Mary Higgins Clark.**

#### DENNIS JOHNSON



yearly, detailed reviews of the budget.

1. What motivates you to want to serve on the Board of Education? **Basically, my number one priority is to make sure the district is financially stable. I'd want to conduct**

2. At this time, what do you consider to be the most pressing issues facing the Euclid City Schools? **Financial. I'd review department budgets regularly with the other Board members. School Board members should be taken as seriously as City Council persons and act accordingly to their responsibilities. The board needs to be fully accountable.**

3. What attributes are essential for successful school board members? **Being accountable to the public is foremost. I'd encourage the public to be involved with the school district, even those residents who don't have children in the system. School Board members should be actively associated with the neighborhood associations also.**

4. From the outside looking in, what do you believe are the greatest achievements of the school board in recent years? **Changing the high school back to one school rather than several small schools.**

5. What do you believe are the implications of the State Report Card for the Euclid City Schools? **My first impression was that the schools are not doing as well as we were informed. Our School Board members should be informed about those schools that are in academic emergency and academic watch. If the information isn't correct, then we should know why.**

6. What relationship do you believe should exist between the schools and the community? **As a candidate, I'd like to see a more personal involvement with Board members throughout the city. My goal would be to visit the schools often. Parents should be encouraged to visit their child's school as well.**

7. What is your vision for education in the City of Euclid? **Once the financial budget is stable, I'd like to work on having a working relationship with the staff as well as the community. More publicity about the schools needs to be shared through printed means for those who don't have computers.**

8. How will you contribute to successful

school board meetings? **I'd involve the business community to be an essential part of the work with the school district. We need to work together actively and continually with our business community for sponsorships and other support.**

9. Is the current membership of the school board compatible with your present position on how the schools should be managed? **Absolutely not. I don't mean any disrespect to the current Board members, but I do feel that they are not in touch with our residents who have children in the Euclid City Schools. As a candidate I think we need to be in touch with students and faculty on a more direct basis by regularly visiting the schools.**

10. What book are you currently reading? **"A Pigeon and a Boy" by Meir Shalev**

#### EVETTE MOTON



my advocacy. I consider that serving on the school board will be a good way to do that.

2. At this time, what do you consider to be the most pressing issues facing the Euclid City Schools? **Our scores. It's just a symptom of other problems.**

3. What attributes are essential for successful school board members? **To be objective, fair and very persistent. We need to advocate for the children.**

4. From the outside looking in, what do you believe are the greatest achievements of the school board in recent years? **The building of four, new elementary schools and passing the levy in these hard economic times. Getting the message out as to why this was important was a good achievement.**

5. What do you believe are the implications of the State Report Card for the Euclid City Schools? **I've always felt that we need to concentrate more on critical thinking and to promote math and science. Our culture needs to redirect our focus off of sports and redirect that attention to academics.**

6. What relationship do you believe should exist between the schools and the community? **There needs to be a closer relationship with more of a connection. There is a lack of trust and confidence that we need to rebuild.**

7. What is your vision for education in the City of Euclid? **For my dream I would like to see students, teachers and parents proud to be a part of the Euclid City School system.**

8. How will you contribute to successful school board meetings? **I will say that I will contribute by being in touch with what's really going on. I see myself visiting the schools and picking up on the morale in the buildings and addressing those issues that come up.**

9. Is the current membership of the school board compatible with your present position on how the schools should be managed? **Maybe they have a hard time evolving with the generations. The mind set of the Board needs to get off the thought of "getting back to the basics" and we need to evolve our thinking as those other countries who teach a respect for math and science.**

10. What book are you currently reading? **I am a big Jodie Picoult fan!**

#### KAY VAN HO



tells me what questions to ask. Student achievement is on the cusp of effectiveness and I want to follow through with this.

2. At this time, what do you consider to be the most pressing issues facing the Euclid City Schools? **Consistent funding because everything else, including student achievement and improvement is reliant on good funding.**

3. What attributes are essential for successful school board members? **Open-mindedness, common sense, a willingness to listen to alternative views and knowing what the role of a board member represents.**

4. From the outside looking in, what do you believe are the greatest achievements of the school board in recent years? **Building the four new elementary schools. This is something the city will be proud of. A new atmosphere will improve student achievement and parent involvement. The buildings also will save money through efficiencies.**

5. What do you believe are the implications of the State Report Card for the Euclid City Schools? **Unfortunately, the State Report Card doesn't show the growth we've made over the years. It only shows scores from independent years. We've made good gains in achievement but it's not reflected on the report card. There is no way for the public to see comparisons with similar districts considering poverty, social and economic diversity and the level of the parents' education, all of which are proven factors that affect student achievement.**

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Politics

6. What relationship do you believe should exist between the schools and the community? We need to have a very open relationship. I'd like to see the community involved in the schools and the students involved in the community. There are so many good things going on in the schools that the community just doesn't see. The overwhelming majority of the students are good kids who are trying hard and the community doesn't know enough about them.

7. What is your vision for education in the City of Euclid? My vision is that we never stop learning, and adjusting and innovating until we have regained our status as a school system of choice.

8. How will you contribute to successful school board meetings? I am knowledgeable about asking the right

questions. Sometimes the questions are tough, sometimes they are the questions the public needs to hear the answers to. The first time I was president of the board I established a new, business-like tone for our board meetings that has continued to the present day. We emphasize student and staff performance.

9. Is the current membership of the school board compatible with your present position on how the schools should be managed? Yes, we have five intelligent individuals who have different backgrounds and different perspectives – yet we're able to discuss issues and reach compromise. We are not micro-managers in that we allow our professionals to do their job.

10. What book are you currently reading? "Heaven is for Real" by Todd Burpo

years. We now store cases digitally in order to comply both efficiently and with minimal cost.

8. What unique credentials and skills would you bring to the job? Why should we vote for you to serve as our judge? I have worked for this community for over 22 years, first as Chief Counsel for the City of Euclid for 7 years, Law Director for 2 years and now I've served as judge for 13 years. I've raised two children here and I'm committed to the city. I've modernized the court. I have a good background to serve as judge and I have the ability to work well with a variety of administrations. It's always been a productive relationship. I work well with police and correction officials and I think that being a mother has helped me in learning how to listen well.

9. What book are you currently reading? "Moth Smoke" by Mohsin Hamid

6. Can you make sure criminals aren't set free too soon because of the lack of funds to keep them in jail? We have to figure out a way in this community to house the criminals we have. "Shock jail" is only for a few days, but it can help criminals think ahead before getting themselves in deeper trouble and committing more crime.

7. How would you keep costs in line to run the court? Do you have ideas to trim costs for day to day functions without sacrificing employees necessary to the operation of the court? The court operates under a budget. If you can protect an offender's job, that source of income can pay the fines and fees of the court. If court debts could be paid over the Internet then more fees might be acquired to get more funds for the court. I intend to increase fines.

8. What unique credentials and skills would you bring to the job? Why should we vote for you to serve as our judge? I spent 29 years as a small business owner, operating a thriving criminal and civil law practice. I also have 41 years of professional teaching experience. I have a broad career and expertise in interpersonal communication and a detailed understanding of the people of Euclid with 43 years of residency. I have an excellent background and an association with police operations as a Civil Service Commissioner for 12 years.

9. What book are you currently reading? Ohio Campaign Finance Manual

BARRY L. SWEET



1. Why do you want to serve as the Municipal Court Judge for Euclid? I have a lengthy professional career dealing with improving the lives of others. It is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity I must seize and I believe I can contribute positively to the community.

2. How would you plan to have an impact on the drug problem in Euclid? Point number one would be the prompt enforcement of drug law violations brought to my attention. That enforcement comes with understanding incentives by the offender and the public to promote the deterrent effect of the law.

3. What ideas do you have to take care of the foreclosed homes and houses with violations in Euclid? Would you consider a "housing court?" There is a housing court as a separate docket of cases. City Hall has a housing department that promptly inspects and responds to housing violations.

4. How strict will you be on sentencing – will the punishments meet the crime, or would you be lenient? If so, what cases would you consider leniency? All sentences are teachable moments. Ohio sentencing statute is clear on factors of mitigation and sentencing. I'd propose to be a judge who will explain those factors so that the people will understand. No two cases are exactly alike.

5. There is talk of crime increasing due to the economy; what do you plan to do in order to deter crime in the future? I would enforce the law strictly and use sentencing as teachable moments to get the word out to the community of the consequences of acting in a criminal way before you think.

CANDIDATE INFO ★★

The library will offer each candidate the opportunity to place their own brochures on an information table in the front lobby. Be sure to mark your calendar for an opportunity to meet the candidates. We will ask each candidate a series of questions and then open the microphone for questions from the audience. Please join us for these important sessions.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9 at 2:00 PM in our SHORE ROOM  
Meet with candidates for Euclid City School Board and the position of Judge for Euclid Municipal Court.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23 at 2:00 PM in our SHORE ROOM  
Meet with candidates for the position of Mayor for the City of Euclid and Euclid City Council.



JUDICIAL CANDIDATES

DEBORAH LeBARRON



1. Why do you want to serve as the Municipal Court Judge for Euclid? I would like to continue to serve and to run an efficient and a fair court. I have developed programs like the computerization of the court at no cost to the taxpayers. We launched a web site to provide more information to users of the court as well as the public. We're working on a new project to take waiver and fine payments online. I also want to serve because I know the community well, being a home owner here for 22 years.

2. How would you plan to have an impact on the drug problem in Euclid? First, I'd say that our drug problem isn't any worse than other communities. I sentence people to various drug treatment programs. Depending on their income, many of the programs are free and some are on sliding scales. What we are trying to do is to give people the tools to change their behavior. The change is up to them, but we provide the tools to help.

3. What ideas do you have to take care of the foreclosed homes and houses with violations in Euclid? Would you consider a "housing court?" I already handle housing issues as a part of the regular docket. I work closely with the Housing Department to deal with the lists of violators. Municipal Court doesn't deal with foreclosure issues. I'd continue to work closely with the Housing Department with the goal of compliance.

4. How strict will you be on sentencing – will the punishments meet the crime, or would you be lenient? If so, what cases would you consider leniency? The Canons of Ethics don't allow us to set out what a sentence

will be. Every case is different. We deal with human beings and every situation is different from the next. The Ohio Revised Code sets out the sentencing factors according to the severity of the crime.

5. There is talk of crime increasing due to the economy; what do you plan to do in order to deter crime in the future? The police are doing their job and the judicial branch is here to stop repeat offenders. We do things for the Community Control programs like "Finish First" that is for people with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. A lawyer and a police officer explain what authority police have on the street. The goal is to teach the public how they should interact with an officer. It's the public's conduct that determines an arrest. This is aimed to teach youth about the proper interaction they should have with police. I'm a proponent of education and I encourage people to get a GED which will make them more employable. Drug treatment programs give them tools to change their life as well.

6. Can you make sure criminals aren't set free too soon because of the lack of funds to keep them in jail? I do sentence people to jail and it is expensive depending on if they are jailed in the city or the county. I sentence people to community service in lieu of jail. I work closely with the correction departments both here and at the county. I'm mindful of the cost of housing prisoners and I'm aware of using jail when it is appropriate.

7. How would you keep costs in line to run the court? Do you have ideas to trim costs for day to day functions without sacrificing employees necessary to the operation of the court? We've computerized the court with user's fees at no cost to the tax payer. In my 13 years I've fully computerized the court. We are required by the Supreme Court to hold files for 25

Community

Animal shelter extends cat sale

by John Sheridan

For a limited time, the Euclid Animal Shelter is extending its "cat sale," in hopes of reducing its inventory of homeless adult cats. While the sale lasts, the adoption fee for adult cats will be just \$10—a considerable reduction from the usual \$70 charge. The fee covers a veterinary exam, de-worming, the initial vaccination and spaying or neutering, if necessary.

Fay Miller, chairman of Euclid Pet Pals, the shelter's volunteer support group, notes that potential adopters can view pictures and brief bios of the available animals by visiting the group's website: [www.euclidpetpals.net](http://www.euclidpetpals.net). Just click on the Adoptions tab.

"Adoptions tend to slow down in the fall," Miller points out, "and many of our animals are left pining for a home." That explains the special fee reductions on adult cats. Meanwhile, kittens—which are easier to place in new homes—are available for \$35, which is half of the usual fee.

**TICKET DEADLINE:** The Pet Pals 9th annual "4 Paws Clam Jam & Boo Bash," a major fund-raiser, is scheduled Oct. 28 at the Manor Party Center, 24111 Rockwell Drive.

The evening begins with an open bar at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. After dinner, there will be music and dancing until 11 p.m. The program also includes raffles and, since it will be Halloween weekend, prizes for the best costumes although costumes are optional.

Tickets are \$40 per person, payable in advance. The deadline for purchasing tickets is Oct. 25. No tickets will be sold at the door.

The dinner menu features: clam broth and chowder, one dozen clams, one-half roasted chicken, sweet potatoes, corn-on-the-cob, rolls and butter, strudel and beverages. Vegetarian dinners (eggplant

parmesan) are available upon request.

For tickets or additional information, call the shelter at (216) 289-2057. The Pet Pals website has a ticket order form as well. The shelter is located at 25100 Lakeland Blvd., not far from East 260th St.

**DINING OUT:** Additional fund-raising efforts to benefit the shelter include cage sponsorships and sales of the "Our Town and All-Around" dining directory, featuring discount coupons. The directories, available at the shelter, are \$28 each. Cage sponsorships are \$200 a year.

"So far, the response to our cage-sponsorship program has been excellent," reports Fay Miller. "But there are still some cages available." For more information, contact the shelter at (216) 289-2057.



SLEEPY-EYED—This tabby cat seemed a bit perturbed when his afternoon nap was interrupted by a noisy photographer. But, with a little luck, someone who sees this photo might decide to give him a home. However, the bug-eyed black cat on the right is not adoptable; he's just a wall decoration. (Photos by John Sheridan)



"ARE YOU GONNA TAKE ME HOME?" – This lovely short-haired feline is hoping the Euclid Animal Shelter's cat and kitten sale will help her find a new and loving family. For a limited time, the adoption fee is just \$10 for adult cats and \$35 for kittens.

The food at the Gostilna is fantastic

by John Copic

I realize it's a funny name. Gostilna means "pub" in Slovenian. We just call it going to eat at Bob's, because he is the owner and does all the cooking. We have written in the past about the stuffed cabbage. I have to tell you, all the food on the menu is fantastic. They may have the best burger in the neighborhood. The portions are huge, the prices are reasonable, and the food is all home-made. The fish fry is out of this world. Stop in and see Bob, you will not be disappointed. Gostilna is located at the



corner of Arrowhead and East 200th Street across from Drug Mart. Fall hours are Monday 4-9 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday noon - 9 p.m., Friday noon - 11 p.m., Saturday 4-9 p.m., and open Sunday for Brown's games.

What Is Euclid Synergy?

by Tameka Ford

Recher Hall has been the home to many community functions, as well as receptions and New Year's parties. But for the last two and a half years, it has been the meeting place for a church community whose main agenda is to have a positive and godly effect on the city of Euclid. Jacob's Ladder Church is a city church, dedicated to our beautiful Euclid Ohio.

Through weekly prayer for the city, free tennis shoe giveaways and many other outreaches, JL Church (also known as) is reaching out to the city of Euclid in a big way. JL Church will be sponsoring Synergy Blast Oct. 3, from 5 to 9 p.m. at Recher Hall. There will be haircuts, food, back massages, facials, a kid's

fun house, face painting and much more. But the greatest part about this event is that it's all free!

Jacobs Ladder Church, along with many other businesses and ministries within the city and nearby cities, are gathering to be a blessing to the community. This is an outreach ministry that travels around the greater Cleveland area headed by Gwen Todd and Bobbi Brand.

This event that attracts hundreds of people, will follow Jacobs Ladder Church's first Sunday service, Oct. 2 at 9 a.m. The hall is located at 20713 Recher Avenue. So come early Sunday morning and experience great music, an inspired message, and good fellowship with some of Euclid's finest people!



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AREA GOLF NOTES:  
Panthers capture LEL tourney title

by John Sheridan

With Euclid High golf aces Danny Essel and Tony Jelenic setting the pace, the Panthers staked a strong claim to the Lake Erie League golf crown by winning the league tournament at Big Met Golf Course in late September.

Essel fired a 76 over the 18-hole layout to earn overall medalist honors, while Jelenic finished second with a 77.

A pair of Shaker Heights golfers claimed the next two spots as the Red Raiders finished second in the team standings, a full 16 strokes behind the Panthers' 318 aggregate (four-man) score.

**CITY TOURNEY ON TAP:** Euclid's annual city golf championship is scheduled for the weekend of Oct. 8-9 at Briardale Greens Golf Course. The tournament results will figure heavily in determining Briardale's player of the year honors.

Pat Kirn, the course general manager, noted recently that 25 players had already registered to play in the tournament, with more entries anticipated. "The list of entrants includes both high and low handicappers," Kirn explained.



New novel is based on Boys League All-Stars

by John Sheridan

"Six months before the U.S. hockey team completed its 'Miracle on Ice' Winter Olympics Gold [performance], a team of 12-year-old baseball players in a suburb of Cleveland, Ohio, were competing to complete a three-tournament sweep—a "Triple Crown" of baseball victories that had never been accomplished..."

So begins the prologue to a new sports novel based on the true-life experience of a band of young Euclid baseball players. Author Bruce Walther, a 1985 Euclid High graduate, simply titles the novel "Euclid's Boys League All-Stars."

And, although it is based on real people—Walther's teammates on the All-Star squad in the summer of 1979—he uses fictitious, but often similar-sounding, names for the book's characters. (Since it's a novel, he wanted literary license to fabricate dialogue and inject additional creativity.)

As a young ballplayer, Walther was a pretty good second baseman whose teammates gave him the nickname Kuiper, after Cleveland Indians' infielder Duane Kuiper. Hence, in the novel, the character representing the author is named Kuiper. Moreover, Walther opted for a literary pen name to appear on the

book cover: Bruce Double'u. (Think about it for a minute.)

Walther, who played baseball for the Euclid High Panthers during the Paul Serra coaching era, reports that it took him about a year to write the book. He was inspired to pursue the project when a friend, Ray Markiewicz, sent him an old newspaper clipping about the Euclid Boys League team. His research took him to the Euclid Historical Museum archives, as well as the Shore Cultural Centre, the Euclid Public Library, and other sources of information about the bygone years of the city's youth baseball program.

"Euclid's Boys League All-Stars" is published by CreateSpace, an Amazon.com company. The book should be available from Amazon sometime in October, the author notes. Walther will also be selling copies himself for \$10 each. Interested readers, including long-time Boys League fans, can contact him at (216) 695-0035.

The book is Walther's second novel. The first was a purely fictional work titled "Urban Towne." He has also produced a book of poetry, "The Immediate Excess Poems."



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Sports

Sports

Panthers survive “Mud Bowl,” break into the “win” column

by John Sheridan

After suffering losses in their first five games—to some of the toughest football teams in the State of Ohio—the Euclid High Panthers finally notched their first victory of the 2011 season when they out-slogged Shaw, 14-0, on a night when the elements made timid souls shudder.

The cold, rainy, windy conditions—surely not what the planners of the “Senior Parents Night” festivities had hoped for—deterred all but the hardest and most loyal fans from venturing into the stands at Sparky DiBiasio Stadium to witness what will likely be remembered as the “Mud Bowl.”

The rain and 30-mph winds put a damper on both teams' passing attacks. And the soggy, muddy field prevented ball carriers from getting much traction. (Perhaps it's time to revisit the issue of installing an artificial turf surface?)

But, somehow, Coach Tom Gibbons' scrappy gridders found a way to overcome both the elements and the 11 players on the other side of the line of scrimmage. No longer can anyone call them a “winless” team. In fact, one high school sports analyst speculated

that the Panthers might win all of their remaining games and finish 5-1 in the Lake Erie League.

Despite their current 1-5 overall mark, winning out would put Euclid in contention for a share of the LEL crown, provided the three still-unbeaten teams slip up somewhere along the way. Those teams are Cleveland Heights (3-0 in the LEL), Bedford (3-0), and defending Division II state champion Maple Heights (2-0). Euclid, now 1-1 and in fourth place in the league, doesn't play Maple this season.

Next up for the Panthers is Warren G. Harding High on Friday Oct. 7. The game is scheduled for 7 p.m. at Harding, which currently stands 0-3 in league play and 1-5 overall. Also on tap for the Panthers is an “away” contest at Shaker Heights at 2 p.m. on Oct. 15 and the “homecoming” game on Friday Oct. 21 against Lorain.

It's been widely reported that the Panthers have faced perhaps the most difficult early schedule of any team in Northeast Ohio. In fact, going into last weekend's games, all of Euclid's first five opponents remained undefeated and all were state-ranked. Cleveland Heights, which handed the Panthers a

19-7 setback in their league opener on Sept. 23, was No. 3 in the Division I, Region 1 computer ratings—behind St. Edward and Mentor. (At the end of the regular season, the top eight teams in each region qualify for the playoffs.)

In an interview on WELW radio prior to the Shaw game, Coach Gibbons alluded to the fact that his squad was still looking for its first win when he declared: “Certainly, we need to get the monkey off our back...We've gone through a tough stretch of games. But our kids are still excited [about playing football].”

Aware that the Shaw game would be played on a “mushy” field, the coach added: “We may have to make it a game between the tackles. But I think we'll be able to do that.”

His confidence was not misplaced. Despite the sloppy field conditions, the Panthers managed to grind out 133 yards on the ground. De'Andre Rollins, the 220-pound senior running back, gained 85 yards on 16 carries and bulled his way into the end zone for both Euclid touchdowns. Junior kicker Louie Tortorici made the extra point kicks after each TD.

Junior tailback Melvin King picked up another 23 rushing yards. And the determined Panther defense, with an

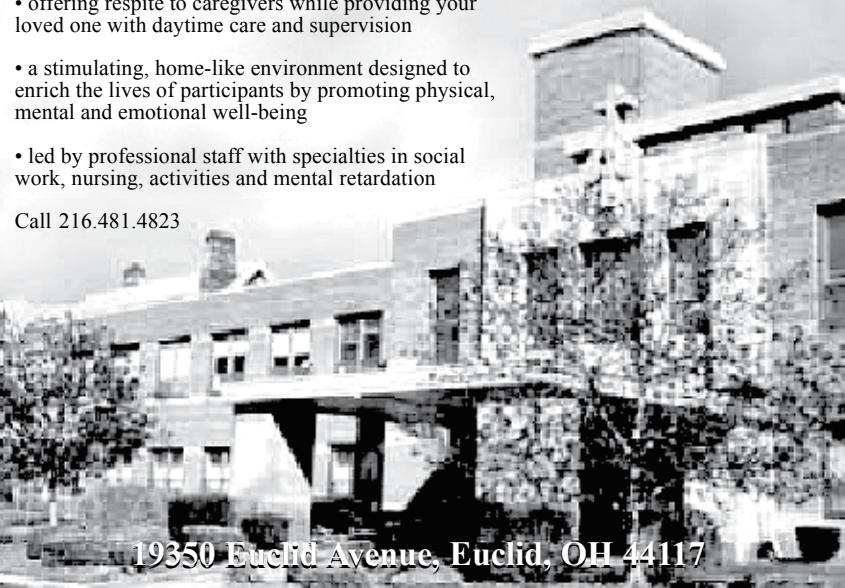


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PANTHER MAINSTAYS – These returning starters were expected to be the backbone of the Euclid Panther football team this fall. Front row, from left: quarterback Benny Walker (14), center Brian Henderson (63), tailback Juwan Ford (3). Back row: wide receiver Houston Boone (4), lineman T. J. Owens (56), lineman Matt Blaha (78), and tailback-linebacker De'Andre Rollins (1). (Photo by John Sheridan)



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Sports

# Vikings begin stretch run, host Trinity on Oct. 8th

by John Sheridan

After earning a hard-fought 14-6 triumph over Warren JFK, the Villa Angela-St. Joseph football squad endured a pair of losses that may have caused some fans to lose hope regarding the Vikings' chances of either winning a league title or making the playoffs this year.

But those fans may be in for a surprise. It's far too early to throw in the towel on a season that began with such great promise.

The two losses—by a score of 49-7 to Columbus Bishop Hartley, the undefeated defending state champions in Division IV, and by a narrow 13-6 margin to North Coast League rival Cleveland Central Catholic—by no means eliminated the Vikings as contenders for the NCL White Division crown.

For one thing, Hartley is not an NCL school, so that setback doesn't affect the conference standings. For another, the schedule gets a bit easier in the coming weeks.

On Saturday Oct. 8, Coach John Storey's Vikings host Trinity in their final home game at Euclid Stadium. The Trojans come in with an 0-1 mark in the NCL and 1-5 overall, after recording their first victory of the season by a 28-6 score against Gilmour, a non-conference opponent.

Then, on Friday Oct. 14, the VASJ grid-ders travel to St. Peter Chanel for a 7 p.m. contest with the Firebirds, who are 0-1 in the NCL and 1-5 overall.

A much bigger hurdle awaits the fol-lowing week when the Vikings clash with Holy Name in an Oct. 22 "away" game that could prove to be a showdown for White Division supremacy. After pum-meling Chanel, 41-7, the Green Wave now stands at 1-0 in the NCL and 3-3 overall.

Currently, the Vikings (1-1, 3-3) are in the middle of the pack, but within strik-ing distance of the league leaders. Prior to the loss to Central Catholic, VASJ stood in fifth place in the Division VI,

Region 21 computer rankings, putting them in position to make the year-end state playoffs. Provided, that is, that they chalk up a few more wins.

Now let's go back a couple of weeks to the Sept. 17 triumph over Warren JFK that enhanced the Vikings' prestige in high school football circles. It showed that, despite having quite a few two-way players, they are capable of mustering a strong finish. In that game, they broke open a scoreless contest when junior tailback Devon Bolden scooted into the end zone from the 1-yard line, putting VASJ ahead, 7-0.

Protecting their lead, the Vikings' defense stiffened to halt a JFK drive that had moved the ball deep into St. Joe territory. First, co-captain Ryan Gallag-her made a key tackle for a loss to put the Warren team in a third-and-18 hole. Then senior linebacker Chris Pokorny made a big stop to force a fourth-down field goal attempt. Putting an excla-mation point on the defensive effort, sophomore defensive back Tyler Cruick-shank blocked the kick.

In the final quarter, senior wide receiver C. J. Germany hauled in a beau-tiful arching pass from quarterback Anthony Sywanyk on a 47-yard scoring play to increase the VASJ lead to 14-0.

Pacing the Vikings' offensive attack against JFK, senior running back Tim Harrison rushed for 73 yards on 11 car-ries and Devon Bolden added another 32 yards on the ground. Harrison "does a solid job on both offense and defense," says Coach Storey. "He's playing hard and going both ways." On defense, Har-ri-son had three tackles for losses.

Other key defensive contributors included senior linebacker DiAnte Jack-son, who recorded two quarterback sacks, and senior linebacker Chavien Nolcox, who had one sack, 10 first-hit tackles, and one recovered fumble. "For that game, Chavien was the leader on the

defensive production chart," Coach Sto-rey noted.

In the loss to Central Catholic, VASJ was outgained in total yardage, 334 to 243, but quarterback Anthony Sywanyk completed nine of his 20 pass attempts for 120 yards. Tim Harrison rushed for 102 yards on 24 carries. And C. J. Ger-many scored the Vikings' lone TD, hauling in a 42-yard pass from Sywanyk.

Asked a few weeks back whether the Vikings were excited to learn about their No. 5 position in the regional computer rankings, Coach Storey said he hadn't heard any of his players talking about it.

"It's too early to get excited," he said. "We'll get excited if we're in this position after the last game of the season."



STRATEGY SESSION – VASJ Head Coach John Storey (left, in red shirt with back to camera) huddles with his grid-ders near the end of the game with Columbus Bishop Hartley. Since the Vikings were trailing badly at the time, perhaps they were looking for a way to prevent Hartley, the undefeated defending Division IV state champs, from scoring 50 or more points. The Vikes lost, 49-7. Identifiable players are team co-captain Ryan Gallagher (No. 20) and defensive back Tyler Cruickshank (No. 16)



"NOW WHAT DO WE DO?" – An assistant coach seems to find it hard to believe that his Vikings were trailing Bishop Hartley by six touchdowns in the late stages of the late September game. The scoreboard tells the discouraging story.



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**Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 18) \*\*\*\*\***  
It's time to celebrate Fall, so wake up and answer its call. Others behavior might make you appalled, forget the smalls, and go to more masquerade balls. This Month above all, pursue the art of being enthralled.  
Lucky Number - 12

**Pisces (Feb 19 – Mar 20) \*\*\*\*\***  
Last month you finances paid the price, but after some advice, and thinking precise, things are finally nice. When one food won't suffice, eat a thousand rice. This Month roll the dice to get your romance off the ice.  
Lucky Number – 1,001

**Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 19) \*\*\*\*\***  
Merging energy is what this month is all about, in love, in business, or all throughout. If your diet is making you stout, try a brus-sel or alfalfa sprout. This Month don't pout, if you scout your route, you'll succeed with-out a doubt.  
Lucky Number - 19

**Taurus (Apr 20 – May 20) \*\*\*\*\***  
Someone at work is clearly the weakest link, and starting to make everything stink. If you rethink, reorganize, and have a caffeinated drink, you'll save things in a blink. This Month if you wear pink, you might get a wink.  
Lucky Number - 709

**Gemini (May 21 – June 20) \*\*\*\*\***  
Enjoy the bountiful harvest, with various veg-gies from oddest to largest. If love doesn't combust as promised, use stardust like an art-ist. This month try to travel the farthest.  
Lucky Number - 31415

**Cancer (June 21 – July 22) \*\*\*\*\***  
If your opinions don't meet, greet your obsta-cles with a sweet treat, and make things com-plete. more downbeat, and cook tasty meat of wheat. This Month avoid being obsolete by sending a tweet.  
Lucky Number - 443

**Leo (July 23 – Aug 22) \*\*\*\*\***  
Despite others plight, ever polite you help make it all right. Accept an invite for a bright time where you can reunite. This Month focus on what you need to write, whether it's fic-tional, legal or digital, write day and night be-cause it'll bring you delirious delight.  
Lucky Number – 1297

**Virgo (Aug 23 – Sept 22) \*\*\*\*\***  
To succeed at work, don't think clientele or personnel but Mademoiselle. At home rebel, be your own pastel gazelle, and eat caramel. This Month you finally lift the spell, and say fare-well to what made your finances fell.  
Lucky Number - 22

**Libra (Sept 23 – Oct 22) \*\*\*\*\***  
All you can think about is Halloween, and how much you want to pick up your tambourine and a cocktail with tangerine. Keep your workspace clean and stock up on caffeine to avoid problems unseen, and tear it up like Wolverine. This Month hit the scene, embrace daring cuisine, and hug someone Slovene.  
Lucky Number - 18

**Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21) \*\*\*\*\***  
After work sunk shrunk and went kerplunk, you finally debunk and move on from the skunk. Spe-lunk the house and the trunk, to get rid of all the junk. This Month think funk to have all day spunk.  
Lucky Number - 2

**Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21) \*\*\*\*\***  
Be flexible but don't rush in, on plans for the future you want to begin. For a romantic win, in the moment go all in. This Month make time to carve a pumpkin.  
Lucky Number - 100

**Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19) \*\*\*\*\***  
Your career has finally awoke, and has taken center stage as you spoke. Remove the cloak and fix what's broke. This Month family folk won't ap-preciate a practical joke.  
Lucky Number - 25+1

“I may not have gone where I intended to go, but I think I have ended up where I needed to be. “ ~Martin Luther King, Jr.

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