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## Euclid's alert system comes through in the storm: A message from Euclid Mayor Bill Cervenik

by Mayor Bill Cervenik

If someone would have told me just a few weeks ago that a hurricane would cause widespread power outages, numerous downed trees and flooding in our region, I wouldn't have believed them. But along came Hurricane Sandy, which caused havoc throughout our area. I am happy to report that although it took some time, all in Euclid now have electrical power and clean-up is well underway.

For those who live or own a business in Euclid, this storm allowed many to become acquainted with Blackboard Connect, the city's new alert and notification service. Blackboard Connect is a community messaging system that allows city officials to communicate with residents and businesses about urgent situations and important or requested information. With this system, calls can be sent to your home, work or cell phones, as well as being able to send you messages via email, text or social media.

Prior to and following the storm, we used Euclid's Blackboard Connect system to release messages throughout the entire city regarding preparation for the storm, power outages, suspension of recycling, curbside collection of



Damage from the storm.

storm debris and the postponement of Trick or Treating. Residents and businesses were able to receive important information in a timely manner and the feedback I have received from them has been overwhelmingly positive.

Now here is the catch. Although res-

idents and businesses that have public phone numbers are automatically included in the Blackboard Connect system, in order for us to reach those without published phone numbers, we need you to register your landline, cell phone, email or social network information such as Facebook and Twitter. To be certain the system has the most up-to-date contact information, go to the City's webpage [www.cityofeuclid.com](http://www.cityofeuclid.com) and click the link on the home page that says "SIGN UP NOW – SERVICES BY BLACKBOARD CONNECT." You can also use this Web portal to manage your message preferences by indicating your preferred mode of contact, language and message topics. If you do not have internet access, please call my office and we will get you registered.

The Blackboard Connect system allowed the city to transmit critical and valuable information to many of our residents and businesses when it was most needed. There is no reason that we cannot reach everyone, we just need you to take a few minutes to sign up. Thank you for helping us to communicate better. Stay safe and remember to be thankful for what has been given us.

## Euclid school levy passes by 19 votes



by Betsy Voinovich

Euclid's school district's 9-mill, 10-year levy passed by a very narrow margin last Tuesday night. Unofficial final results from the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections show the levy passing 10,346 to 10,327. This is a difference of 19 votes!

Because the 3,547 provisional ballots issued to voters before Election Day and the additional 27,212 on election day have yet to be counted, there is still some uncertainty.

If in the final count, the levy comes out on top, it will generate \$5.4 million a year, with homeowners paying \$275 dollars for \$100,000 of property value.

According to Citizens for Euclid Schools, with the passage of the levy the district commits to the these 8 points: 1. Making sure all students read at grade level by the end of third grade. 2. Continuing to increase state test scores and high school graduation rate. 3. Improving students' math and communication skills so they are ready for college and the workforce. 4. Working with building administrators and community stakeholders to improve student behavior throughout the district. 5. Recruiting and keeping high quality teachers and principals. 6. Increasing the use of technology to prepare students for the 21st century. 7. Working with local businesses to offer real world experiences. 8. Efficiently and effectively manage district resources.

According to Citizens for Euclid Schools, "These eight points are our commitment to our stakeholders, and we must make progress before asking again for your support. The district will be held accountable for improving education by contracting with the community. Every 90 days Superintendent will report the progress to the community."

These are ambitious goals. As a person who grew up in the school system next door to Euclid's (Collinwood), I think that it would be great to see district get a chance to pursue them. Faith in the schools is faith in the future of Euclid and of this whole corner of Northeast Ohio.

Betsy Voinovich is the Editorial Coordinator of the Euclid and Collinwood Observers.

## Euclid Symphony Orchestra presents the Sounds of the Season

by Ellen Ivory

The Euclid Symphony Orchestra is primed and ready to bring you their second performance of the season on Sunday, December 2, at 3:00 p.m. at the Shore Cultural Center's acoustically acclaimed auditorium.

"We have once again planned a holiday concert that appeals to all age groups," states J.D. Goddard, Director of the Orchestra. The Orchestra will showcase a spectrum of holiday favorites and will be joined by members of the Lakeshore Dance Studio who will be dancing to several movements of the

Nutcracker Suite, a favorite tradition.

Jolly old St. Nick and Mrs. Claus will be there, too, to aid in spreading Christmas cheer to all. Included with your admission is a free, special punch and cookie reception held at the end of the concert, and hosted by the Euclid Symphony Orchestra Board and Greater Cleveland Volunteers. This is an opportunity to meet some of the orchestra members and taste treats made by them, witnessing to their talents in the kitchen, as well as on stage. Additionally, you will have a chance to vote between two

musical offerings that will be played at the Pops Concert in May, 2013.

The Euclid Symphony Orchestra's Christmas Concert will be held on Sunday, December 2, 2012 at 3:00 pm at Shore Cultural Center, 291 E. 222nd Street, Euclid, OH 44123. Tickets are \$8 in advance, and \$10 at the door. Advance sale tickets can be purchased at the Shore Cultural Centre main office.

For more information about the ESO please visit our website at [www.EuclidSymphonyOrchestra.com](http://www.EuclidSymphonyOrchestra.com).

(Additional contributors to the article are Mary Emser and Ryan Roberts).

## "Sister Said" Local Book Signing in December

by Ellen Ivory

Come and take a journey with us back to the 1950's and '60's to St. Robert Catholic School, St. William Catholic School, and Villa Angela Academy. "SISTER SAID," written by Lee a. friend, is the story of a seven year old girl's journey from grade one through grade twelve in Catholic school.

Starting in the Briardale projects, to the local color of Cleveland and the

surrounding area, this book features songs, T.V. shows, movies and a young person's view of the times. All of the 'Sisters' mentioned in the book are named "Mary" and this is about how the author interpreted everything SISTER SAID from what she really meant.


The reader - both Catholic and non-Catholic - will find this book informative, inspirational, entertain-

ing and humorous. It would make a great Christmas gift!

On Sunday, December 9, 2012 at 12:30 p.m., Lee a. friend will offer her insight into the book and the era, at The Mustard Seed/Ss. Robert & William Catholic Parish, 26193 Forestview Ave., Euclid (216) 731-0177. She will have copies available for purchase and autographs.



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Local Independent Film “Shelter” to play at Atlas Cinemas Lakeshore Theater in Euclid

by Bernadette Gillota

In collaboration with Atlas Cinemas, Independent Pictures is screening the independent film, “Shelter,” written, produced and directed by Ohioans Adam Caudill and Wrion Bowling. “Shelter” will show at 7:00 PM on Friday, November 16 at the Lakeshore Theatre in Euclid, 22624 Lakeshore Blvd. in beautiful downtown Euclid. Tickets are \$9 and are available at the door or in advance by visiting [www.atlascinemas.net](http://www.atlascinemas.net).

Shaker Heights filmmaker and Independent Pictures’ Board Member Todd Kwait will emcee the screening of the film, which tells the story of five survivors forced to wait out their respective fates in a bomb shelter with no contact to the outside world. Produced on a micro-budget, “Shelter” is an exceptionally-made example of the talent that can come from our fine state. Bob Ignazio of the Cleveland Movie Blog writes, “Despite being a micro budget production, there’s no need to grade SHELTER on a curve. The writing and directing team of Adam Caudill and Wrion Bowling have crafted a taut little thriller here that feels like an episode of The Twilight Zone that’s been stretched out to feature length without feeling padded.”

The screening of “Shelter” on November 16 is a must-see, one-time engagement. “Shelter” is a great example of a Hollywood-quality film made entirely by Ohio filmmakers,” said Kwait, who premiered his third documentary, “For the Love of the Music: The Club 47 Folk Revival” at the 2012 Boston International Film Festival to critical acclaim. Bernadette Gillota, Artistic Director of Independent Pictures, has been screening films since the organization formed in 1993. Gillota said, “Working with limited resources but with a talented cast, tight script, and qualified crew to create a solid film worthy of theatrical distribution; “Shelter” illustrates what true low-budget independent filmmaking is all about.”



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Independent Pictures, parent organization of the annual Ohio Independent Film Festival (OIFF), screens excellent independent feature-length and short films from Cleveland and all over the world. What started in a storefront in Tremont as the Off-Hollywood Flick Fest has grown to the annual OIFF and other film production and training programs such as the Film Production Internship Program, Ohio Independent Screenplay Contest and Script Mill, Director of Photography Workshop and more. The screening of “Shelter” on November 16 marks the start of a year-long 20th anniversary celebration that will include events and special screenings all over the Greater Cleveland area, culminating with the 2013 Ohio Independent Film Festival on November 7-10, 2013.

Films that are screened at the annual OIFF are selected entirely from filmmaker submissions. For information on submitting a film, visit [www.withoutabox.com](http://www.withoutabox.com) (search Ohio Independent Film Festival) or send an email to [ohiofilms@yahoo.com](mailto:ohiofilms@yahoo.com). The Ohio Independent Film Festival is partially supported by Cuyahoga Arts and Culture.

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Holiday Shopping at the Shore Cultural Center

by Rochelle Schiffbauer

Support local artisans this Holiday season, by buying handmade. Saturday, December 8, the Shore Cultural Center, 291 E. 222nd Street will host Holidays at the Shore Craft Show and Gift Boutique. Thirty vendors make up the event to be held in the Cultural Center’s Auditorium. Donations for admission will benefit the Euclid Hunger Center, also housed in the Shore Cultural Center.

Gifts for everyone on your list including gourmet chocolate covered pretzles and apples, jewelry, origami sculptures, handmade greeting cards, pottery, home fragrance, and body care, you name it, they’ve got it! Take time out for a chair massage, enjoy food concessions provided by the Paragon restaurant. Try your luck at one of the fabulous raffle baskets, or take a chance on a 50/50 drawing!

This is the show you don’t want to miss. 9am till 4pm, Saturday December 8 at the Shore Cultural Center Auditorium, in the rear of the building. Handicap-accessible from our front entrance. Fun for all!

Rochelle Schiffbauer is a longtime paper-crafter, designer and teacher at Creative Creations Papercrafts in the Shore Cultural Center, and organizer of this event.



Euclid Hunger Center volunteers stand ready to assist clients in choosing items from different food categories. Clients can receive a bag of food from the Center once a month.

by Grace Wright

The month of October proudly marked the Euclid Hunger Center’s first month as a Choice Pantry. The Euclid Hunger Center Board and its volunteers have worked hard in recent months to relocate the Center to a new room in Shore Cultural Centre and create a new client experience that puts control back into the hands of the people we serve. Clients and volunteers are excited and positive about the switch as it has allowed for a more personable and individualized experience for everyone.

Clients are now able to choose which products they prefer as opposed to being handed a prepackaged bag of food items. The move to a Choice Pantry allows the Center to be more efficient and effective in the purchasing of products. When clients have a choice in their products, less food is wasted at home since clients are taking items they know their families will be able to use.

The transition to a choice pantry was not an easy one and we would like to thank Shore Cultural Centre for offering us continued residence, Cleveland Paint Company for their generous donation of paint for our new room, our volunteers who have worked tirelessly to enable this change, The Cleveland Foodbank and the Hunger Network of Greater Cleveland for all of their guidance and support, and, most importantly, the community as a whole for their generosity, compassion, and eagerness to help their neighbors.

Euclid Hunger Center is located in Room 17 in Shore Cultural Centre. To learn more about the Center, go to [www.euclidhungercenter.com](http://www.euclidhungercenter.com). To learn about volunteer opportunities, call Grace at the Center at (216) 731-3329. Donations of food and cash are always needed. Send your check, payable to the Euclid Hunger Center, to P.O. Box 23446, Euclid, OH 44123.

Grace Wright is the Euclid Hunger Center Manager.



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Action Carstar Autobody Supports “iPods for Wounded Veterans”

by Cheryl Cameron

Action Carstar Autobody turns up the volume on its support of America’s veterans and active duty military with Carstar National Military Month Celebration

This November, Northeast Ohio CARSTAR shops will honor America’s active duty and military veterans with a special celebration for CARSTAR National Military Month. It will include a national partnership with “iPods for Wounded Veterans,” which is a charity dedicated to helping wounded service men and women by providing a diversion and easing the boredom of recovery by donating iPods,

iPads, eReaders and other materials that improve their quality of life.

During the month of November all CARSTAR locations around the country will collect donations of new or gently used iPods, iPads, Nooks or Kindles. Supporters can also donate iTunes gift cards or make a financial contribution for “iPods for Wounded Veterans” to purchase the electronics directly. (Checks should be made out to “iPods for Wounded Veterans”).

To make a donation locally, visit ACTION CARSTAR at 21200 St. Clair Avenue, Euclid between 8am-6pm, M-F,

9am-12pm Saturdays. The collected items will be donated in December to recovering military members at select military hospitals around the country.

Tony Perrino, owner of Action CARSTAR Auto Body, and staff have been supporting our troops over the past 4 years every November and appreciate the support they have received from Euclid and surrounding communities.

Jim Marshall, owner of Marshall’s Autobody CARSTAR in Billerica, MA, and an Air Force veteran, began working with “iPods for Wounded Veterans” in 2011 and is leading all of the CARSTAR stores around the country in the collection effort this year. He has been supporting “iPods for Wounded Veterans” since November 2011, collecting donations from customers, vendors, friends, family and other local businesses, totaling more than \$18,000 for the program. He had an opportunity to visit Walter Reed National Military Medical Center earlier this year to present the iPods, iPads, Kindles and Nooks to the troops.

“People want to help, they just need the avenue and direction,” said Marshall. “The gift of an iPod, iPad, Nook or Kindle, or even magazines and books, provides much needed distraction from the grueling rehabilitation processes these soldiers face. It’s been an honor to work with this program over the past year and help these soldiers in need. And I’m proud to lead the CARSTAR owners and our customers around the country in expanding awareness and support of the “iPods for Wounded Veterans” program to touch even more of our troops.”



Bill Turk, Patti Crouch and owner, Tony Perrino of Action CARSTAR Auto Body turn up the volume on their support for our wounded veterans during-CARSTAR’s National Military Appreciation Month.

About “iPods for Wounded Veterans”

Formally established in January of 2011, “iPods for Wounded Veterans” provides iPods, iPads, eReaders and other materials to improve the quality of life for our wounded Veterans. The intensive rehabilitation they require can take months, even years. These materials provide a diversion, easing the boredom and repetitiveness of the rehabilitation and recovery process. Our Class A security clearance allows us to personally deliver these gifts to Military and Veterans hospitals and interact with Veterans and their families one-on-one.

“iPods for Wounded Veterans” is made up entirely of volunteers - there are NO paid employees. Between 90-93% of all funds raised go directly back to the wounded Veterans, with the only expenditures being those necessary to travel to and from Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and other Military and Veterans hospitals. For more information visit [www.ipodsforwoundedveterans.org](http://www.ipodsforwoundedveterans.org).

Euclid Diabetes Support Group Events

by Joan Holmes

The Euclid Diabetes Support Group has two upcoming events during the holiday season. The first will be their regular meeting on Monday, November 26th at 6:45 p.m. at the Euclid Public Library. Members look forward to hearing a presentation by Kendra Cress, a clinical pharmacist for UH. She will discuss medications for people with diabetes including their side effects and complications. This should be a very informative meeting. This meeting is free and open to anyone interested in learning about diabetes medications.

The second event is their annual Christmas Potluck Dinner. Members will gather on Monday, December 3rd at 5:30 p.m. at the East Shore United Methodist Church on Lakeshore Blvd. In the relaxing environment of the upper parlor they will socialize until 6 p.m. when they will share a delicious meal. Members will contribute

a healthy dish that they have prepared. There will be a wide variety of foods available. This will be a good opportunity to de-stress during the busy holiday season. The members of the Euclid Diabetes Support Group wish to thank the East Shore United Methodist Church for graciously allowing the use of their facilities. It was at this church that the group was founded many years ago by Ray Petrea when a dear friend of his died from the complications of diabetes. Over the years much more has been learned about the disease, many medications have been developed, and methods of preventing complications have been discovered. It is the goal of this support group to help people with this disease live a healthier lifestyle by supplying current information so that they can minimize the complications of diabetes.



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**Cards and Wrapping Paper Workshop**  
Nov. 27, 6-8pm  
Adult \$12, Child \$5  
Personalize your holiday gifts with your own wrapping paper designs and unique cards. Join artist Marianne Hiti for an evening of fun family art making. All supplies are included!

Downtown Euclid will come alive with lights and music this holiday season! Join us for an evening of family-friendly seasonal celebration at Shore Cultural Centre on Friday, November 30th, beginning at 4:00pm. We'll kick the evening off with a Youth Choir Concert, plus free crafts and activities for children and families. Our Culinary Bistro will be open with a full menu of holiday foods from around the world. Bring the family for dinner and sample some of the following delectable dishes:

*Swedish meatballs in a lite sour cream sauce served over buttered egg Noodles with baked apples*

*Southern United States Chicken and Dumplings*

*Italy brings us cheese filled tortellini tossed with chicken, Parmesan cheese, and peas. Tossed in a lite basil cream sauce*

*England smokes and glazes their ham and serves it with fingerling potatoes and green beans*

*Poland sautés their pierogi with onion and serves them with baked apples*

*The United States brings us a slow roasted turkey breast served with traditional stuffing, gravy and baked apples*

*All the above dinners served with rolls and butter, choice of beverage and assorted Holiday Cookies*  
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The Holiday Shop will offer little shoppers (and their families!) afforda-

ble and hand-made gifts. Bring your little ones and their lists, and our "elves" will help them pick and wrap something special for their loved ones. While the little ones shop, adults can browse locally made jewelry, cards and artwork, perfect for gifts. The shop will be open from 4:00-9:00pm.

Gather around the park in front of Shore for the lighting of the holiday tree at 6:00, then stay to hear carolers, visit with Santa, ride in a horse-drawn sleigh and enjoy tasty treats like hot cocoa, popcorn and pretzels. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be greeting guests from 6:30-8:30. At 7:00pm the Shore auditorium will feature a Holiday Choir Concert, with area choirs providing free holiday music. And visitors can also take the chance to visit some of Shore's many resident artists and arts-based businesses. Get inspired with unique holiday gifts and materials, from hand-made jewelry to make-your-own-cards kits. Indoor fun will also include holiday art exhibits of work by local students, and open studios.

According to Euclid Mayor Bill Cervenik "The Euclid Holiday Celebration is a chance for families to enjoy a holiday tradition, make their own special memories, and to really enjoy our walkable downtown, its parks and arts and culture, and quality restaurants and retail."

This annual celebration is made possible by a collaboration between the City of Euclid, Shore Cultural Centre and the Euclid Chamber of Commerce.

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"All of a sudden, I couldn't talk."

Donna Provot was on the phone with her husband the morning of Dec. 1, 2009, when she lost the ability to speak.

Her husband, Pat, rushed home. "I managed to get out the word 'stroke' because that's all I could think of," Provot recalls.

Donna Provot

As it turned out, it was a stroke and the 52-year-old spent several days in the intensive care unit before transitioning to Cleveland Clinic Rehabilitation and Sports Therapy program at Euclid Hospital to begin rebuilding her life. There was so much to relearn — reading, speaking, controlling the right side of her body, driving.

She recalls, "I couldn't speak at all. I could sometimes reach for words, but when a pen was held up, I couldn't think of the word pen. I knew what you did with it, but I couldn't dream up the word pen."

The condition Provot was experiencing is called aphasia. Reading was just as challenging. "I could make out that they were letters, but at first they didn't make any sense."

A team of physical, occupational and speech therapists helped the Concord resident put the pieces back together. Provot attended the Neuro Day program, held three days a week at Cleveland Clinic Rehabilitation and Sports Therapy at Euclid Hospital. There she participated in group activities with other patients. "They made it fun and challenging," says Provot, "cooking lunch was even part of the therapy."

"My speech therapist, who I met with daily, was so encouraging and my physical therapist was so patient. She knew instinctively what I could handle," Provot recalls.

"My occupational therapist was the beacon of hope," she adds, encouraging her even when her right arm was slow to respond. "She kept telling me she could see something."

When she had recovered to the point where she wanted to drive again, the therapists trained her in a driving simulator and took her out on the road so she would be ready for the test, which she passed.

It's been two years since her stroke and Provot is back at work at Ohio Desk. Her message to all stroke recovery patients is "it takes time. You feel like you're taking two steps forward and one step back. You just have to be patient and keep trying." The right therapy really pays off, she concludes. "They gave me my life back."

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## Villa Angela – St. Joseph High School

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### VASJ hosts ambassador from Republic of Slovenia

*Visit includes TV appearances and meetings with Bishop Lennon, Mayor Jackson and other civic leaders*

Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School (VASJ) hosted His Excellency Roman Kirn, ambassador to the United States from the Republic of Slovenia, for an extraordinary three-day visit to Cleveland as part of the “Our World Today” program at the school.

Ambassador Kirn’s visit began with a meeting with Mayor Frank Jackson in the mayor’s office at Cleveland City Hall on Wednesday, October 10. Also attending were Slovenian Consul General Jure Zmauc and VASJ President Richard Osborne, as well as John Lecky, executive director of the Our World Today organization. The meeting focused on business prospects in the local community and the multicultural makeup of Cleveland.

The ambassador addressed social studies classes and student leaders at VASJ on October 11. Joining the ambassador was his friend George Voinovich, former governor and senator from Ohio and former mayor of Cleveland. In addition, a luncheon for the school’s Howley Scholars included Cleveland City Councilman Michael Polensek, Slovenian businessman Robert Grah and Lorie Howley, executive director of The Howley Family Foundation.

“The conversation our students had with Ambassador Kirn and the other dignitaries was a memorable experience, made possible through the generosity of The Howley Family Foundation,” said Osborne. “Thanks to the Howleys, our students were given the opportunity not only to learn about Slovenia but also to have their global horizons expanded by leaders who stressed the importance of understanding all the world cultures around them.”

On Thursday afternoon, as a cooperative outreach between VASJ and Collinwood High School, Ambassador Kirn and Councilman Polensek spoke to a 9th grade assembly at Collinwood. That evening, Ambassador Kirn addressed dozens of representatives from the international communities of Cleveland at a reception at the InterContinental Hotel. On Friday morning, the ambassador met with business leaders at WKYC-TV3. He appeared on the station’s “Live on Lakeside” program and was interviewed for newscasts by TV3 reporter Dick Russ, who is of Slovenian descent. Ambassador Kirn highlighted his time with students at VASJ.

“I feel like I am at home in Cleveland,” Ambassador Kirn said, adding that the Slovenian presence in Cleveland sets the city apart. “Our bond with the United States is stronger than it is with any other country in the community of nations,” he added.

Ambassador Kirn, along with Osborne, Lecky and Grah, later met with Toby Cosgrove, CEO of the Cleveland Clinic, and with His Excellency Richard Lennon, Bishop of Cleveland.

The ambassador was interviewed for *Inside Business* magazine, and the day concluded with a reception at the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame in Euclid. There, the group was welcomed by Tony Petkovsek, chairman of the board, and Joe Valencic, president. The ambassador and guests were treated to traditional Slovenian music.

Coordinated by Admissions Director Terri Richards and the Washington-based Our World Today organization, VASJ will continue to invite ambassadors from around the world to Cleveland in order to stimulate student awareness and interest in different nations and their people. The program also seeks to enhance public understanding of the nations of the world, promote opportunities in business and trade, and build relationships with northeastern Ohio media and governments.

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For more information about the Our World Today program at VASJ, please contact VASJ President Richard Osborne.

Clockwise:  
WKYC-TV3’s Amanda Barren interviews the ambassador for “Live on Lakeside.”

(l to r) VASJ President Richard Osborne ‘69, Ambassador Roman Kirn, Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson, Consul General Jure Zmauc and John Lecky, founder of Our World Today.

Ohio State Rep. Kenny Yuko presents Ambassador Kirn with a state resolution honoring him at a reception held at the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame in Euclid.



(left to right) Richard Osborne, Ambassador Kirn, Bishop Richard Lennon and Jure Zmauc.



His Excellency Roman Kirn, ambassador to the United States from the Republic of Slovenia, poses with former Sen. George Voinovich, Councilman Mike Polensek, Slovenian businessman Robert Grah, Lorie Howley and VASJ’s Howley Scholars.

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### VASJ sophomores make a difference

All of VASJ’s sophomores participated in “Make A Difference Day” again this year in a program coordinated by Campus Minister Jill Latkovich. The Class of 2015 split into nine groups, each accompanied by a faculty or staff member, and set off to spend the morning of Sept. 25 providing service at these locations:

- Cleveland Food Bank
- Rose-Mary Center – St. Anthony Adult Day Center
- St. Jerome School
- MedWish International, Cleveland
- Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland
- Northeast Shores Development Corporation – LaSalle Theatre
- Family Promise of Greater Cleveland
- St. Augustine Church Hunger Center
- Transitional Housing Incorporated

“Commitment to service, justice and peace is at the heart of VASJ’s school mission,” said Mrs. Latkovich. “Those ideals are rooted in both the Marianist and Ursuline charisms that guide our school as well as what the Gospel calls us as Christians to do.”



VASJ sophomores Tyron McCoy and Danielle Paus joined their classmates in a dance to entertain adults at Rose-Mary Center’s St. Anthony Adult Day Center.

The annual service day, which focuses on the needs of the poor and vulnerable, is a “lab” component of religion class, she explained. Following their service, the students met to share their experiences and discuss what they had learned.

“Many of the students committed to return to the sites of their service

as volunteers,” said VASJ President Richard Osborne, who accompanied the students who served at Rose-Mary Center and visited with adults at Rose-Mary’s St. Anthony Adult Day Center. “Our students really connected with those they visited,” Osborne added. “They gained as much as they gave.”

### Flannigan and Gibson make college choices



Viking senior basketball standouts Demonte Flannigan (left) and Duane Gibson have made their college choices. The two will continue the tradition of VASJ graduates continuing their education. All graduates from the Class of 2012 are in college now.

VASJ seniors Demonte Flannigan and Duane Gibson have given their final decisions on where to continue their education after graduation. Flannigan has chosen Cleveland State University while Gibson has gone with the University of Evansville.

“The University of Evansville was the choice for me because it’s a smaller school and I will get individual attention from each of my professors,” Gibson said. “The coaches remind me of the ones here at VASJ because they believe in me.”

Flannigan is excited to stay a Viking for another four years, moving from VASJ Viking Coach Babe Kwasniak to CSU Viking Coach Gary Waters. “Coach Waters said that the team needed me, not just wanted me,” Flannigan said. He said the coach told him was a large part of the vision for the team’s 2014-15 season.

While attending CSU, Flannigan plans to pursue a degree in business.

VASJ stresses the importance of college education. All graduates from the Class of 2012 are now in college.

### VASJ’s Drama Club presents “Alice”

VASJ’s Drama Club will be presenting “Alice,” a one-act play adapted by Lindsey Price from the original Alice in Wonderland, the weekend of November 17. Tickets are \$5 if purchased before each showing, \$6 at the door. Make sure to attend one of the three performances in the gymnasium:

**Friday, Nov. 16 7:30 p.m.**  
**Saturday, Nov. 17 7:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday, Nov. 18 2:00 p.m.**

### Congratulations to the Viking cheerleaders

Congratulations to the Viking cheerleaders for taking first place in the 5th Annual Monday’s with Malta Cheerleading Competition held at the American-Croatian Lodge on Monday, October 1, in Eastlake.

Including VASJ, there were a total of 10 teams competing from Collinwood, Eastlake, Euclid, Kirtland, Lake Catholic, Mayfield, Mentor, Wickliffe and Willoughby.

### Viking Views



### Help elect Storey Coach of the Year

by Richard Osborne

When I wrote the Viking Views column as a student back in the ‘60s, one of my favorite features was the “Viking of the Week.” Who knew that some four-and-a-half decades later I’d have the opportunity to write something in this same column about one of our favorite Vikings of all time.

His name is John Storey and he’s been important to our school since he was a student here, graduating in 1959. Over the years, he’s been a teacher, coach and friend of the Viking Village. Today, he’s everyone’s favorite football coach.

Now we have an opportunity to tell the world how much we value him by giving him some small measure of recognition. Coach Storey is a finalist for “Coach of the Year” honors in a contest sponsored by Liberty Ford.

Many of us remember what a commanding presence Coach Storey was back in “the day.” Nothing much has changed. He still conveys the values and the principles that define VASJ. He is devoted to football but he is even more devoted to his athletes and to everyone connected with the school.

For a generation, students have been saying that their lives have been changed because of his influence. He truly views athletics as a means to an end, and the end is shaping young people into leaders who care about those around them.

Coach Storey is a role model not only for those who play for him but also for the other coaches he leads. His first concern is always the well being of his players. Make no mistake: He wants to win, but he cares far more for the welfare of his players and the dignity of the games they play.

His impact goes beyond our hallways. Whether it is a community parade, a fund-raiser to support cancer victims or any other worthwhile endeavor, you can always rely on Coach Storey to give his time and energy to help.

I can’t imagine anyone more deserving to be the Coach of the Year. You can help him win the award he so richly deserves – along with a big flat-screen TV – and help the school win a \$5,000 cash award for athletics. It is very simple: Just go online and cast your ballot. You can vote once a day through November 30. Here is the link:

[www.cablemediasales.com/coach\\_of\\_year/](http://www.cablemediasales.com/coach_of_year/)

Make sure you get the message, “Thanks for your vote.” If not, try again. Let’s tell everyone what we already know: Coach Storey is the best of the best.

*Richard Osborne ‘69 is the president of Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School.*

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## Schools and Community

### Shopping at Ss. Robert and William

by Mary O'Neill

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas shopping time! Ss. Robert and William Catholic Parish has many ways for you to start your shopping – in a peaceful, fun environment!

The Mustard Seed Religious Goods Store is ready for the rush of holiday shoppers. We will be extending our hours from 8:00am until 3:00pm on Festive Friday November 23rd and offering free coffee and tea to our shoppers. Additionally, we are adding extra weekend hours from 4:45-5:45pm on all Saturdays in December. Come look around for unique, heartfelt gifts for those special people in your life. We have new gift items arriving weekly, including candles, books, jewelry and so much more. We invite you to visit us this holiday season and start your shopping at the little shop with great “values.”

### Our Lady of the Lake School: Faith, Academics, and Community

by Lauren Zbiegien

Our Lady of the Lake School is off to another fun and exciting school year. The school is an Ohio accredited Catholic school located on Lakeshore Boulevard and East 200th Street in Euclid. Our Lady of the Lake offers a kindergarten through eighth grade curriculum. The school is equipped with an updated PC lab, Smart boards in each classroom, an Elmo machine, and 15 iPads which are shared between classrooms. All of this technology is being put to use through the school's K-8 STEM program.

Beyond academics, many of the grades are participating in service projects that will continue throughout the year. The second grade made a visit to Mary Mavec School of Opportunity. The students helped their friends at Mary Mavec to prepare for Fall by singing songs, reciting poems, and decorating leaves.

The fifth graders of the school are preparing for their visits to the Slovene

Home for the Aged in November and December. The fifth grade students will share fun skits and play games with residents of the Slovene Home. Both of these service projects not only bring brighter days to all involved, but also help the students to experience firsthand social justice right in their own community.

In order to provide funding for the technology in the school, the school along with the parish present Life on the Lake: A Benefit, A Masquerade Ball, on Saturday, February 2, 2013 at the Croatian Lodge in Eastlake. This event includes a Chinese auction, silent auction, sideboards, dinner, dancing, drinks, and plenty of excitement and fun! This is the perfect opportunity to support the parish and school. Proceeds go to the arts, science, and technology programs. Show your support by attending or with a donation. For tickets or donations please call 216-481-6824 or visit lifeonthelake.org.

### Eat and give thanks

by Ellen Ivory

The holidays are right around the corner and many of us will be gathering around the table to share a meal with our friends and loved ones.

At Ss. Robert & William Catholic Parish, we offer you the opportunity to do this every month at “The Banquet,” our free community meal that is served on the last Tuesday of each month with the exception of December. Since that is Christmas Day, the meal will be served on December 18th. The doors open at 5:00p.m., and the meal is served promptly at 5:30p.m.

The Mustard Seed is located at 26193 Forestview Ave., Euclid (216) 731-0177. Check out our website for holiday hours.

Another shopping opportunity is at the Holly Berry Bazaar on Saturday, November 17th. From 9:00am until 3:30pm our gym will be transformed into a wonderland of Christmas crafts and more. Admission is \$1.00 per person and includes free coffee, hot chocolate and cookie stations. We will have many crafters that have lovely gift items including purses, jewelry, baked goods, crocheted items and much more! Bring some friends and spend your day getting into the Holiday Spirit.

We hope to see you there!

Ss. Robert & William Catholic School is located at 351 East 260th St., Euclid. For additional information go to www.srweuclid.cc or call (216) 731-1515.

### Don't miss the Holiday Open House at Cavotta's

by Betsy Voinovich

Cavotta's Garden Center will be hosting a Holiday Open House, from 11 am to 6 pm, Saturday, November 24. The Open House will feature everything Cavotta's is famous for: Fresh Christmas Trees, Holiday Wreaths, Vintage Christmas items. There will be lots of chocolate, along with our famous Gourmet Caramel Apples which have been rated Number One in the city of Cleveland.



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So... You feeling lucky? It's almost that time of year for the 5th Annual "Home For The Holidays" Poker Run!

I'm busy putting together the list of participating taverns, scheduling & planning the "Wrap-Up" Party, which will be hosted by Cebar's Euclid Tavern on January 19th.

The Poker Run/Crawl will likely last for 4-6 weeks during December into January.

Many of you may recall that last year we made the cover of the Plain Dealer's Friday Magazine. The "Minister of Culture, Michael Heaton went bar-hopping with me and put several of our neighborhood bars on the map. There were inquiries as far as Sandusky looking for Poker Run specifics.

Twenty bucks gets you in the "Run", plus the official T-Shirt.

Once again this year, we plan to raise \$1000 for the Euclid Animal Shelter and bring some attention to all the great taverns we have in and around our town.

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**Horoscopes**  
*by Sukki*

November has two eclipses in store for us! A solar eclipse will occur on November 13 around 5pm and lunar eclipse will occur November 28 near 9:45am. These significant events will affect each sign differently but for all, it's best not to make any big decisions before or during these times. The completion of an eclipse often reveals the answer you have been searching for.

**Aries (Mar 21-Apr 19)** November is a time for reflection and change. Replicate a hairstyle from an old yearbook photo and give someone your two cents. Fix your budget problem - be your own cheap date.

**Taurus (Apr 20-May 20)** It's all about relationships and finding which ones are right for you. The other person is probably wondering the same thing. Don't worry... It's not you, it's them.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20)** Your health may be in jeopardy if you don't make adjustments. Sign up for a fitness class to fill your dark evenings. The lunar eclipse on the 28th brings a revelation to your resolution.

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Money – The root of all evil

*by Alyce Turner*

When I was growing up there was May Company Downtown. Only Downtown. We would go down for Christmas shopping and sightseeing on the square. My dad banked at Cleveland Trust, we took the Cleveland Press newspaper and he had Blue Cross/Blue Shield insurance. These were all "for sure's" in my life. But I blinked and they were all gone. Well, Blue Cross/Blue Shield is still hanging around.

Obamacare is going to bring us a ton of taxes, cost a ton of money and we probably won't get very much healthcare. I received an email with a video clip of Mark Levin's radio show. He was talking about Obamacare and received a call. The caller was a neurosurgeon and he had just come from a meeting with other doctors and the Govt. health people and was told....If someone over 70 yrs. old comes in with a bleed just make them comfortable. That sounds comforting unless you're over 70. I am. This doctor went on to explain all the years he spent in school to learn how to cure people with this kind of problem. He said he will not call the government and wait for a gaggle of Washington bureaucrats to decide if this person lives or dies. He will do what he is trained to do. Mark Levin asked him if this was the "death panels" that Sarah Palin talked about. And he said yes. This wonderful doctor will probably be arrested and put in prison if he does not "comply."

Now I find an article in the N-H 10-29-12 that states "Insurers nervous over prospect of Romney victory." I had to read it. Apparently the health insurer CEOs are all in a quandary. They hate parts of the healthcare law but they are worried because they stand to RAKE in billions in dollars from new customers under the law. They mentioned major outfits like United Health Group and Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Pricewaterhouse-Coopers study estimated the new markets would be worth \$50 billion to \$60 billion in premiums in 2014 and as much as \$230 billion annually within seven years. Somebody is getting rich.

Then there is AARP. The American Association for Retired People. This was another "for sure" that turned into the greatest American disaster. They "pretended" to help retired people and when the going looked good they jumped on the Obamacare wagon.

They too are set to make billions off the backs of retired people. For Shame!!

Things have a way of changing in life but most of this doesn't look like for the good We will be the pawns in this country for those in power and when we are out of cash...then what?

Alyce Turner has lived in Euclid for 66 yrs., gone all through school in Euclid and put 3 daughters through school in Euclid. She now has 6 grandchildren and is a very concerned citizen.

Polka Hall of Fame Awards

*by Nan Kennedy*

The Roman Catholic priest who popularized the Polka Mass, and two bandleaders, will be inducted into the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame at the annual awards ceremony on Saturday Nov 24. Father Frank Perkovich of Chisholm, MN, first celebrated the Polka Mass in 1973 and toured with his unique service combining favorite polka and waltz melodies with lyrics from the Liturgy. The Polka Mass is now a key event at nationality and church festivals in the U. S. and Canada. His Polka Mass recording has sold more than 100,000 copies. Accordionists Steve Meisner of Whitewater, WI, and Eddie Vallus of Youngstown, have played polka, made recordings and led bands since 1976 and 1950, respectively.

The ceremony takes place at 2pm, Saturday afternoon, November 24, at Euclid Auditorium, 711 E. 222nd Street. This year's program features an all-star salute for the Hall of Fame's silver anniversary, with Steve Meisner, Canada's Polka King Walter Ostanek, and Nashville's button-box sweetheart Lynn Marie Hrovat Rink. Annual polka awards will be given in categories including Musician of the Year, Band of the Year and Album of the Year. The Awards Show is the high point of the Polka Hall of Fame's annual Thanksgiving polka music marathon weekend with three days of dancing – Thursday-Saturday (Nov. 22-24) – at the Marriott Hotel on Public Square. Father Perkovich will celebrate the Polka Mass with Bishop Edward Pevec in the Marriott Ballroom on Sat. at 6pm.

The National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame and Museum is located at 605 E. 222nd St., Euclid, in the historic former Euclid City Hall. Hours are Tuesday-Friday, noon to 5pm, and Saturdays, 10am to 3pm. Admission is free. Polka recordings are available in the museum store.

Tickets for the Awards Show and the evening dances are \$15 each. For information, call (216) 261-FAME, toll-free (866) 66-POLKA, or order on the Polka Hall of Fame website, [www.polkafame.com](http://www.polkafame.com).

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324 East 195th Street  
List Price: \$120,000  
3 Bedroom/1.5 Bath  
Energy Star Appliances  
Fully Rehabbed



21700 Friday Ave.  
List Price: \$69,500  
3 Bedroom/1 Bath  
Energy Star Appliances  
Fully Rehabbed



21731 Maydale Ave.  
List Price: \$70,000  
3 Bedroom/1 Bath  
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23800 Colbourne Ave.  
List Price: \$60,000  
3 Bedroom/1 Bath  
Energy Star Appliances  
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2 Bedroom/1 Bath  
Energy Star Appliances  
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1471 East 221st Street  
List Price: \$69,000  
3 Bedroom/1 Bath  
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