



COMMUNITY

Euclid Alumni


PAGE 6



COMMUNITY

Euclid Rec

PAGE 12



ENTERTAINMENT

Movie reviews

PAGE 30

EUCLID

OBSERVER

FREE TO READ!

FREE TO WRITE!

Submit your story
online by
February 25th at
EuclidObserver.com

Proud Member of the Observer Media Family of Community-Owned and Written Newspapers & Websites

A True Celebration!



By Brian Moore

For the past 7 years, Faith in the City has celebrated Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on the Sunday before MLK Day. More times than not, it seems there is a snowstorm. Sunday, January 19 was not different.

As inclement as the weather was, it did not stop the speakers, choir or attendees from celebrating Dr.

Martin Luther King, Jr., recognizing the important work he accomplished and owning the fact that there is still more work to be done.

Lake Shore Christian Church has hosted this celebration for the past 7 years. The celebration this year started with Fr. Joseph Fortuna from Our Lady of the Lake Parish speaking about where we’ve been. Fr. Joe shared his experiences of witnessing discrimination and bigotry as a child and young adult.

(continued on page 5)

The Census, Ten Facts We Bet You Didn’t Know

by Emily Holody

It is that time again. Time for what? It is time to be counted!

As a part of the US Constitution: Article 1, Section 2, it is mandated that the country conducts a count of its population once every ten years. The 2020 Census will mark the twenty-fourth time that the country has counted its population since 1790.

Many of us know that fun fact about the US Census, however, there is a lot of information floating around that you might not know. Let’s take a few moments and focus on ten facts. Make sure you read all the way to number ten, it is the MOST important.

1. In January 2020 the U.S. Census Bureau officially started their counting with the population in the rural Alaskan village of Toksook Bay. From March

12th - 20th, 2020: Households will begin receiving official Census Bureau mail with detailed information on how to respond to the 2020 Census online, by phone, or by mail. Watch for yours then. Find out more about this fun fact at <https://2020census.gov/en/what-is-2020-census.html>.

2. March 30, 2020 - April 1, 2020: The Census Bureau will count people who are experiencing homelessness over these three days. As part of this process, the Census Bureau will count people in shelters, soup kitchens, mobile food vans, on the streets, and at non-sheltered, outdoor locations such as tent encampments. It is very important to have as many people counted as possible, Find out more about this fact visit <https://2020census.gov/en/partners/outreach-materials.html>

3. April 1, 2020: is National Census Day. By this date, every home will have received an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. Once the invitation arrives, you can respond in one of three ways: online, by phone, or by mail. When you respond to the census, you’ll tell the Census Bureau where you live as of April 1, 2020. Visit the Census website listed in fact number one to receive more information about this.

4. All through April 2020 Census takers will begin visiting and counting college students who live on campus, people living in senior centers, and others who live among large groups of people. The Census identifies these individuals as residing in group quarters and asks that you NOT



Mayor Kirsten Holzheimer Gail (right) and Audrey Wynee (left) Partnership Specialist with the U.S. Census Bureau at the grand opening of the Cleveland, Ohio Census office.

(continued on page 5)

ALDI and Pulp Have Big Plans for Downtown Euclid



A conceptual rendering shows the proposed building renovations for a new Pulp Juice and Smoothie Bar at 22578 Lakeshore Boulevard.

by Jonathan Holody

More growth is coming to downtown Euclid this year as plans have been set for a major renovation of the ALDI Grocery Store and the opening of a new Pulp Juice and Smoothie Bar.

ALDI has been an anchor in downtown Euclid since the store opened in the Shore Center Plaza at Lakeshore Boulevard and Babbitt Road in 2010.

Now the German-based grocer plans to invest over \$1 million in exterior and interior renovations to update the look and provide space for new products at the Euclid ALDI store.

The renovation project is part of a \$1.6 billion investment in over 1,300 stores in the US announced by ALDI in 2017.

According to ALDI Director of Real Estate Kevin McClure, the Euclid ALDI is

scheduled to close in early March for about a month.

During the temporary closure, Euclid customers can visit the nearby ALDI locations in Willowick and Willoughby Hills, which will remain open, or other downtown Euclid stores such as Dave’s or Marc’s.

Also in downtown Euclid, Barry Young plans to open a new Pulp Juice and Smoothie Bar at the former Maria’s Family Restaurant space at 22578 Lakeshore Boulevard.

Pulp is an Ohio-based juice and smoothie company providing over 30 real fruit and vegetable juice smoothies along with fresh food at over 33 locations.

Young had been a customer at the Pulp in Mayfield Heights for years. He credits his daily routine of a Pulp wheatgrass smoothie and exercise for his weight loss and improved health during that time. “It

changed my life” said Young.

Young’s own smoothie induced health transformation convinced him to open his own Pulp franchise location on Clifton Boulevard in Cleveland three years ago.

Following the success of his first store, Young looked in Euclid - where he has lived for the last ten years - for a location for a second Pulp bar. He found the perfect site on Lakeshore Boulevard and has already secured preliminary approvals from the City of Euclid for the building renovation and signage. He expects the new Euclid Pulp to open this spring.

The ALDI and Pulp locations are both owned and managed by Carter Properties. CEO John Carter calls the two developments good news. “I’m excited about the investments coming to downtown Euclid” he said.

DIALOGUE



YOUR INDEPENDENT SOURCE FOR EUCLID NEWS & OPINION

Published monthly with a current circulation of 10,000+ copies. The paper is made available free of charge and can be found at business locations within the City of Euclid and on our web site. The views and opinions expressed in this publication do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of the publisher and staff.

Copyright 2014—The Euclid Observer, Inc. All rights reserved. Any reproduction is forbidden without written permission.

The mission of The Euclid Observer is to attract, articulate and amplify civic intelligence and community good will in the City of Euclid and beyond.

BECOME AN OBSERVER!

As a product of citizen journalism, The Euclid Observer is looking for people, ages 3 to 100, to get involved in the paper and the city. We are looking for volunteer writers, photographers, designers and illustrators to help with the production of the paper. It does not matter if you are a professional or an amateur, our editorial staff will be glad to help you through the process.

Register at our website Member Center where you can submit stories, press releases, letters to the editor and photos. Go to www.euclidobserver.com, click on Member Center, sign in, click on Submit Story, and start writing. No need to register to post online calendar or classified ads.

You can mail your stories to the Euclid Observer office at PO Box 17371, Euclid, OH 44117

Next deadline: February 25, 2020

www.euclidobserver.com 216.505.0185

Email us at EuclidObserver@Gmail.com

PUBLISHER John Copic

ADVERTISING
John Copic, 216.505.0185

WEBMASTERS Dan Ott, Jim O'Bryan

The Euclid Observer is powered by: AGS

Message from the Mayor



February greetings to all! I hope you are enjoying the winter season – walking through the snowy trails of a local park, sledding at the Metropark's or McDonald's hill, ice skating, or maybe just relaxing in the warmth of your home, local coffee shop or dining establishment. Dare we start thinking about spring, warmer weather and blooming flowers? Keep Euclid Beautiful is busy at work, planning for upcoming projects, clean-ups, and Hometown Hero Banners (application for new banners due March 8th). Want to get involved? Call 289-2786 to see how you can help!

Thank you to Freshwater Cleveland who held the finale of the "On the Ground" Euclid series at the Euclid library with a Story Telling event. I enjoyed listening to the storytellers share their unique Euclid stories as well as hearing from the authors and audience members about how our community impacts them. There were some great stories as part of the series and the finale -- common themes included

opportunity, friendships, connections and community support. If you have not read the stories, please take the time. If you have a story to share, please share it either through the Observer, Freshwater, or at an upcoming community meeting. We all have something to learn from each other and lots more stories to make and tell!

I will be presenting the State of the City address on Monday, February 3rd at the end of the Council meeting as well as Thursday, February 27th at the Euclid Chamber of Commerce lunch meeting. I look forward to sharing the major accomplishments from 2019 and new initiatives for 2020. I would be glad to share this message to your group too – please call and I would be happy to arrange a time to share the state of the city and listen to your ideas and hopes for the new year ahead.

Euclid Counts! The 2020 US Census will soon be sending information out to you. It is critical that all are counted! The Census helps determine Federal, State and county resources as well as our government representation – it is safe, secure and confidential! This year, you will be able to respond either online, over the phone or in writing. The Euclid Public Library and City are working with the Census

Complete County Committee to encourage all to participate! Look for a postcard to be mailed mid-March and more information throughout the month!

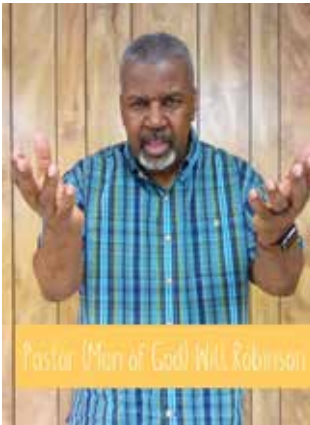
Happy Valentine's Day to all of you – I hope you cherish the love in your life and that we all do our part to love our neighbors and our community! How do you show your "love" for our community – by getting involved, getting to know your neighbors and new residents, taking care of your property and our public property, sharing a smile or small kindness with others. It is contagious and can make a difference in someone's life and in our community as a whole!

Election Day is March 17th – if you are not registered to vote, you have until Feb. 18th to register. Vote by mail applications will be available beginning Feb. 19th. Please take the time to learn about the candidates and issues on the ballot, but most importantly make sure you vote! Your voice matters!

Thank you for being a part of our community, I look forward to seeing you around town!

Mayor Kirsten Holzheimer Gail

A Call to all Men 2/20



Pastor Will Robinson



Master Leaston Chase, IV

"My love for my wife and God's love for me." "I love my wife with all of my heart. My love for her is unconditional. I love our good times and our struggles. I love her amazing qualities and she tolerates my not so amazing qualities...her patience with me is legendary. I certainly appreciate having someone in my life who is both the love of my life and my

best friend. It is unbelievable and I am so blessed to have her. I am truly an example of a guy that "married up"! If I think that my earthly wife is more than I deserve, how much more undeserving am I of the love and grace from our Heavenly Father."

"He concluded: "My passion towards my wife of 45 plus years must pale in comparison to God's passion towards us. Particularly, towards me. I can't begin to imagine how awesome God's love is toward us. No wonder the Psalmist wrote: "When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?" (Psalm 8:3-4 Holy Bible KJV)."

To contact Pastor Will Robinson: Believer's Bible Church, American Legion Post 343, 20750 Arbor Ave, Euclid, OH 44123, Phone: (216) 285 - 0122, james122.org.

Master (Sensei) Leaston Chase, IV Martial Arts Instructor had this to say: "Love yourself. Love others. Love God." Master Chase loves teaching the art, having started at the age of 24. What he teaches is not just about kicking and punching. It's about learning about yourself and how to avoid trouble. As a discipline... a method for better health,...a way of improving confidence, defending yourself...nothing can be better. He feels that the way to keep Martial Arts and tradition alive is through our young people. "Young people need structure so they can develop, grow and mature. By having structure, they develop discipline (a work ethic), self-control (over their emotions and actions), and respect for others and themselves. They also learn how to avoid conflict and when to engage in defense of one's self."

He concluded: "A feeling of satisfaction is obtained when his students grasp and retain some of the knowledge he has tried to pass on to them. During each and every class Master Chase stresses honor, respect and tradition, not just in Martial Arts but also in daily living....similar to the Christian way of 'doing unto others as you would have them do unto you'." Master Leaston Chase currently gives instruction in Martial Arts and self defense at the Collinwood Recreation Center located at 16300 Lake Shore Blvd, Cleveland, Ohio 44110

FRESH MEXICAN GRILL

Chili peppers gives you a choice of over 30 fresh items to choose from to customize your dining experience

869 East 185th • 216.531.2300

Hours Monday - Saturday 11am - 10pm, Sunday 12pm - 8pm

Fresh Food Fast

No MSG

Vegetarian Friendly

Disclaimer

by John Copic

Please accept my heartfelt apology if your story or ad is not in the February paper. The Observers Outlook email platform has begun forwarding all mail to an IPM_ SUBTREE Folder which I could not access. If you know how to fix this call me at 216.496.6708.

I am stumped.



ADJUSTING TECHNIQUES USED:

- *Palmer Package
- *Thompson Drops
- *Gonstead
- *Flexion-Distraction
- *Activator

THERAPIES:

- *Deep Soft Tissue Work
- *Individualized Active Care Plans
- *Electrical Stimulation
- *Ultrasound
- *Inter-segmental Traction

Accepts Most Major Insurance* Cash
BWC * Personal Injury * Auto Accidents
Digital X-ray Free Consultations

216-938-7889
www.infieldchiropracticclinic.com
22570 Lakeshore Blvd. Euclid

Just West of Atlas Cinema, Downtown Euclid
Member Euclid Chamber of Commerce

the EUCLID LIBRARY

February Programs at Euclid Public Library



by Ashley Gowers

Armchair Travel: The History of African American Entrepreneurship
Tuesday, February 4
2:00 PM / Shore Room

The history of business and entrepreneurship lies at the heart of the American story, but often absent from that narrative are the experiences of African Americans. Join us for a documentary that traces the lives of African American entrepreneurs over 150 years.

A Journey of Genealogy Stories: Following the Clues to African American Family History Research
Thursday, February 6
7:00 PM / Lake Room

Join us for an evening of stories about African American genealogical research with Dr. Deborah A. Abbott of the African American Genealogical Society, Cleveland. Dr. Abbott will share the tools and methods she used to travel through the journey of life and share what she has learned about not only herself but also some well-known names from Cleveland's history.

Dog Man Fans
Wednesday, February 12
6:00 PM / Shore Room
Are you a fan of Dog Man? Please join us for games and activities that celebrate this wacky series!

Jeopardy - Black History (Teen Program - Register Today!)
Tuesday, February 18 & 25
2:30 PM / Lake Room

How well do you know Black History?
Come out and test your knowledge with a teammate or by yourself. There will be a prize for the winner!

Toni Morrison: The Pieces I Am
Thursday, February 18 4:00 PM / Fireplace
This documentary was released just two months before the Nobel and Pulitzer prize-winning author's death. Through a trove of archival material, works of contemporary art, and interviews revisit her famed books and learn about the inspiration for her writing. This program is followed by a discussion of her most well-known novel, *Beloved* at 6:00 PM.

For a complete listing of programming, please visit www.euclidlibrary.org.

Women in History: The Women's Suffrage Movement

THURSDAY, MARCH 19
Friends of the Library Luncheon
12:00 PM / Lake & Shore Room

Join us today to hear from two of these trailblazers: Lucretia Mott, Quaker, abolitionist and suffragist, and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, the first president of the National Women's Suffrage Association. Performers brought to us by Women in History. Tickets are available in the library beginning Monday, February 24, for **\$12/members and \$15/nonmembers.**

"A community in caring rooted in tradition for over 50 years"

Architect: Herman Gibans Fodor, Inc. – Architects, Photography: Scott Pease Photography

Skilled Nursing • Rehabilitation • Private Rooms
Assisted Living • Respite • Long Term Care • Hospice

The Slovene Home
Skilled Care & Rehabilitation

216.486.0268
www.slovenehome.org

18621 Neff Road, Cleveland, OH 44119
Conveniently located off of I-90 & Route 2 @ Exit East 185th (182A)

EPL Brings VR Experience to Euclid Seniors



The Pop-Up VR Café goes on tour in 2020.

by Ashley Gowers

In 2020, Euclid Public Library will expand its Pop-Up VR (Virtual Reality) Café program beyond the library to Euclid seniors at the Lakefront Community Center. Through funding provided by the State Library of Ohio Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grant awarded to EPL last year, the library will purchase additional Oculus Quest VR headsets, programs, and applications to support the growing technology and create intergenerational experiences for all users, including Outreach Service patrons.

"The Pop-Up VR Café program has been extremely popular at the library, and we are eager to introduce this newer technology to our users outside the building," stated Euclid Public Library Director Kacie Armstrong.

"We recognize this will be a first-time experience for many, and we appreciate the City and their staff for their willingness to

allow the library to cultivate discovery and learning at the community center."

This winter, EPL will feature the Emmy-nominated VR documentary *Traveling While Black* by Roger Ross Williams, on Wednesday, February 5, and Tuesday, March 3, at 1:00 PM at the Lakefront Community Center. Williams is the first African American director to win an Academy Award in his category of Documentary Shorts. The documentary tells the real story behind the Green Book through narratives and images from the Civil Rights Movement and beyond.

Patrons can also view *Traveling While Black* at the library during a special Black History Month Pop-Up VR Café on Friday, February 21, at 1:00 PM. Copies of the 1940 and 1962 Green Book will also be available for checkout. For more information and a complete listing of upcoming Technology Programs at Euclid Public Library, please visit www.euclidlibrary.org.

Aspire Greater Cleveland Skill-Up Boot Camp



"Skill-Up" this year at Euclid Public Library.

by Ashley Gowers

Do you need to brush up on your math, reading, or writing skills for an upcoming test? We can help! Aspire Greater Cleveland Skill-Up Boot Camp will help you prepare for employment and college preparation tests. Call 1-833-Aspire2 for

more information.

For help with the following tests:

TABE®
WorkKeys®
Accuplacer®
Civil Service exams
GED®/Hi-SET®
Orientation is required. Orientation will be held:

Saturday, February 29 & Saturday, March 7
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM / Babbitt & Erie Room
Call 1-833-Aspire2 for more information.

Free Tax Preparation at EPL



by Ashley Gowers

This tax season, Euclid Public Library is collaborating with the Cuyahoga EITC Coalition to offer free tax preparation for

low-and-moderate-income families. EPL will serve as a site location during the 2020 tax season. Call 2-1-1 for an appointment or schedule online at www.refundohio.org.



In the heart of downtown Euclid!
291 East 222nd Street
216-289-8578

Crochet 101: The Basics

Sunday, February 9, 12pm—3:00pm
You will learn how to crochet a chain stitch and single crochet to make a simple scarf. Supplies include 1 hook, 1 skein of yarn, scissors and stitch markers. Seating is limited!
TEEN/ADULT \$25
squareup.com/store/SooCraftyCreations

Bluegrass Band Lab with Carolina Blue

Friday, February 21

Fiddle, banjo, mandolin, guitar and bass classes.

Lake Erie Folk Fest

Saturday, February 22

Free Workshops, Performances —1-6 PM
Evening Concert 7:30pm, \$15 advance,
\$20 day of, children 12 & under free

More information on Band Lab and Festival at lakeeriefolkfest.com

Check our website for tickets and to view class, event and service info.

Creative use space, special event & function room rentals available.
Call 216-289-8578 for a tour.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.shoreculturalcentre.com

Join Us for Lake Erie Folk Fest!



by Sarah Gyorki

The 5th Annual Lake Erie Folk Fest is coming February 22, and it will feature great music, dance, workshops and performances for music lovers of every age and ability. From beginners just learning to love traditional music, to aficionados who have been playing, dancing and listening for years, this fest is sure to engage and entertain. Come to explore the full day of workshops on Saturday afternoon . Come back for an eclectic concert line-up Saturday night. Enjoy all the great restaurants of downtown Euclid in between. Bring the kids, bring a friend or meet new friends at the fest.

For full details on the dozens of free workshops and activities offered, visit www.lakeeriefolkfest.com. You can also go online to reserve your ticket for the concert. Tickets booked in advance are just \$15, an incredibly low price for four fantastic acts, including award-winning headliners Carolina Blue, eastern European ensemble

Harmonium; Brazilian folk singer Luca Mondaca, and the poetic offerings of Distinguished Gentlemen of the Spoken Word.

Serious musicians will also want to take advantage of a special new program introduced this year: Band Lab master classes with Caroline Blue. These award-winning musicians will offer hands-on, personal instruction in fiddle, banjo, mandolin, guitar and bass -- an experience not to be missed! Band lab reservations are available for \$50 at www.lakeeriefolkfest.com.

Make plans to come out and enjoy what is quickly becoming one of Northeast Ohio's most-loved winter music events. All of the festival activities take place at Shore Cultural Centre, 291 E. 222nd St., in Euclid. Band Lab classes are 7-9pm on Friday, February 21. Festival events and workshops run Saturday, February 22, from 1-6pm. The festival evening concert is Saturday evening at 7:30pm.

UpStage Players announces ticket sales for Frozen Jr performance



by Kurt Steigerwald

UpStage Players, a children's performing arts group operating in Cleveland's Collinwood neighborhood, has begun selling tickets to its upcoming performance of Frozen Jr. scheduled for March 19 through March 21 at 7:30 pm, with a final performance March 22 at 2:30 pm. Tickets are on sale online at www.showtix4u.com with presale prices of \$11. The performance is at the Cleveland Public Library Memorial-Nottingham Branch.

This upcoming performance of Frozen Jr. represents the 26th year for UpStage Players. With 88 children performing as actors or working as stage hands, the theater group includes children from throughout the area with some driving up to 40 minutes to be a part of the production. "Theatre provides the social and emotional skills for children ages 6 to 15. It is amazing to watch them evolve," said Artistic Director Carrie Walsh-Hilf.

"The children work hard and we strive to ensure an atmosphere that is supportive and creative. It is great to give them the Broadway experience right here in Cleveland," added Kris Walsh, choreographer for the program.

The theater program's no-cut policy ensures every child gets the opportunity to participate. The all-volunteer staff gets financial support from a variety of sources, including the Downtown Kiwanis Club #2, Cuyahoga Arts and Culture, and Children's Guild. Alumni, family and friends of UpStage Players also help keep the program funded.

"It is always fun to begin the journey with a new show. We are excited to see that some alumni through the years are coming back to make a contribution and to bring their children to participate," said Bernadette Walsh, Executive Director of UpStage Players.

Learn to Play Bocce with Greater Euclid Kiwanis

by Chris Cipriani

Join the Greater Euclid Kiwanis for a Bocce Night of fun on Tuesday February 11, 2020, at NEO Sports Plant in Euclid (7:30pm to 9:00pm). Everything you wanted to know about Bocce but were afraid to ask. \$10 per person includes Bocce lesson, pizza and fun with Kiwanian Members. Please contact Tina at 440-749-9077 to RSVP by

February 7th.

A Greater Euclid Kiwanis Meeting will be held prior to the Bocce Night at 6:30pm at HGR Industrial Surplus which is located next door to the NEO Sports Plant. Please enter in the back of 20001 Euclid Ave., Euclid, Ohio 44117. You may attend either the Bocce Night or the meeting separately if you wish.

A Mystery You Can Sink Your Teeth Into



Will YOU figure it out? Test your wits at "Oh Danny Boy" Mystery Dinner Fundraiser.

by MP Monaghan

MP Monaghan
Two families, one body, a fabulous dinner, and loads of fun....what more could you want from an evening out?

Love a good mystery? Then mark your calendars for April 25 and gather your friends for a Mystery Dinner Fundraiser sponsored by Shore Cultural Centre and Silhouette Productions. This fundraiser helps to support the October musical held at Shore. Judging by last year's smash show "Anything Goes" you will definitely want to attend this October's musical production.

As Joe Friday would say: "All we want are the facts Ma'am," so here they are:

WHO: The Fitzpatricks and the

Marinanzas, two rival families, go head to head to figure out who killed Danny Boy Fitzpatrick. Will you crack the case?

WHAT: "Oh Danny Boy" Mystery Dinner Fundraiser includes dinner, show, and open bar. There will also be raffles and a 50/50 drawing. "Oh Danny Boy" was written by Donald Disantis of Backstage Productions.

WHEN: Saturday, April 25, 2020

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Dinner and Show at 7:30 p.m.

RESERVATION DEADLINE is April 21. WHERE: Tizzano's Party Center, 1361 East 260th Street, Euclid OH

HOW: Tickets are \$50/person or bring a group to share the fun and reserve a table for 8. Tickets can be purchased from the office at Shore Cultural Centre or through the Mystery Dinner Fundraiser page on our website at www.shoreculturalcentre.com. You can also order tickets online through Eventbrite or by calling Silhouette Productions at 216-219-3630.

WHY: To support two local community organizations and to have some fun of course. Or as Hercule Poirot would say to exercise "your little grey cells."

COMMUNITY

A True Celebration! (continued from front page)



He shared stories experienced with family members and in his neighborhood that made him both uncomfortable and frightened. If he felt this way as a young white man, how must those that were the object of these ugly encounters feel?

Rev. Michelle Trotter from the House of Jubilee followed revealing her experiences of racism. She shared the fact that she was pretty unaffected by racism as a child. It wasn't until she was an adult, when the Trayvon Martin shooting occurred that she was really hit with the reality of racism. How could everyone not understand her anger with this situation as a human being, not to mention a black woman? She helped

us to confront the realities of racism today. Rev. Rosalind Hughes from the Church of the Epiphany challenged us to recognize where we might be personally struggling to speak up and act in ways that promote justice, fairness and unity. Are there times that we have stood by silently, witnessing discrimination but not speaking up? How can we make a difference in our place and time? What does our Christian faith require of us?

To me, one of the highlights of our celebration was the talk by Miss Za'Niyah Smith a freshman at Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School. She spoke about what Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. means to her.



She was so clear on the difference that Dr. King made in her life. She talked about the things that she was able to do because of what Dr. King accomplished. Her focus and passion were inspiring to me.

It is not possible to have a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. without talking about service. Pastor Gerald Cameron from Celebration United Methodist Church reminded us of the importance of service. We are called to support each other on our journey. We are sister and brothers travelling together and when one of us stumbles, it's up to us the help them along. I was honored to talked about the future in Euclid. Looking out over the diverse crowd

of young and old, black and white, male and female, I couldn't help but smile seeing an example of what should be everywhere. The respect and affection that people felt towards each other was palpable in the sanctuary. The event is called Unity in the Community and that's exactly what it felt like. People ventured out in a snowstorm to not only pay tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. but also to make a statement about what they want the future to look like in Euclid. I pray that those that experienced what I experienced, help spread that respect and affection all over the city of Euclid!

federal funding visit [hs://2020census.gov/en/partners/outreach-materials.html](https://2020census.gov/en/partners/outreach-materials.html)

6. The results of the 2020 Census will be used to adjust and possibly redraw electoral districts, based on where populations have increased or decreased. State legislatures or independent bipartisan commissions are responsible for redrawing congressional districts. The U.S. Census Bureau provides states with population counts for this purpose. Visit the website, in fact, number five for more information on the importance of being counted and redistricting.

7. The 2020 Census is hiring and it is your chance to play a part in history. Hundreds even thousands of positions offer the perfect opportunity to earn extra money while helping your community. Most 2020 Census positions will last several weeks. The jobs will offer competitive wages, weekly paychecks, flexible hours and paid training. According to the Census website, the average wage being offered in Cuyahoga County will be \$20.50 - \$22.50. Visit <https://2020census.gov/en/jobs/job-details.html> for more information about specific jobs and to learn how to apply.

8. The city of Euclid has a trained city employee to assist residents with any Census questions they might have. Daniel

Petrelli the city of Euclid's Community Development Manager attended training through the Census Bureau and is prepared to assist residents any way he can. "I am here to listen to resident's ideas about the Census, answer Census questions, and stop any myths or rumors that are circulating about the Census" share Petrelli. Residents can contact Petrelli via email at DPetrelli@cityofeuclid.com by phone at 216-289-8140. Residents can also access the Census Website through a link on the city of Euclid website at <http://www.cityofeuclid.com/>.


9. The Census Bureau will attend community meetings and engagements (schedule permitting) to talk further with community and religious groups. Dispelling rumors and sharing facts. If you are having a meeting and are interested in having an employee from the Census Bureau come and talk to your group contact Daniel Petrelli at the City of Euclid at 216-289-8140.

10. You made it to number 10! The most important fact of all. The Census Bureau is bound by Title 13 of the U.S. Code to

keep your information confidential. Under Title 13, the Census Bureau cannot release any identifiable information about you, your home, or your business, even to law enforcement agencies. The law ensures that your private data is protected and that your answers cannot be used against you by any government agency or court. The answers you provide are used only to produce statistics. You are kept anonymous: The Census Bureau is not permitted to publicly release your responses in any way that could identify you or anyone else in your home. Visit <https://2020census.gov/en/data-protection.html> for more information about how the Census PROTECTS your information.

Hopefully, you enjoyed these ten Census facts. To learn more about all things the Census, visit the official Census website, the Euclid Public Library (where staff can assist you with questions or concerns,) or contact Daniell Petrelli with the City of Euclid. We hope everyone will take a few moments this year to make history and BE COUNTED.

WILKE HARDWARE
WE REPAIR SCREEN WINDOWS
(216) 731-7070
809 E.222ND ST. EUCLID OH 44123



McBiLL'S Beverages

Wine tasting every
Friday from 4-7pm

10% off import wines
on Mondays till
December 31st 2019

1015 East 185th 216.531.1299

EUCLID ALUMNI

Euclid Alumni Take 5 with Marcus Epps ‘03



Marcus Epps, Euclid High School 2003 graduate and Euclid City Councilman, Ward 3.

by Greg Fondran

Marcus Epps is a fourth generation Euclidean with a unique family history here in Euclid. He is raising his children in Ward 3 (the area generally south and east of Rt. 2/1-90, Babbitt Road and Beverly Hills Drive), where he grew up for the most part, and now owns his home. Epps is not only an alumnus of Euclid High School, he is the proud father of three Euclid students today. He is a business owner, business broker, licensed insurance agent in the State of Ohio, and most recently was elected to Euclid City Council to represent Ward 3. For the last decade, Epps has fought for fiscal responsibility and better policy that serves and benefits all Euclid residents equally. He is frequently asked, “Why politics?” Epps reply, “Service is my mission, and I am committed to bringing Euclid back.”

Where did you grow up in Euclid?

I grew up all over Euclid, but mainly in the current Ward 3 area. Back then, in the winter, it was a great day if we could go spend it at the hill behind McDonald’s at the corner of Euclid Avenue and E. 222nd Street. Or in the summer we would go behind the townhouses on E. 248th in the open field, which is mostly gated now, where I would play baseball with Billy Johnson, Brandon Gilliam, Tiffany Compton, brothers Layton “Lay Lay” and Clayton “Jay” Martin, Dericka Young and so many others. Those were the days. I remember my first kiss being behind the garages in Blisswood Village. I was literally all over Euclid, no matter where we lived at that particular time. My mother was a very young single mother, but it was extremely important to her, to raise my sister and I here in Euclid. Being young and not having a degree, she worked as a bookkeeper to keep food on the table and a nice roof over our heads. My sister Charnetta and I are grateful for all the hard work and sacrifices she made for us, and all that growing up in Euclid in the 90s provided us, as well as the commitment and diligence from Mom, to keep us here.

Where did you go to school before Euclid High?

I went to Central Middle School on Euclid Avenue. At Central, I played baseball and was a part of Junior Varsity Chorale under the direction of Maxine J. Heidmann, a longtime Vocal Music Department Chair in the Euclid City Schools, with Kari Lynch

Longstreth, now wife of former Euclid City Councilman Scott Lynch and daughter in law of former Mayor David Lynch, as well as Dan May, Jessica Morris, Johnita Hughes, Jerry Gatewood, Catrera Dean, Tamika Nunley, Grayson Latimore and so many more, who I won’t bore you with by going on and on naming. We led JVC to win Championships all over Ohio. We later went on to be in Varsity Chorale at the high school, with Kari, Dan and me auditioning as freshman, which wasn’t the norm back then. Good times at Central, for sure.

Which teacher or class do you remember most and why?

I remember most my sixth grade experience at Forest Park Elementary School. Dawn Drnek was my homeroom teacher and was such a nice and understanding teacher. It was her class where I had my first “real” girlfriend, Adriene Devese! I will never forget how my young, cool Mother gave me a real ring to give to her, and how her parents were not having it. Her Mom called my Mom, and subsequently made Adriene return the ring. Our class switched for Social Studies, and English, if I am remembering correctly, with Ruth Ann Molinaro, who was one of the greatest Euclid educators of all time. She is part of the reason I am civically engaged today. Mrs. Molinaro was stern, but fair. You could tell she always wanted what was best for us. Bea Grushcow was the reason I got involved with music. I was heavily affected by her passing when I was in 8th grade, right before I got to the high school.

Did you have a favorite spot in Euclid, and what did you like about it?

My favorite spot in Euclid we called, “The Hills.” We would ride our bikes over to Sims Park, and there were really cool dirt ramps located on the west end of the park in between the woods. It was the best place ever! We would spend hours over there. Recently, as an adult, when I lived on Zeman Avenue, it was always a good feeling when my kids would ask to go there. They called it, “The Vines.” What they enjoyed about the exact same area was all the thick vines, and they would go and swing from tree to tree. I went one day to play at “The Vines” with my boys in the summer. I just had to swing off this one vine, which I was sure could hold me. Let’s just say, that didn’t turn out well! However, it was a good time, and in the days of videos and cell phones, my kids captured the moment and we will be able to enjoy the laughs forever.

What, if anything, about your Euclid High experience would you do over?

I would say if I could do it all over again, I would have worked harder in school and gotten better grades. This is one of the most crucial times for a person, and what you do and are able to accomplish in high school sets the foundation for the rest of your life. I smartened up, and was able to still be successful, but if I could do it all over, I would’ve definitely been more successful then.

At Bailey Toastmasters, the Benefits are Clear



Bailey Toastmasters Club member Chase Carrington displays his impromptu speaking skills during “Table Topics” at a recent Open House meeting at the Euclid Public Library.

by Greg Fondran

To get ahead in the workplace, enhance relationships, or just to have your voice heard, there is no better place for personal growth than a Toastmasters Club. Toastmasters International is a non-profit educational organization that teaches public speaking and leadership skills through a worldwide network of clubs. And there is a club right here in Euclid that will help you:

- Improve your speaking, listening, thinking and leadership skills
- Discover your hidden abilities and awaken latent talents
- Acquire an expanded vision of the role of communication
- Increase your self-esteem through active participation in your personal development

The Toastmasters experience will provide you guided opportunities to speak in front of a group, participate in impromptu speaking exercises, conduct weekly meet-

ings, provide feedback to others, and develop management and leadership skills.

For just \$90 per year (plus a one-time fee of \$20), the Toastmasters program is extremely cost-effective. The Bailey Toastmasters Club meets at the Euclid Public Library on Thursdays from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., which is a relatively minimal time commitment and is very convenient for those who live or work in the area.

Millions of people have benefited from Toastmasters since the organization was founded in 1924. The educational materials are continually updated to provide the best learning experience. Bailey Toastmasters Club meetings are non-intimidating, with a friendly and fun atmosphere. Please, come check us out and see the benefits. Our website is 3628.toastmastersclubs.org. We look forward to meeting, and hearing from you, soon!

Euclid Alumni News

by Greg Fondran

Members and friends of the Euclid Public Schools Alumni Association sorted through a storage room full of Euclid Schools memorabilia on Saturday, January 18th to see what the Association has accumulated over the years, as well as to catalog it for future use at reunions, halls of fame inductions and other special events. Some of our memorabilia is already on display on the first floor of the Shore Cultural Centre and includes pictures, sports awards, uniforms and other regalia from Euclid Shore High School, Euclid Central High School, Euclid Senior High School and the three former junior high schools (Central, Forest Park and Shore). Stop by and check out some of the cool stuff that curator Patrick Delaney ‘83 put together to keep the strong spirit alive for all things Euclid schools.

The Association is having a meeting on Saturday, February 15th from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Euclid Public Library for all alumni who are interested in helping out and being part of one or more of our committees (membership, memorabilia, special events, reunions, etc.). For information on this and other events, follow us on Facebook or visit our webpage at euclidalumni.org.

The Alumni Lunch Table at the Euclid Culinary Bistro at Shore Cultural Centre continues every Wednesday while school is in session, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please note that this is the last school year that the Bistro will be located at Shore. The plan is for the Bistro to continue, but at the newly renovated Euclid High School starting next fall.

The Euclid Schools Distinguished Achievement Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be held on Thursday, April 23rd, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Euclid Lakefront Community Center. Please join us to honor the inductees and celebrate the products of the Euclid City Schools!

The famed Euclid Alumni Band is looking for members and new leadership. Historically, the band earned numerous awards at the City of Euclid Annual Memorial Day Parade. The Alumni Band is a great opportunity to maintain your musical chops, while supporting the link between the Euclid Schools, its alumni and the community. The Alumni Office is looking at ways to support the Band now and into the future.

Finally, save the date and keep your eye on our Facebook page and website for the May 30th at Euclid High School. This event will allow past and present students and community members to see the new sections of the high school and parts of the school scheduled for demolition during summer break.

If you’ve read this far, here’s a trivia question for you and if you’re not already an Association member, the first respondent via e-mail (alumni@euclidschools.org) with the correct answer will win an annual Alumni Association membership (valued at \$10). Which business(es) or organization(s), that advertised in the 1950 Euclidian yearbook, are still in business today?

Keep in touch via e-mail, alumni@euclidschools.org or by phone, (216) 797-7895 and Go Panthers!

Monica Marshall appointed to Footpath Foundation Board



by Mary Macias, president and CEO Footpath Foundation

Euclid native Monica Marshall, the outdoors and environmental manager for Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of Footpath Foundation, a 5-year-old non-profit dedicated to empowering all children through discovery of the natural world.

Marshall, who lives in Shaker Heights, has a passion for “getting kids excited about exploring nature.” She is a graduate of Alaska Pacific University, a small liberal arts college in Anchorage.

“Monica brings energy and a passion for learning about the natural world. We are so excited to have her on Footpath’s board,” said Mary Macias, president and CEO of Footpath Foundation.

Marshall has guided outdoor programming at BGCC since 2019. She previously

worked at Lake Erie Science & Nature Center and at Footpath Foundation, where she helped run the Footpath Nature Club sessions at Clubs in Cleveland and Lorain County.

After graduating from high school in 2011, Marshall went to Alaska to study glaciers. “I found “I found out pretty quickly that glaciers are hard to study,” she says. But the university’s focus on hands-on learning was a perfect fit for Marshall, who helped start farms, worked closely with Native Alaskans and became an activist in efforts to protect natural resources, including the sockeye salmon fishery threatened by a proposed copper and gold mine.

Marshall enjoys bowling, birding and playing guitar.

Her father, who works for the Cleveland Municipal School District, and mother live in the same Euclid home the family has owned for decades. Her twin sister, Monique, works for the U.S. Postal Service.

Founded in 2015, Footpath Foundation is dedicated to empowering all children through discovery of the natural world. Footpath partners with like-minded organizations to provide all kids outdoor experiences they need to become resilient and productive adults.

Footpath’s offerings include summer camps for kids who could not otherwise afford them, outdoor adventures like fishing and high ropes courses, school-based initiatives and equestrian therapy.

Make Improving Your Personal Finances a 2020 Resolution

by Dave Godek

The new year is a great time for all kinds of personal improvement.

“Each new year, many of us pledge to improve our health, reduce stress, travel more or even learn a new skill,” said Mike Losneck, CEO of Eaton Family Credit Union. “A significant portion of Ohioans – like many Americans – also resolve to better their finances.”

A survey of 2,011 Americans conducted in November by Ipsos for Urban Plates found 38% intended to make a New Year’s resolution for 2020. Of those respondents, 51% noted their goals would be financial related.

Losneck said these financial targets often include saving more money, paying down debt, improving credit scores and staying on a budget. Others start taking steps to be financially prepared for retirement or a big life event such as getting married, buying a house or welcoming a baby.

According to a YouGov online survey of 1,174 US adults conducted in December, millennials were the most likely (39%) to say they planned to make resolutions and 55% of them said the most common resolution was to save money.

Though New Year’s resolutions can be difficult to keep, the YouGov online survey showed most Americans are confident they’ll be able to stick to their goals. Over three quarters of the respondents who intended to make 2020 resolutions were “very” or “somewhat” confident they would keep them.

“Whatever your specific goal or motivation is, there are many resources available to help you improve your spending and saving habits year-round,” Losneck said.

Losneck explained credit unions exist to improve their members’ lives and can be a great partner to help you reach your financial goals. He added membership in Eaton Family Credit Union is open to anyone who lives, works, goes to church or attends school in Cuyahoga and Lake County, Ohio.

Tips For Improving Your Finances in 2020

There are numerous financial management tools and resources available to consumers to help make the goal of improving finances an achievable undertaking. If your goal is to improve your finances in 2020, consider these money management and resolution tips from U.S. News & World Report.

1. Identify your financial goals – Whether you’re planning to buy a home, contribute more to your retirement savings or start an emergency fund, take the time to document your specific financial goals for the year and attach a timeline to each so you can feel accomplished with each milestone.
2. Track your budget. Routinely track your monthly spending so you can see where your money is going and identify areas where you can cut frivolities and reallocate those funds to meet your goals.

- Check your credit report. Request a free credit report on annualcreditreport.com to understand your credit situation and

COMMUNITY

Willowick Pet Food Pantry Helps Keep Pets in their Homes by Providing Food Assistance

by Elvira Bellegoni

FREE SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAM: Ask us about our FREE Spay/Neuter Program

Since September 2019 we have issued 226 vouchers for a total of 264 S/N, 189 cats and 75 dogs.

Helping pet owners in need in Lake, Geauga, and Cuyahoga county “LIKE” us on FACEBOOK

(We are also assisting some rescuers/fosters and other food pantries)

Willowick Pet Food Pantry

440-520-4881

Distribution site

Willow Praise Church

32905 Vine Street

Willowick, Ohio 44095

4th Saturday of each month

9 am to 11 am

willowickpetfoodpantry@gmail.com

Cats and dogs that live in homes where their owners may lack the resources to properly nourish them are at high risk of being surrendered to shelters or abandoned. Our goal is to assist owners by providing dog and cat food at a monthly distribution. Donations can be mailed to: Willowick Pet Food Pantry 28605 Lakeshore Blvd. Willowick, Ohio 44095

“LIKE” us on FACEBOOK

KC Expanding Hours to Meet Parents’ Needs

by Sherrie Zagors

You know Kiddie City from its five star Step Up to Quality care and education from 6:30 am to 6:00 pm. We are listening to area working parents and are now providing care for children 6 weeks through age 12 until 11:00 pm Monday through Friday at

Kiddie City Child Care Community 280 E. 206th St. Euclid, Ohio. Planned meals and snacks, homework help, safe activities and sleeping arrangements will give comfort to parents working evening hours. Call Kiddie City’s Miss Sylvia at 216-481-9044 for more information.

Bishop Nelson Perez speaks at the First Friday Club



A handful of Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School students, along with Bill Cervenk ‘72, VASJ president, and Brianna Wilson, director of Campus Ministry, had the opportunity to attend a luncheon on Thursday, Jan. 9 with Bishop Nelson Perez. The 61st annual bishop’s address was hosted by The First Friday Club of Cleveland at the Cleveland Marriott Downtown at Key Tower. More than 600 people attended the event.

ensure the report’s accuracy. Consumers are entitled to one free credit report each year from each of the three credit bureaus – Equifax, Experian and TransUnion.

- Commit to no-spend days. Designate one “no-spend weekend” or “no-spend day” per month. Make this a time when no money leaves your hands or accounts (i.e. eat at home, skip shopping sprees and engage in free entertainment).

Boost retirement contributions. Commit to boosting your 401(k) contributions. At the least, contribute enough to your workplace plan to secure your employer’s match, which is typically between 3% and 6%, if one is offered.

- Fast-track debt payoff goals. This could mean contributing an extra \$50 per month to your debt bill or deploying the avalanche payoff strategy, which focuses on putting any extra payments toward the highest rate loan first.

- Automate good habits. Whether you want to save more for retirement or repay debt,

automate those monthly debits with your payroll office or your credit union.

Rebalance your investment portfolio. Market volatility, new money goals, financial hurdles and other unanticipated changes can impact how you should balance your investment portfolios. Keep an eye toward your long-term and short-term goals and make sure you’re viewing the market with clear eyes – not a fear-based mentality.

- Call your credit card company. If your credit card account is in good standing, take this time to negotiate a credit limit increase with your card issuer to help improve your credit score or make the case for a lower annual percentage rate (APR).

10. Fund your health savings account. Savers in eligible high-deductible insurance plans should consider contributing to their Health Savings Account (HSA) as a tax-savvy way to save for future medical expenses.



Euclid Chamber of Commerce | 20150 Lakeshore Blvd, Euclid, OH 44123 | Ph 216.731.9322 | info@euclidchamber.com

CHAMBER MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: MOORE COUNSELING & MEDIATION SERVICES

By: Dana Heil, Moore Counseling & Mediation Services

As most business owners or leaders of organizations will tell you, they can use all the help they can get to market their businesses or organizations. They can also use help with providing their employees with benefits and information. The Euclid Chamber of Commerce helps with both issues.

I am a relatively new Chamber Board Member, but I have been involved with the Chamber for many years. While working at Our Lady of the Lake, I attended many Chamber events that allowed me to network with local businesses and organizations. Annual events like the Mayor's State of the City Luncheon helped to keep us up to date on all the positive things that were happening in the city. We were made aware of new businesses that were opening in our neighborhood and beyond.

Moore Counseling and Mediation Services has been very involved with the Chamber for many years. Our involvement has been very beneficial to us. Here is a recent example of how we have benefited from involvement with the Chamber.

This year, our Chamber of Commerce Holiday Party was held at Mitchell's Ultra Lounge. At the time, Mitchell's was not a Chamber member. Most of our members had never been to Mitchell's and were impressed with the facility, hospitality and delicious food provided. Immediately after the event, the owner of Mitchell's, Mr. Derek Wooten, promised to join the Chamber, finding the event beneficial for his business in terms of exposure and new business which he picked up that very evening. Moore Counseling and Mediation employed Mitchell's to cater our Christmas Party and we were very pleased with the delicious meal provided. Mr. Wooten followed up and not only did Mitchell's become a member, he also registered his second business, Meticulous Car Wash and Detailing on Euclid Avenue.

As a result of networking during the Chamber holiday party, Moore Counseling and Mediation Services, Inc. has been contacted by two local businesses requesting information on our Employee Assistance Programs. We have also provided Drug-free workplace training to local businesses and offered workshops through the Euclid Chamber.



The networking that goes on during the Coffee Connections, luncheons and other events provide monthly opportunities to meet new people, talk about the products and services your business offers and learn about other businesses in the City. Besides businesses, the Chamber has also provided the opportunity to work with the Euclid Public Library, the City Schools and the City Administration. These partnerships are very important to us. I have just touched on a few of the experiences we've had as Chamber members. Besides the networking and relationship benefits, the Chamber offers many financial benefits to its members and member employees. Check out the Chamber website at euclidchamber.com. For more information, call Sheila Gibbons at 216-731-9322 or email at info@euclidchamber.com.

EVENT CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

February 11th, 8:30 - 9:30 am: Coffee Connections
February 27th, 11:30 am: State of the City Luncheon

MARCH

March 10th, 8:30 - 9:30 am: Coffee Connections
March 25th, 11:30 am: Annual Awards Luncheon

euclidchamber.com/events

The Euclid Chamber of Commerce is a membership organization for local businesses and organizations. We provide opportunities for networking, collaboration, education, and growth. Contact us to learn more:

Sheila Gibbons, Executive Director sheila@euclidchamber.com | Ph 216.731.9322

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Meticulous Car Wash & Detailing
Mitchell's
Studio Arts Association
Lake Shore Coffee House
Intergenerational Schools
Adelio's Contracting
Certy Partners
Kiwanis Club of Greater Euclid

CHAMBER CHAMPIONS



COMMUNITY

Hospice of the Western Reserve Earns Highest Level In National Veteran-Centered Care Program



Hospice of the Western Reserve volunteer Don Stark, a Vietnam combat veteran, honors a community veteran at a public Veterans Recognition Ceremony.

by Laurie Henrichsen

Hospice of the Western Reserve (HWR), headquartered in Collinwood, has been named a Level 5 Partner with We Honor Veterans (WHV), a program of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO) in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Level

5 is the highest level WHV partners can attain and includes several required activities and yearly recertification. We Honor Veterans was launched in 2010 to address the growing need for veteran-centered care, especially as veterans are aging and need access to palliative and hospice care.

As a partner in the program, Hospice of

the Western Reserve provides specialized care to veterans facing a life-limiting illness through its Peaceful & Proud program. Last year, HWR provided care for more than 1,400 veterans and their families. Level 5 partners place a greater emphasis on paid and volunteer staff education and caring for Vietnam era and combat veterans and serve as mentors to other hospice programs.

At HWR, a continuing education program for paid and volunteer staff providing direct care incorporates webinars, videos and presentations from the VA and Veterans Service Commissions focusing on issues such as trauma informed care, PTSD, moral injury, suicide prevention, soul injury and self-awareness.

A specialized program at HWR focuses on Vietnam era veterans, who have distinctive needs shaped by the unique cultural and political climate and social experiences of the era.

"Through a series of meetings and interviews, Vietnam veterans shared personal insights with us. These learnings are helping us develop a custom program of care for Vietnam veterans and their family caregivers," said provider relations manager Nate Gradisher, who chairs the nonprofit agency's Veterans Committee. "Hospice of the Western Reserve is also a partner in the

commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War, a Department of Defense program that honors Vietnam veterans and their families."

Gradisher said volunteers play a meaningful role in the agency's Peaceful & Proud program. Through a veteran-to-veteran volunteer initiative, hospice patients are matched with volunteers who can relate to them as fellow service members. Sixty-seven veteran volunteers provide companionship, family caregiver support, assistance with legacy work and vigil support in the final hours. They also participate in Veterans Recognition Ceremonies honoring fellow veterans. Last year, more than 1,000 veterans were recognized, ranging from private ceremonies for hospice patients and their families to large public recognition events honoring veterans in the community.

"When we set out to create the Level 5 program, we knew that it had to be different to truly showcase the efforts needed to go above and beyond. Not only have you demonstrated your commitment, but you have helped shape the program and have continued as an example of what all hospice partners should strive to be," said NHPCO President & CEO Edo Banach. Learn more at WeHonorVeterans.org and Peaceful & Proud.

Great Lady Down



by Rose M. Allen

In 1976 she stood stately and tall, glistening in the distance, bathed in sunlight, aglow with reflections from Lake Erie, as I curved into the I-90 and I-271 split. I felt elated each time I made this trek toward home. Knowing that the "Great Lady" that I was approaching, was ready to welcome me home and offer me the accoutrements of luxurious lakefront living as soon as I reached the garage entrance.

By now you may have guessed that I not referring to a human female, or a submarine that was the subject of a book and movie with a similar title. That title was "Grey Lady Down".

The "Great Lady" was there to welcome me to greatly coveted and indisputably, THE place to live at that time and for many years thereafter. She offered the area's most spectacular views, often referred to as million dollar views of Lake Erie. The views were amazing year round with sunlight dancing off the bright blue waters during summers. The equally amazing winter views were of light dancing off the ice crystals of snow covered frozen Lake Erie. In addition to the views, there were the unmatched amenities of apartment homes that spared no luxuries. The suites were the largest in the greater Cleveland area, offering mostly expansive wall to wall windowed living

rooms, some that were sunken. There was not much else residents could want in the suites.

The large luxurious 2-4 bedrooms suites had bathrooms with both separate

walk-in showers and large bathtubs. The master bedrooms had attached private bathrooms and large walk-in closets. All of the suites were carpeted with high quality fabrics in the residents' choice of colors. Each suite contained its own cooling and heating units that the resident controlled. These items assured residents their own individualized levels of comfort.

The eat-in tile floored kitchens had high end appliances that included 2 doored refrigerators, dishwashers, steel sinks, gas stoves, and garbage disposals. Many kitchens had mesmerizing views of the lake through either a door into the dining room or a window overlooking the living room.

The lake facing suites also provided stunning sunset views through their floor to ceiling, wall to wall windows. In certain suites the lake was even visible from the bathrooms and closets. Stating that many suites had views from every room was very much accurate. The westward facing suites, in addition to the Lake Erie views had the views of the sparkling nighttime views of Euclid and other suburbs. Many residents who had the sunken living rooms would often say that the views from the dining rooms made them feel like they were on a cruise ship.

Even the amenities that were often found

on cruise ships were part of life with this "Great Lady". Some of those amenities included his and her fitness rooms with state of the art equipment, steam saunas and Whirlpool tubs. A special amenity was the large heated indoor pool. Additional amenities included movie theaters, billiards rooms, card rooms, chess and other games rooms, and hobby rooms with tools for various crafts. We also had town hall rooms for small group meetings. For larger gatherings, who could forget the elaborate party rooms, fitted with kitchens and bar areas, in the both buildings? The party room in the west tower boasted of views of Lake Erie. Many non-residents would rent the party rooms for very special occasions such as wedding receptions.

Before heading to their wedding receptions, many couples would head for the beautiful lobby to pose for their wedding pictures on the spectacular dual staircase that was adorned with a huge wooden ship's wheel in the center of the landing. Above the staircase was a gorgeous crystal chandelier that sweetly chimed from winds that blew in when the lobby doors opened.

One of the little known and most unusual, but greatly appreciated amenities was located on the lower level of the 2 level underground heated garages. That amenity was a 2 bay carwash, complete with vacuums. The rest of the garage area provided assigned heated and lighted parking spaces.

With so many great amenities, many residents chose to make this complex their permanent homes. With large secure storage rooms with assigned storage lockers located on the lower level, people could feel at home, having spaces to store items that were not always needed in the suites.

Indeed the complex was a "Great Lady". That reference leads me to now say that the "Great Lady" was somewhat of a ship. Ships were often assigned a female gender. She was the flagship of a previously great group of apartment complexes. At the time this

"Great Lady" was known as the Watergate. I was told that she had been named after the (before the scandal) famous Watergate complex in Washington, DC.

When a resident would state that they lived at the Watergate, listeners would react with oohs and wide eyes. They would then often say, you must be somebody important! There was cause for such an assumption. The complex had a reputation of being "exclusive and selective" with residents mostly being high income professionals and "high profile" people that included highly paid athletes from Cleveland sports teams such as the Browns, Cavaliers and Indians. Many of the other 'high profile' residents were from the various media companies, mostly radio and television.

I still have fond memories of one of those high profile media personalities. That person was the now deceased William (Bill "Smoochie") Gordon. As neighbors we became workout and running buddies. He often mentioned that he could not imagine living anywhere else in the Cleveland area. He never did, because he died looking out at Lake Erie as he exercised in his suite.

The complex has changed significantly with the loss a positive reputation and of all of the terrific amenities except the Lake Erie views, and most of the high profile residents. Now the "Great Lady", first renamed North Pointe, has gone through another name change. The former "Great Lady" is now named The Vista. The word vista can be defined as the view. The still mesmerizing views are all that is left of the once "Great Lady". For so many residents now, the vistas at The Vista are no longer enough.

The name changes have occurred with a purpose of re-branding the complex. Re-branding the complex is part of an effort to eliminate the not so kind reputation that the "Great Lady" has recently experienced. I withhold my thoughts about the potential success of re-branding that "Great Lady" that is now DOWN.

COMMUNITY

Through open dialogue, Simon's Supermarket turns its Euclid shoppers into stakeholders



by Jordan Walker

It's not exactly common for grocery store owners to be on a first-name basis with their customers, but Simon Hussain isn't just any store owner.

In 2017, Hussain opened Simon's Supermarket on Euclid Avenue near East 260th Street—the third location in his growing chain that now also includes locations in Buckeye and (as of 2020) Bedford for a total of five stores. The vision behind the concept is to bring healthier food options into lower-income neighborhoods and known food deserts. To that end, the Euclid project received \$650,000 in grants and loans from the Healthy Food for Ohio program, along with active collaboration with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health's "Creating Healthy Communities" program.

"[We believe] access to healthier food options should be an inherent right," explains Michelle Benko, program manager for the Cuyahoga County Board of Health.

Hussain says he first got the inclination to open a Euclid location when he noticed that a lot of residents from the area were traveling to his store at East 152nd Street and St. Clair Avenue. "We got a lot of customers from that part of town, and they were always asking if I could offer something like that in Euclid," says Hussain, who originally hails from Pakistan.

Hussain delivered on that request in a big way—over the last two years, Simon's Supermarket has increased access to healthy food for 2,559 Euclid residents and 1,442 Euclid households that had previously been stuck in a food desert. (According to Ward

3 councilwoman Taneika Hill, the next closest grocery store is a Save-a-Lot, which she says is too far away and too expensive for many residents.)

To date, the supermarket has also created between 45 and 60 jobs, with many of them occupied by Euclid residents, according to Roger Sikes, grant program manager at the Cuyahoga County Board of Health.

To make sure Simon's Supermarket keeps meeting the needs of Euclidians, Hussain proactively participates in open dialogue with the community via public forums that are focused on how the supermarket can better serve its customers. So far, there have been four meetings at the Euclid location, with between 80 and 140 residents in attendance at each—and Hussain, Hill, and the Cuyahoga County Board of Health playing an integral part in these meetings as a way of building trust between the supermarket and the residents it serves.

From Sikes' perspective, it's a bold—but worthwhile—move on Hussain's part to subject himself to such public scrutiny. "People are under stress in these neighborhoods, and you have to open yourself up to that feedback," says Sikes.

Right now, the store is evaluating the results of a customer survey conducted in September—in which 50% rated the customer service as "average" and many residents expressed a desire for more options tailored towards those with diabetes. Participants also weighed in on the top four services they'd like to see at Simon's Supermarket, including a pharmacy, RTA passes, money orders, and healthy food



prep demos.

The transportation piece is a big one—after all, the majority of Simon's Supermarket customers lack access to a car. In closing the gap, Hussain and the Cuyahoga County Board of Health will be working with the RTA to try to bring bus ticket sales to Simon's Supermarket in 2020 via a REACH (Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health) grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"Proximity matters a lot. Anything more than half a mile [away] is difficult for working-class folks," says Sikes. "As a county, we need to understand stress in our neighborhoods; it gets to the deeper inequalities."

The next forum will be in early 2020 at Hill Villa, a senior apartment complex that houses a big shopping demographic for Simon's Supermarket. Before the next meeting, the goal is to make progress on some of the items pinpointed in the survey—including healthier deli options, fresher meat and produce, customer service training, and food discounts.

"We want [Hussain] to be successful, and the meetings give residents an opportunity to hold him accountable," Hill says.



It's all part of a larger mission to address community public health concerns and build trust within the Euclid community, where 59% of residents are African American, and 20% of residents live under the federal poverty level.

"Racial dynamics in Cuyahoga County are big," says Benko. "There is already mistrust in the county, and these forums help build trust across different groups of people."

For Hussain, running the store effectively in partnership with his customer base is simply a matter of meeting them where they are. "Without customer listening, I'm in a blind spot," says Hussain, who also holds regular community meetings at the Buckeye location. "Inner city [shoppers] have different needs than in the suburbs, and if you're not engaged with them, you don't know what they require."

This article is part of FreshWater Cleveland's On the Ground - Euclid community reporting project in partnership with City of Euclid, Euclid City Schools, Tri-C, and Cuyahoga County Board of Health.

Happy February!



by State Representative Kent Smith
Happy February, Euclid Observer! During the first 31 days of 2020, I

attended the swearing in ceremonies in several House District 8 communities including Beachwood, Euclid, Richmond Heights and Woodmere Village. Those ceremonies marked the transition from a 2019 campaign season to the launch of a new partnership in governance for 2020 and beyond. To new and returning Mayors and Council Members, I say: treat your colleagues with respect and look for shared opportunities of cooperation that will advance positive outcomes in your cities.

With that in mind, let me raise two subjects that are both critical and coming up fast. 1. The March 17th Primary Election and 2. The 2020 United States Census. I will cover the Census next month, so let's talk about voting.

First thing's first—You must be registered to vote by February 18, 2020 to participate in the March 17th Democratic or Republican Primary Election. If you are not registered, you cannot vote. Whether you think you are registered or aren't sure, you can find out on the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections website. DO THAT NOW—while you still have time, so you can re-register before February 18th to vote on March 17th.

It is important for all who read this to proactively exercise your voting rights. If you fail to use it – you may lose it.

Think I'm kidding? The Ohio Secretary of State began removing inactive voters this past fall. 33,868 Cuyahoga County voters were removed from the valid voter database and 3,312 from this District (including Euclid) lost their ability to vote.

So, during the month of February, let's all start a conversation about voting and talk about four things:

- want to be able to vote for President in November, make sure you go vote in March.
- The deadline to register to vote in the March Primary is Feb. 18th.
- Ohio does NOT allow Election Day voter registration.
- The March Primary is on March 17th (That's right! St. Patrick's Day!). This is the first time the state has moved its even year partisan Primary from the "First Tuesday of the Month." People will miss this year unless we remind them.

So... Don't Get Purged, Euclid!

The Cuyahoga County Board of Elections phone number is 216-443-VOTE (8683). You can register to vote online at www.MyVoteOhio.com. You can contact my office at 614-466-5441 or at Rep08@OhioHouse.Gov with questions about voting or other topics.

State Representative Kent Smith represents Ohio's 8th House District, which includes Beachwood, Euclid, South Euclid, Richmond Heights, East Cleveland, Woodmere Village and a little bit of the City of Cleveland.



Earth Day turns 50 in 2020 - celebrate at the "Big Clean" on Saturday, April 25

by Allison Lukacsy-Love

Get out your calendars and save the date for the fourth annual Euclid v. Collinwood "Big Clean" on Saturday, April 25th, 2020 from 9am to 1pm at Villa Angela – St. Joseph High School.

This year, Earth Day turns the big 5-0 and in honor of the occasion, more than 100 million people are expected to take part in a community clean-up in April 2020. The "Big Clean" is our annual day to pick up trash as a community (bags, gloves and pickers provided!) and celebrate our successes with free food and give-a-ways. The free event grows in popularity every year and all ages and abilities are encouraged to join in.

Euclid volunteers are still the undefeated champions (although Collinwood was really close in 2019!), so gather your family, friends, coworkers, neighbors – EVERYONE – to banish litter from our environment.

Registration for individuals and organizations - in both Euclid and Collinwood

- will be hosted on the City of Euclid's website, cityofeuclid.com. Simply click the "Big Clean" icon to be routed to the registration page.

The "Big Clean" is made possible through monetary and material donations. If you would like to sponsor the "Big Clean", please visit the City of Euclid's website for sponsor levels and perks or contact Linda Beck at the City of Euclid.

For more information on how to get involved in creating a beautiful Euclid, email Linda at LBeck@cityofeuclid.com to join the KEB mailing list.



Cuyahoga County Department of Consumer Affairs Resources

by Kate McLaughlin

Euclid Police are not the only resource to help when residents feel they are victims of scams or unfair business practices. The Cuyahoga County Department of Consumer Affairs can help if you:

- Want to report or receive alerts about scams
- Have consumer questions or complaints
- Are charged the wrong price at the register
- Have a problem with a store or business you can't resolve on your own
- Need resources to manage your budget or build credit

The Consumer Protection Division mediates consumer complaints against businesses, lets consumers and business owners know about consumer protection laws, issues alerts about unfair sales tactics and scams, and helps consumers find informa-

tion they need to shore up their finances.

The Cuyahoga County Department of Consumer Affairs can provide a speaker to residents or businesses, free of charge. This includes: senior groups, retirement organizations, schools, parent-teacher organizations, civic or business groups and many others. The Department has the latest news on fraud prevention, scams to avoid and smart buying decisions. For additional information on our consumer outreach initiatives, please call (216) 443-7035

The Scam Squad, chaired by the Cuyahoga County Department of Consumer Affairs, taps into existing senior and law enforcement networks to:

- Rapidly identify current fraud threats to older residents
- Ensure scam reports reach the appropriate enforcement agencies
- Make sure victims get a "warm hand-off"

if they must be referred

• Arm county residents with the information they need to spot and avoid scams
Share research about scams and scam victims
• Conduct public education about scams
Scam Squad unites nonprofits and social service agencies with local, state and federal law enforcement in the fight against fraud. The task force's goal is to make it easier for seniors to report scams and to allow agencies to quickly share information about scams with each other and with the public.

The website for Cuyahoga County Consumer Affairs to research unfair business practices, learn about recent scam alerts, and find information on how to prevent them can be found at consumeraffairs.cuyahogacounty.us.

Hometown Hero Banners - Don't Miss Out!

by Linda Beck

Keep Euclid Beautiful and the Euclid Joint Veterans Council are proud to honor our servicemen and servicewomen through the Hometown Hero Banner Program. Registration is open to secure a banner honoring a Euclid service person in your family or organization until March 8, 2020.

The Banners are displayed along the Memorial Day Parade route from Memorial Day through Veterans Day.

More information can be found on the City of Euclid Website at www.cityofeuclid.com or by calling Linda at City Hall at 216-289-2786. Applications are also available on the city website or can be picked up in the City Hall Lobby.

Please consider honoring your special service person.

Euclid pride is the community coming together and showing that love is real!



REAL ESTATE



Lakeside-Steps from Lake Erie. Lake views from home! Euclid-Luikart Dr. True first floor living, this ranch styled home offers over 2,400 sqft with amenities desired by today's homeowners. 3 bedrooms, 2 full and 1 half baths. \$149,900



Euclid-Edgecliff Dr. Rare opportunity to live in your very own lakefront oasis where you can enjoy stunning sunsets, breathtaking views and gentle sounds of Lake Erie. 3 bedrooms, 1 full 1 half baths. \$345,000



Euclid-Forestview Ave. Pride of ownership is very evident here at the super well maintained 3 bedroom, 1 full 2 half baths colonial. This home truly offers move right in condition! \$104,900



Euclid-Lake Shore Blvd. Built in 2002, this home still retains its "just built" appearance, and in move right in condition! 4 bedrooms, 2 full 1 half baths. Euclid Violation Free! \$229,900



Euclid-Devoe Ave. Spacious bungalow offers second floor owners bedroom with separate office offering built-in shelving and half bath! 2 first floor bedrooms and 1 full bath. Updated vinyl replacement windows. Central air. Rear yard is partially fenced in! \$84,900



Lenny Vaccaro, Realtor, Howard Hanna, 216.731.9500

lennyvaccaro@howardhanna.com

www.vaccaroteam.com



Free Community Talk
"The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up"
Presented by Chris Beers,
a Marie Kondo - Certified Consultant
Eliminate Clutter
and Organize your Home
Saturday, February 15th, 11:00 am to noon
Mount St. Joseph Rehab Center
21800 Chardon Road, Euclid

RSVP to 216-531-7426, ext. 248 to save a place!
Light lunch refreshments will be provided.



EUCLID REC

Euclid Recreation Programs

by Hannah Zavorek

Orr Ice Arena

Public Skate

Tuesdays: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM
Fridays 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM
Saturday 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Sundays 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM
Admission: \$5 Skate Rental: \$3

Monday Afternoon Skate
3:00PM - 5:00 PM

Admissions with Skate Rental: \$5

Times are due to change due to a tournament or a special event. Please see the master calendar that is posted in the arena, at cityofeuclid.com or our Facebook page Euclid Recreation.

Learn to Skate

6-week Session: Residents \$45 | Non-Residents \$60

Tuesdays Sessions

5:30 PM | Basic 5-6, Pre Free, Free 1-6

6:00 PM | Snow Plow 1-4

6:30 PM | Basic 1-4, Adult, Hockey 1-3

7:00 PM | Hockey 4, Power Hockey

Session 4: February 18 - March 24

Special Events

February 2nd – Skating with a Cop FREE

Admission + Skate Rental 2:15 – 3:30 PM

February 11th - 2 for 1 admission 7:30PM

- 9PM

March 24th – Last Day of Arena FREE

Admission + Skate Rental 7:30 PM-9 PM

Start Smart Spring Sports

Start Smart is an introductory program designed to teach young children healthy habits and fitness along with the basic fundamental skills of sports, as well as teamwork, motor skills, and social development. Sports included will be soccer, T-ball, tennis, and track.

Residents \$15 | Non- Residents \$30

Ages: 4-6

Wednesdays

April 8th-April 29th

6:45-7:30

Spring Basketball Clinic

The clinic will focus on health and fitness along with the fundamentals of shooting, ball handling, and passing. The clinic will take place at the NEO Sport Plant.

Residents \$25 | Non- Residents \$50

Ages: 5-7

March 17, 19, 24, 26

6:30-7:30

Ages: 8-12

March 17, 19, 24, 26

7:30-8:30

2020 Season Passes Available

(Picture ID) – Purchased at City Hall

January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020

Individuals

Residents \$30 | Non- Resident \$60

Families up to 6

Residents \$120 | Non- Resident \$200

Each additional family member

Residents \$30 | Non- Resident \$60

EUCLID RECREATION

2020 Girls Softball Clinic

Admission is **FREE** but pre-registration is required

Session 1: January 26
Session 2 & 3: February 9 & 23
Session 4 & 5: March 8 & 22
Session 6: April 5

10AM - 11:30AM

Euclid High School Auxillary Gym meet at athletic entrance door # 5

2020 Coaches will be working on conditioning, fielding techniques base running fundamentals, batting and hitting drills and much more!

Register online or at Euclid City Hall
Online Registration Directions
Go to cityofeuclid.com

Click Recreation
Click Programs/Registration Forms
Click Fastpitch

\$14,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

For Members Graduating High School in 2020.
New Members are eligible, too!

Eaton Family CREDIT UNION, INC.

Visit a branch or call 216-920-2000 for information or an application.

Savings | Checking | Loans | Mortgages | Business Lending

Master Mechanical

718 East 200th Street
216.481.9090
Complete Auto Repair

SOFTBALL

REGISTRATION

2019 Softball League Season
April - Mid July
Resident \$75 | Non-Resident \$112
Age Groups
8U 10U 12U 14U 16U

Euclid will participate in the Willoughby Baseball League. Games will be played in Euclid, Wickliffe, Willowick, Eastlake, Willoughby and Willoughby Hills depending on the division on weekday evenings. This is a competitive recreation league.

Volunteer Coaches are welcome!

Register Today - April 7th

Register online or at Euclid City Hall
Online Registration Directions
Go to cityofeuclid.com

Click Recreation
Click Programs/Registration Forms
Click Fastpitch

EUCLID HIGH SCHOOL

Competition Pool Schedule

Adult Lap Swims 2020 season pass required for admission

SESSIONS	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Early Bird Lap Swim	—	6AM-8AM	6AM-8AM	6AM-8AM	6AM-8AM	6AM-8AM	8AM-10AM
Afternoon Lap Swim	—	1:30PM-3PM	1:30PM-3PM	1:30PM-3PM	1:30PM-3PM	1:30PM-3PM	—

(Subject to change. In the event of Euclid City Schools closing, Euclid Recreation Aquatics Programs are cancelled.)

welcome!

dobro dosli
tervetuloa
bienvenue
aloha
स्वागत
benvenuto
karibu
isibingelelo

Euclid & Collinwood Girl Scouts invite you to their annual

World Friendship Fair

Saturday, February 22nd • 1-3 p.m.
Collinwood Recreation Center, 16300 Lakeshore Blvd.
Opening ceremony, 1:05 pm
Admission 50¢

Fair booths feature foods, crafts and games inspired by the countries adopted by Girl Scout Troops throughout our community.

All are welcome!



**OUR LADY
OF THE LAKE SCHOOL**
Pre-K through 8th Grade

Faith | Academics | Community

Our Lady of the Lake
School Registration



by Bev Caldwell
Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.
We are now accepting registrations for Pre-K through 8th grade!
Your child deserves a quality education. We invite you to call us to schedule a tour: contact Jenny Millett, Principal at 216-481-6824 or email JMillett@OLLEuclid.org.
OLL School has:
*Technology in every classroom
*STEM programs at all grade levels
*Nationally recognized math curriculum
*Full range of enrichment, including sports, arts and languages
*Flexible full and half-day preschool options
Visit our Website: www.OLLEuclidSchool.org
EdChoice Scholarship Accepted

OLL School Strong on STEM



by Bev Caldwell
Our Lady of the Lake School is known for its strong STEM curriculum with specialized instruction in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math at every grade level.
The annual Science Fair celebrates the STEM focus as eighth graders showcase their ingenuity and skills. Every year, as a right of passage, eighth graders must select a topic, keep records, plan and then process their experiment, documenting the scientific method with their hypothesis and the experiment results as they do so. Their

experiments and results are remarkable as is their enthusiasm.
This year, OLL School has a STEM teacher who facilitates experiments and also directs student use of the 3-D printer in the Maker Lab. The students are engaged as they enjoy putting science experiments to work such as the egg drop - where students cushion an egg with materials to absorb a drop and not break.
Strong STEM curriculum prepares students with the science and creative aptitude to be tomorrow's leaders.

OLL Open House Welcomes Visitors



Teachers were on hand to answer questions and show off student projects.



Our student ambassadors greet and guide families through our school.

by Bev Caldwell
Our Lady of the Lake School set out the ultimate "welcome mat" by putting its student ambassadors at its doors on Sunday, January 26th. Visitors had the chance to sample OLL School's high-quality curriculum as they took guided tours of the school with the student ambassadors and visited the classrooms to view student work and meet the teachers. The compassionate, faith-filled environment was also on display in the kinds of projects the students engaged in, and the focus on kindness and

inclusion incorporated into the classrooms by the teachers.
The Open House kicked off Catholic Schools Week, with enjoyable activities planned for the students such as Spelling Bee, Challenge Day, Classroom Movie, Geography Bee, All School Mass, Awards Assembly, Ecumenical Prayer Service, a CAVS assembly, and One School-One Book with Buddies to round out the week.
The PTO, which is an engaged group of parents who support the school with fun family activities was in attendance. Also,

Life on the Lake committee members were there with a first dibbs look at the raffle tickets for wonderful baskets that will be showcased at Life on the Lake's Night at the Races on February 1st, as well as tickets to the event itself. Additionally, parents of students currently enrolled could enter a silent auction where the highest bidder wins the prize such as being school principal for the day.
Catholic Schools Week extends to February 3rd.

**Join Us For
Lent and
Easter!**



by Bev Caldwell
All are welcome to Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Parish. Come and see!
Join us for the following:
Palm Sunday Weekend: April 4-5
Tenebrae: 7pm - April 8
Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm - April 9
Good Friday: Community Stations of the Cross 12 Noon/The Lord's Passion 7pm - April 10
Holy Saturday: Blessing of Food 12 Noon/Easter Vigil 8pm - April 11
Easter Sunday: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord 8am, 10am, 12 Noon - April 12



**IMAGINE BELLA
ACADEMY OF EXCELLENCE**



216.481.1500 www.imaginebellaacademy.org 19114 Bella Drive, Cleveland, Ohio

National School Choice Week



Time to make a banner for our parade!
Imagine Bella Academy of Excellence students are preparing for a parade to celebrate National School Choice Week! Thanks to all the amazing parents, students, families, and teachers for choosing to be part of the Imagine Bella Family!!



Preparing for our school parade!
Imagine Bella Academy of Excellence students are preparing for a parade to celebrate National School Choice Week! Thanks to all the amazing parents, students, families, and teachers for choosing to be part of the Imagine Bella Family!!

House meetings



Ujima house meeting!



Igboya balloon game!



Adkeysiga trust game!



Unhu bracelets!

Quarter 2 Awards Assembly



Ms. Salone's award winners!



Ms. Eucker's award winners!



Ms. Nie's award winners!

100th Day of School!

Imagine Bella Kindergarten students celebrated their 100th day of school! Check out some of the pictures of students in Ms. Hoy

and Ms. Jenkins' Kindergarten classrooms.



Time to enjoy some snacks on 100th day!



Ms. Jenkins' class is celebrating 100 days of school!



Mr. Wolanin's award winners!



Ms. Davis' award winners!

Congratulations to all the students who were recognized during the quarter 2 awards assembly. Looking forward to our next awards assembly!



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT. FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY. CREDIBILITY.

Second Quarter Honor Roll

8th Grade Merit Roll - 3.0 to 3.4 GPA

Taiena Adams
Mariah Alamin
Aeloey Arga
Jay Von Ash
Kimberly Banks
Robert Burford
William Carlton
Eve Clark
Kymora Clark
Angelina Cornell
ChrisChell Cowlin
Zakiyyah Cromity
Rosalyn Evans
Malaya Garcia
Nandi Grant
Xavier Greenly-Townsend
Anna Harris
Shamond Hutchins
Shane Jarvis
David Johnson
Amber Johnson
Zoe Johnson
Diamond Kennison
Aaliyah Loyed
Sire Menefee
Reily Morris
Anayia Mosby
Zahara Moss
Willette Murchison
Kamilah Murray
Micah Norris-Reynolds
Lashawn Powell
Ryan Robinson
Charnice Robinson
Taylor Russell
Earnest Sledge
Rodney Smith
Shayla Somerville
A'Niya Streeter
Kaitlin Tatar
A Mirrah Taylor
Chantell Thomas
Dominique Walley
Judith White
Jabaree Winchester
Andreuz York
Annaliese Wittine

8th Grade Distinguished Honor Roll - 3.75 GPA or Higher

Taiena Adams
Gabriella Allen
David Barnett
Chase Beverly
Brandon Blackwood
Janaya Brent
Brooklyn Dorsey-Acree
Brooke Echols
Madelynn Greenway
Easton Harris
Chelsei Holmes
Dymond Horton
Zoe Johnson
Jameecia Johnson
Toni Kincaid
Alajiona King
Anna Lisac
Christina Lombardo
Jayah McKinley
Xenia Merritt
Reily Morris
Keyandra Phillips-Wanton
Comyah Roberts
Joseph Rowe
Kenya Shareef
Nyah Vaughn
Heaven Walker

8th Grade Honor Roll - 3.41 to 3.74 GPA

Maritza Washington
Rhianna Williams
Andreuz York

Taylor Barwick
Janaya Brent
Isaiah Carter
Imani Coleman
Allahna Corbin
Jamarrian Cranshaw
Tori Curtain
Brooke Echols
Jonnescia Ford
Ray Ford
Alajiona King
Terrence Lewis
Corey Mackey
Tatiana Maddox
Riyan McAbrew
Saniyah Parks
Keyandra Phillips-Wanton
Kierra Pope
Kenya Shareef
Karsyn Sharp
Caleb Sherman
Ja'Veon Smith
Heaven Walker
Rhianna Williams
Annaliese Wittine

8th Grade Distinguished Honor Roll - 3.75 GPA or Higher

Gabriella Allen
David Barnett
Chase Beverly
Brandon Blackwood
Brooklyn Dorsey-Acree
Madisyn Drake
Madelynn Greenway
Easton Harris
Chelsei Holmes
Dymond Horton
Jameecia Johnson
Toni Kincaid
Anna Lisac
Christina Lombardo
Jayah McKinley
Xenia Merritt
Comyah Roberts
Joseph Rowe
Nyah Vaughn
Mikiah Webb

9th Grade Merit Roll - 3.00 to 3.499 GPA

Rodell Adamson
Charles Atwell
Ja'Kayla Baker
Jada Banks
Edward Banks
Rayshawn Black
Jim Brown
Devin Brown
Dalon Clark
Caden Cofield
Courtney Denon
Keyshawn Dorsey
Jeffrey Elkins
Diamond Foote
Lamar Foster
Daisy Fuentes
Ja'Mir Gliner
Desirai Graves
Ariana Griffin
Jada Hammond
Braden Huey
Simeon Johnson

Curtis Johnson
Heaven Lewis
Tayja Linder
Mason Lindsey
Chamya Lipscomb
Daisy Maina
Armoni Matthews
Sariyah Menefee
Da Jahnae Moore
Amani Morgan
Da'Sean Noble
George Payne
Tyrone Penny
Legacy Pratt
Anje La Scott
Mekhi Sikes
Kyra Warfield
Aki Wilkes
Ashaunty Williams

9th Grade Honor Roll - 3.50 to 3.999 GPA

Kassidy Anderson
Jay-Din Bowles
Cadence Burr
Ariyell Burtis
Damia Carson
Kamyla Freeman
Singdiely Gibson
Erin Grisez
Haden Hewis
Nadia Jarvis
Kameron Johnson
A'l'yona Lock
Aniya Nevels
Amari Randall
Taylor Randle
Dariya Rogers
Sahara Sharpley
Jalen Smith
Chevonne Stennis
Nolan Tatar
Al Lonna Taylor
Destini Tucker
Precious Westbrook

9th Grade Distinguished Honor Roll - 4.00 to 5.00 GPA

Malikah Abdul-Wali
Jayla Allen
Ella Augustine
Jeaneae Bibbs
Kaitlin Bogner
Claire Carmody
Khamaree Howard
Armani Howard
Sanaya Howard
Lauren Johnson
Sophia Knue
Namiah Lightfoot
Sadye Penny
Lekiah Rodgers
Kaila Sanders
Eleni Saterides
Carly Walsh
Alexis Potter
Tania Powell
Aniya Pursley
Ya Jhaira Reid
Kaiya Relliford
Alyse Robinson
Alyssa Robinson
Davonte Roker
Trevaughn Saddler
Tia Shaw
Kailin Simon
Jessica Specht
Malaya Stanberry
Dasia Stennis

Linere Sumlin
Aidan Turos
Colin Walsh
Zarionna Wells

10th Grade Merit Roll - 3.00 to 3.499 GPA

Dominique Bey
Cheryl Bonner
Jeffrey Brown
Javan Brown
Dillyn Brown
Alexis Cain
Cheyenne Carstarphen
Garrett Chatmon Jr.
Clayton Cunningham
Trejure Dial
Jaiden Flowers
Bryson Griffin
La'Tianna Harvey
Lakiyah Hatchell
Kiyah Humphrey
Shyann Jacobs
Jamar Johnson
Anna Jones
Makayla King
William Mason
Nikaila McKinney
Paul McPherson
Renee Menefee
Tobias Moore
Jade Neal
Alasia Pope
Alexandria Potter
Aniya Pursley
Kaiya Relliford
Kayla Richardson
Alyse Robinson
Jonathan Roth
Samarq Sanders
Alexandria Smith
Janecia Smith
Jenisei Stansberry
Dasia Stennis
Zayda Stormer
Linere Sumlin
Diamond Taylor
Amya Vaughan
Zarionna Wells
Chiana Whitmore
Laniya Williams
Tristen Wittine
Tysean Yorke

10th Grade Distinguished Honor Roll - 4.00 to 5.00 GPA

Ariyell Burtis
Damia Carson
Kamyla Freeman
Singdiely Gibson
Erin Grisez
Haden Hewis
Nadia Jarvis
Kameron Johnson
A'l'yona Lock
Aniya Nevels
Amari Randall
Taylor Randle
Dariya Rogers
Sahara Sharpley
Jalen Smith
Chevonne Stennis
Nolan Tatar
Al Lonna Taylor
Destini Tucker
Precious Westbrook

11th Grade Merit Roll - 3.00 to 3.499 GPA

Michael Akakuru
Michana Assian
Nyaira Bacchus
Kaylen Bannerman
Amaya Bell
Donell Blackman
Jala Brazzil
Ania Callahan
Patrice Calvin
Preston Cardina
Sam Carlson
Raymond Bennett
Hailey Bray
Alana Cain
Jaylien Conway
Javier Dean
Lola Dyson
Tashani Edwards
Saniya Gainer
Savannah Galloway
Sean Hill
Jalen Hobson
Danyia Hudson-Nunn
Bryana Hunter
Jaleah Jackson
Jordai Jackson
Erica Kirksey
Jayla Marshall
Latoya Mathews
Kae'Lynn Mccauley
Ta Shar Ree McClay
Micyah McKinney-Cherry

10th Grade Honor Roll - 3.50 to 3.999 GPA

Nathan Barwick
Xavier Battista
Raymond Bennett
Hailey Bray
Alana Cain
Jaylien Conway
Javier Dean
Lola Dyson
Tashani Edwards
Saniya Gainer
Savannah Galloway
Sean Hill
Jalen Hobson
Danyia Hudson-Nunn
Bryana Hunter
Jaleah Jackson
Jordai Jackson
Erica Kirksey
Jayla Marshall
Latoya Mathews
Kae'Lynn Mccauley
Ta Shar Ree McClay
Micyah McKinney-Cherry

Erin Miller
Tatiana Mims
Christle Moran
Greg Noydara
Janiya Parrish
Alexis Potter
Tania Powell
Ya Jhaira Reid
Chanel Robinson
Alyssa Robinson
Alysha Rogers
Trevaughn Saddler
Tia Shaw
Kailin Simon
Jessica Specht
Malaya Stanberry
Alexis Sweet
Jayshawn Thomas
Aidan Turos
Colin Walsh
Matthew Watkins
Jon Winston

Olivia Augustine
Kristen Bannerman
Joshua Cerjan
Breanna Clayton
De'Mari Clopton
Deyon Davis
Arianna Dial
Terry Dobbins
Chrishaun Edwards
Jason Fisher Jr.
Hailey French
Ashley Garrett
Emily Gendrich
Jasmine Perkins-Hirz
Adriana Gill
Deavante Graves
Domenic Griffin
Glenn Hamblin
Di'Miere Hansbro
Ananda Harmon
Kylan Holt
Nakhia Hopkins
Nicholas Jackson
Harold Jarvis
Jaydash Lardill
Dominic Larsen
Faith Matlock
Talia Mc Lin
Jaylen McCauley
Nora McClendon
Nikayla McKinney
Roland Miller
Jaylen Morris
William Moss
Summer Nettles
Daade Pack
Kobe Patrick
Kaylonna Robinson
Monique Simmons
Sy'Mone Smith
Ronasia Spates
Mar'Nay Stewart
Blake Stewart
Joseph Stewart
Diamond Stoves
Alana Thigpen
Syntrell Thompson
Jaden White
Jiyavaughna White
Makiyah Williams
Catera Wofford
Jacayla Wright

11th Grade Merit Roll - 3.00 to 3.499 GPA

Michael Akakuru
Michana Assian
Nyaira Bacchus
Kaylen Bannerman
Amaya Bell
Donell Blackman
Jala Brazzil
Ania Callahan
Patrice Calvin
Preston Cardina
Sam Carlson
Raymond Bennett
Hailey Bray
Alana Cain
Jaylien Conway
Javier Dean
Lola Dyson
Tashani Edwards
Saniya Gainer
Savannah Galloway
Sean Hill
Jalen Hobson
Danyia Hudson-Nunn
Bryana Hunter
Jaleah Jackson
Jordai Jackson
Erica Kirksey
Jayla Marshall
Latoya Mathews
Kae'Lynn Mccauley
Ta Shar Ree McClay
Micyah McKinney-Cherry

11th Grade Distinguished Honor Roll - 4.00 to 5.00 GPA

Marissa Assian
Isabel Baca
Treshon Clark
David Dalton
Muhtayvion Dye
Damitria Ferguson
Allena Gravizi
Na'Im Hobson
Kymearra Ingram
Michael Patterson
Shyneice Phillips
Christina Saterides
Jasmin Shakir
Kiya Shareef
Ashley Shaw
Nicole Stauffer
Ariel Thompson
Alena Treadwell
Ronajah Wylie

De'Asia Huggins
Skylar Jacobs
Cassandra Johnson
Kavon Jones
Steven Key
Clarence King
Tylen King
Eriona Kirksey
Melissa Maina
Abigail Manchook
Kaniesha Martin
Akayla Middlebrooks
Derrick Mills
Kyrin Morris
Tyler Nichols
Emily Orazen
Taniah Prater
Devin Reed-Bennings
Eric Roscoe
Haley Santos
Phyr Scott
Marlisha Smith
Cameron Smith
Nathaniel Thompson
Lori Way
Christian Weaver
Trenyce Wells
Ta'Nyiah Williams
La'Mia Willis
Mykal Wilson Green

11th Grade Honor Roll - 3.50 to 3.999 GPA

Olivia Augustine
Kristen Bannerman
Joshua Cerjan
Breanna Clayton
De'Mari Clopton
Deyon Davis
Arianna Dial
Terry Dobbins
Chrishaun Edwards
Jason Fisher Jr.
Hailey French
Ashley Garrett
Emily Gendrich
Jasmine Perkins-Hirz
Adriana Gill
Deavante Graves
Domenic Griffin
Glenn Hamblin
Di'Miere Hansbro
Ananda Harmon
Kylan Holt
Nakhia Hopkins
Nicholas Jackson
Harold Jarvis
Jaydash Lardill
Dominic Larsen
Faith Matlock
Talia Mc Lin
Jaylen McCauley
Nora McClendon
Nikayla McKinney
Roland Miller
Jaylen Morris
William Moss
Summer Nettles
Daade Pack
Kobe Patrick
Kaylonna Robinson
Monique Simmons
Sy'Mone Smith
Ronasia Spates
Mar'Nay Stewart
Blake Stewart
Joseph Stewart
Diamond Stoves
Alana Thigpen
Syntrell Thompson
Jaden White
Jiyavaughna White
Makiyah Williams
Catera Wofford
Jacayla Wright

12th Grade Merit Roll - 3.00 to 3.499 GPA

Sumaya Abdullah
Brian Austin
Jhamil Ayers
Donae Banks
Tatiana Bell
Jordan Brown
John Brown
Jimmya Brundidge
Chenelle Bruton
Alex Bryan
Arianne Cain
India Clinton
Taylor Curtain
Sonija Deloach
Mason Douglas
Ashley Eatman
Anthony Fanning
Tahjane' Fields
Kenneth Frisco
Chloe Fritz
Trevon Gatewood
J'Shawn Gibson
Keshon Gunn
Kamryn Hamilton
Nina Hancock
Dayla Harris
Shaniaha Iverson
Carmela Jackson
Louvenia Jenkins
Kaleb Johnson
Montana Johnson
Natalya Jones
Faith Jones
Damon Kane
Lori Lee
Frederick Lisy
Sierra McCarroll
Bryanna McClendon
Mackenzie McDonald
Javon Mills
Taylor Patterson
Chaniya Perkins
Avian Perkins
Jasmine Perkins-Hirz
Symone Phillips
Romero Phillips Jr.
Christian Quarles
Manuel Rosario
Kristan Ross
Jamel Salaam
Aireyana Sharp
Makayla Smith
Jaelyn Smith
Jamari Snell
Xavier Stovall
A'yona Sweeney
Ke'aira Triplett
Joseph Trobenter
Deshawn Turner
Kayla Tutt
Shaun Warren
Catherine Webb
Dashiah Welch
Justin West
Mariano Wiggins
Anijah Wilkins
Aundrey Williams
Kadaia Williams
La'Nae Williams
Aminata Yansane

11th Grade Distinguished Honor Roll - 4.00 to 5.00 GPA

Marissa Assian
Isabel Baca
Treshon Clark
David Dalton
Muhtayvion Dye
Damitria Ferguson
Allena Gravizi
Na'Im Hobson
Kymearra Ingram
Michael Patterson
Shyneice Phillips
Christina Saterides
Jasmin Shakir
Kiya Shareef
Ashley Shaw
Nicole Stauffer
Ariel Thompson
Alena Treadwell
Ronajah Wylie

Dailiyah Rattiliff
El Laja Sailor
Kaylah Santos
Drewcilla Starks
Heaven Tate
Angel Tyson
Dylan Wholaver
Ashantee Willis

12th Grade Distinguished Honor Roll - 4.00 to 5.00 GPA

Artrez Alexander
Ashanti Cotton
Leslie Gatewood
Reagan George
Kayla Granito
Ini-Obong Inyang
Isabella Johnson
Mamadou M'Baye
Matthew McHugh
Da'Shanel Nichols
Tyauna Washington

Euclid Schools to host four community meetings

Euclid City Schools will offer four opportunities for families and community members to learn more about our focus on student achievement, fiscal responsibility and credibility. Meetings will be held at 7 p.m. on: **Feb. 4,** Wards 1 and 2, Central Middle School, 20701 Euclid Ave. **Feb. 5,** Wards 4 and 5, Shore Cul-tural Centre (Culinary Bistro), 291 E. 222nd St. **Feb. 11,** Wards 6 and 7, Early Learning Village, 27000 Elinore Ave. **Feb. 12,** Wards 3 and 8, Bluestone Elementary, 1455 E. 260th St. Topics will include: Academic progress, 18-hour campus, school construction, career tech, special education programs and the dis-trict budget and finances. There will also be time for questions and answers. Euclid Schools has placed an emergency levy, Issue 27, on the March 17 ballot. Please remember to exercise your right to vote. The voter registration deadline is Feb. 18. More information is available through the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections website at boe.cuyahogacounty.us.

Criminal Justice program adds ODRC certification preparation

From The Weekly Callout

Starting this year, students who graduate from Euclid High School's criminal justice program will be qualified to work as correc-tional officers. Students in the career technical program continue to earn Ohio Peace Officer Training Commis-sion certification to work as pri-vate security officers. Students will now also work towards earning their certification from the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections to work as correction-al officers. They must follow ODRC require-ments and, among other steps, take a web exam after they gradu-ate from high school. If they pass, they will be able to work in non-in-mate areas of prisons until they are 21 when they will be able to work in areas with inmates. Criminal Justice Instructor Nick Selvaggio said this gives students another way to earn good paying jobs straight out of high school. Completing the requirements will move them higher on the hiring list. Criminal Justice, like other career tech programs, is an alternative route to graduation for students as they earn industry-recognized cre-dentials. "There are so many different routes they can go," Selvaggio said about students' options after they graduate. Students can interview to work security with the Cleveland Browns



and Cleveland Indians. The top 10 percent of students each year may interview with Sherwin Williams' corporate security. Graduates who have gone on to college have also worked in their colleges' security departments. Students Janiya M. and Mariah C. said they enjoy taking criminal jus-tice and appreciate the opportuni-ties it provides. "This class gives us an edge to going to the next stage," said Mari-ah. "You will not be going in there blind." She hopes to be a detective while Janiya wants to be a forensic an-thropologist. "I feel lucky we have this pro-gram," said Janiya, who said she is earning college credit while taking the high school career tech pro-gram. Our focus at Euclid Schools is on preparing your children for suc-cess. Expanding the program to

Euclid City Schools Superintendent Christopher Papouras shares how the district is preparing Euclid's children for success in his Weekly Callout newsletter. The newsletter is shared on the website at euclidschools.org each week.

EHS hosts Winter Band Concert

Euclid High School's music pro-gram presented its Winter Band Concert in January. Student musicians performed classics from legendary composer John Philip Sousa including "The Liberty Bell," "The Washington Post March" and "The Stars and Stripes Forever." They ended with music from the PBS Series "The Civil War" including "When Johnny Comes Marching Home," Ashokan Fare-well" and "Battle Hymn of the Republic."



www.euclidschools.org

www.euclidschools.org



Community Meal

by Nathan Raddell
Join parishioners and neighbors in the Upper Hall at 5:15 pm on the last Tuesday of each month for the community meal! We are happy to provide this free meal for

you with an opportunity to socialize with people in the neighborhood! Our next Community Meal will be on February 25th in the Upper Hall.

Holy Hour



by Deacon Joe Robinson
Join us Wednesday, February 19, from 6:30 pm—7:30 pm for an hour of prayer. One of the best ways we can hold each other up in prayer is to bring our intentions to Jesus, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament! Join Deacon Joe Robinson in the Church at 6:30

pm as we pray for everyone at our Guardian Angels Early Learning Center and Ss. Robert and William School! We pray that all involved with our educational efforts follow the will of God and are strengthened on their journey. See you in the Eucharist!

Maintenance Worker Needed

by Nathan Raddell
We are in need of a maintenance worker to help with set-ups, clean-ups, takedowns, grounds, cleaning, etc. Hours vary and are

negotiable. This position will be for evening and night-time work. Email resume or letter of interest to Renee Dzuroff, Business Manager, rdzuroff@srweuclid.cc.

Scholarship Winners



Deacon Joe Reads to us



As a fun way to celebrate Catholic Schools' Week, Deacon Joe came to read to the third grade. He read a story and spoke to the

students about our faith. We are so grateful for Deacon Joe and for him to spend some time teaching us.

New Found Freedom



by Nathan Raddell
Join psychologist, Dr. Ted Raddell, Wednesday, February 10, from 7:00 pm -

9:00 pm for an opportunity to understand and promote healing from past traumas. He will map out the pathway to healing and recovery incorporating the latest in neuroscience advances. The Focus for the night will be on recovering from Clergy Abuse and Child Sexual Abuse. If you want to learn more about how to get past your past, please join us for an interactive and enlightening evening. This event will take place at Ss. Robert and William Catholic parish in our newly renovated Parish Center (gym). Contact us at 216-731-1515 or info@srweuclid.cc for more information.

Couples' Night Out

by Nathan Raddell
Married couples are invited to gather on Saturday, February 8th at Ss Robert and William Parish Center for a night out. Sr. Mary Ann Spangler HM will present Praying For and With My Spouse in the Parish Center. Sister brings years of experience as a Spiritual Director. Her

presentation will assist couples to explore prayer within a marital relationship. Following the presentation, there will be a Disc Jockey playing music for a night of dancing. The evening will begin at 6:30 pm. There is no cost with wine and pop being provided. Consider bringing an appetizer to share. RSVP 216-731-1515.

SRW Boosters 2020 Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament



by Nathan Raddell
Purpose: To bring friends together to support Ss. Robert & William Boosters and our CYO Athletic Program
What: Texas Hold'em Tournament
When: Saturday, February 29th
Doors Open at 5:30 PM, Cards Fly at 6:30 PM
Where: St. John of the Cross Gymnasium
140 Richmond, Road
Euclid, OH 44143
Cost: Early Registration: January 14th - February 9th - \$90
Pre-Registration: February 10th - February 25th - \$100

Late Registration: February 26th - February 28th or at the door if space allows - \$120
Includes:
Tournament Entry & Complimentary Pizza, Subs, Snacks, Soda, and Water. Beer will be available for purchase, no outside alcohol permitted.
Sideboards / Banger Boards / Side Poker Games
SRW Boosters will payout 50% of Entry fee based on Early Registration price of \$90
Questions: Email: srwboosters@gmail.com or brian.j.dunmire@gmail.com (216-219-5558)



Save the Date



by Anita Linsky
Ted Ginn, Sr., is coming to St. John of the Cross Parish on Sunday, February 23, 2020 at 3:00 PM

Ted Ginn, Sr. is the Founder and Executive Director of The Ginn Academy, Head Football Coach and Head Track Coach of Glenville High School. Ted Ginn, Sr. is a member, deacon and trustee of The Historical Greater Friendship Baptist Church located in the Glenville community. Coach Ginn will join us to share powerful and practical lessons on building relationships between cultures, within diverse communities, and how to be servant leaders.

St. John of the Cross parishioner, Matt Chinchar, who is an Assistant Football Coach at Glenville High School and the College Advisor at The Ginn Academy, will

have a conversation with Mr. Ginn about their diverse backgrounds and friendship, built over 30 years of work, on and off the football field, and of a shared desire to save lives and souls, to help build strong young men physically, emotionally, academically and spiritually.

This is an event where the journey of friendship is intended to spark a connection for all people of faith, regardless of denomination, race, creed or socioeconomic background. There are so many things that divide us but we are more alike than we are different and we are stronger together than we are apart. With candid dialogue, Mr. Ginn and Mr. Chinchar will discuss how people can build bridges one step at a time. This is a journey that is too good to miss!

Soulcore



by Anita Linsky
Join us for our next SoulCore session, to be held on Saturday, February 8, at 9:30 AM in Room 10 of the Saint John of the Cross Community Center. Karen Hostoffer will lead us through an hour of SoulCore, a prayer experience that combines the prayers of the rosary with core strengthening, stretching and functional movement. There is no cost, but a suggested donation of \$10, for those who are able. For more information, contact Anney Roach at aroach@sjceuclid.com.

St. John of the Cross Bingo



by Anita Linsky
"The Better Bingo" - every Tuesday!
4pm: Doors open - 5pm: Packages on sale
Pay LESS and Get MORE!
Safe, Welcoming & Friendly!
TWO \$1,000 fill-ups!

King/Queen (guaranteed \$25!)
FREE monthly prizes: 2 months of bingo & 4 cash prizes of \$50!
New INSTANT games!
New PROGRESSIVE game!
FREE coffee & popcorn!
FREE Birthday prizes!
AT SJC BINGO, YOU CAN WIN BIG!
Text SJC BINGO to 84576 to receive a \$5 off bingo coupon!
facebook.com/SJCEUCLIDbingo

Our Parish Mission

We are the Catholic Community of St. John of the Cross, established in 2009. Uniting the people of God as one family, we are rooted in, and empowered by, our sacramental life and Eucharistic celebrations. Living as disciples of Jesus Christ,

we recognize our God given potential and challenge one another to share our giftedness, embrace our diversity, and engage in social outreach, service and education. In doing so, we seek to extend the reign of God in Euclid and the wider community.

St. John of the Cross

140 Richmond Rd.

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass
4:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses
9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses
M, W & F, 8:00 a.m. (Chapel)
T & Th, 6:30 p.m. (Chapel)

Confessions

Saturday, 3:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of each month, 8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Contact Information

216.289.0770
www.sjceuclid.com

Bagel Buddy's

20070 Lakeshore Blvd
Mon—Fri 6:00 am to 1:00 pm
Sat and Sun 7:00 am to Noon

The Magic of Advertising Gets You Business

Advertise Here
216.505.0185

Join the Discussion at: www.euclidobserver.com

Join the Discussion at: www.euclidobserver.com

Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School

Faith. Family. Future.

Misrach Ewunetie '20 receives full scholarship to Princeton

by Kristen Mott '09

Misrach Ewunetie '20 has received a full four-year scholarship to Princeton University through the QuestBridge National College Match program.

College Match Scholarship recipients are granted early admission to one of QuestBridge's college partners with a full, four-year scholarship that covers tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, and travel expenses.

Ewunetie said she learned about the scholarship opportunity through a community-based organization that she's involved with called Minds Matter Cleveland.

As part of the application process, students must complete an online application form and essays and submit two letters of recommendation from teachers, a school report from a high school counselor, a high school

transcript and standardized test scores. Students can rank up to 12 colleges that they would like to be "matched" with. In addition to Princeton, Ewunetie said she included Stanford University and Yale University on her list.

Students are notified in early December if they've been matched with one of QuestBridge's college partners. Ewunetie said she was "really excited" when she found out she had been matched with Princeton.

"It felt like a weight off my shoulders and that I wouldn't have to stress too much about college decisions anymore," she said.

This year, 1,127 finalists were selected as College Match Scholarship recipients to 40 QuestBridge college partners, with 51 students being matched to Princeton.

Princeton is a non-binding school, which means students admitted through the match aren't required to commit

to attending the institution. However, Ewunetie said Princeton is her top choice at the moment. She's interested in majoring in a science.

Ewunetie said she would definitely recommend the QuestBridge program to other VASJ students.

"It's a similar type of application to most others in terms of supplements, transcripts and all of that, but the essays are different. The really nice part is that you find out decisions a lot earlier than with a normal application," she said.

She added that VASJ has played a major role in helping her to determine which paths she wants to pursue after graduation.

"My time at VASJ has given me the opportunity to really figure out what I want in my future," Ewunetie said. "I've been able to step outside of my comfort zone because my friends have encouraged me to try new things



VASJ senior Misrach Ewunetie

while I've been here. Because of that, I wasn't really stressed about senior year because I figured I had done most things I really wanted to do in high school. All of my teachers and classes have really made a difference in how my high school path has gone, especially in what clubs I've ended up joining because of them."

Students accept awards during annual Founders Day Mass at VASJ

by Kristen Mott '09

Every January, the Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School community joins together to celebrate the traditions of the school's founders: Blessed William Joseph Chaminade, founder of the Society of Mary (Marianists), and St. Angela Merici, founder of the Ursuline Sisters. The Mass celebrates VASJ's combined core values and unique identity.

The morning began with the bestowing of the Faces of Our Founders Awards. This is the fourth year the awards have been given out to VASJ students.

"It's an award simply for being a good person," said Christin VanAtta, assistant director of Campus Ministry at VASJ. "It's designed to recognize students at VASJ who exhibit the same qualities and commitments that our founders exhibited during their time on this Earth."

Several weeks ago, students voted during Religion classes for an individual in each grade who they think embodies certain qualities and values. From Blessed William Joseph Chaminade: a strong sense of community, mission, inclusivity and a deep love for God and Mary. From St. Angela Merici: a commitment to compassion, justice and the contemplation of their faith.

For the first time, four senior students tied for the award.

"We believe that this demonstrates the stellar nature of this current senior class and shows their general attitude toward service and a family spirit," VanAtta said.

This year's winners of the Faces of

Our Founders Awards are:

- Freshman Ava Longstreet
- Sophomore Joey Webb
- Junior Jenecya Wood
- Seniors Cha'Nyra Cooper,

Robby Guzzo, Alia Sealy and Reanna Croasmun

At the conclusion of Mass, students were awarded scholarship money related to the school's sponsoring orders. Each of the scholarships was founded in the spirit of Fr. Chaminade or St. Merici to recognize the accomplishments of current VASJ students.

Ursuline Service Scholarship

In keeping with the mission of the Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland to transform society through social justice, the Ursuline Service Scholarship recognizes students who are generous in their service to the school, church and community, and leadership in issues of justice. Recipients of \$500 scholarships are:

- Roland Ivy, Jr.
- Faith Thompson

Sr. M. Ursula Fahey Scholarship

The Sr. M. Ursula Fahey Scholarship recognizes a daughter of a VA or VASJ alum who displays leadership in school, church and community. The recipient of a \$500 scholarship is:

- Julianna Le-Quay

Sr. Rosemary Hocevar Science Scholarship

Sr. Rosemary Hocevar is a former science and math teacher and principal of Villa Angela Academy. The Sr. Rosemary Hocevar Science Scholarship is designed for current sophomore or juniors who have maintained a 2.5 GPA, have

demonstrated service to school, parish and/or community, and are interested in a career in education, science or math. The recipients are selected by the family through an application process. The recipients of \$1,000 scholarships are:

- Maurice Jackson
- Edward Marxen
- Lisa Lowe

Sr. Naomi Schreiner Scholarship

The Sr. Naomi Schreiner Scholarship is named after a legendary longtime VASJ Hall of Fame teacher.

This \$500 award is given to a senior who best represents the four characteristics of the National Honor Society: scholarship, leadership, service and character. The recipient is:

- Micah Dunn

Sr. Angela Marie Waldron Scholarship

The Sr. Angela Marie Waldron Scholarship recognizes a student who has shown a love of learning, has a grade point average of at least 3.0, participates in multiple activities and is active in his/her parish. The recipient of a \$500 scholarship is:

- Macklin Muhlhahn

Anna Mae Eppich-Lang Scholarship

The Anna Mae Eppich-Lang Scholarship is an award in memory of Mrs. Lang. The recipient is a female resident of Cleveland who, in addition to performing well academically, has qualities that epitomize the spirit of VASJ. The recipients of \$500 scholarships are:

- Sarah Carroll
- Jasmine Riddle
- Kayla Franks

Fr. Louis Wiesner Scholarship
The Fr. Louis Wiesner Scholarship was established in memory of the founding principal of St. Joseph High School. This scholarship is awarded to students who have demonstrated growth in the principles and characteristics of VASJ. The recipients of \$750 scholarships are:

- Sophia Trickett
- Vasillios Capuozzo
- Tyler Boyd-Roston

Marianist Urban Students Program

The Marianist Urban Students Program was founded in 1990 and came to VASJ in 1999 with the first graduating class being in 2003. Since then, more than 55 students have graduated from MUSP at VASJ. These students receive academic and social support at VASJ. The students in MUSP receive more than \$10,000 in tuition scholarship aid during their four years of high school. Those chosen for this program go through a thorough and competitive selection process. Current MUSP students are:

- Freshmen Savonda Jackson, Monasia Manigault, DeAngelo Irving, Cristian Williams and Rozall Gall, Jr.
- Sophomores Anthony Dixon, Paige Jones, Gbagalo Kennedy, Kevin Laster, JoVon Reiley and Ta' Shuna Thomas.

- Juniors Maurice Jackson, McKayla Nicholson, Delesia Hall, Levelle Smith, Joshua Shumpert and Aiyanna Martin.

- Seniors Daisha Terrell, Nariah Johnson-Moore, Michele Blackshear and Aniyah Milton.

SCHOOL SPORTS

VASJ wrestling – Vikings compete at loaded Nordonia event

by Bill Tilton

VASJ participated in the very competitive Nordonia JV Battle on Jan. 11.

Billed as the Ohio JV state championships for good reason – plenty of great Division I competition.

Freshman Aiden Staunton went 0-2, but had two great bouts.

Freshman Darian Davis also wrestled well, but finished 0-2.

Sophomore Mack Flynn was 0-2.

Sophomore Charlie Mullin was 1-2.

Junior Charlie Stachnik went 1-2.

Sophomore Titus Bates was 0-2, but did

hold leads in both loses.

Joe Webb went 2-2 after making the semifinals at 160 pounds.

Junior Eddie Marxen finished 1-2 at 182 pounds.

Junior Josh Longstreet went 1-2, but also lead in every match. Longstreet moved to 220 pounds to make room for sophomore Paulie Paciorek at 195 pounds, who went 1-2.

Sean Doley also bumped up to 285 pounds to make room for the upper weights to compete. Doley went 1-2.

VASJ women's basketball – Vikings knock off Holy Name

by Bill Tilton

VASJ has battled through adversity all season, and that determination paid off in a big way with a win over Holy Name, 46-39.

"A tough, hard-fought team victory," said VASJ coach Rich Newlon. "The girls showed grit and determination. Willo Sin-

gleton led us with 19 points. Delesia Hall sparked us with her defensive prowess; she had two huge steals. Kimani Ball lead us with 10 rebounds.

"We have battled through a lot of adversity this season and the girls continue to work hard and improve daily."



VASJ varsity women's basketball schedule

by Kristen Mott

Wednesday, Feb. 5 at 7 p.m.
Away vs. Cleveland Central Catholic High School
Conference game

Monday, Feb. 10 at 5:30 p.m.
Home vs. East Technical High School

Friday, Feb. 14
Hunter Memorial Tournament at 6 p.m.
Home

Saturday, Feb. 22 at 9 a.m.
JV at Mayfield High School

Saturday, Feb. 22
NCL Tournament at 10 a.m.
Away at Padua High School
Conference game

Saturday, Feb. 29
OHSAA Sectional, Individual at 9:30 a.m.
Away at Independence Local Schools

Friday, Feb. 28
OASSA States #2
Pickerington North High School
7800 Refugee Road
Pickerington, OH 43147

Vikings stop losing streak with win at Hawken

by Bill Tilton

Trying to break a rare four-game losing skid, VASJ needed a win in the worst way as the Vikings traveled to Gates Mills to play Hawken on Jan. 25.

A pair of unsung heroes provided the exact prescription for what the basketball doctor ordered as VASJ snapped its losing streak with a big second half in a 62-44 win over the Hawks.

The Vikings improved to 6-8 on the season and won for the first time since returning from a holiday trip to Missouri.

"Vasilios Capuozzo and Noah Clark are two JV kids that came in the second half and saved us. They have earned the right to get that opportunity and they made the most of

it," VASJ coach Babe Kwasniak said.

"Our JV team is such a vital part of our program, this night was a prime example of how important it is to get that game experience. I love these kids because all they care about is winning. Here's two of my favorite kids in the program. Let's face it, our schedule is brutal – we will take any win whatever way we can."

Capuozzo hit three 3s in the second half and Clarke played a vital role as VASJ was held to 18 points in the first half, but scored 44 over the final 16 minutes to pull away for the win.

Jaden Hameed scored 14 of his team-high 21 points in the third quarter. Jonah Waag finished with 13 for the Vikings.

VASJ junior varsity men's basketball schedule

by Kristen Mott

Thursday, Feb. 6 at 7 p.m.
Home vs. Eastlake North High School

Saturday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m.
Away vs. John F. Kennedy Catholic School

Friday, Feb. 14 at 5:30 p.m.
Away vs. Lake Catholic High School
Conference game

Monday, Feb. 17 at 6 p.m.
Away vs. Mentor High School

Friday, Feb. 21 at 5:30 p.m.
Home vs. Cleveland Central Catholic High School
Conference game

Saturday, Feb. 22 at 6 p.m.
Home vs. St. Edward High School

Friday, Feb. 14 at 7 p.m.
Away vs. Lake Catholic High School
Conference game

Monday, Feb. 17 at 7:30 p.m.
Away vs. Mentor High School

Friday, Feb. 21 at 7 p.m.
Home vs. Cleveland Central Catholic High School
Conference game

Saturday, Feb. 22 at 7:30 p.m.
Home vs. St. Edward High School

VASJ freshman men's basketball schedule

by Kristen Mott

Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 5 p.m.
Home vs. St. Ignatius High School

Thursday, Feb. 13 at 5 p.m.
Away vs. Lake Catholic High School
Conference game

Thursday, Feb. 20 at 5 p.m.
Home vs. Cleveland Central Catholic High School
Conference game



VILLA ANGELA-ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL
18491 Lakeshore Boulevard / Cleveland, OH 44119 / 216-481-8414 / vasj.com

Catholic education in the Ursuline and Marianist traditions

Join the Discussion at: www.euclidobserver.com

Join the Discussion at: www.euclidobserver.com



St. John Nottingham Lutheran School exists to equip the children of the Greater Cleveland and surrounding area with integrity, creativity, academics, compassion, and spiritual maturity in a diverse, interconnected, and ever-changing world.

2nd Quarter Merit and Honor Roll Lists



SJN Prospective Student Day



8th grade SJN students hard at work on Black History Month projects.

by David Peck

Each year, St. John Nottingham hosts a Prospective Student Day where we open our doors to families who are looking for a good, Christ-centered school. Come meet the teachers and see the classrooms!

Assistant Principal Joe Miziker will be on hand to answer all of your questions about SJN and what we can do for you! Mrs. Cindy Rollins will be available to answer all of your questions about the Cleveland (Voucher) and EdChoice Scholarships, as well as assist you in filing all of the paperwork necessary to apply! Students will also be available to answer questions and show you around.

Pre-register an appointment to visit and get a coupon free for a FREE Gym Uniform (a \$25 value)! And as always, we will have give-aways and prizes!

The 2020 SJN Prospective Student Day is Saturday, March 14, 2020, from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. No appointment necessary, but if you want to schedule a visit, call the SJN office at (216) 531-8204.

COME SEE WHAT WE CAN DO FOR YOU!

SJN Now Enrolling for 2020-2021



by David Peck

St. John Nottingham Lutheran School is now in open enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year.

We are fully NLSA accredited and feature full day kindergarten, a more than 1 to 1 student/computer ration, the latest teaching technology in every room, comitative sports teams, small class sizes, and much, much more! We offer classes you won't find in other schools, from American Sign Language to Classical Studies, Speech, and specialized High School Prep classes. We are dedicated to offering the best Christ-centered education in the greater

Cleveland area, and invite you to become part of the SJN family!

There are no registration fees for qualified students, and SJN is fully authorized to accept both the Cleveland (Voucher) and EdChoice Scholarships. The SJN office is always available to assist new families file all of the needed paperwork for these scholarships, so stop on by and let us help you! (Note that the window for applying for Cleveland (Voucher) Scholarship is February 1 through April 30, and the window for EdChoice is February 1 through April 15.) We offer a quality hot lunch program and families may apply for free or reduced price lunches through the SJN office if they so desire. SJN also offers a very affordable Extended Care Program that operates from 7:00 AM until school begins and from the end of the school day to 6:00 PM for the convenience of our families. Families may apply for bus transportation services through CMSD or their local school district.

Come be a part of the SJN Family! You'll be glad you did!

by David Peck

Merit Roll for 2nd Quarter (GPA of 3.00 to 3.49)

1st Grade

Johann Levitt

Nylah Sanders

Justice Scott

Ja'Vier Williams

2nd Grade

Jaycee Dickson

Connor Dozier

Aden Elie

Jasiah Levitt

McKenzie Norman

Jayme Salter

Noah Sanders

Jaeden Woodard

3rd Grade

Isabella Charlton

Amari Chatman

Richard Eason

Aubree Marks

Jai'Caub Prather

4th Grade

Samuel Boone

D'Yiana Chaney

Kingston Henderson

Janaya Jones

Amarion Levitt

Keiarra Montgomery

5th Grade

Quintin Davis-Smith

Treasure Humphrey

Jay'Veon Levitt

Khamari Levitt

Donyel Lipscomb

Carlei Tyus

6th Grade

Qiaja Bowman

Christa Calhoun

Bishop Elie

Amiyah Lipscomb

7th Grade

Evan Murphy

Jaylin Reid

8th Grade

Alani Jones

Honor Roll (GPA 3.50 - 4.00_

1st Grade

Jaiden Bridges

Victor Dozier

2nd Grade

Nolan Sanders

Ryleigh Wynn

3rd Grade

Reice Bowers

A'miya Chatman

Kailia Hunter

Ramiyah Ivory

Stephon Johnson

Seth McCall

Reginald McCurdy

4th Grade

Kyle Byous

Mi'Zarriah Mason-Hawthorne

Damarion Zellars

5th Grade

Collin Brown

Amonii Carr

Marie Gerald-Murray

Shamya Harris

Sondria Mixon

Aniya Morris

Brooklyn Randle

Paul Walton

6th Grade

Javayah Bridges

John Gibson

Promise Hobbs

Dalania Jenkins

Darion Morgan

Mo-Nika Peterson

7th Grade

Katherine Boone

Lawrence Boyd

Jamiyah Dye

Ari Jones

Madison Mostella-McClain

8th Grade

Antoryia Collins

Londen Dukes

Ja'Kyra Jackson

Alani Jones: SJN Student of the Month!



by David Peck

Meet the SJN Student of the Month for February, 2020, 8th grader Alani Jones! An honor roll student, Alani started dancing at the age of 3. She loves dancing because it is a form or art and expression through movement, not to mention that she also loves musicality of dance. This coming March, she will have 11 years experience with dance. She travels across the country performing. Currently, she is dancing with the #2 hip hop dance crew in the United States, ELEVATED Dance Crew. It's her dream to one major in dance from Cleveland State University and own her own dance studio.

Congratulations Alani on being SJN Student of the Month!

SCHOOLS

School choice is personal: Euclid High School is a good choice for our family



by Pam Turos

This time last year, my husband and I were sitting at the dining room table with our oldest son who was half-way through his freshman year at the private high school he enthusiastically wanted to attend just one year earlier.

He wanted to change schools, and his reasons and concerns were legitimate enough that we were willing to help him consider all the options. It was a new thing for both of us — kids having so many choices (and opinions) about where to attend school. It's also a privilege that many people don't have.

When choosing schools for all three of my children, the decision has always been a balance between recognizing what each of my children needs to succeed and my belief that our current method of rating and funding public schools is deeply flawed. It

is not easy to look past or investigate every inflammatory news story, viral social media post, and state test scores to try and connect with the heart and soul of a school community. But every time I have done so, it has been worth it for our family.

When my son decided he wanted to transfer to Euclid High School, he was already playing rec league sports with a nice group of kids from the school. So I talked to their parents, including many people who have always considered attendance at the local high school a given for their family — many of whom have been my children's sports teammates, mentors, youth coaches, and theater idols. I talked with a neighbor whose son had transferred to Euclid from a local private high school to "catch up his grades." He liked it so much he decided to stay, especially the elective Money Matters class, which I think should be a require-

ment in every public and private high school.

I talked to the teachers. I learned about the decades of experience held by most Euclid teachers and all of the non-traditional learning opportunities that are designed to help every student find something they can enjoy learning or doing, including a few programs that are nationally recognized — also something that will never be reflected in a standardized test score.

We knew several other Euclid families who were making similar decisions this time last year, and we shared notes and experiences along the way. I'm glad to report that all of those families ultimately chose Euclid schools.

As parents, we all want our children to be safe. So, I also talked to the Euclid High School resource officer and several other Euclid police officers to learn the facts behind their frequent presence at the school. I talked with the director of communications and multiple school board members to learn about their goals and the positive gains that Euclid schools are making, things I knew wouldn't be reflected on a standardized test.

More than anything else, I am a mother

doing my best to raise emotionally healthy, independent children who realize their potential, take pride in hard work, and can navigate happily in a diverse world. This year, as a sophomore at Euclid High School, our son has shown more indicators of this success than we have seen in him any year prior.

One of my most enduring beliefs is that we tend to see what we are looking for — both in other people and in our communities. During our school research phase and my first year as a parent returning to Euclid schools, I was looking for "the good." Not just for my own family, but because I know that it's too easy to get twisted up inside by all the fear-based, negative information that our culture thrives on. No matter what decision we made with our son, I wanted it to be a fair and informed decision. I also want to believe in the future of Euclid because this community is my home.

Thankfully, it did not take me long to connect with other people who are committed to these same values, including countless dedicated teachers, students, staff, parents, coaches, administration, and tireless volunteers who have welcomed us into their community. They are the heart and soul of Euclid schools. And they are our future.

The best way any Euclid resident can invest in the future of our community is by showing up at the polls on March 17, when the Euclid Schools Board asks Euclid residents for a "Yes" vote in support of Issue 27.

For more information on Euclid Schools and Issue 27, visit citizensforeuclidschools.org.

An Investment in Euclid Schools Benefits Us All

by Jane Densmore Steger

I believe Franklin D. Roosevelt's statement, "Democracy cannot succeed unless those who express their choice are prepared to choose wisely. The real safeguard of democracy, therefore, is education," is a truism (a statement that is obviously true); just like the statement, "you get what you pay for."

We are very fortunate to live in a country where every child has access to education, but it's never been free, and because "you get what you pay for," it's not equal. School systems in communities like Euclid get penalized on many fronts, such as loss of revenue through property taxes (population isn't growing), state aid in the form of increased EdChoice vouchers, and shared income tax. As a Euclid voter, I didn't start to understand school funding until I got involved with the Citizen's For Euclid

Schools committee (and I'm still learning). www.citizensforeuclidschools.org

Through my involvement with this committee, I've come to appreciate that schools reflect the quality and integrity of the individuals who get involved, challenge the status quo, and support decisions that put students first. And although we don't have children in Euclid schools, I believe in paying it forward...as others did when I was in public schools.

The March 2020 levy represents a little over \$19 per month for the average Euclid house worth \$75,000. Keep in mind that this is what was being given to the schools prior to the failure of the 2018 renewal levy.

I hear many positive things from Euclid school parents, but for those of us without that 'front row seat', all we hear about is the "D" grade Euclid City Schools received on

last year's State Report card. Those who fully understand this grading system believe it is flawed as it penalizes communities with lower medium household incomes. Knowing this, Cleveland.com looked at the Report Card from a different perspective with the intent to highlight the districts that were beating the economic trends. According to their findings, Euclid schools ranked ahead of South Euclid-Lyndhurst, Cleveland Heights-University Heights, Shaker Heights, Richmond Heights, Berea, Bedford, Willoughby-Eastlake, Garfield Heights, Mentor, Maple Heights, Kirtland and Strongsville. And are ranked just behind the districts of Independence, Hudson, Kenston and Orange.

I know that supporting our schools is a tangible investment in our home and property; just like an investment in a new roof, a

solid school system maintains and protects the investment we've made.

I also know that our taxes are high, but without strong schools, people will continue to leave Euclid or choose not to move here...thus requiring fewer of us to carry the tax burden and individually paying more. With strong schools, we attract families, which in turn attracts businesses resulting in a larger taxpayer base. You improve the schools and you'll improve the city.

I believe we are at a serious crossroads and not passing this levy will erode any progress made and limit the administration's ability to provide a well-rounded school experience that every Euclid student deserves.

Let's build a stronger community for all of us by voting YES on Issue 27 on or before March 17, 2020.

A 2020 Graduate Shares Her Thoughts

by Meghan Grisez

Ever since I was little, I've loved being on stage and performing for people to watch. I took dance lessons for seven years and have always enjoyed singing in music class.

Because of Euclid High School, I have been able to further my education in such subjects. EHS has helped me to become a well-rounded student with a passion and eagerness to learn. It has provided me with the necessary tools for my success in music, performing arts and my academics.

I am currently a senior and have been in Euclid City Schools all my life. I wouldn't trade it for any other school district in Ohio. There is so much offered here at the high school that other schools simply don't

have. Many schools have had to cut art and music programs that I have had the luxury of enjoying.

Euclid has really given me the opportunities to get out there and show what I can do. I've played my violin since fourth grade, did show choir for a few years and am currently getting ready to play a teacher in this year's up-coming musical production of "Fame!" Lots of people always come to see Big Show and it has become an annual tradition that the community looks forward to.

I love having a wonderful music program, and I am so grateful for our schools for not only encouraging our interests in the arts, but also funding my passion for

music. I have been first chair in orchestra for three years now and I'm constantly striving to get better at what I love.

In addition to having a great arts program, I've also had the luxury of taking all sorts of college classes at Euclid High School for free.

Since tenth grade, I've been able to take 12 college classes which will help me save money and get a headstart on college classes. They have helped me prepare for college and see what it is like. By taking these classes and doing my best, I've been able to get up to sixth in my class out of 346 students.

We also have so many great Career Tech programs. I know many students who have used these programs to get a good start

towards their future careers. College isn't right for everyone, so Career Tech gives kids another option. New college classes and Career Tech classes are added every year, so there are many options for kids who want to try something new.

I am a senior and will be going to college in the fall. I am planning on going to CSU. I've already been accepted and offered scholarships.

I have an interest in film and am thinking of becoming a director. Because of my college credits, I will be further along in my education. My experience at Euclid High School has well prepared me for my next step, and I'm excited to see what the future has in store for me.

EDUCATING FOR ETERNITY | 1027 E 176th St, Cleveland, OH 44119
Church: (216) 531-1156 | School: (216) 531-8204 | stjohnottingham.org

EVENTS

Recher Slovenian Home - Club & Hall Events



Charge will be \$5.00 Fish Fries will be served in the lower hall during LENT Band Schedule as follows: 02/07 – Anthony Culcar/Brian Papesh

Fridays in the “Clubroom” - Fish Fries available from 4:00 - 9:00pm; Music from 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Cover Coming in March, Raise the Roof Raffle March 28. Tickets are \$50.00 a person and are available for purchase.

Community/Family Valentine Concert & Dance



by Armando Arellano The Questers of the East Shore United Methodist Church presents... The Annual Community/Family Valentine Concert & Dance Featuring the Joe Mayer Orchestra Band Friday, February 14, 2020 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM Place: 23002 Lake Shore Boulevard Euclid, OH 44123 Tickets: \$10 per person; Ages 13 and below FREE! For More Information Call: 216-261-1688

RELAY FOR LIFE American Cancer Society Save the Date Euclid Relay for Life

by Emily Holody Join us for the Relay for Life of Euclid Friday, May 1, 2020, 6 pm to 12 am indoors at Euclid Central Middle School This is a free community event! Lots of family fun! Food trucks, games, prizes, bounce houses, face painting, and more! If you have any questions or would like to get involved contact Kristina Hewis at khewis@euclidschools.org .

Show Some Love to E. 200th Street

February 14th at 9 am at Stroll Headquarters (my house) 20110 Wilmore Ave. Euclid. We'd love to see E. 200th Street business people, community organization representatives, and any interested citizen volunteers join us to plan our 14th Stroll. We're all volunteers who believe in our mission: "In celebrating our great City of Euclid and its residents, the E. 200 St. Stroll exists to promote E. 200th St. businesses and the community resources available to all." Do you have questions? Please call Sherrie at 216-798-7089.

by Sherrie Zagorc It's time to think E. 200th Street Stroll and the days will fly by as we plan for May 30, 2020 - the Saturday after Memorial Day. We will have our first breakfast meeting for interested "Super Strollers" on Friday,

Issue 27 Keeps Euclid Moving Forward

Vote FOR Issue 27 on or before March 17

Learn the Facts at citizensforeuclidschools.org

Paid for by Citizens for Euclid Schools

EVENTS

Lake County Master Gardeners Offer Gardening Workshop March 7, 2020



The Lake County Master Gardener Volunteers and Lake County OSU Extension are hosting their Home Gardeners' Workshop on March 7, 2020 at Lakeland Community College in Kirtland. The program starts at 8:45 am, and the last session ends at 3:30 pm. All who enjoy gardening are welcome! Keynote speaker is Laura Deeter, PhD, Full Professor of Horticulture at Ohio State University ATI, who will present "kNOw Maintenance Perennials." Attendees will choose three additional presentations from the following speakers: Ann Rzepka Budziak, Holden Forests and Gardens; Bill Hendricks, Klyn Nurseries Inc.; Danae Wolfe, OSUE; Garrett Ormiston, Cleveland Museum of Natural History; John Barber, Friends of Lower Lake; Laura Bonnell and Natalie Gertz-Young, Master Rain Gardeners; Margaret Rivera,

OSUE; Mary Slingluff, Avalon Gardens; and Sarah Short, OSU. Topics include: Planting Native Plants for Birds, Shade Gardening with Native Woodland Wildflowers, Ticks and Lyme Disease, Propagating Native Plants from Seed, Using Native Plants in Your Landscape, Stories of the Garden with Photography, Rain Gardens 101, Community Gardens, and Trees for Bees. The program fee of \$48 includes continental breakfast, lunch, snacks, and a parting gift. A variety of garden-related items will be available for purchase. To register for the workshop, email MGVLakeCounty@gmail.com for a brochure and registration form or download a form on our website https://lake.osu.edu/program-areas/master-gardener-volunteers. Call the Extension office at 440-350-2254 for more information or a registration form. Visit us on Facebook at OSUE Lake County Master Gardeners. The deadline for registration is February 26. We hope to see you March 7!

Registration Open for 2020 Master RAIN Gardener 5-Week Courses



by Elizabeth Hiser Chagrin River Watershed Partners (CRWP), Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District (Cuyahoga SWCD), and Lake County Soil & Water Conservation District (Lake SWCD) are offering four 5-week Master RAIN Gardener courses in 2020 that will teach participants how to design, install, and maintain residential rain gardens. Rain gardens are bowl shaped gardens filled with plants that like it a little wet. They are designed to receive water runoff from surfaces like roofs, driveways, or lawns. They work with nature to collect, filter, and soak up this rain. This course is open to all residents and landscape professionals in Northeast Ohio and can be taken in-person or online. Each of the 5-week courses offer a two-track option, where participants can sign up for the residential certification or professional certification track. Registration for the online and in-person courses is open now. • Winter Online Course: Recorded online content beginning February 3 with a final in-person class on Saturday, March 21. The mandatory field day for professional track participants will be held on Saturday, May 2. For more information about this course and to register, visit: www.crwpp.org • Early Summer In-Person Course: Wednesdays from 9:30am-2:00pm beginning on May 20 and running through June 17 at the Mayfield Village Community Room, with one course (June 3) held at the North Chagrin Nature Center in Willoughby. For more information about this course and to register, visit: www.cuyahog- aswcd.org/events/2020/05/20/master-rain-gardener-program • Summer Online Course #2: Recorded on-line content beginning July 17 with a final in-person class on Saturday, August 22. The mandatory field day for professional track participants will be held on Saturday, Sep-

tember 12. For more information about this course and to register, visit: www.cuyahog- aswcd.org/events/2020/07/17/master-rain-gardener-online-program • Late Summer In-Person Course: Thursdays from 10:00am-2:00pm beginning on July 30 and running through August 27, held at the Holden Arboretum in Kirtland. The mandatory field day for professional track participants will be held on Saturday, September 12. For more information about this course and to register, visit: www.crwpp.org Both the in-person courses and online courses will include optional field trips to residential rain gardens, public rain gardens, and native plant nurseries. The fees for registration for the online course are \$50 for the residential certification track and \$75 for the professional certification track, and the fees for the in-person course are \$75 for the residential certification track and \$100 for the professional certification track. Scholarships are available. The 2020 Master Rain Gardener program is funded in part by the Western Reserve Land Conservancy and Dominion Energy Watershed Mini Grant Program, the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, and the Lake Stormwater Management Department. For more information, contact: Laura Bonnell, Project Manager, Chagrin River Watershed Partners, Inc. (440) 975-2870 ext. 1002; lbonnell@crwp.org Elizabeth Hiser, Euclid Creek Watershed Program Manager, Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District; (216)-524-6580 ext. 1002; ehiser@cuyahogaswcd.org Natalie Gertz-Young, Education/Information Coordinator, Lake Soil & Water Conservation District; (440) 350-2033; ngertz-young@lakecountyyohio.gov

FreshWater editor to teach 12-week 'Artist's Way' course at The Green House in February

by Jen Jones Donatelli Healing Arts Workshops offered by WestOften, when I talk to people I meet in Cleveland about The Artist's Way, they haven't heard of it, but they're intrigued and want to learn more. (Or they've had it on their bookshelf for years and are ready to dust it off.) That's why I'm so excited to once again offer "CLE-ative Groove," a dedicated 12-week course based on Julia Cameron's best-selling book. The Artist's Way has been an incredibly transformative tool in my own life—I studied it for many years when I lived in Los Angeles, where the book and corresponding classes helped me navigate a job transition from the entertainment industry back to my journalism roots, a difficult period of fertility treatments, and various other turning points in my life. As we get ready to ramp up for the fourth installment here in Cleveland, I wanted to share the class with FreshWater Cleveland readers, the dreamers, doers, and do-good-

ers of our city. Despite the title, the Artist's Way isn't just for artists—it's for anyone looking to reclaim their creative spark or kickstart their art, whether it be writing, painting, starting a business, or [insert your passion here]. The book speaks to creatives, entrepreneurs, and/or anyone looking to make a meaningful shift personally or professionally; the class melds self-care and self-discovery via interactive exercises, journaling prompts, and creative connection within the group. The class is being held at The Green House coworking space in Euclid this winter, and dates run from Feb. 12 to May 6, with an off week March 11. (The class meets every Wednesday from 6:30 to 9 p.m.) FreshWater Cleveland readers can get a discount of 10% off by entering the code FRESHWATER when registering here. Hope to see you there! Feel free to email me at editor@freshwatercleveland.com with any questions or curiosities.



ELECT JAMES W. SATOLA FOR JUDGE Eighth District Court of Appeals

Judicial service is not merely a title or political job. It is a serious, lifelong commitment to fairness and integrity. Throughout my over 30-year legal career, I have established a reputation for honesty, dedication, and accomplishment. It is my goal to serve as a compassionate and honorable Judge.

Over 30 years of legal experience. Federal Judicial Law Clerk, Attorney, Author, Teacher, Hearing Officer, Community Volunteer, and Local and National Bar Leader. A good judge is more than just a name. go to: satolaforjudge.com

Paid for by Friends of James W. Satola for Judge • John Satola, Treasurer • 15548 Brewster Rd., East Cleveland, OH 44112

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Be Sugar Wise



by Natalie-Jo Flynn
I am Natalie-Jo Founder and CEO of Move That Mountain Health & Life Coaching. It is such a privilege to write this column each month for the past 19 months and counting.

As a local Health Professional and Transformational Health Coach, I work with people seeking to understand their current health issues and actively participate in their care. I am able to tap into their self-awareness, provide support, accountability, develop and follow action plans for healthier behaviors. I use an integrative wellness model, which incorporates evidence-based conventional medical care with complementary medicine, and lifestyle modification to achieve sought after wellness goals.

In case you haven't noticed, this country is in a health crisis, more and more people are qualifying for obesity at rates that are astounding.

I say to you, WE ARE NOT TOO FAT, WE ARE TOO SWEET!

Empty calories from hidden sugars in our foods is a HUGE culprit to America's weight trends.

Sugar is everywhere, in foods you would not think of. It is up to you to Read labels, become aware of your choices.

I have a list of 50+ names for hidden sugar as well as a tricky sugar inventory sheet I use for my workshops, I will send to you at your request.

This month if your goal is to cut SUGAR, which will, help mood, reduce weight, have better energy, clearer thinking and improve skin issues, Here are some tips for handling those cravings when faced with the choice, to eat or not to eat.

Here are my Seven Solutions to Sugar Cravings

1. Check your beavies! Sounds a little crazy but sometimes sweet cravings are a sign of dehydration, so having a glass of water and waiting five minutes then see if you still have the craving, also too much caffeine can mimic a blood sugar crash coming down from a high to a crash will create a craving for sugar.

2. Satisfy your sweet tooth with sweet vegetables fruit and spices. Our tongues have sweet taste buds that demand to be satisfied so don't hold out just add naturally sweet foods and spices to your diet like carrots and berries, apples squash, cinnamon, nutmeg, coriander, cloves beets.

3. Sleep! For many of us it's easier said than done but if you're constantly tired your buddies going to look for energy and it's usually in something sweet or caffeine. Power down an hour earlier than usual and notice how your cravings disappear.

4. Check your proteins. This is a fun fact watch how much protein and what kind of protein you eat especially animal protein, eating too little animal protein can lead to massive sweet cravings however eating too much in a protein can lead to sweet cravings. When I work with clients we find

just the right sweet spot for protein intake so they feel satisfied.

5. Sniff out low-fat and fat free foods. When food manufactures take the fat out of foods they fill it in with sugar, yes, they do!

6. Move yourself! Movement is another kind of food for your body it releases stress makes you feel great, look great when you don't get enough of the body starts to look for other ways to blow off steam like binging on snickers or other sweet things

7. Create new post meal rituals. If you are a desert after your meal person, one thing you might love about this is just the ritual of it. What are some other possibilities of post meal rituals that you could incorporate.

It is my passion and mission to spark awareness and curiosity in all persons I have contact with on ways to live and feel better than ever in this world of daily new and confusing health facts and trends. This info is my choice based on current research trends, consult your wellness professional if you have health concerns.

I believe we all have permission to live well and be the best version of ourselves, whatever that means to you.

As a human race, we are designed to improve as we go.

I believe most people want to live well and improve in some area of their life and health in order to obtain goals and dreams or to simply live better each day.

Life is a continuous learning event, we change daily according to our exposures, and how we interpret them, What we see, hear, taste, smell and touch is constantly feeding signals and data to our brain from our environment.

Simple tips for success and wealthy health are provided each month here and on Facebook at Move That Mountain Wellness Coaching.

Reach out to me if you want to set your goals and have some accountability and guidance.

My mission is that all people take charge and become the CEO of their own health, recognizing what the body is telling you and how to listen and what to do next.

Make time for personal goal setting and review this article.

I work with people from all over the globe, different lifestyles, variety of wants and needs in life. The one thing we all have in common is the desire to continually improve, health and relationships with food, family, workplace whatever it is, we want more and we want better.

Enter your daily routine with courage to take charge of your Health and Wellness.

Text, call or email for your free easy, fun discussion session about your health goals and see if working with me as your coach is your next best step.

Visit my website
www.MTMhealthcoach.com

Ask questions about this or any of the comments I have posted. Feedback is welcome.

Find Inspiration to make heathy habits now that last through the year and your lifetime, Health is not an expense, it is an investment.

I provide one on one or group sessions, as well as educational wellness talks for any size groups and company Lunch N Learns.

It's Time for you!
Let's Move That Mountain! One push is all it takes.

Natalie-Jo Flynn, MSN, CHC, Personal lifestyle Coach 216-406-0154
nataliejo@mtmcoaching.net
www.MTMhealthcoach.com

February 2020 Happy Hippy Mama



by Emily Holody

Happy February All,

The beginning of each month allows me to reset, recharge, and start fresh. I feel excited about what is coming. I hope all of you are looking ahead at a bright fresh February. January was a busy and exciting month, starting 2020 off with fresh foods and exercise has given me a push in a positive direction.

I know you all have heard me talk and talk about Whole30, but you haven't heard from my friends! Whole30 is a 30-day eating plan that cuts out all unnatural sugars, grains, and alcohol, for a full listing of all rules, visit the Whole30 website at <https://whole30.com/whole30-program-rules/>.

In the month of January, I completed a Whole30. I tried new recipes throughout the weeks and felt amazing. Make sure to look in the food section of this issue for two fresh Whole30 recipes to try with your family and friends. I did this Whole30 with a group of friends. We had a lot of fun comparing recipes and making jokes! If you are considering trying a Whole30 or any new food or exercise plan it is always a good idea to find a friend or two to join you. Having an accountability buddy to check in with and encourage or get encouragement from makes all the difference. I have seen this in my Whole30 and with walking and running in the early mornings with neighbors.

Much like me, all of my friends have had positive experiences with Whole30. Alicia my friend and neighbor shared that she has "seen a major difference in my body and energy level throughout the day. It's helped me to become more health-conscious of what my family and I are eating and introduce healthier ways to cook and snack." This is Alicia's first Whole30 and she plans to "continue making healthy Whole30 choices even after the thirty days because at the end of the day it's what is best for me and my family."

My long-time friend and partner in crime Anne who has completed multiple Whole30 rounds. Shared that she commits to doing a round "when I feel like I need a reset and am eating too much processed food. After my first round when I completed the re-introduction phase, I realized that I am not sensitive to soy, legumes or minimal amounts of dairy. It is really the sugar and gluten that affect me. Whole30 helps me to increase my energy levels, stabilizes my sleep patterns, and decrease my chronic pain from endometriosis."

My sister-in-law Lindsay shared that "Whole30 helped change the way I look at foods. I now choose foods that will fuel my body rather than junk to satisfy a craving."

She also found that watching the numbers on the scale drop also had a very positive impact on her self esteem.

Finally, my friend and Whole30 guru Jenny, (www.foodmindlife.com) feels Whole30 drastically improved her physical health and helped support her through the most difficult time in her life, with the loss of her husband. "By following the Whole30 from elimination watching reintroduction, I discovered certain foods were the cause of my skin issues and inflammation. This knowledge empowered me to change my lifestyle and drastically improve my health. I became a certified Whole30 coach to share all I have learned and to lead people to discover their own version of lifestyle change and food freedom."

So now it's not just me telling you all the amazings that I feel about Whole30, but you have heard from my friends and tribe too. If you are interested in continuing the conversation about all things Whole30 or if you would like to borrow my book shoot me an email at HappyHippyMama@yahoo.com or visit us on Facebook at Happy Hippy Mama.

This months mantra:
It's a new month and a wonderful start. It's a brand new beginning to accomplish our set goals which are surely achievable. Happy new month.

This month's: Try it you might like it idea:
MEAL PLANNING-
I love a good meal plan! Finding time to sit down and plan out what we will eat over the next five to seven days helps me to ground into the upcoming week and allows me to feel organized and prepared. I use a simple open weekly calendar and get input from the kids and Jonathan (my husband) on what sounds good to them. I check what supplies we have from the previous week and make a list of what we need. I grocery shop for the needed items and check the calendar each day so that I can pull the ingredients from the fridge and be prepared for dinner. If you have any questions or want to continue this conversation feel free to email me or you can visit <https://projectmealplan.com/5-steps-to-weekly-meal-plan/> for more ideas and information about weekly meal plans. Please let me know if you try meal planning and what you think. I will include some in next month's column.

Until next time...Namaste

Are you or a loved one struggling to kick addiction to heroin or other opiates?

We are here to help. Call us about VIVITROL.

216-486-SAVE (7283) www.MooreCounseling.com

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Art Therapy Helps Those Who Are Grieving



Two participants talk about their projects at "Fabric & Feelings," one of many Healing Arts Workshops offered to the community. Anyone grieving the loss of a loved one is welcome to attend. (Photo by Bob Perkoski)

by Laurie Henrichsen

Healing Arts Workshops offered by Western Reserve Grief Services help those who have lost loved ones to work through their grief. Anyone who is grieving the death of a loved one can participate. Most of the workshops are either free or suggest a very small donation to help cover the cost of art supplies. The program is funded by a generous grant from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture.

According to Mollie Borgione, the Board-Certified art therapist who leads the workshops, many people find it difficult to talk about the death of their loved ones. The workshops offer a safe, creative space to express feelings, providing comfort and healing on the grief journey.

"People often assume they must be good at drawing, painting or sculpting," Borgione says. "Nothing could be further from the truth. In art therapy, the process of creating art is much more important than the resulting product. There are no judgements made of the art. It's all about what the artist learned in their experience of creating."

Live and learn: The new Euclid High School is taking shape as an 18-hour 'community campus'



Pat Higley

by Jen Jones Donatelli

When the reimagined Euclid High School opens its doors in 2020, the new building will combine the city's middle and high schools—educating a total of 2,500 to 2,800 students. However, that's just a small fraction of the number of Euclidians that the facility will ultimately serve, according to Pat Higley, director of business operations for Euclid City Schools.

"We're hugely focused on making this a community campus," says Higley of the

Borgione says the workshops are not only concerned with creativity, but also with the emotional, psychological, mental, physical and spiritual aspects of healing. "While they are in the process of creating art, or when they have completed a piece, people discover feelings that were previously hidden," she explains. "Grieving is a process that allows people to reconstruct the meaning of their lives following their loss."

Consider Joan's story: "After I experienced two losses in my family, I reached out for help and support," Joan said. "I started going to the one of the Healing Arts Workshops, 'Fabric and Feelings.' I was interested in learning how to make a quilt in memory of my loved ones. I started working on a few quilt ideas, but I needed an easier project to begin with. It was then that I was given patterns to make stuffed bears. I sewed together three small bears that same day! It felt so good to start and complete a project."

Joan says creating the bears out of clothing brought her comfort and healing. "It has helped me work through the strong emotions of grieving. I enjoy meeting at 'Fabric and Feelings' with other people who have also experienced a loss. I can talk about my thoughts and feelings openly while focusing on a project and setting a goal to complete it. I feel accepted and encouraged to move through my grief."

For a full listing of Healing Arts Workshops, visit the website at hospicewr.org/griefandloss, or call Western Reserve Grief Services at 216.486.6838.

Does Medicare cover this? Now there's an app for that



Laura Mutsko. Owner and Agent. Mutsko Insurance Services.

by Laura

Mutsko

Have you ever

questioned

whether Original

Medicare

will cover your

medical test

or service?

Ever wanted to

confirm your

coverage before you agreed to a procedure?

Your answers are now as close as your

smartphone or other mobile device. The

Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services

(CMS) offers an easy to use tool called the

"What's Covered" app to give you accurate

cost and coverage information on your

smartphone or mobile device.

You can look for a particular service or

test by typing a description into the search

bar. The app gives you the ability to browse

all services in an alphabetized list of every-

thing from acupuncture to yearly wellness

visits. Plus, once you download the app, you

can use it anywhere, even when you're of-

line.

It's Wise To Advertise 216.505.0185

The app can answer questions such as:

- When is a mammogram covered?
- Is home health care covered?
- Will Medicare pay for diabetes supplies?
- Will my Medicare benefits cover a service to help me stop smoking?

The app also provides a list of covered preventive services. The information is general in nature, such as what you would find in the Medicare handbook. It does not take into account whether you have supplemental insurance, a Medicare Advantage Plan or other coverage.

The "What's Covered" app is available for free on both the App Store and Google Play. Search for "What's Covered" or "Medicare" and download the app to your phone. You can also go to www.medicare.gov/blog/whats-covered-mobile-app for access to the app. A Spanish version is available.

For your questions concerning Health Insurance including Individual, Group, Medicare Advantage Plans or Medicare Supplements, call me at 440-255-5700 or email me at Lmutsko@mutskoinsurance.com. I look forward to helping you.

FOOD & RESTAURANTS

Whole30 Cobb Salad



This is the Cobb Salad I made for family and friends.

by Emily Holody

Ingredients:

- 3 eggs
 - 6 slices whole30 bacon or prosciutto (no sugar or nitrates)
 - 4 cups chopped romaine lettuce
 - 2 cups cooked chicken diced
 - 1 cup cherry tomatoes halved
 - 1 avocado diced or sliced
 - 3 stalks of green onions chopped
 - Dressing
 - 1/4 cup olive oil
 - 2 tbsp apple cider vinegar
 - 1 tsp dijon mustard
 - 1/4 tsp sea salt
 - 1/8 tsp ground black pepper
 - 1 garlic clove minced
 - a tablespoon or to taste lemon juice
- Instructions: Hard-boiled eggs

Bring water to a boil in a saucepan. Take out eggs straight from the fridge, then lower the eggs into the water gently, and let it come to a boil again. Once it does, lower the heat, and let the eggs simmer for 11 minutes. Prepare a large bowl with an ice bath. Once the eggs are done cooking, place them in the ice bath for at least 5 minutes. Peel the eggs under cold running water. Bacon/ Prosciutto
Fry bacon or prosciutto slices in a pan over medium heat until evenly browned and crisp, about 5-7 minutes. Drain and roughly crumble. Set aside. Assemble
Place romaine lettuce on the bottom of a large salad bowl.
Top with chicken, eggs, bacon, cherry tomatoes, avocado, and green onions.
In a separate bowl, combine all ingredients for the dressing and whisk together. Drizzle over the salad and toss together gently before serving.
This was so yummy! Everyone at our house ate it up! I made a few small changes but found this recipe at <https://whatgreat-grandmaate.com/whole30-cobb-salad-paleo-keto/>

Whole30 Zuppa Soup Recipe (Dairy and Gluten Free)



Photo originally shared at <https://www.paleorunningmomma.com/zuppa-toscana-paleo-whole30-keto/>

by Emily Holody

- 6 slices bacon or prosciutto cut into 1" pieces
 - 1 lb sweet or spicy Italian sausage meat
 - Crushed red pepper to taste (cute out if you do not like heat)
 - 1 medium yellow onion diced
 - 5 cloves garlic minced
 - 2 large Russet potatoes about 1.5 lbs, peeled and cut into 1/2" cubes*
 - Sea Salt and Pepper to taste
 - 4 cups of chicken broth or chicken bone broth
 - 5 cups kale or spinach chopped
 - 1 cup coconut milk full fat
- Instructions
Heat a large stockpot (cast iron is ideal) over medium-high heat. Add the bacon pieces and cook, stirring occasionally to evenly brown, until crisp - about 5-8 minutes. Use a slotted spoon to transfer the

cooked bacon to a paper-towel-lined plate to drain.

Lower the heat to medium and save the bacon fat in the pot. Add the sausage to the pot and sprinkle with crushed red pepper, if desired. Cook, stirring and breaking up lumps with a spoon, until browned - about 5-8 minutes. Use a slotted spoon to remove the sausage to a plate to drain. Save the fat in the pot.

With the heat still over medium, add the onions to the pot and cook until translucent, then add the garlic, stir, and cook another 45 seconds. Add the potatoes to the pot, sprinkle the potatoes, onions, and garlic with sea salt and pepper and stir to coat.

Add the broth to the pot and bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Lower the heat to medium and continue to cook until potatoes are fork-tender - about 10 minutes. Add the coconut milk to the pot and the sausage, stir cook about 5 minutes to blend flavors. Stir in the kale and cooked bacon, cooking just another minute or until the greens are wilted and vibrant green. Season the soup with sea salt and pepper to taste, if desired.

Remove from heat and serve - the soup will thicken as it cools. This soup stores well covered in the refrigerator for up to 5 days, or, you can freeze it for up to one month. Enjoy!

I made a few small changes but a very close version of this recipe is available online at <https://www.paleorunningmomma.com/zuppa-toscana-paleo-whole30-keto/>

Part of the secret of a success in life is to eat what you like and let the food fight it out inside.
Mark Twain

VALENTINES WEEKEND:
February 14th, fri.

Celebrate with the great people in your life..., palls, family, children, co-workers, your pet

This holiday is not just for couples .



February 25th,
Tuesday, 2pm – FAT TUESDAY

We start celebrating at 2 pm

Bands- food - fun

Fat Tuesday
Feast with us before you fast

Remember to make reservations

February 24th
Monday 6:30 pm

Prisoner wine tasting
4 coursed paired to food
\$85 per person
(not including tax or gratuity)

Prepare for your toes to curl with this line up:

- The Snitch Chardonnay
- The Thorn Merlot:
- Eternally Silenced Pinot Noir
- Prisoner Red



February 5th,
Wednesday 6:30 pm

Champagne Bubbles.
4 coursed paired to food
\$75 per person
(not including tax or gratuity)

Life is a daily celebration- pop that cork and stop waiting for a "special event"

Take home early valentines gifts for you or someone you like ' enough", worthy to share.

SENIORS

Bob's Corner



by Bob Payne

As of February 1st, my 60th birthday, I can officially say I did not die a young man. Yay me! I know that probably sounds odd, but suffice it to say I've lived through much and feel very, very fortunate to still be here. I have also come to a few conclusions I'd like to share.

Life is not fair. Things will never go exactly the way you like. You will be forced to adjust, change course, and even bear the unbearable. It's not easy, but you can handle it.

We cause ourselves tremendous pain, frustration, anxiety, depression and grief by not accepting #1 as true. No matter how hard you try, you cannot avoid the experience of difficulties and failures.

Those difficulties and failures mold you, but they need not define you. You choose if you are going to sit in the mire or advance through adversity.

Taking a step in any direction creates a new future. Life is full of choices. Choose what makes you feel alive and fulfilled. Be brave.

You are imperfect and you make mistakes. Do not repeat them. Learn as you live, and let those lessons make you a better version of yourself. Guilt is good for only one thing, changing behavior. Sometimes you learn who you are by finding out who you are not. It's called growth.

Understand others are also imperfect. Being human is our shared experience, and from it can come compassion for those who struggle.

Be careful what you tell yourself. Most of what you think is not worthy of your time or attention. Not everything is a problem you need to fix.

Helping someone also helps you. Do some small kindness every day, and whenever possible leave things a little better than how you find them.

You are part of something much larger than yourself. Take time to explore spirituality, but be leery of any belief which separates you from others.

Getting old is not a privilege given to everyone. Now that I'm officially a senior citizen, I feel permitted to say what I think. Take it or leave it.



February 2020 Euclid Senior Programs

MONDAY		WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 8:30 Line Dancing, Beg. 9:00 Line Dancing, Adv 10:00 Fitness Over 50 10:00 Chair Yoga 11:00 Black History Trivia 11:00 SS Str & Bal 12:45 Bingo 1:00 Ballroom Dance	4 9:00 Silv Snkrs Classic 10:00 Silv Snkrs Circuit 10:00 Crochet & Quilting 10:00 Bible Study 10:00 Billie Exercise 11:00 Music Bingo 12:45 Art with Jack 1:00 Fun Bingo 1:00 Adult Coloring 3:30 Tai-Chi	5 9:00 Fitness Over 50 9:20 Podiatrist 10:00 Silv Snkrs Classic 10:00 Crafts 11:00 Chair Exercise 12:45 Bingo 1:00 Virtual Reality 1:00 Open Card Play 1:00 Open Computer 1:00 Ballroom Dance	6 8:45 Floor Yoga 10:00 Silv Snkrs Clsc 10:00 Sewing 10:00 Billie Exercise 11:00 SS Str & Bal 11:00 Karaoke 12:45 Movie Day 1:00 Fun Bingo 1:00 Line Dancing NOSCD DRUG MART TRIP	7 9:00 Silv Snkrs Classic 10:00 Fitness Over 50 10:00 Beading/CR 11:00 Census Talk 12:45 Bingo 1:00 Pinochle 1:00 Chess Club 1:00 Rock Painting
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
10 8:30 Line Dancing, Beg. 9:00 Line Dancing, Adv 10:00 Fitness Over 50 10:00 Chair Yoga 11:00 SS Str & Bal 11:00 2020 Voting Talk 12:45 Bingo 1:00 Ballroom Dance	11 9:00 Silv Snkrs Classic 10:00 Silv Snkrs Circuit 10:00 Crochet & Quilting 10:00 Bible Study 10:00 Billie Exercise 10:00 Free Consults 11:00 Day w/Delilah 12:45 Art with Jack 1:00 Fun Bingo 1:00 Adult Coloring 3:30 Tai-Chi	12 9:00 Fitness Over 50 10:00 Gr Pt Brkfst 10:00 Silv Snkrs Classic 10:00 Crafts 11:00 Chair Exercise 12:15 Police Talk 12:45 Bingo 1:00 Open Card Play 1:00 Open Computer 1:00 Ballroom Dance	13 8:45 Floor Yoga 10:00 Silv Snkrs Clsc 10:00 Sewing 10:00 Billie Exercise 10:00 Family Feud 11:00 SS Str & Bal 11:00 Karaoke 12:45 Grief Support 1:00 Movie Day 1:00 Line Dancing BOB'S BREAKFAST WATERFORD BINGO	14 9:00 Silv Snkrs Classic 10:00 Fitness Over 50 10:00 Comp Lab Help 10:00 Lisa Lee Reflexology 10:45 Valentine's Fun Bingo 12:45 Bingo 1:00 Pinochle 1:00 Chess Club 1:00 Rock Painting
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
17 CLOSED	18 9:00 Silv Snkrs Classic 10:00 Silv Snkrs Circuit 10:00 Crochet & Quilting 10:00 Bible Study 10:00 Billie Exercise 11:00 African Am Art Display 12:45 Art with Jack 1:00 Adult Coloring 3:30 Tai-Chi GRANDE POINTE BINGO	19 Birthday Day 9:00 Fitness Over 50 9:20 Podiatrist 10:00 Silv Snkrs Classic 10:00 Crafts 11:00 Chair Exercise 12:45 Bingo 1:00 Open Card Play 1:00 Open Computer 1:00 Ballroom Dance	20 8:45 Floor Yoga 10:00 Silv Snkrs Clsc 10:00 Sewing 10:00 Billie Exercise 10:30 FFF 11:00 SS Str & Bal 11:00 Karaoke 12:45 Movie Day 1:00 Fun Bingo 1:00 Line Dancing NOSCD	21 9:00 Silv Snkrs Classic 9:20 Pool Tournament 10:00 Fitness Over 50 10:00 Comp Lab Help 11:00 Ethnic Soul Food Day 12:45 Bingo – 1:00 Pinochle – 1:00 Chess Club 1:00 Rock Painting POLKA MUSEUM TRIP

Recher Slovenian Home
20713 Recher Avenue, Euclid
Hall Rental call 216-531-9309

Kitchen is open on Wednesday and Friday in the "Clubroom"
Regular Menu on Wednesday and Fish Fries are on Friday.
Hours for food 5:00 - 9:00pm



Jim's Masonry

Front Steps Missing a Brick?
Chimney Repair
Tuck Pointing

Free Estimates call 216-233-4645

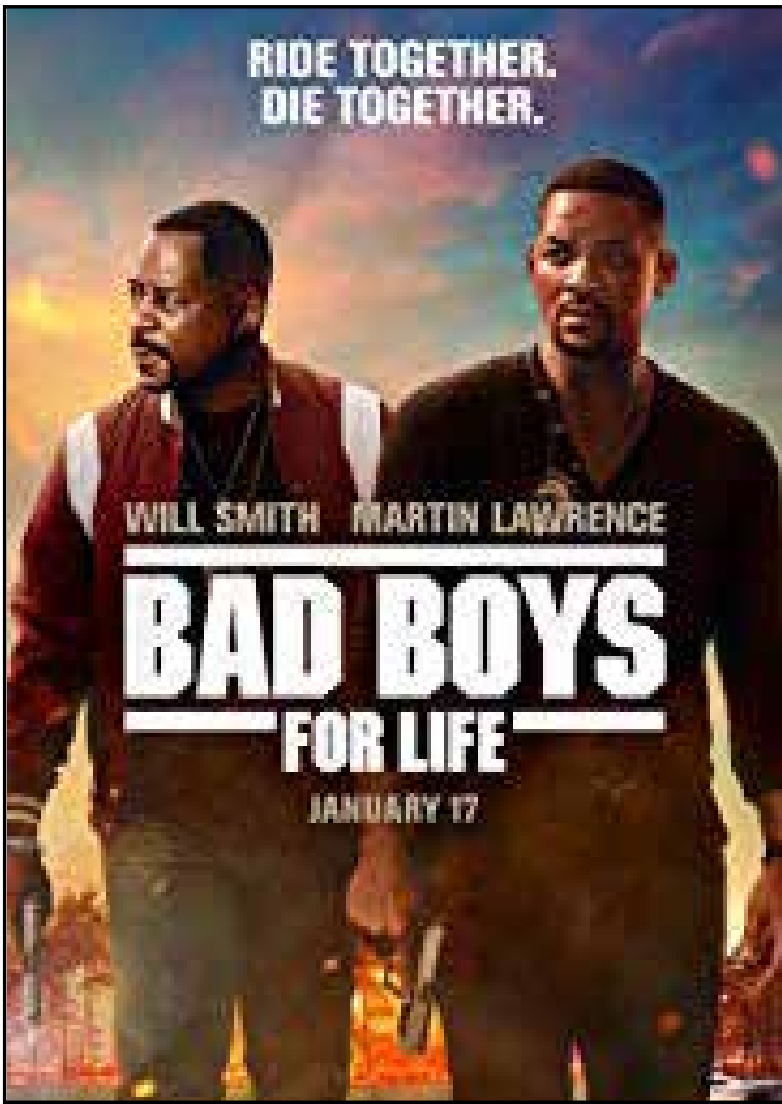
ENTERTAINMENT

6 Underground Movie Review



by Brian Friedman
When I first saw the trailer, I was excited to buy a ticket and see it in a theater. Much to my surprise, this very high budget, globe-trotting movie was made for streaming on Netflix. With Michael Bay producing and directing, the action scenes are beautifully shot and choreographed but the story is a little challenging to follow. This feel looks and feels shockingly expensive for a streaming service. I have to admit when Michael Bay has an R-rating, it is a guilty pleasure of mine. Grade: B minus.

Bad Boys For Life Movie Review



by Brian Friedman
Will Smith drags Martin Lawrence out of retirement for this unnecessary but pretty fun ride. Looked and felt like a Bad Boys film even though the original Director didn't return. Some truly ridiculous plot twists in the third arc leave a bad taste. Worse ways to spend a snowy winter day. Grade: C plus

LAKE SHORE CINEMA

JOIN US ON MONDAYS FOR CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY

ATLAS CINEMAS

FEATURING XXDXP DIGITAL EXPERIENCE CLEVELAND'S LARGEST DIGITAL SCREEN

TICKETS ARE ONLY \$5*-ALL DAY

LAKE SHORE 7 - (216)731-1700

22624 LAKE SHORE BLVD. EUCLID

WWW.ATLASCINEMAS.NET

QR CODE

EXTRA FOR 3D

Valentine's Day Specials

Select Bistro Filet with Shrimp Skewer and Roasted Red Skins

Baked Stuffed Salmon with Asparagus and Mashed Red Skins

GREAT SCOTT TAVERN

Triva Thursday starts February 6th Entertainment every Saturday

3 for \$33 Beginning March 9th Choose from a set menu Salad or Appetizer Entrée And Dessert

Tuesday - Thursday : 4:00pm - 10:00pm Friday & Saturday : 4:00pm - 11:00pm 21801 Lakeshore Blvd. (216) 417-3019

February 25th Fat Tuesday Fun and Frolic

February 26th Ash Wednesday Specials

Fish Specials Every Wednesday and Friday During Lent

ENTERTAINMENT

Where Am I ?



by John Copic
Take a selfie with this months Where am I Picture and email it to CollinwoodPublishing@Gmail.com and you will be eligible to win a \$25 Gift Card to Great Scott. If we have more than one correct entry the winner will be decided by random drawing.

Where am I Winner



by John Copic
Congratulations to this months winner of Where am I - Jonathan Johnson. Your \$25 gift certificate to Great Scott Tavern will be in the mail.

Liz Healey

INDEPENDENT HAIRSTYLIST

BOMBSHELL BEAUTY

SALON AND SPA

\$5 OFF HAIRCUTS

\$15 OFF CUT/COLOR (NEW GUESTS ONLY)

21900 LAKE SHORE BLVD. EUCLID, OH

216-215-1896

Corrigan-Deighton Funeral Home

21900 EUCLID AVE. EUCLID OHIO 44117

Call for Information 216-481-5277

Cremation Packages Starting at \$895.00

Visit us online at: www.CorriganDeighton.com

Get the FACTS on Medicare Health Insurance and Rx Plans.

Laura Mutsko

Medicare Advantage Plans Medicare Supplements Medicare Part D Plans Individual & Group Health Dental & Vision Insurance Life Insurance

PROUD SPONSOR OF MENTOR ROCKS

ATTEND A CLASS IN YOUR AREA:

IF YOU ARE TURNING 65 ... DON'T MISS THIS CLASS!

Mon, Feb. 17 • 6-8:00 pm EASTLAKE LIBRARY To Register Call: 440-942-7880

Tue, Feb. 18 • 6-8:00 pm MENTOR LIBRARY To Register Call: 440-255-8811

Wed, March 18 • 6:30-8:00 pm CONCORD COMMUNITY CENTER To Register Call: 440-639-4650

Mutsko Insurance Services, LLC

440-255-5700

www.mutskoinsurance.com

These events are for educational purposes only and no plan specific benefits or details will be proposed. Limited seating. Pre-registration required. Some nominal fees may apply.

Daugherty Construction Inc.

Serving Northeast Ohio's Roofing, Siding, Window and Construction needs since 1978



Call us today for a Free Estimate!
216-731-9444 / (fax) 216-731-9644

We are a proud member of:

Check out our reviews

Angie's list.



Member NRCA



Member NRCA



National Association of Home Builders

22460 LAKELAND BLVD. EUCLID OH 44132

DAUGHERTY@DAUGHERTYCONST.COM WWW.DAUGHERTYCONST.COM

Fresh Local Food
In Your Neighborhood

COIT ROAD FARMERS MARKET

Healthy Produce
Healthy People
Healthy Connections

SATURDAY 11AM HANDS-ON DEMOS: FRESH MOZZARELLA FEB 15, FRESH PASTA FEB 29





WEDNESDAYS AND SATURDAYS 8:00 AM TO 1:00 PM

216-249-5455 www.coitmarket.org 15000 Woodworth Rd near East 152nd and Noble

Family Sports

A Business Built on Service since 1982!

Steve@familysport.us
216-481-4754
752 E.185th st
Cleveland OH 44119

In a Bind Call Us! Embroidery -
Screen Printing - Custom Lettering -
Teams & Churches - Jerseys & Patches
- School Wearables - Signs & Banners
- Varsity Coats & Sweaters

Jay Dee Cleaners

878 E. 222nd Street Euclid OH 44123

216-731-7060

Mon-Fri 7:00am – 6:30pm Saturday 8:00 – 5:00

We offer pick-up and delivery service.
Send us your E-mail at jaydeecleaners@aol.com for monthly specials like this one.
Or...visit our website at WWW.JAYDEECLEANERS.COM

30% OFF ANYTHING

Clean out your closets. Bring in all you can! All at once !
Present this offer with your next **INCOMING** order.
Bring in as much as you wish. Cannot be combined with other offers.
This offer valid thru February 2020



Slovenian Home

15810 Holmes Ave,
Cleveland, OH 44110
Halls for Rent
Call for Pricing
(216) 681-6649

Low Prices
High Quality

Fresh Cut Landscaping

- * Cutting * Edging * Weeding * Blowing *
- * Mulching * Fertilizing * Reseeding *
- * Bed Cultivation * Tree and Shrub Care *
- * Light Hauling * Top Soil * Sod Lawn *

For Info Call Greg
216.376.8485
Senior Citizen Discounts

Commercial
Residential

