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Creativity matters more than ever: Atlas Cinemas thrives despite challenging market

by Nicole Musgrave

There is very little in this world which cannot be accessed through creativity and hard work. Leveraging the creative process to find solutions to business challenges is essential for the long-term viability of small and mid-sized businesses.

Atlas Cinemas certainly proves that the creative process can be used to give your business a leg up on the competition.

In 1976, the first movie theatre in the Atlas family opened in Euclid, located at 22624 Lake Shore Boulevard.

Today, the theatre is truly a destination in the City with various upgrades and amenities including the premier digital 3D system in the industry. But the success of the theatre cannot be attributed to capital investment alone.

Now under the leadership of Gabriel Saluan, the theatre has remained a staple in Euclid at a time when household budgets are tight. This has been accomplished largely thanks to Gabriel Saluan's sweat equity (read: hard work) and creative problem solving.

So, what exactly is creative problem solving?

Strategic alliances, endorsements, revenue sharing arrangements, bartering and joint ventures are all creative problem solving strategies which can be used to help your business grow.

Owner Gabriel Saluan lives and breathes creative problem solving.

A local favorite, dinner and a movie, patrons can enjoy dinner at Beach Club Bistro and then go see a discounted movie thanks to the joint venture orchestrated by Saluan. In so doing, both Atlas and Beach Club Bistro are exposed to a larger market overall though shared access to one another's marketing resources and audience. He has similar arrangements with other restaurants for all of his theatres throughout the region.

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(Left to Right) Christopher Baxter, Director of Operations and Gabriel Saluan, Co-Owner of Atlas Cinemas at the Made in Cleveland premiere in Euclid. Photo: DiscoveryPhotoOnline

Hearty food and happiness found at third annual Ss. Robert & William International Family Festival

by Kristi Ward

1500 handmade pierogi and carefully prepared hot foods went fast as hungry festival-goers flocked to the third annual Ss. Robert and William International Family Festival right here in Euclid last month.

Warm summer breezes, freshly prepared foods, upbeat music, laughing children and a hard-working team of staff and volunteers all came together to raise money for the school and parish while ultimately strengthening our community through service.

"We are so thankful for the people who came to our festival and allowed us to serve them. It was our goal to provide a festival where people could come with their families and get a great summertime meal, play games, enjoy live bands, ride rides and maybe even win a prize," said Father John Betters, pastor at Ss. Robert and William Catholic Church. "The weather was perfect and people worked so hard. We couldn't have asked for a better turn-out."

From the opening Mass to honor the Assumption of Mary on Thursday, to the wide variety of foods offered, to the energy of the crowd and live bands, to the drawing of the winning tickets on Sunday, two things became evident: the food was a hit and the SRW International Family Festival was becoming a serious contender in the "Who's Who" of area festivals.

And who doesn't get a good feeling hearing live Motown hits after a long work week amongst the company of good friends? That was the overall feeling on Friday as prize wheels spun and children laughed while winning prizes and riding rides. These joyful sounds echoed throughout the festival as people carried trays of homemade pierogi, steamed clams, mussels, barbequed chicken, ribs, french fries and cold beverages to tables and the new Bier Garten to first listen to the Polka Pirates, and then Motown sounds from the band Cruisin'.



SRW Teacher Mrs. Diane Radachy enjoys ice cream with her four daughters at the International Family Festival.



The rock climbing wall was a huge hit at the Festival!

Saturday night's crowd comfortably swelled to fill the SRW parish grounds. People of different walks of life enjoyed games, rides and more delicious food as the sounds of Euclid's hometown band Rock File cranked out hit after hit to a crowd of happy dancers. Revved up children waited in line to try laser tag, debating who would win each battle. Children shimmied up the rock



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cantini enjoyed their meal at the Festival's new BierGarten, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

climbing wall, youngsters beamed as they rode on ponies and won prizes in the children's game area, while parents munched on freshly popped kettle corn, ice cream and lemon shake-ups.

Sunday had a different vibe, being the only day the festival was open during the afternoon hours. The Don Wojtila Orchestra's strong and polished polka style uplifted the crowd, first at the 11 a.m. Polka Mass, and then throughout the afternoon as vintage cars from days gone by rolled into the SRW parking lot for the festival's first Car Cruise In.

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Cuyahoga Landbank Launches Advantage Plus Loan Program

by Ian Ahern

The Advantage Plus Loan Program, like the Owner Occupant Buyer Advantage Program (OOBAP) is geared specifically toward prospective owner-occupiers – people who want to rehabilitate a property in order to make it their home.

While anyone can put in an offer on a property in the Cuyahoga Land Bank's inventory, many properties need extensive work, which requires the purchaser to have either renovation expertise or the ability to pay contractors to make the necessary repairs. Generally, the properties that the Cuyahoga Land Bank places into the OOBAP program, on the other hand, are selected because they require a moderate investment and much of the work needed can be undertaken by someone who is handy. These properties are typically in better condition than others in the Land Bank's inventory and a buyer may obtain more equity from the onset.

Working with OOBAP since it was launched in August 2012, the Cuyahoga Land Bank has realized that even with the preferences set up for potential owner-occupant buyers through

OOBAP, there are still financial barriers that make purchasing a home to renovate difficult for some buyers.

Currently, OOBAP articipants are required to provide proof of funds to cover the acquisition, renovation costs, and a 10% renovation cost reserve of the property they purchase; the Advantage Plus Loan Program helps address this financial challenge.

In addition, the City of Euclid will waive all permitting and inspection fees related to property renovations done through the Advantage Plus Loan Program, although a buyer will have to pass all applicable city inspections.

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From the desk of Mayor Cervenik

by Mayor Bill Cervenik

Well, the summer of 2013 is winding down. The children are back at school, the pools are closed, and the days are getting shorter. The leaves will be changing our trees into colorful pieces of art, and the temperatures will continue to fall. But summer sure did go out with a bang.

On August 30th, the Critical Mass bicycling group visited the City of Euclid in grand fashion. Traveling from downtown Cleveland, approximately 750 bicyclists pedaled in mass to the Shore Cultural Centre, where they dismounted and enjoyed some cold beverages and good food. It was a an unforgettable sight to see them being safely escorted down Lakeshore Boulevard by the Euclid Police Department, as they waved to bystanders and shouted their motto, "Happy Friday."

It was a great opportunity to showcase Euclid to many people that have never been here before. From their comments, they were very impressed.

Saturday afternoon, the Cleveland AFL-CIO held their First Annual Labor Day Picnic at Memorial Park, complete with good food, beverages, family activities and music. It is the Organization's intention to hold this picnic in Euclid for years to come. Over one thousand people attended and they expect the event to grow in the years to come. It is open to the public, and we should all mark our calendars for next year.

The summer of 2013 was filled with family, fun and recreation, including a new Dog Park, Basketball Courts and Splash Park. These new additions complement the many facilities, activities and parks that make summer in Euclid lots of fun. We are always sorry to see it go, but we know that summer will return again next year. We will be welcoming in the autumn season on October 3rd with the dedication of the new fishing pier at Sims Park. The gathering will begin at around 3:00PM and all are invited and encouraged to attend.

As always, God Bless and remember to be thankful for what has been given us.

FROM THE PUBLISHER: We do not have reporters

by John Copic

My neighbor called me last week and told me I had to assign a reporter to cover a story for the Euclid Observer. This made me realize that there are still people in the neighborhood that do not know how our paper works.

All the stories that are in the Observer are written by people in the neighborhood. We do not have reporters. We are blessed with concerned citizens who research, write, and submit the stories to our website.

As our paper enters its fourth year, we are still lucky to get new writers every month. It is easy and fun to submit a story. I hope that sometime soon you will submit a story. It can be about anything. It does not even have to be a story. You can submit drawings or photos. This is your paper.

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More famously, Atlas Cinemas is known for its strategic alliance with the Ohio Independent Film Festival. This summer, thousands of people, including local celebrities, streamed into Euclid for the Grand Opening of "Made in Cleveland." The show was a complete sell-out and a total success for the theatre and for the Ohio Independent Film Organization.

What is the take-away? When time

is short and money is tight, there are a plethora of resources available to business owners to ensure success. Negotiation, bartering and partnerships between your business or organization and other entities can help to make the most of those resources which are available.

Atlas Cinemas' creative use of resources has not only helped his cinema to thrive but has also helped Euclid be a better place to call home.



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Straight talk about enrolling in the Health Insurance Marketplace

by Congresswoman Marcia L. Fudge

Beginning in 2014, millions of Americans will have access to affordable, quality health insurance through the Affordable Care Act. They will be able to compare health plans through the Health Insurance Marketplace created by the health reform law. Consumers will find various plan options available in their state in simple, easy-to-understand language. Individuals will be able to enroll beginning on October 1 of this year. (If you obtain insurance through an employer or a government program such as Medicare or Medicaid, you do not need to enroll through the health exchange.)

I know that many of my constituents have questions about the enrollment process, the types and cost of coverage that will be available and many other aspects of this phase-in of the health reform law, more commonly known as Obamacare. It's unfortunate however, that critics of Obamacare have gone out of their way to spread misleading information, use fuzzy math or omit important details to create fear and confusion. That's a disservice to the people I represent. My goal is to help ensure that our hardworking families and individuals have accurate information and know where to find it.

An example of misleading information can be found in the recent news release issued by the Ohio Department of Insurance. It announced that average premiums in Ohio will increase 41% next year as a result of the Affordable Care Act. That's technically true but in practical terms, meaningless. Consumers will not pay an average based on all levels of plans available. It's like averaging the price of a budget compact car with a high end luxury SUV. If you're in the market for a low cost car, you're not paying anywhere near the "average." In the Health Marketplace, consumers

will have an option to purchase insurance in four different levels to best meet their needs and budget. They may opt for lower monthly premiums (with higher deductibles) or pay more per month but face smaller out-of-pocket costs if a major medical expense does occur. A number of states that have worked hard to implement the law smoothly are reporting premiums will cost less in 2014 than what is currently available. In New York, not only will new insurers be entering the market to offer plans to consumers, the cost for even the most comprehensive plans will be down by over 50% according to the state. In Nevada, a young person can buy a catastrophic plan for less than \$100.

It's also important to note that Ohio permitted insurers to sell bare bones policies that had glaring loopholes in coverage. They may have lacked maternity coverage, were available only to men (until Obamacare, health insurers were free to charge women more) or were not available to someone with a pre-existing condition. In 2013, all plans must offer a more comprehensive suite of benefits, preventive care services and include prescription drug coverage.

The Ohio Department of Insurance also glossed over the fact that more than 80% to 90% of Americans eligible to purchase insurance on the Health Marketplace will qualify for tax credits which will make the cost of coverage even more affordable. These tax credits, or subsidies, will lower the cost for an estimated 915,000 Ohioans in 2014. They will be available on a sliding scale based on income and family size, up to 400% of the federal poverty line (which is approximately \$45,000 per year for an individual and \$94,000 for a family of four). Now doesn't that seem worth mentioning?

In many cases, consumers will be able to choose their doctor or keep one they like. That ability may depend on the level of plan they purchase. In some existing health plans, freedom of choice is already limited depending on which physicians are in a plan's provider network. It simply isn't true that Obamacare automatically removes that ability to choose a physician in every case.

If you would like more information on the Health Insurance Marketplace, I encourage you to contact the official U.S. Department of Health and Human Services website, Healthcare.gov. Consumers will be able to enroll directly through that website or by phone. The toll-free hotline number is 1 (800) 318-2596. Please keep in mind that they are set up to provide information at this time but the ability to enroll will not begin until October 1.

Constituents in the 11th Congressional District are also welcome to call my district offices with any questions about the Marketplace or any other aspect of the health care law's implementation; Cuyahoga County District Office: (216) 522-4900, Summit County District Office: (330) 835-4758.

Congresswoman Marcia L. Fudge represents the Eleventh Congressional District of Ohio, a diverse district that encompasses 32 communities in Northeast Ohio from Cleveland to Akron. Elected to a third full term in 2012, she currently serves on the Agriculture and the Education and the Workforce Committees in the U.S. House of Representatives.



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Around Euclid

The benefits of the performing arts

by Diane Winfree

If you are a parent and your child is interested in performing arts, then there is every reason to help them succeed in this area. The arts, while important to study for their intrinsic value, also promote skills seen as important for overall success in life. During my years of involvement in the Performing Arts, I have discovered that the participation of a child in various performing arts can help greatly in the development of at least 10 key areas; Creativity, Confidence, Problem-Solving, Perseverance, Focus, Non-verbal communication, Receiving Constructive Feedback, Collaboration, Dedication and Accountability

In an arts program, children learn to "think creatively." For instance, by being asked to create a painting that represents a memory, or compose a new rhythm or note pattern to a piece of music. If children have practice thinking creatively, it will come naturally to them now and in their future.

Children become more confident through the practice of stepping out of their comfort zone through theater presentations, music and dance recitals and art gallery exhibits before an audience.

All artistic creations are born through the solving of problems. How do I turn this clay into a sculpture? How do I portray a particular emotion through dance or a piece of music? How will my character react in this situation? Without even realizing it children that participate in the arts are consistently being challenged to solve problems. All this practice in problem-solving develops skills in reasoning and understanding. These skills are an asset in any career.

When a child approaches a piano for the first time, he/she knows that playing Beethoven right away is not an option; however, when that child learns the skills and techniques, practices and doesn't give up, that Beethoven piece is that much closer. In an increasingly competitive world, where people are being asked to continually develop new skills, perseverance is essential to achieving success.

The ability to focus is a key skill developed through working in groups. Keeping a balance between listening and contributing involves a great deal of concentration and focus. It requires each participant to not only think about their part, but how their part contributes to the big picture of what is being created. Participation in the arts definitely improves children's abilities to concentrate and focus in other aspects of their lives.

Children learn through instruction and coaching in performance skills how to effectively communicate to an audience.

Receiving constructive feedback about a performance or visual art piece is a regular part of any arts instruction. Children learn that feedback is part of learning and it is not something to be offended by or to be taken personally. It is something helpful. The goal is the improvement of skills and evaluation is

incorporated at every step of the process. Each arts discipline has built in parameters to ensure that critique is a valuable experience and greatly contributes to the success of the final piece.

Most arts disciplines are collaborative in nature. Through the arts, children practice working together, sharing responsibility, and compromising with others to accomplish a common goal. When a child has a part to play in a music ensemble, or a theater or dance production, they begin to understand that their contribution is necessary for the success of the group. Through these experiences children gain confidence and start to learn that their contributions have value even if they don't have the biggest role.

When children get to practice following through with artistic endeavors that result in a finished product or performance, they learn to associate dedication with a feeling of accomplishment. They practice developing healthy work habits of being on time for rehearsals and performances, respecting the contributions of others, and putting effort into the success of the final piece. In the performing arts, the reward for dedication is the warm feeling of an audience's applause that comes rushing over you, making all your efforts worthwhile.

And finally, when children practice creating something collaboratively they get used to the idea of accountability and that their actions affect other people. They learn that when they are not prepared or on-time, that other people suffer. Through the arts, children also learn that it is important to admit that you made a mistake and take responsibility for it. Because mistakes are a regular part of the process of learning in the arts, children begin to see that mistakes happen. We acknowledge them, learn from them and move on.

At Artistic By Design Center, Inc., our mission is to provide an environment for artisans to develop, expand and express their creativity under the guidance and mentorship of skilled instructors and artists. We look forward to working with your children in helping them develop not only their creativity through the arts programs we provide but to also gain great life skills as well.

Artistic By Design Center, Inc. is a non-profit performing and visual arts center located at 438 Euclid Square Mall. It provides individual and group instruction in music and coaching in several other artistic disciplines. Through a monthly Open Mic program, visual galleries, craft shows and other arts related programs, local artisans are able to share their creativity with the community. Please contact us

Diane Winfree is the Founder and Executive Director of Artistic By Design Center, Inc., Their mission is to provide an environment for artisans to develop, expand and express their creativity under the guidance and mentorship of skilled instructors and artists.



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Fall 2013 Program Lineup Full Of Fun New Classes, Talented Local Instructors

Shore's Fall programs are finally here Art". Don't miss out. and among them are exciting, educational, creative, and healthy new opportunities. Go online to shoreculturalcentre.com/programs, or stop by our office to pick up a copy of the catalog. Fall programs run through the month of November. Here our a few of our special offerings:

New Intro to **Cartooning Class** Euclid's own Josh Usmani (right) brings his talents to Shore to offer a unique new program

in cartooning. Students ages 10 and up Artist Tom Evert will learn about character development, narrative storytelling, and different drawing techniques. By the end of the 6 weeks, regularly attending students will have completed a comic strip, comic book or series of "Pop

of the fun!

Nationally acclaimed

Bounce Around Is Back! Instructor Michelle McDonnell of Bounce Around Dance returns to offer your chance to learn from the best. Open Level Tap for teens and adults and Ballet for ages 8 and up. Our limited schedule for Bounce Around is temporary, but we are lucky to still offer these two programs! Bounce Around classes have been a favorite at Shore for a long time. Come be a part

Dance with Tom

(right) returns to Shore this Fall to offer three brand new dance classes. 'Creative Movement & Dance Training' will be taught in two

sections for ages 5-8 and 9-12, 'Teen

Modern Dance Technique and Repertory' will be offered to ages 13-18, and adults can sign up for 'The Art of Movement: Adult Dance'. This is

Pottery Open Studio

Shore's pottery programming is expanding, offering open studio nights on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-9pm. Work on a project of your choice with expert instructors Eileen Sheehan and Jayson Hayes at your side for guidance. All skill levels are

Zentangle Comes to Shore Zentangle is an easyco-learn method of creating beautiful art from structured patterns. It's fun, mes-

merizing, relaxing, and its coming to

Fall Registration Day Open House Saturday September 7,

1:00—4:00pm

Save the date for our Fall Registration Day Open House on Saturday, September 7 from 1:00-4:00pm. Not only can you register in person for all our great fall classes and workshops, you can also check out some of the fun things happening here at Shore. Bring the family and make it a fun afternoon exploring Shore!

Shore in October! Anyone, at any age can learn this simple method. Instructor Launie McDevitt (left) will offer Zentangle 101 and 201 this Fall. Go to Zentangle.com to learn more about this cool process.

All class dates, times, as well as online registration, is available at shoreculturalcentre.com/programs. For all other questions, give us a call at (216) 289-8578.

Silhouette Productions Will Perform 'Guys And Dolls' At Shore In November

Silhoutte Productions and Shore Cultural Centre will present the classic musical favorite 'Guys and Dolls' for six performances in mid-November.

Director Ian Atwood, Musical Director David Coxe, and Choreographer Tara Mirabile will be running the show that is being dedicated to the memory of Charles Abraham. Performances will be on Friday and Saturday evenings, November 15, 16, 22 and

23, and on Sunday afternoons, November 17 and 24. Advance tickets are on sale at Shore Cultural Centre or online at shoreculturalcentre.com/ guysanddolls.

Open auditions will be held at Shore on Monday and Tuesday, September 23rd and 24th, from 7:00—9:00pm, with call backs the following Thursday at 7:00pm.

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Call Shore today at (216) 289-8578 to start planning your next great event. Our event rooms are spacious, convenient, and are available for low hourly rates.



'Pinwheels For Peace' In honor of International Peace Day. 'Pinwheels for Peace' event at the

Celebrate Internation-

Shore will be holding a special Euclid Farmers' Market on Friday, September 20th, from 4-6pm!

Come make a custom pinwheel and participate in the creation of a large peace-themed sand mandala. There will also be yoga in the park. Participants are encouraged to bring a can of food to donate to the Hunger Center and will also be able to purchase organic and locally grown foods at the Euclid Farmers' Market. We hope to see you there. Peace!

The Euclid Farmers' Market is held on Shore's front yard every Friday from 3:00—7:00pm.

Stop by this Friday and browse our array of fresh, local produce, herbs, spices, teas, honeys, pies, and much more.



Shore Cultural Centre offers an array of arts and educational programming in the heart of downtown Euclid

Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School

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Student leaders prepare for new year

Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School held its third annual Student Leadership Luncheon, Liturgy and Commissioning Service on August 16 for student leaders who are members of real sense, the Holy Spirit. Ambassadors, LIFE, National Honor Society, Peer Ministry and Student Council.

"It is important for us to acknowledge and thank those students who have stepped forward to provide servant leadership to our student body and school," says VASJ Campus Minister Jill Latkovich. "It is a way in which we can demonstrate to them and to the community that we value and appreciate who they are and the many ways in which they contribute to the school community.'

This year's theme was "Vine and Branches: Gifts of Holy Spirit," based on John: 15. The theme was reflected in the readings during the Liturgy.

"We are the branches and Jesus is the vine," says Latkovich. "This year, the special challenge for all of us is grafting the 150 new students onto our branch. We believe and trust that with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the vine will grow even stronger."

The student leaders were charged with incorporating the Holy Spirit into their daily lives at VASJ.

"Every school talks about its school spirit," said VASJ President

Richard Osborne '69 in his address to the students "But I think the theme of today's program sets us apart. Because at VASJ, our school spirit is, in a very

"We recognize that along with the blessings of attending school here comes a responsibility to one another that members of a family feel. And you, as the leaders of the school, have a special blessing and a special responsibility to keep that spirit alive."

After lunch, the student leaders celebrated Mass with VASJ Chaplain Fr. Jim Bartlett, SM. The day concluded with a commissioning ceremony where students received pins in recognition of their service. The students were commended for taking on the honor and responsibility that comes with being a leader at VASJ.

"Anyone can choose to be a student leader," says Latkovich. "But the question is, are they willing? The students who were at the event have demonstrated a willingness and commitment to lead."

VASJ is fortunate to have such a wonderful group of students with a strong understanding of what it takes to be leaders in the school. This was evident during the student ambassadors' assistance with the freshman and transfer student orientation held just days before.



Marquise Ferrell '15 receives his pin by religion teacher Bill Raddell '68 during the commissioning ceremony at. VASJ Chaplain Jim Bartlett, SM, looks on.

Senior Kortni Spates was one of the ambassadors who helped facilitate orientation and positively demonstrated to the new students what it means to walk and talk like a Viking.

"As seniors, we have to be the best role models and Vikings to the underclassmen that we can be," says Spates, who is also a member of the National Honor Society and a scholar

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The new school year is off to a great start and with such an outstanding group of student leaders steering the Viking ship. The positive momentum is sure to continue throughout the year.

Bishop Richard Lennon with VASJ students Adam Keyse '15, Jack Gallagher '15, Valerie Koch '15, Carlie Beard '16, Jeff Grudzinski '15 and Melanie Duffy '15.

Students invited by Bishop to serve as greeters at event

A group of VASJ Student Ambassadors were invited to serve as greeters at the 23rd Annual Bishop's Golf Classic at Westwood Country Club

in Rocky River on Monday, August 26. The students spent the afternoon thanking everyone for participating in

believing in Catholic education.

Bishop Richard Lennon enjoyed his time conversing with the VASJ students and was appreciative of the important role they played as representatives of Diocescan high school students.

VASJ Director of Athletics Nathan Zavorek participated in the golf outing

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VASJ senior is a winner at **Buckeye Boys State program**

Senior Connor Gail represented Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School at this year's Buckeye Boys State program held in June. The eight-day mock government camp, held annually at Bowling Green State University, hosts 1,200 young men from the state of Ohio and teaches them about city, county and state government. It also provides participants an opportunity to experience dorm and college-life.

VASJ's Student Council moderator and math teacher Gary Minadeo '74 approached Gail about the opportunity. "Connor is going to be an Eagle Scout, is spiritually grounded, a scholar athlete and a patriot," says Minadeo, who for the last 14 years has chaired the selection committee at the Brewer-Tarasco American Legion Post 7 in Wickliffe. "I knew he would represent VASJ well."

Gail submitted his application and interviewed with the Legionnaires at Euclid American Legion Post 343 and was selected to attend. For Gail, it was a once-in-a-lifetime experience that he will never forget.

During the Buckeye Boys State Program, participants are divided into different cities and counties in which they are educated about Ohio's election process including caucus, petition/candidacy, campaigning, party



Connor Gail '14 (second from left) poses with friends made at Buckeye Boys State, a mock-government camp held annually at Bowling Green State University

convention, debate and voting. "I think we had 40 kids in my

city. Favreau, named after Judge Dan Favreau," Gail says.

As a student leader at VASJ – serving as Student Council Secretary and as a member of the National Honor Society, Ambassadors and Peer Ministry – it is no surprise that Gail wanted to hold a leadership role at Buckeye Boys State, too. He ran for mayor of his city and won.

"It seemed powerful and I wanted to be a leader," Gail says. "I learned a lot more about the entire election system – what it takes to run, what it takes to get elected and how the parties and elections work," he says. "And I signed a lot of papers."

Even before attending Buckeve Boys State, Gail was no stranger to government life. "My mom is (Euclid) City Council President so I've always been around it," he says. "But I definitely learned a lot more about it." Learning about leadership

and government wasn't the only reason Minadeo thought it would be beneficial for Gail to attend. "Connor is seeking appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy, a highly competitive desire, so it was good for him to get together with boys who will be his competition," Minadeo says.

Although Gail was the only boy representing VASJ at this year's event, he would like to see that change in the future. "I want to get a fund going so we can send a few guys from our school each year to do this," Gail says. "I think any kid should have the opportunity to go there."

From the moment he heard about it, Gail knew Buckeye Boys State was something he wanted to do. He's glad he followed through.

"I had a great time and learned so much," Gail says. "It's a great way to meet people from all over the state and create new friendships that will last forever. It was completely worthwhile."

Viking **Views**



by Richard Osborne

What a summer! In the midst of recurring heat waves, our outstanding property-management staff, led by Marty Neary '95, spent the summer months preparing the Viking Village to handle the hustle and bustle of another

Passersby at East 185th Street and Lakeshore Boulevard are remarking about the bright new roof on our school gym. Not only is the roof an infrastructure improvement, it's also a cosmetic enhancement that gives us more "curb appeal." Along with our new parking entrance wall, compliments of the Oarsmen organization and the Class of '82, it is another way to tell the world – or at least the neighborhood – that VASJ just keeps getting better and better.

Inside, our maintenance crew covered itself in glory – and the firstfloor walls in a new color scheme. Stop by and visit; you will like what you'll see. We're also putting the finishing touches on renovations of the first-floor

These and other "clean-up, fix-up" improvements too numerous to mention are all part of keeping the VASJ environment as bright and positive as the students we serve. We are, by the way, serving more students than we have in years. Besides new freshmen, we greeted more than 30 transfer students who have come to us from a variety of other area schools.

In a special way, we want to welcome our many transfer students from St. Peter Chanel High School in Bedford. We've always felt a strong kinship with our friends at Chanel, which sadly closed this past June. We are proud to be the new home for many of them, and we already are enjoying the Firebird spirit they add to our Viking traditions.

And in an extra-special way, we welcome back Sr. Maria Berlec, OSU, former president and principal of Chanel. Not only is Sister Maria a "VA paramount," he says. "Sports can shape girl," class of 1967, she is also one of our former principals. How blessed we are that she has come home as a member of our faculty.

> Sister Maria, who is teaching both math and Spanish this year, is among several new teachers we've added in order to maintain the level of personal attention we provide for our students, preserving the family feeling that is so much a part of VASJ – one of the reasons 100 percent of our graduates enrolled in college again this year.

Richard Osborne '69 is president of Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School

Alum returns to VASJ as Athletic Director



Nate Zavorek '94 has returned to VASJ

Nearly two decades after graduating from VASJ, Nate Zavorek '94 has returned to the Viking Village as the school's Athletic Director.

Zavorek replaces longtime Athletic Director Nancy (Slominski) Naujoks '68 who has transitioned into the role of the school's Dean of Student Life, allowing her to have more interaction with the students.

With two bachelor's degrees – in business administration and economics – from the University of Pittsburgh and a master's degree in business administration from Cleveland State University, Zavorek brings with him a strong understanding of business and

Zavorek has supported the school in many capacities since his graduation, including his role providing operational support to the 2013 Division IV State Championship boys basketball team – an opportunity that has allowed him to witness the powerful impact sports can have on student-athletes.

"The idea of having a positive influence on the students is a person's future in more ways than just the athletic scope."

One of his top priorities in his new role is consistency: In the classroom, with facilities, nice uniforms on all teams and proper etiquette from the athletes and fans. "Athletic teams are a very visible

extension of our school and it is my goal for the perception to the general public to be when the Red and Blue come marching through, people will say, 'What a class act those Vikings are, but we fear playing them.'

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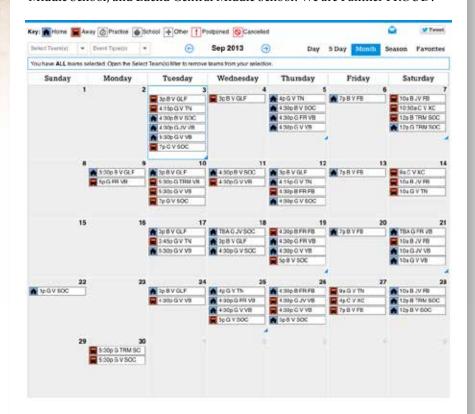
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High "5" for **EHS AP Students**

September 2013

The following students scored a "5" (highest possible score) on the indicated AP Exam at the end of last year:

Rayshaun Bennett (US Gov't) Aaron Hoch (US Gov't) Emma Larive (US Gov't) Samantha Lisy (US Gov't, Calculus AB)

Congratulations also to Susan Withers (Gov't) and **Denise Palermo** (Calculus), the teachers who structured their preparation and course work. We are Panther Proud!

Sports Hall of Fame 2013 Inductees

The Annual Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony/ Banquet will be held on September 19 at Tizzano's Party Center, 1361 East 260th Street. Doors open at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. and the ceremony begins promptly at 8 p.m.

This year's inductees are:

Don Shisila Class of '68 **Rod Sullivan** Class of '69 **Ellen Buck McKernick** Class of '80 **Eric Goulde** Class of '81 **Clayton Cunningham** Class of '96 **Delvona Oliver** Class of '99 **Tony Basalla** Class of '01

Tickets are still available: Adults \$30.00 Children under 12 \$15.00

Contact Joe Mayer, Euclid School Alumni Association (216) 797-7895 or jmayer@euclidschools.org



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While you are checking your Facebook, check out all eight of the Euclid City Schools' Facebook Pages. Each building has their very own page, so that we can show you all the growing, learning, and exciting events that happen in our buildings everyday. Whether it is the 5th grade Chocolate Emporium, the 3rd grade Living Wax Museum, or the Dancing Classrooms Grand Performance, you can keep up and share pictures and videos with family and friends. Arbor, Bluestone, Chardon Hills, Shoreview, Central, Forest Park, EHS, and the Early Learning Center are all waiting for your "like!" Simply type in the school name "Arbor Elementary School" and look for the big yellow block letter "E" with the blue background.

If you happen to be tweeting about the weather or the terrible traffic you just ran into on the highway, take a minute to check out Euclid City Schools' twitter feed @euclidschools. Follow us for honors, schedule changes, and lots of other information in 140 characters or less. Sometimes you can even find a tiny URL that will link you to our YouTube page! Head on over to www.youtube.com/euclidEDtv to watch board meetings and special projects like our "We Believe" video made for our awesome Sophomores

as they faced Ohio Graduation Testing. Come August, a visit to www.euclidschools.org will look distinctly different from what visitors are used to seeing. After eight months of renovation, a brand new, user-friendly website will be unveiled. The goal of the upgrade was to make the site

easily navigable, make resources accessible for students and parents, and advance our technological capabilities inside and outside of the classroom.

With all of the different ways we have expanded our virtual presence, we are also expanding technology in the classroom. Giving our students a competitive edge with 21st century skills is our priority, as well as preparing them for state testing that will be done online starting in 2015. Textbooks are now available online for math, social studies, and science, which means that we need to have the proper tools for students to access the most up-to-date curriculum. Hardbound textbooks cost the district a significant amount of money, while online textbooks provide the most current curriculum while utilizing district resources in the most cost efficient way.

"Flipping the classroom," is a term you may hear in the halls of Euclid High School. Moreover, it means that teachers will be providing educational videos, learning forums, scholarly journals, and assessments online to encourage more student interaction. The goal is for students to work independently and creatively to help prepare them for nextgeneration assessments, college and the workforce. After much research on how to accomplish this goal in the most costeffective and productive way, the single best option quickly revealed itself.

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Freshmen painted hands on the walls of EHS!

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HEARTY continued from Front Page

The City of Euclid's fire truck, police car and ambulance, parked alongside the old-fashioned cars, gave people an opportunity to peek inside the vehicles and talk to Euclid's emergency management professionals.

The former pastor of St. Roberts, Father McNeil, took the stage for his laid-back country music hour while Phil'n the Blanks rocked the Sunday afternoon crowd who anxiously awaited the winning raffle ticket drawing.

The SRW Seniors sold everything they lovingly baked and by Sunday evening, the festival food crew, who had been hustling all weekend, realized some of the popular foods they had so carefully prepared were eventually running out – a good problem to have at the closing of a festival!

Chris Cooper, Jr.

thankful for the weather, crowds and overall success of this year's event. A wrap-up meeting is planned for September to review what went well and what needs attention for next year's festival.



Former Euclid teens enjoy Friday night fun at the Festival!

The "Tip of the Iceberg" at Our Lady of the Lake

by Sebastian Haase, Erin Osborne and Ćlaire Roland

A fun thing our school does to wrap up the summer is the Ice Cream Social sponsored by our PTO. We opened our school year with a Magazine Drive. Our final day to turn in magazine drive orders is September 13, 2013. It is not too late to order from a school student.

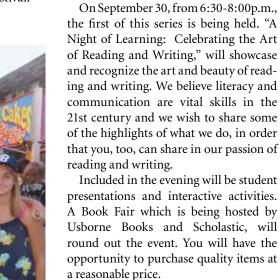
We have an awesome Beginner's Band and Advanced Band. We often have concerts throughout the year.

On September 19 we will begin a special after-school program called Young Rembrandts. It is an opportunity to from them in the future.

As the winners of the many gift baskets, technology prizes and main cash prizes were announced, a crowd gath-

ered to hear whose name would be called. The festival raffle winners were Barb Cvelbar, Helen Prawdzik and

Festival planners ended the weekend



Other "Nights of Learning," are scheduled as follows: A "Night of Learning: Social Studies & Cultures," November 25, "A Night of Learning: S.T.E.M.," March 24, 2014, and the last session will be held on May 14, 2014 and will feature, "A Night of Learning: Fine Arts."

The new school year has begun at

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vibrant and the faculty, students, and

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the creativity and learning that is tak-

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has scheduled four "Nights of Learning"

throughout the school year. They are free

very successful school year.

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Ss. Robert and William Catholic School is located at 351 East 260th St., Euclid. Please call (216) 731-3060, for additional details.

Maureen Frydl assisted with this article.



Ss. Robert and William Catholic School

SRW students show their love of learning



SRW kindergarten teacher Mrs. Long, reading to

options. We are lucky to have such a strong and supportive parent organization. This is just the "tip of the iceberg" as we begin our school year at Our Lady of

Sebastian Haase, Erin Osborne, Claire Roland, are 8th grade Our Lady of the Lake students who gathered at lunch to put together school news. Look for more

explore art beyond our classroom cur-

riculum. It is an hour-long 6 week

program to develop drawing and artis-

We are already looking forward to our

S.T.E.M. week. S=Science; T=Technology;

E=Engineering; M=Math. During

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A Fine Pairing: The Cabin Restaurant and The Euclid Culinary Bistro

by Ellen Ivory

The Cabin Restaurant, located at 28810 Lakeshore Blvd., Willowick has been a legacy and an icon in this area since 1933. It was at that time, Andy Anderson, an unemployed tile setter saw this old cabin deep in the woods off Lake Shore and fell in love with it.

After much elbow-grease, determination, and a vision to preserve this old hunting lodge, Andy began welcoming guests and serving dinners and beers. This tradition still holds true today.

Owners, Barbara and Marty Belich, and their staff see to it that the hospitality that was extended over 80 years ago, still exists today. Leading the pack is their energetic manager, Terri Sellers.

"We are honored that "The Cabin" is considered a gathering place by many of our neighbors. We offer a unique dining experience and fine, casual dining," states Sellers. She adds, "Guests love holding their special occasion events here, such as bridal and baby showers and holiday parties. As the weather permits, we have access to a lovely patio and we host special events, such as wine and beer tastings. Weekends are especially bustling when area musicians and other entertainment take the stage."

Sellers works diligently to partner and welcome members of the business community, as well. This past month, The Cabin collected back-to-school supplies for the students of Ss. Robert & William Catholic School.



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Terri Sellers, Manager of The Cabin, gracing their

Currently, they are partnering with the chef and students of The Euclid Culinary Bistro as a part of their education. Chef Dan Esquivez, who oversees the Bistro program, also acts as head chef of The Cabin. Esquivez has been cooking for 25 years and felt it was time to give back to the students. "This opportunity has given the youth of the community real world experience, along with receiving school credits. Many of them hope to further their culinary education at the college level," he states.

The Cabin is gearing up for their weekly clambakes and fall menu where they always use only the freshest ingredients.

The unique setting combined with exceptional staff and home-style meals are the very reasons guests frequently visit this rustic landmark. Your patronage will see to it that The Cabin will still be around for another 80 years.

Medicare Updates

by Joan Holmes

New to Medicare? Have questions about signing up for Medicare? Concerned about the changes coming to your Medicare coverage?

Please come to the next meeting of the Euclid Diabetes Support Group on Monday, September 16th at 6:45 p.m. at the Euclid Public Library. There a knowledgeable speaker from the Dia-

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