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Euclid plays host to CABA High School World Series

They call it the "greatest show on dirt"

By John Sheridan

For the 24th year in a row, Euclid will be the primary host city for the Continental Amateur Baseball Association's (C.A.B.A.) annual classic – the High School "World Series" -- beginning July 23 at Euclid's Memorial Park.

The tournament, which in the past has showcased dozens of talented young players who later went on to fame and fortune with major league teams, will feature about 50 teams from 12 different states across the eastern and mid-west United States. Each team will play six games in a round-robin format over the first three days, with the top 16 advancing to a double-elimination playoff that will determine the overall champion.

Round-robin action will include games at 8 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., and "under the lights" at 8 p.m. at Paul Serra Field, behind Euclid City Hall. The tournament will follow a similar schedule for games played at Kurt Stanic Field, next to Euclid High School, except there will be no 8 p.m. games since the field isn't lighted. Memorial Park Diamond No. 4 will also host round-robin games, as will ballparks at Richmond Heights, Eastlake North, Willoughby South, Mentor, Lake Catholic, Ravenna, Kenston and Kent State University.

The Bergen Beach squad from Brooklyn, N.Y., is expected to bring another "powerhouse" team, says Euclid's Ed Carpenter, national director of the C.A.B.A. High School World Series. "And I think the Miami team will definitely be a contender."

The Boys from Brooklyn—whose contingents in the past have featured such players as Alex Rodriguez, Johnny Damon, Josh Hamilton, and current Cleveland Indians outfielder Shelley Duncan—have won the tournament 15 times in the past 21 years. The defending champions, however, are the Top Tier Americans from Lake Forest, Ill.

Tickets for the World Series are $6 per game. However, die-hard baseball fans can purchase a $30 pass that will get them into any of the 160 games to be played at 10 different locations. Seniors (over 60) and kids under 12 will be admitted free.

Although the tournament schedule hadn't been finalized as of the *Observer's* press deadline, Carpenter said the Euclid team's first two games would likely be played at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. on July 23, followed by Saturday games at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. And there is a distinct possibility that Euclid's night-time opponents would be none other than Brooklyn and Miami.

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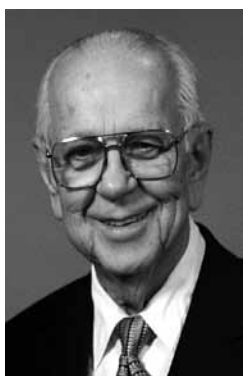
BOYS OF SUMMER – The Euclid Panthers' summer baseball team had compiled an 8-3 record as of early July in the Elmer Flick high school league, though it found the going a bit rougher against American Legion opponents. A core group of players from the Panther summer team will serve as the nucleus of the Euclid entry in the C.A.B.A. high school "World Series," which begins July 23 at three ball diamonds in Euclid. Front row, from left: Randy Wente, Tony Jelenic, Tony Isgro, Kirk Rosenlund, and Joe Belavich. Back row: Head Coach Norb Hongosh, Vinnie Klun, Johnny Law, Johnny Abrams, Josh Roberts, Mike Lampkins, Norbie Hongosh, and Assistant Coaches Bill Abrams and Ken Rosenlund.

EUCLID LIBRARY HOSTS SLOVENIAN AUTHOR

Slovenian children's author, Franci Rogac, recently visited the Euclid Public Library to read his story "Bal the Firefly" (Kresnicek Bal). In Slovenia, his books are as popular as the Harry Potter books!

With TIF, St. Robert purchase makes sense

By Jerry Corbran



Before explaining TIF, I would like to address those residents who feel that funds for the building of new schools and the $674,000 purchase of St. Robert church come out the same property tax pot, and conclude there must have been money in there before they started charging homeowners for trash pickup. Please carefully read the following words.

The school board, not the city council, put the property tax increase for building four new schools on [last November's] the ballot. The voters approved the increase by a narrow margin. If you are one of the many against the building of the schools who did not get out to vote, you must shoulder part of the blame.

Trash pickup, along with police, fire and city employee salaries and the expenses for the wide range of services have always been paid for from the Euclid general fund. That fund comes mostly from the 2.38 percent city income tax and about 9 percent of your property taxes.

Currently, the property tax you and all Euclid homeowners and businesses pay is divided in this manner: Euclid City Schools' share is about 65 percent; Cuyahoga County receives about 20 percent; Cuyahoga County Library System receives about 4 percent; Cleveland Metropark System's share is about 2 percent; and the City of Euclid's share is about 9 percent. This means 91 percent of the property tax dollars you pay goes to others, rather than the City of Euclid's general fund.

Due to the recession, general fund tax revenues have decreased. The mayor convinced most of city council to approve the trash fees to help make up the revenue shortages. This is not a permanent fee. He will have to ask approval again next year. Let your councilperson know how you feel [about this trash fee].

The funding for the St. Robert's purchase does not come out of the general fund. The funding is borrowed and becomes part of the capital improvement fund of the city. If the city finds a responsible developer to buy the property, the debt is wiped out.

Tax increment financing (TIF) is a state-approved incentive program allowing tax advantages to cities to

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Update from the mayor

Acquisition of St. Robert's Parish campus supports short and long term waterfront development plans

The City's planned purchase of the former St. Robert's Parish campus is another important step toward the implementation of the City's exciting Waterfront Improvements Plan. The over 7.6-acre site is strategically situated on Lake Shore Boulevard, immediately to the south of the waterfront and marina area. The Plan, officially adopted by the City as an addendum to the City's master plan, recommends recreating the City's historic beaches and opening up the waterfront to public access extending from Sims Park on the west to approximately East 248th Street on the east.

An important goal of the Plan is to connect the neighborhoods to the south to the waterfront. The St. Robert's Parish property will not only provide the land needed to connect a multi-purpose trail planned for the waterfront, that is envisioned to ultimately extend as far south as Memorial Park, but will also provide an excellent opportunity in the long term for redevelopment due to its proximity to the waterfront.

It is important for the local government to take a proactive role in land assembly for redevelopment, particularly in built-out first ring suburbs such as Euclid. The acquisition and control of the property will ensure that the site will continue to be a community asset. By controlling its future the City will also be in a position to assure public access to the waterfront from the south, the availability of additional land for waterfront related amenities and the private tax generating development of a large section of the property.

The purchase will be funded with money from the Capital Improvement and Endowment Funds. These are restricted sources that cannot be used for the City's day-to-day operations such as Police, Fire and trash collection.

Upon satisfactory completion of a thorough investigation of the property conditions, the Administration anticipates the purchase will be finalized later this summer. Concepts for the property's short- and long-term redevelopment will be prepared with assistance from JJR, the consultant firm retained to develop the Waterfront Plan and assist the City with implementation.

The City will also begin efforts to

attract a developer for the site, understanding that it may need to hold the site for a multi-year period. Interim uses by the City's Parks and Recreation Department, such as a soccer field, will also be explored. This could include shifting outdoor activities from elementary school sites that will be under construction over the next couple of years as part of the Euclid City Schools master plan.

Mayor Bill Cervenik

From the publisher

You probably just looked through the paper and wondered why there was no article about the shooting. I will explain. Perhaps you are very interested in the latest escapades of Lindsay Lohan. In that case, you should pick up *People* magazine. If you want good recipes you would pick up *Cook's Illustrated* or *Southern Living*. Different types of publications carry different types of stories. The stories that we are going to carry here in the *Euclid Observer* are the good stories. People who want to read good news finally have a paper.

Our staff sends our condolences to the family and friends of the victim. We as a city must remember that this was a very rare occurrence. There are so many good things happening. Please, if you have not yet contributed - send in your story about something good that's happening. As always, a huge thank you to all of our contributors. You make it a joy to be a part of this project.

— John Copic

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Health News

Ask this pharmacist

Medication mistakes

By Rose M. Allen

Lately there has been frequent media coverage of "medication mistakes." The stories that get media attention usually cover mistakes that have caused significant harm or death to a patient. These stories are still somewhat rare, but are starting to increase in occurrence.

There are many more mistakes that do not make the news. The Federal Drug Administration (FDA) and the Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) have been tracking statistics about medication errors for years. The numbers of errors reported have increased.

Most pharmacists do work hard to prevent errors. The reality of this situation is that pharmacists are human, and humans do err. Most community pharmacies such as CVS, Rite Aid and others, have technologies in place to help reduce the number of errors consumers experience, but sometimes errors still occur. There is little that you the consumer can do prevent them.

Today's consumers need to be diligent about protecting themselves. Some mistakes occur when a patient receives a new prescription. Here are five things that you should pay attention to, before taking any new prescription medications. You should do these checks before you leave the pharmacy.

- Checktobesurethatthecorrectname is on the label. Sometimes another person's medication can wind up in your bag by mistake.
- Check the name again to be sure that the medication is for the correct family member. Example, if the medication is for a female, then the correct drug is not likely to be Viagra or another medication that is usually prescribed only for males.
- Check the label for the correct doctor's name. If the doctor's name is not the doctor that you visited, you should bring this to the attention of the pharmacist.
- Check the name of the medication that is on the label. Doctors are now being encouraged to tell the patient the name of the medication that they are prescribing. If the name is different than what your doctor mentioned, you may want to ask the pharmacist if this is a generic name or brand name.
- Check the label for the form of medication. If the label indicates that you should take a teaspoonful and there are tablets in the container, then you should bring this to the attention of the pharmacist. The same applies if the label instructs you to take one tablet or capsule,

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Play it safe against injuries

By Helen Curak

What is the first thing many athletes do immediately following practice or competition? Grab an ice pack and ice their shoulder, knee or other sore spot. Sports injuries plague more than 3.5 million athletes each year, but many could be prevented by taking a few precautions.

"In the United States, there is tremendous emphasis placed on competing and practice with very little emphasis on training," says James Williams, Jr., MD, director of Cleveland Clinic orthopaedic surgery and the Cartilage Restoration Center at Euclid Hospital.

Dr. Williams sees athletes at all levels—from high school to college to professional—who are bothered by similar problems. So he introduced a partner resistive flexibility program to athletes in the Cleveland area. With this technique, one athlete has a specific muscle group placed in a stretched position. This athlete then contracts the muscle while the partner resists. The result is the specific muscle group elongates, thereby improving flexibility.

In comparing data from the previous year, this method greatly reduced the loss of time (from four weeks to less than a week) from practice and competition due to hamstring, quadriceps and groin strains. Dr. Williams feels this demonstrates that "If athletes train more and practice a little less we can improve performance and reduce the risk of injury."

Prevention is the Best Medicine

Preventing sports injuries can be done in four steps:

1. Proper sport-specific training. Include a warm-up and warm-down every time.

2. U se of correct technique. Incorrect technique increases your risk for injury.

3. Proper equipment. Athletes should wear appropriate and properly fitted protective equipment, such as pads and helmets.

4. Recognize those at high risk. Children, middle-aged athletes and women are particularly vulnerable to becoming injured.

By following these four steps, athletes—from weekend warriors to professionals—can improve performance, reduce the risk of injury and stay focused on their goals.

Are you in pain? If you have a nagging sports injury or know someone who does, contact James Williams, Jr., MD, at Cleveland Clinic Orthopaedics at Euclid Hospital, by calling (216) 692-7750 or visiting www.euclidhospital.org.

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City News

Euclid Democratic Club holds annual picnic

by Frank Barberio

The Euclid Democratic Club held its second annual picnic on June 26 by the lake on the grounds of the Bonneville Condominium complex on Lakeshore Boulevard. Of special interest to the Club was the upcoming County Council primary as candidates Jim Joyner, Nino Prodan and Sunny Simon spoke to the group about their candidacies.

The highlight of the afternoon was the presentation of a proclamation from State Representative Kenny Yuko to Chuck and Norma Keay. The proclamation was a tribute to the Keays thanking them in part for their "giving of time, energy and abilities to make sure Democratic candidates are elected." The proclamation also saluted them as outstanding members of the Euclid Democratic Club. Also in attendance were school board member Kent Smith and City Councilwoman Kandace Jones.

The Club does not hold meetings during the summer in preparation for its annual brunch in August. Meetings will begin again on the third Thursday in September at the Euclid Public Library at 7 p.m. The Club welcomes new members. Additional information can be obtained by calling Club President Frank Barberio at (216) 509-7725.

Remember the hopes of our Founding Fathers

By Alyce Turner

I know we are past the 4th of July but when it comes to our Declaration of Independence I guess it's better late than never. Besides it is still July.

More than a year ago I joined a book club solely to study our American history and to learn more about the Founding Fathers. I discovered 56 very brave and patriotic men who crossed the ocean to escape anarchy and tyranny. I never realized that when they signed the Declaration of Independence, they were not yet free. This small group of men dedicated themselves to a higher purpose, in an ideal they believed in so greatly that their signature put their very lives at risk. They were now marked men.

One of the ladies in our book club researched information regarding the 56 who signed the Declaration of Independence: five were captured by the British as traitors and tortured before they died; 12 had their homes burned to the ground; two lost sons serving in the Revolutionary Army and two more had sons captured; and nine fought in a bloody Revolutionary War.

Twenty four were lawyers and jurists, eleven were merchants, and nine were farmers and large plantation owners. They were well educated and smart enough to know that by signing the Declaration of Independence they were signing their own death warrants. They did it anyway and God bless them for it.

As we enjoyed our liberty on this 4th of July, it is my opinion that we are at risk of losing the very freedom they fought and died for. It is every American citizen's duty to educate him or herself of what our Founding Fathers have given us so we can continue the fight to keep it. America is the greatest country this world has ever and will ever know, and it will stay that way as long as "we the people" remember that just like they did in 1776.

The signers asked for nothing in return for their pledge, but I suggest that we show our thanks with a pledge of our own - to remember, to be grateful and to carry on in their spirit. Declare your independence this July and never back down. God Bless America.

St. Roberts purchase makes sense

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encourage development. Once the city declares a certain area as a TIF zone, the city must plan and construct an improvement that will benefit those who live within the zone and in some cases the entire city. Taxes generated from any new private construction within the zone are split 25 percent for Euclid schools and a whopping 75 percent used by the city to pay for the planned improvement within the TIF zone.

Currently, the area north of Lakeshore Boulevard, from Sims Park to E. 248 Street, has been designated as a TIF zone. The planned improvement is a magnificent waterfront rehabilitation with public access and parking for all residents to enjoy the lakefront. It includes walking and bicycle paths, beaches, fishing and picnicking areas, plus a boardwalk and piers overlooking a 250-slip marina and a restaurant. The 75 percent of property taxes generated by the marina and all new private lakefront construction will be used to pay for the waterfront rehabilitation. A major portion of the improvement cost is expected to come from federal, state and private grants.

Assume the St. Robert property can be added to the lakefront TIF zone. Let's further assume a responsible buyer constructs a five million dollar development there. I calculate the property taxes will be close to $100,000 annually. Under TIF, the tax share would be $75,000 for the improvement and $25,000 for Euclid schools. It can be argued that resident owners within this additional zone, located south of Lakeshore Boulevard, will have full access to the benefits of the waterfront improvement.

This purchase gives the city control of the future use of the large site. City planners can refuse to let it go for another church or charter school, as both would be property tax exempt. It [this purchase] will prohibit fast-buck developers from constructing high density rental housing. Upscale housing will attract new residents with more disposable income to our city.

St. Roberts has been a tax-free facility for the past 58 years. With or without TIF, the property can now be a jobs and tax revenue producer for our city and an attractive addition to our housing stock. The purchase makes sense.

Avoid medication mistakes

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and a liquid is in the container. This should be brought to the attention of the pharmacist. The same holds true if the instructions are to take one capsule, and there are tablets in the container. The reverse also applies in this situation.

If you are receiving a refill for a medication that you have had previously, you should also check your medication before leaving the pharmacy. In addition to checking the label for correct items mentioned above, you should pay attention to anything that is different from the medication that you received previously.

- If the medication appears to be different in color, form, shape or size, then you should ask the pharmacist. Keep in mind that some generics may be the same medication, but may have appearances that are different. In the best situation, most pharmacists will have mentioned this to you.
- If after taking a medication that had a different appearance from the previous medication, and you feel different than you have felt previously, call the pharmacist, just to be sure.

In today's world of health care, most professionals try hard to avoid errors. Yet they still occur. Because of this, it is important that consumers play a role in protecting their own safety. If you are ever in doubt about anything that may affect your wellbeing, do not hesitate to ask questions. Most professionals will not mind if you do.

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City News

Euclid voters still have two elections this year

By Michael Akos

Euclid voters have two county government elections this year.

With the new county government coming into existence at the end of the year, Euclid voters still have two more elections in which to cast their votes for their county council seat and for the new county executive.

There will be a primary election Sept. 7, with the winners added to the ballot for general election Nov. 2. The Cuyahoga County Board of Elections (BOE) plans to mail out the absentee ballot application for the September primary election to all registered voters by July 21.

Across the county, 91 people filed petitions for the 11 county council seats. Euclid is in District 11, along with Richmond Heights, South Euclid, Lyndhurst, University Heights and Beachwood. Representing District 11, twelve candidates have filed petitions for the primary election, of which eight are Democrats and four are Republicans.

The Democratic candidates are: Rose Allen; Philip Fine, Dan Flowers, Jim Joyner, Patrick McLaughlin, Nino Prodan, Phil Robinson and Sunny Simon.

The Republican candidates are: Kathryn Gambatese, Joe Liptow, Ray Schmidlin and Gregory Smith.

For the county executive seat, eight people have filed for the primary: four Democrats, three Republicans and one Green Party. Any Independent candidate who has filed will be on the November General Election ballot, and not on the September Primary ballot.

The Democrats who have filed are: James Brown, Terri Brown, Edward Fitzgerald and Dianna Hill. The Republicans who have filed are: Paul Casey, Matt Dolan and Victor Voinovich, Sr. The Green Party candidate is David Ellison.

The county council seats, as designated in the new charter, are considered part-time, which pays $45,000 per year. The county executive will be paid $175,000 per year. The term of office for both will be four years.

Gateway Retirement Community

By Carol Geyer

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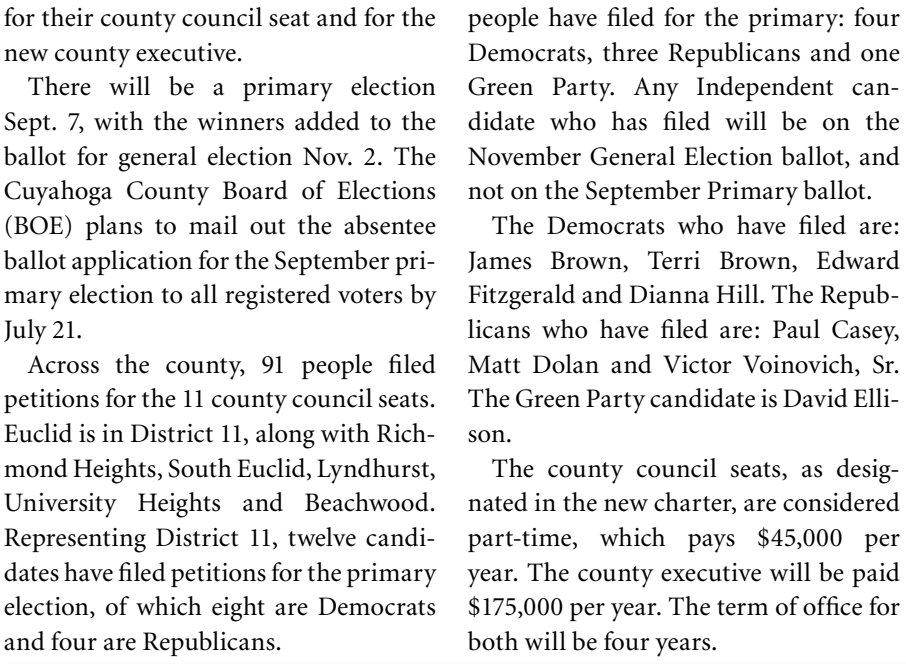

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Euclid Recreation Department entertained the kids with face painting.

All smiles for member appreciation day

By Fred Siegel

Eaton Family Credit Union members and employees were all smiles for the seventh annual member appreciation day, July 2. Smiley face decorations decked the credit union, inside and outside, highlighting the festive theme "Don't worry, be happy… you're with a credit union." Funds were raised in support Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital.

Cameron Zwagerman from WELW 1330 AM radio, provided music for this party and face painting and games were courtesy of the Euclid Recreation Department. Activities abound, as credit union kids could chose lollipops from a smiley face sign to win toys. Loretta from Euclid, a 28-year Eaton Family Credit Union member won a Lake County Captains ticket package, courtesy of Robbie Baughman from Jay Honda. Other lucky credit union members received tickets to the Kelly Miller Circus in Willowick, Regal Movie Theater gift card and an Eaton Family Credit Union picnic package that included a deck chair, rolling cooler and snacks. State Representative Kenny Yuko and Mayor Bill Cervenik stopped by.

Mike Losneck, Eaton Family Credit Union president remarked, "Once again we're fortunate to have great weather to kick-off the summer with an early Independence Day party. I am so proud that our membership contributed money to Rainbow. We can always count on partners like Kathy from Euclid Recreation, WELW, Jay Honda and Enterprise for support too."

About Eaton Family Credit Union

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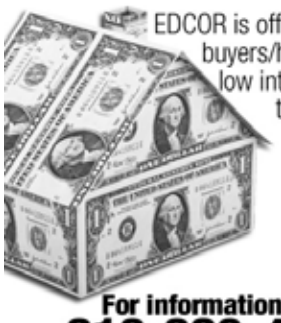

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Euclid Sports

Ed Carpenter: *still at it 24 years later*

By John Sheridan

When Ed Carpenter led the campaign to bring the Continental Amateur Baseball Association's High School World Series to Euclid in the mid-1980s, he may not have realized that he was getting himself involved in a long-term commitment. Yet that's the way things turned out – and 24 years later, he's still the driving force that keeps the baseball classic returning to this city.

The first tournament held in Euclid was such a success that officials at C.A.B.A. headquarters asked Carpenter and his associates, including the Euclid Recreation Department's Paul Serra, to keep on hosting it.

Initially, Carpenter got involved because his son Matt was one of the stars of the Euclid team in the late 1980s. "But even after Matt stopped playing, I just couldn't walk away from the World Series," he notes. "And now my grandson is playing in it."

Unfortunately, the grandson won't be performing for the Euclid team. Jacob Carpenter, 15, plays for Kenston High and was recruited to play with the perennial powerhouse squad from Brooklyn, N.Y., in this year's World Series. For years, the Brooklyn team has been known to cast a wide net in assembling its all-star squad.

Another grandson, age 13, lives in Aurora. "And," says Carpenter, "the coach of the Miami team says he wants him to play for *them* in a couple of years… Now, I really can't give it up!"

Read the rest of John's High School World Series notes at the Euclid Observer's web site: *www.euclidobserver.com*.

Euclid plays host to CABA High School World Series

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The Euclid squad, representing American Legion Post 343, will include a nucleus of youngsters who played for the Euclid Panthers' summer-league team—primarily players expected to compete on next year's high school varsity. That team, which plays in both the Elmer Flick high school league and an American Legion league, has been coached by Norb Hongosh and is often referred to as the Euclid Admirals.

Among the top players on the relatively young summer team are Josh Roberts (P-3B) and Randy Wente (P-SS) who will be seniors at Euclid High next year. Juniors-to-be include: Vinnie Klun (P-SS), Johnny Law (P-OF), Tony Jelenic (P-1B), and Kirk Rosenlund (C-OF). One of the team's rising stars is Johnny Abrams (P-OF), who played for the Panthers as a freshman last spring. "He has a passion for the game," says Coach Hongosh.

The top pitchers on the squad have been Vinnie Klun and Johnny Law.

"They've lost a couple of heartbreakers," the coach notes, "but they've kept us in a lot of games."

Among those making an impact at the plate have been Kirk Rosenlund (batting over .400), Josh Roberts, and Vinnie Klun.

This is Hongosh's first year as summer team coach and one reason he's enjoying the role is that his son, Norbie, is on the squad. "It's been an opportunity to spend some good quality time with my son," the coach notes. Norbie, who will be a senior at St. Ignatius in the fall, is a versatile ballplayer who can handle any infield position and has also played center field.

For the C.A.B.A. World Series, the Euclid roster will be bolstered by recruiting a number of top players from other area high school teams, as well as bringing back three Euclid High players who graduated this past spring—Matt Palko, Doug Koller, and Tommy Price. Palko earned co-MVP honors for his Lake Erie League play last season.

Luke Smrdel, an assistant coach for the Euclid High Panthers who will serve as an assistant for the World Series squad, describes the last-minute recruiting strategy this way: "We're trying to build up the team's pitching staff as much as we can," he explains, "and we also want to strengthen the corner infield and catcher positions."

As of last week, players committed to joining the Euclid squad for the World Series included: Jake Turner (Brush High), Tim Zele (Benedictine), Andrew Hyrn (St. Ignatius), and four players from Mayfield High: Larry Pinto, Rey Guerrini, Christian Verde, and Rob Razante. Discussions were also under way with two players from Solon and one from Lorain Southview.

Brian Leroy, the current Panther head coach, will step in as head coach for the World Series team. In addition to Smrdel, Mike Fording will also serve as an assistant coach.

Just about everyone connected with the Euclid team insists that a major goal this year will be to survive the round-robin action and qualify for the double-elimination championship playoff. Last summer, the local team posted a disappointing 0-6 record in round-robin play.

"This year, I'd like to see our kids go as deep into the tournament as possible," says Hongosh, who played for Euclid High from 1974 to 1976. "It would be good for Euclid baseball. If the kids come to play, they could do it."

Assuming the weather cooperates, the double-elimination round this year is scheduled to begin July 26, with games held at four sites: Serra Field and Stanic Field in Euclid, plus fields at Eastlake North and Mentor high schools.

The C.A.B.A. High School World Series is expected to attract coaches and scouts from more than 125 colleges and universities, as well as scouts for Major League Baseball teams. For more information, visit the tournament web site: *www.cabahsws.com*.

Continental Amateur Baseball Association 17u/High School Age Division CABA World Series History

Year	Location	Champion		Runner-up	
1985	Chillicothe, Ohio	Fresno, California George "Hats" Omachi All Stars	4	La Crosse, Wisconsin Juniors	2
1986	Chillicothe, Ohio	La Crosse, Wisconsin Juniors	8	Greater Fresno, California All Stars	5
1987	Euclid, Ohio	Seattle, Washington A-One Transfer	7	Brooklyn, New York Bergen Beach Youth Organization	5
1988	Euclid, Ohio	Brooklyn, New York Bergen Beach Youth Organization	7	Euclid, Ohio American Legion Post #343 Panthers	1
1989	Euclid, Ohio	Caguas, Puerto Rico Caguitas Diaz Baseball Club	5	Brooklyn, New York Bergen Beach Youth Organization	3
1990	Euclid, Ohio	Fresno, California George "Hats" Omachi All Stars	9	Chicago Heights, Illinois Oak Forest High School	2
1991	Euclid, Ohio	San Diego, California Select	4	Brooklyn, New York Bergen Beach Youth Organization	1
1992	Euclid, Ohio	Brooklyn, New York Bergen Beach Youth Organization	1	Sterling Heights, Michigan Steele's Sports	0
1993	Euclid, Ohio	Brooklyn, New York Bergen Beach Youth Organization	1	Miami, Florida Miami Baseball	0
1994	Euclid, Ohio	Brooklyn, New York Bergen Beach Youth Organization	4	Miami, Florida Miami Baseball	2
1995	Euclid, Ohio	Brooklyn, New York Bergen Beach Youth Organization	4	Miami, Florida Miami Baseball	1
1996	Euclid, Ohio	Brooklyn, New York Bergen Beach Youth Organization	8	Honolulu, Hawaii	6
1997	Cleveland Area, Ohio	Fairfax, Virginia	20	Miami, Florida	5
1998	Cleveland Area, Ohio	Brooklyn, New York Bergen Beach Youth Organization	21	Twitty City - AFPC, Nashville, Tennessee	2
1999	Cleveland Area, Ohio	Brooklyn, New York Bergen Beach Youth Organization	10	Twitty City, Nashville, Tennessee	9
2000	Cleveland, Ohio	Brooklyn, New York Bergen Beach Youth Organization	8	Oakland, California	2
2001	Euclid, Ohio	Panama City, Florida Team USA	10	Miami, South Florida Baseball Production	0
2002	Euclid, Ohio	Brooklyn, New York Bergen Beach Youth Organization	25	Miami, ((Team Florida)	2
2003	Euclid, Ohio	Brooklyn, New York Bergen Beach Youth Organization	13	Kansas City (TC), MO	1
2004	Euclid, Ohio	Brooklyn, New York Bergen Beach Youth Organization	9	Ann Arbor, Michigan	1
2005	Euclid, Ohio	Brooklyn, New York Bergen Beach Youth Organization	12	Ohio Thunder Orange	4
2006	Euclid, Ohio	Columbus, Ohio Sharks	10	Richmond, Virginia	4
2007	Euclid, Ohio	Brooklyn, New York Bergen Beach Youth Organization	11	Hamlin Park, Illinois, Top Tier	1
2008	Euclid, Ohio	Brooklyn, New York Bergen Beach Youth Organization	13	Florida American Legion Post 43	5
2009	Euclid, Ohio	Top Tier Americans, Lake Forest, Illinois	6	Florida American Legion Post # 43 Red	0
2010	Euclid, Ohio				

Community

Train for growing hospitality, culinary industries at Tri-C

By Kim Pribisko

The travel, tourism and food industries are on the rise in Northeast Ohio and nationwide. As Cleveland plans for a casino, medical mart and convention center, the new venues will increase the employment opportunities for those with culinary and hospitality management experience.

In the region, the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services expect employment in food preparation and hospitality occupations over 8 percent from 2006 to 2016. Employment of chefs and head cooks is expected to grow more than 4 percent. For those working as restaurant managers and supervisors, as well as hotel managers, the department projects a bit more than 8 percent growth. And, projected growth of almost 13 percent is expected for meeting and convention planners.

Cuyahoga Community College offers associate's degree and certificate programs in hospitality management. Individuals earn an Associate of Applied Business degree, with an emphasis in restaurant and food service management, culinary arts, or lodging and tourism management.

Courses are currently available at the college's metropolitan and eastern campuses. In 2009, Tri-C opened a new, state-of-the-art kitchen on the eastern campus in Highland Hills, featuring both a teaching and demonstration kitchen with the latest cooking and baking technologies.

Slated for an October 2010 opening, the Hospitality Management Center at Public Square will feature cutting-edge kitchens and high-tech classrooms. In addition to hospitality management programs, the center will offer accelerated and international business courses.

The accredited hospitality management programs incorporate classroom instruction and hands-on experience. For instance, culinary arts students put their classroom learning into practice as they operate a full-service restaurant on campus.

The programs prepare students for entry-level supervisory positions in restaurants, clubs, kitchens, front-of-the-house, sales and convention and banquet planning.

In addition to credit courses, Tri-C offers community and continuing education opportunities for all age groups. Participants can enhance their skills in culinary arts, languages, dance, photography and more. Courses offered at the Hospitality Management Center will include international cuisine, super foods, entertaining, desserts from around the world and culinary techniques.

With the addition of about 350,000 new jobs in the hospitality industry through 2016, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, it is a great option for individuals looking to enter or transition in the workforce.

For more information on the hospitality management programs at Cuyahoga Community College, call (216) 987-4081. For information on the community and continuing education courses at Tri-C, call (216) 987-2260.

Culinary students at Cuyahoga Community College's Eastern Campus gain hands-on experience in a state-of-the-art kitchen. The facility, which opened in 2009, also includes a demonstration kitchen.

Euclid High School enjoys reunification

By Charles Smialek

Euclid High School recently completed its first year as one comprehensive high school after operating as six small, thematic-based schools for five years. Students and staff worked hard to ensure that the community of Euclid would have much to be proud of in its high school. We enjoyed many significant achievements during the 2009-2010 school year.

First, we are proud of our high level of scholarship at Euclid High School. During the fourth quarter alone, 345 students (15 percent of our student body) earned Distinguished Honor Roll or Honor Roll status with a grade point average over 3.5. Next, through our Post Secondary Enrollment Option, six students earned associate degrees from local colleges while attending high school; more than 70 others earned some college credit while in high school. Finally, our senior class earned over $1.7 million in scholarships to various universities.

Next, we continued to provide outstanding career technical education, formerly known as vocational education. Euclid High School offers six comprehensive career technical choices (automotives, CIS and CISCO computer programming systems, commercial art, criminal justice, and culinary arts), providing regional leadership in this emerging field. For the second year in a row, Joe Barwick placed first in a national CISCO competition sponsored by Business Professionals of America, following in the footsteps of Trevor Tomlinson, last year's winner.

Euclid High School students and staff also earned significant distinctions in the visual and performing arts. The Ohio Governor's Youth Art Conference featured submissions from students Jennifer Foote, Olivia Oltmanns, Jerome Ross and Samantha Selvaggio. Only 300, of more than 12,000 entries, were selected for this prestigious honor. Fox 8 News recognized the EHS Varsity Chorale as one of the top eight show choirs in northeast Ohio, and our marching band continued to enhance its presence by participating in numerous parades and festivals.

Euclid student athletes were a source of pride during the 2009-2010 school year as well. Our Panther football team qualified for the state playoffs, one of only eight teams in our region to achieve this honor. The girls' track team was especially successful, winning our conference and district championships, sending nine athletes to the state tournament in Columbus.

Euclid High School continues to refine its programming in an effort to improve student experiences and achievement. During the upcoming school year, we will emphasize the Stand Up initiative in an attempt to minimize violence within our community. Further, we are planning a Freshmen Academy, designed to maximize the support available to ninth grade students during that critical transition year. We encourage community and parental input and involvement to help us improve. Those with suggestions, comments or questions can call me at (216) 797-7801, or send me an e-mail at csmialek@euclid.k12.oh.us.

County Politics

County Executive candidate Matt Dolan answers questions for *Observer* readers

Questions developed by John Sheridan

In response to questions posed by The Observer, *Republican County Executive Candidate, Matt Dolan, shares some of his thoughts on the new county government and the challenges that lie ahead:*

1. If elected to the position of County Executive, what three or four goals would top the list of things that you'd hope to accomplish during your term in office?

1) Restore the public faith in public servants by running the County with honesty and integrity;

2) Replace our silo service delivery system of human services with a wraparound service system; making individuals one step away from dependence and one step closer to independence;

3) Establish Cuyahoga Forward, a one-stop-shop for business development; and

4) Implement job descriptions and requirements that match skill sets, thereby creating measurable standards to determine results.

2. What do you regard as the major challenges that must be met in order for the new system of county government to succeed?

Changing the culture inside County government must happen for reform to take root. I will no longer accept the status quo. Instead, I will embrace big ideas, be bold and creative, take advantage of opportunities presented by collaboration and set high measurable standards for ourselves.

3. How do you define good government?

A government meets the needs of citizens by delivering higher quality services to people who need it with little hassle and waste. With a strong leader who establishes a positive and effective relationship with the private sector, we all can enjoy economic growth.

4. Do you believe the new County Executive/Council structure can put an end to the corruption and patronage that have dominated news headlines for the past several years?

Only strong leadership can change the culture of corruption and patronage that exists in the County. I will lead with honesty and integrity, demanding the same from County employees. On my first day as Executive, I will issue an executive order requiring ethics training. Under a Dolan Administration, if you breach the public trust, you will be gone.

5. Under the new charter, several top county officials who in the past were directly elected by the voters will now be appointees chosen and approved by the new Executive and County Council. Do you see that as a positive step?

Yes, although the elected positions are gone, the statutory duties of those offices remain. The Charter establishes qualifications for each of the positions appointed to perform these duties. In addition, the new structure eliminates the duplicative administrative staffing as well as the political fiefdoms of the elected positions.

6. What approach would you take to working with the new County Council to keep lines of communication open in order to achieve consensus on major county wide objectives?

I view the role of the Council as providing a check for the Executive and generating policy initiatives. In order for the County to be successful, the Council must think in broad, countywide terms and avoid becoming territorial. I intend to make it very clear that I expect this of the Council. If there are Council Members that do not share this perspective and act as roadblocks to the County's progress, I will not be shy about using my position to make it clear to voters they should not be re-elected.

7. When will Cuyahoga County voters know if the new government structure is working as envisioned—and how will they know?

While changing a culture takes time, I will make it immediately apparent to voters that I intend to hold the County to a higher standard. My first day in office, I will issue an executive order requiring ethics training and instituting a strict gift policy that will be enforced. County employees will be evaluated on their merits and those that perform well and embrace a spirit of innovation and creativity will be rewarded, while those that do not will be let go. With this culture shift, County operations will focus on delivering the highest quality services with less hassle and less waste.

8. Do you believe the new structure has the potential to spark economic growth and job creation in Northeast Ohio? If so, how might that happen?

Yes, I will restore the public/private sector relationship, bringing back the intellectual and financial investment to our community. I will create Cuyahoga Forward, establishing a one-stop-shop for business development. As Executive, I will be the strong leader to maintain economic development as a priority.

9. There has been much talk about "regionalization" as a mechanism to improve government efficiency—and hopefully, reduce the tax burden on the citizens of Cuyahoga County. Do you view the new government structure as a positive step toward achieving these goals?

Yes, it is a positive step because the transformation effort has sparked serious conversations about opportunities for collaboration. However, we must first restore faith in public service by operating with honesty and integrity, putting the County's house in order and repairing the public/private relationship before we begin truly tackling regionalization.

10. In your analysis of Issue 6—the charter amendment that ushered in the sweeping changes in county government -–what did you find to be its strong points? And what, if any, weaknesses did you detect?

The creation of a strong Executive, with a Council to serve as a check, establishes a face for the County, making it clear where responsibility and accountability rests. The elimination of several elected officials and their offices, which I spoke to when responding to question #5, is another positive outcome to Issue 6. If it were up to me, I would have had the transition process happen after the new government was elected, so good suggestions could be implemented as soon as they were made, eliminating the uncertainty of what things will look like once the new government when into effect.

11. Do you see a need for further "tinkering" with the County Charter to improve prospects for a successful transition? If so, what changes would you hope to see incorporated?

The Charter is meant to serve as the guideline for the operation of County government. As such, it is intentionally vague so that it may withstand the test of time, allowing the administration of government to be fluid and dynamic. If changes are necessary, they will become apparent fairly quickly as the new government begins to conduct business. The Charter anticipates possible changes by establishing the Charter Review Commission.

ABOUT MATT DOLAN

Matt Dolan's bio was provided by his campaign, edited for space by CO.

Matt Dolan was elected to three terms in the Ohio Legislature, serving the 98th District, which includes parts of Cuyahoga County and Geauga County. He served as Chairman of the Finance and Appropriations Committee during his second term, working with Republicans and Democrats to pass a nearly unanimous $54 billion budget that lowered taxes and reduced the size of government.

Dolan was the key sponsor of the Great Lakes Compact, legislation to protect Lake Erie. Dolan was also the primary mover of other legislation, such as the Cuyahoga County Landbank and the Third Frontier Project.

He recently resigned from the House of Representatives so taxpayers would not pay his salary while he seeks the office of Cuyahoga County Executive.

Dolan is a graduate of Gilmour Academy, Boston College and Case Western Reserve School of Law. He is a partner at the law firm of Thrasher, Dinsmore & Dolan and the Vice President of 7th Avenue Properties.

He is a former Chief Assistant Prosecutor for Geauga County and Assistant Attorney General for the State of Ohio. Furthermore, Dolan was an Adjunct Professor for Kent State University's Geauga Campus, teaching criminal justice.

Dolan serves on several boards, including the Cleveland Chapter of the American Red Cross, Kent State University's Geauga Campus and the YMCA Wellness Center. He is a member of the Cleveland City Club and the Cleveland Council on World Affairs.

Dolan is 45 years old and lives with his son, Sam, in Chagrin Falls.

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County Politics

County Executive candidate Victor Voinovich answers questions for *Observer* readers

Questions developed by John Sheridan

Here, in response to questions posed by The Observer, *Republican County Executive Candidate, Victor Voinovich, shares some of his thoughts on the new county government and the challenges that lie ahead:*

1. If elected to the position of County Executive, what three or four goals would top the list of things that you'd hope to accomplish during your term in office?

I have 3 objectives: Grow our economy, create better, smarter county government and unite our region.

We will get there and define our success by what we do to:

• Ensure there are thriving jobs, businesses, entrepreneurship, and innovation in our county.

• Create and grow 21st century talent.

• Become a great place to live, work, and raise families.

• Tell our story and use it to build partnerships in the global economy.

• Streamline crucial county services to improve responsiveness and efficiency.

• Reimagine and remake the county government.

• Practice the principles of collaboration, inclusiveness, and transparency.

2. What do you regard as the major challenges that must be met in order for the new system of county government to succeed?

• Entrenched ways of thinking/doing things.

• Too much tax dollars spent on things that don't help to create jobs or provide necessary services.

• Lack of interest and energy in our citizens.

3. How do you define good government?

Three words: trust, effectiveness, efficiency. This is what it will take to deliver value for the tax dollars citizens entrust to us. Good government also depends on humility to learn from others and having the right team in place.

4. Do you believe the new County Executive/Council structure can put an end to the corruption and patronage that have dominated news headlines for the past several years?

Yes…but it depends on the County Executive's character and values. I pledge to earn back the people's trust through the CuyahogaNext Contract. I will:

• Stay focused on 3 objectives…our success with the citizens will depend on it.

• Create equal opportunity using the best our county has to offer in an honest, open, inclusive, and transparent way.

• Institute accountability by streamlining crucial county services and adopting the best practices of the world's leading organizations to create a trustworthy, effective, and efficient government.

• Earn the citizens' trust.

5. Under the new charter, several top county officials who in the past were directly elected by the voters will now be appointees chosen and approved by the new Executive and County Council. Do you see that as a positive step?

Yes…but it depends on the County Executive's character and values.

County voters approved the new structure. They rightly expect better results from their elected officials and the use of citizens' tax dollars. The new structure and the CuyahogaNext Contract gives me the opportunity to form and mobilize the team that will deliver the results the voters expect. We will vet candidates based on their job effectiveness as well as their personal integrity and willingness to work with others. Working closely with Council members, we can field a better and more cohesive team than the old way in which voters elected their officials.

We will work together with others based on personal integrity and sharing. Council members will have an open invitation to work with us to energize and mobilize the county's and the region's resources to grow jobs and our economy.

6. What approach would you take to working with the new County Council to keep lines of communication open in order to achieve consensus on major county wide objectives?

Council members will have an open door to my administration. My team is working on how best to collaborate on the details to:

• Save tax dollars by moving public meetings to various locations and inviting citizens to view their government in action.

• Form "coalitions of the willing" to 1) envision desired outcomes in job growth, economic growth, and regional collaboration, and 2) carry out the tough tasks that achieving the desired outcomes will need.

• Invest some of the taxpayer funds entrusted to us by the citizens in the best practices and information technology tools to give "coalition of the willing" participants a more productive way to communicate and coordinate efforts to achieve our objectives.

It's going to be "simple rules and simple tools for great results." I welcome all participants as long as they sign up to do real work that helps our county achieve economic growth and regional unity. If organizations choose not to participate, they risk being left behind as we move forward.

7. When will Cuyahoga County voters know if the new government structure is working as envisioned—and how will they know?

As part of our CuyahogaNext Contract, I will share quarterly report cards with our citizens, good or bad. The CuyahogaNext report card will feature specific measures of economic growth, regional cooperation, and smarter, better government. Quarterly reporting will keep us focused on demonstrating results continually.

8. Do you believe the new structure has the potential to spark economic growth and job creation in Northeast Ohio? If so, how might that happen?

The new structure makes possible a streamlined effort to renew job and economic growth. Our entire plan is about the economy and jobs, and how to make growth enduring and resilient.

The key to building consensus and momentum is how our "coalition of the willing" participants develop and implement specific projects that will drive measurable results in each of the 7 ways we will achieve our objectives.

For example, my team is working on how to:

• Implement a process by which to evaluate and select suppliers who most contribute to economic growth. If this process had existed with the construction of the new Innerbelt bridge, the largest bridge project in the US, it could have created hundreds of local jobs.

• Foster the growth of trained Virtual Workers. Instead of people leaving here for jobs, we can bring jobs here while the employees remain in their chosen locations.

• Build on a growing entrepreneurship infrastructure. We will accelerate county work with economic development organizations like BioEnterprise and JumpStart to insure that our county encourages and nurtures entrepreneurship and innovation. We will work together to create the incentives and provide tangible help to entrepreneurs. This is one of the best ways to create long-term jobs. In addition, it rekindles the entrepreneurial spirit we have mostly lost since the days of famous Cuyahoga County entrepreneurs.

• Develop re-engagement networks to raise the level of skills, making people in need of jobs more marketable to local employers. These networks will include universities and colleges, employers, and human resources firms, working together with us to develop programs that work to get people ready and hired into productive jobs.

• Work more closely with universities and colleges (e.x. NOCHE) to develop more flexible study and career pathways for children.

Putting the right people in place with the ability to recruit organizations and better manage those relationships to help with these types of projects will be an important focus early in my administration.

9. There has been much talk about "regionalization" as a mechanism to improve government efficiency—and hopefully, reduce the tax burden on the citizens of Cuyahoga County. Do you view the new government structure as a positive step toward achieving these goals?

Absolutely. Regionalization is essential to streamlining crucial services, and reimagining and remaking county government to be more trustworthy, effective, and efficient.

For example, my team is working on how to partner with the private sector to use their best practices to look for regional savings in the areas of supplies, information technology, county physical assets like buildings and vehicles, insurances and benefits administration, fuel and energy, etc. As part of this effort, we will actively search out and implement processes that aggregate these types of purchases in collaboration with the State of Ohio and our municipalities, as well as other counties if they choose to participate with us.

10. In your analysis of Issue 6—the charter amendment that ushered in the sweeping changes in county government -–what did you find to be its strong points? And what, if any, weaknesses did you detect?

The new "Executive/County Council" structure has built-in checks and balances. This results in greater accountability and inclusiveness through the process of audit, monitoring, and transparency. The new structure provides for stronger leadership and faster, better response to the county's needs as a whole. Through clear, measurable objectives and open collaboration, my team will put fiscally pragmatic and prudent policies in place. As a CPA and elected steward of taxpayer monies, I will ensure our policies result in savings and the funding of high-return economic growth initiatives.

As far as "weaknesses," no change is without its obstacles, especially when the change is based on a new formula. What these "weaknesses" are will become apparent over time. We will work through them as they come up, reporting to the voters if necessary. One

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ABOUT VICTOR VOINOVICH

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Victor S. Voinovich, Sr. started as a CPA in with Ernst & Ernst (now Ernst & Young) and then migrated to Commercial Real Estate Brokerage, most of the time in business for himself. Today, he is Managing Director of Sperry Van Ness in Northeast Ohio as an independent franchisee. He has been a partner, founder or sole owner of over a half-dozen entrepreneurial businesses, ranging from retail stores, to a cleaning company, to a consulting company. He has participated or led over 20 non-profit organizations in social services, religious activities, professional activities, and strategic planning. Recovery Resources honored him by naming him a Life Trustee at his retirement from the board.

Voinovich has won numerous awards for his work with non-profits and economic development initiatives. He headed the Euclid Avenue Task Force and was the convener of what became the Theater District Development Corporation downtown. He has been involved in several high profile transactions in Cuyahoga County including the M. K. Ferguson deal in the Tower City Complex, the Rockwell International Headquarters campus in Mayfield Heights, the leasing of space in the Halle Building downtown, the sale of IX Center to the City of Cleveland, and his most recent sale of the Randall Park Mall.

He is 64 years old, one of 6 children, grew up in the Cleveland area, and now lives in Valley View. He enjoys biking, personal development, physical fitness, gardening, home repairs, business reading, and playing with his grandchildren. The love of his life is Patricia Voinovich, his wife and soul mate for 42 years. He has 4 children who have blessed him with 12 grandchildren.

He graduated from Shaw High School in East Cleveland and Case Western Reserve University where he earned his Bachelor's and Masters Degrees in Business.

Community

Shore pottery instructor gets "fired up" for teaching his craft

By Matthew Orgovan

Home is where the "kiln" is for Euclid High School graduate and current Euclid resident Jayson Hayes, 25, who began taking pottery lessons at Shore Cultural Centre at the age of 13. Twelve years later, Hayes is back at Shore as one of the building's resident pottery instructors and artists, a role he assumed two years ago. In fact, the studio he calls home is the very room where he learned about his craft from Diane Collins, now one of two colleagues with whom he shares the studio.

A professional handyman by trade, Hayes currently offers open studio pottery instruction Wednesday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. Classes are $6 an hour and include all materials and firing costs. Instruction also takes place Mondays from 7 to 9 p.m., and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jayson's other colleague, Carol Donohue, teaches the Monday class. All classes are ongoing, so those interested in participating can drop in to the studio during one of the time frames and start right away. Generally, the studio is home to roughly twelve regular students a week, who range in age from 6 to senior. In addition, the instructors often host student and adult groups for various sessions.

Current pottery student Angela Velotta has nothing but praise for the Shore pottery studio and its teachers.

"Pottery is a nice, relaxing class," she said, "I often like to spend a couple of hours creating. The teachers offer a lot of great suggestions and help, especially when we're at a loss for what we want to do."

Eight-year-old Brodie Longo, one of Jayson's youngest students, simply says, "I love pottery."

Beyond instilling the art of pottery to a number of residents from the area, Hayes is an accomplished artist in his own right. He has produced a wide array of clay pieces, including bowls, mugs, vases and necklaces.

"I just create whatever I feel like making," he remarks. "Lately, I've been doing a lot of switch plate covers and necklaces. I guess bowls and mugs are probably my favorites."

Hayes currently has some of his pieces permanently displayed at Kathi's Hands and Feet in Richmond Heights, and he participated as a demonstrator and vendor at this year's Hessler Street Fair. He was also a part of Cirque Imaginaire's Shore Showcase, a traveling art bazaar and concert that was recently held at Shore Cultural Centre.

Hayes in action at Shore's pottery studio

The pottery studio is currently well outfitted with an assortment of supplies and equipment for a variety of different applications. Students can work with four different types of high fire stoneware clays: buff, white, red, and dark brown. There are also two wheels, two kilns, a plug mill, a slab roller and many different molding and design tools. All pieces generated in the studio are ovenproof, microwavable and washable. Students also have the option of selecting pre-molded pieces that they can paint.

Hayes, an Ohio State University graduate, is excited to be a part of Shore's resurgence.

"I'm really glad to see that there are many new tenants coming in, and that work is being done to clean up the outside of the building," he says. "Shore has been given a new facelift, so to speak, so it's nice to see the changes.

Hayes has been crafting a number of different switch plates recently, including this one.

Euclid schools community meetings set

By Joffrey Jones

In November, Euclid voters approved a bond issue that will bring $25 million in state money to pay 41 percent of the cost of four brand new elementary schools for the community.

Since then, much planning, design, and discussion have been dedicated to the facilities project. Several community meetings have been held over the past several months, and the district will offer two more open community sessions to bring interested parents, residents, and community leaders up to speed on the progress and future timelines of the four new buildings.

School officials will offer two meeting dates, but each meeting will offer the same information:

Wednesday, August 25 – 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 31 – 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Both meetings will be held in the Lake Room at the Euclid Public Library.

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Community

St. John of the Cross finds niche in social action

By Cheryl Ludwa

St. John of The Cross Catholic parish was the first of Euclid's three new parishes to merge, following the Cleveland diocese's almost two-year clustering efforts. Father Sal Ruggeri, as the newly appointed pastor, has many goals for this new parish; "Christ's vision was the Great Commission, which tells us, as Christians, to go forth and spread the Good News. This should be what drives everything that we do. With this at the heart of our purpose for existence, we believe God's vision for us is to be 'a caring community,' committed to providing an environment where all, including children and young people, adults and seniors can meet Christ and grow in their faith."

Toward that end, Fr. Sal said that the new parish was continuing with some of the ministries from St. Felicitas and St. Paul, the two parishes from which St. John of The Cross formed, and developing new ones. An example of this is the continuation of Interfaith Hospitality Network, where the parish plays host to homeless families for one week, every few months. Parish volunteers help collect and provide necessary items for their visitors, and spend time with them in their role as host.

Newer efforts for the parish will continue to focus on social justice issues and youth ministries. Fr. Sal hopes to send a contingent of parish youth to next year's World Youth Day in Madrid, as well begin an annual mission trip to Higuey, Dominican Republic.

Fr. Sal indicated that the joining of the two former parishes of St. Felicitas and St. Paul into one has not been without its challenges. But overall, he said he's been hearing "we and they" and "theirs and ours" less and less.

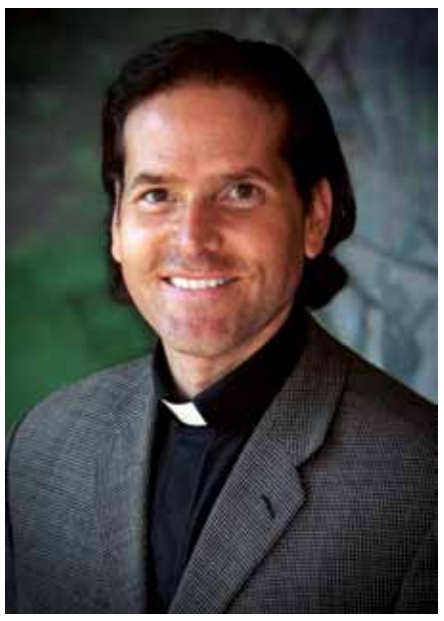
When asked about how he thinks this new parish will fit in the Euclid community, he said, "We have to see ourselves as part of the wider community and to help to not only address the needs of our parishioners, but to look at how we can help to share the Good News throughout Euclid. I believe that it is our responsibility to share the love within our parish communities with those in our greater communities."

He said that he and the other Euclid Catholic pastors meet frequently to discuss general issues and collectively support each other. Fr. Sal said that St. John of The Cross will be collaborating with the other Euclid parishes, Ss. Robert and William, and Our Lady of the Lake, for various events and efforts, such as communal penance services and a city-wide mission. Even the three Catholic schools in Euclid, he added, are looking for ways to collaborate. An example of the school collaboration is a teacher's retreat planned to take place later in the summer.

Looking to the future, Fr. Sal sees great potential in this new parish. He described a pastoral planning effort that will kick off in the fall and involve parishioners for the better part of a year, setting the course for the parish for the next several years, specifically, and ten years peripherally. He said he will work with the Parish Council to take this input to create a parish mission statement and to set goals for the parish based on what the parishioners want and what the parish can reasonably do.

"My vision is, and should always be, inclusive of the vision of the people and the next year will very much be focused on looking toward our future."

Three new pastors for three new parishes



Fr. Sal was ordained on May 29, 1999 and spent his first five years as a priest at St. Hilary in Fairlawn. He was appointed pastor of St. John of The Cross, formed Nov. 29, 2009. He has two sisters and six nieces and nephews…and let's not forget his dog Murphy. Hobbies include reading, traveling, perfecting his Italian, and a true passion for cooking.

Fr. John was ordained on May 17, 2003 by Bishop Anthony Pilla at St. John Cathedral. "After serving the wonderful people of St. John Vianney Parish in Mentor and St. Mary Parish in Hudson, I am so happy to be here serving the awesome people of Euclid at Ss. Robert & William Parish. Besides spending time with my family, especially my nieces & nephews, I can't think of a better place I would rather be!"

Fr. Fortuna is a graduate of St. Ignatius High School, Borromeo Seminary and St. Mary Seminary. He was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Cleveland in 1980. Fr. Joe subsequently earned a doctorate at the Catholic University of America. He became Pastor of Our Lady of the Lake in February 2010, and continues to teach at St. Mary Seminary as an adjunct professor.

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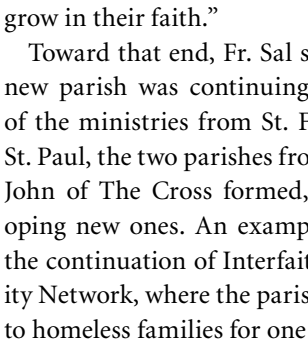

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Action CARSTAR Collision and VASJ volleyball teams participate in national car wash fundraiser

Abracadabra! Action CARSTAR Collision and the Villa Angela-St. Joseph volleyball team, along with CARSTAR stores and their partners across the United States and Canada, have once again made magic happen for children in need across North America. Themed "Making Magic Happen – One Car at a Time," the Soaps It Up Car Wash took place throughout North America June 12 as a fundraiser for cystic fibrosis in Canada and the Make-A-Wish Foundation of America in the U.S., as well as select local charities.

Volleyball team members began selling tickets in May. Customers could also purchase the $10 tickets at Action CARSTAR Collision, located at 21200 St. Clair Avenue. Half the proceeds went to the Make-A-Wish Foundation and half to support VASJ volleyball. The event raised over $1,200 locally thanks to more than 25 energetic VASJ volleyball team members, coaches and Action CARSTAR staff. This was the second year Action and VASJ have teamed up. Initial numbers show that CARSTAR washed some 4,100 cars at more than 140 locations across the United States and Canada, raising more than $40,000 nationally. This surpasses the world record that CARSTAR set in 2009 by washing 4,000 cars in an eight-hour period.

VASJ SOAP MACHINE: *The team raised $1,200 for the Make-a-Wish Foundation.*

"Coach Mark Royer, Viking team captain Shayla Lang and the rest of the volleyball team members were amazing…they were like a soap machine!" said Cheryl Cameron, marketing rep for Action CARSTAR Collision. "The group worked again this year almost nonstop for six hours…that shows real dedication and commitment."

Winning isn't everything, but it's *our* thing

"Winning isn't everything, but it's our thing." This is the sentiment of Terrance Walton, headmaster of New Day Academy Boarding and Day School. He added that this is the school's theme going into next school year. "We have been on a winning streak and we plan to continue."

The winning trend began in November when Walton made the case to the Euclid City Council and the mayor to keep Shore Cultural Centre open. Walton made a passionate plea to the city council, explaining how closing Shore would impact the lives of over 175 children who attend New Day Academy (NDA), which is housed in The Shore Cultural Centre. It is now common knowledge that as a result of Walton's plea, and those of other Shore tenants, the Shore Board, and countless concerned citizens, the decision to close Shore Cultural Centre was revoked.

The 2010 City of Euclid Annual Memorial Day Parade Float Competition Winning Entry by New Day Academy

"This was a great victory for us," proclaimed Sherise Hardrick, parent of New Day student Deshawn Hardrick. "Because my son, who is a senior this year along with his other classmates, have great plans for what is supposed to be the first graduating class of New Day Academy. All of those plans would have been dashed and their senior year ruined, if the building were to close." Deshawn and his classmates did graduate as the first class of graduates from New Day Academy, where Wayne Dawson, Fox 8 New television anchor, delivered the commencement address. This was yet another victory.

There have been many other victories as well. One such victory was with the school's fall sports program. In an effort to expand its offering of extracurricular activities, NDA added fall sports girls volleyball and boys and girls cross country teams. In its first year, the cross country team brought home a trophy after winning a tournament hosted by Lawrence School. The winning streak did not stop there. The boys basketball team had its first winning season, compiling more wins this year than in the past three seasons combined. The middle school boys hoisted another trophy for the school by winning a tournament hosted by Andrew Osborne Academy.

To learn more about New Day Academy's winning achievements, please visit the Euclid Observer web site: www.euclidobserver.com.

R.A.D's supports early childhood initiative

By Robert Pruitt

Reaching All Your Dreams and more, commonly known as R.A.D.'s, is a Euclid-based family business owned and operated by Euclid residents. Established in 2008, R.A.D.'s started entertaining at parties for small children using popular characters and educational activities in an effort to show our children that learning can be fun.

We at R.A.D.'s believe that every child should get a strong start to life and have an opportunity to make their dreams reality. Studies show that exposure to interactive educational activities and exercise at an early age increase a child's abilities to learn and excel. This early childhood initiative has had a positive impact on our community and is viewed as a great way to invest in our children.

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Questions for Victor Voinovich

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potential weakness may be out-of-date assumptions and constraints in the purchasing and contracting area. This may stand in the way of realizing the benefits of region-wide collaboration in purchasing and savings.

11. Do you see a need for further "tinkering" with the County Charter to improve prospects for a successful transition? If so, what changes would you hope to see incorporated?

Let's take one step at a time. My focus is on first winning the nomination.

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Community

Good to be green: *mid-summer kinks & more*

By Cheryl Ludwa

Well when you're stuck with lemons, they say to make lemonade. When my radishes bolted, I did a quick Google search and found that the resulting seed pods are a tasty addition to a salad.

Radishes, like many quicker growing vegetables such as lettuce, will bolt if left to their own devices. When a plant bolts, it shoots up long stems and flowers. It is trying to perpetuate itself by creating seeds. When a vegetable like a pepper or tomato flowers, we know soon enough there will be a fleshy pepper or juicy tomato waiting to be picked. Not so for root vegetables, leafy lettuces and spinach. While experienced gardeners know how to prevent a plant from bolting, a new gardener may not know a plant has taken off until it is too late. Such is my story; this is the first time growing radishes and I didn't realize the radishes had bolted until they had almost overtaken my raised bed, some radish plants extending to four feet in length. Bolting is usually a bad thing, since the plant is now using its energy to make seeds, rather than tasty root vegetables or tender leaves.

Leaf lettuces and purple beans, planted in May, straight from the mid-summer garden.

It's times like this when Google can be a gardener's friend. I found a variety of web sites that catered to radishes (honestly!) and learned what I had done wrong, but also learned that radish seed pods are edible, even quite good. Some people purposely let their radishes bolt for the seed pods. My point here is that gardening is a very forgiving activity. If your plants don't quite turn out the way you imagine, you have options.

If you are tending a garden in your yard, be it quite large or a square foot garden, there are a few tasks you should be attentive to during this summer phase. Watering is very important. Mid-summers in this area are notoriously dry, so consistent watering in the mornings will make your vegetables very happy. If you've been maintaining a rain barrel, this is the time to use that healthy rain water for your gardens. If you find your root vegetables getting lanky, they may be trying to bolt. If they are flowering, they bolted and you will need to harvest your crops quickly. You can prevent bolting by thinning out seedlings to allow the root vegetable to form and grow. Pinch off stems if you see them forming. Ensure the plants are watered regularly. If the soil quality is poor or you planted high demand vegetables, you may want to side-dress your plants with a mid-summer fertilizer, organic compost 'tea' preferable over stronger synthetic chemicals.

Radish seed pods tastes like mild radishes and can be tossed raw in a salad or stir fried.

If you started your garden in mid May or so, you should be in the enviable position of being able to enjoy the fruits (or rather vegetables) of your labor. You can clip herbs at any time. Lettuces should be ready for harvest, as will beans and perhaps even the earliest tomatoes. Root vegetables may not be ready yet.

In the meantime, have fun experimenting, research what you don't know and see what flourishes in your garden!

Kindergartners celebrate graduation day

By Amy Britton

Noble Academy Cleveland (NAC) kindergarten class of 2009-2010! Showing off their diplomas and gowns, the kindergartners smiled ear to ear during their ceremony. Parents and staff joined the celebration. Highlighting all of the wonderful learning experiences, the teachers put together memory books and academic achievements for each student. Through the 2009-2010 kindergartners enjoyed field trips at Hiram College Science Center, Playhouse Square for The Very Hungry Caterpillar and the Metroparks Zoo. Academically, kindergartners excelled in science, social studies, math and reading. Going to first grade is very exciting for the students, and NAC looks forward to another great year!

Cedar Point field trip for Noble Academy students

By Amy Britton

The students, staff, and families of Noble Academy Cleveland (NAC) celebrate their recent Ohio Achievement Assessment (OAA) scores by planning a field trip to Cedar Point Aug. 23, free of cost to the students who demonstrated hard work, dedication and commitment by passing all of their OAAs.

The Cedar Point field trip has become a tradition at NAC, each year, before the new school year commences, the staff honors the students who fulfilled each assessment test with proficient or higher, with the Cedar Point trip. The tradition of attending the Cedar Point field trip is revered by the students. During NAC's OAA pep rally earlier in the school year, students got the chance to motivate their classmates and peers by sharing their memories of the fun they had going to Cedar Point. The students (that passed the previous year) also receive a special uniform shirt highlighting their achievements and Cedar Point. The students are allowed to wear the special uniform shirt for two weeks.

NAC does not believe class instruction time should be interrupted for review of standardized tests. As an alternative, the school mandates attendance to Saturday school for those students who need additional review or tutoring. Their endless commitment is seen in the excitement and achievements of the students, as reflected by the Ohio Department of Education's excellent rating to NAC for a second consecutive year. The following list highlights NAC's top performing students.

3rd Grade: Mawunya Ahiagbedey, Alexia Byrd, Taje Jones, D'Ari Reed, Julius Vann

4th Grade: Ronald Coleman, Aaron Hicks, Dynasty Moorer, Patricia Opperman, Alexis Williams

5th Grade: Cameron Brown, Jaszmin Davis, Steven Lewis, Anaiya Manuel, Yuval Zamir

6th Grade: Jazlynn Baker, Kiyla Cooper, Valentina Slechticovas, Adrianna Taylor, Autumn Trower

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Make it happen

by Carol Geyer

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Sacrificed youth for the call of war

By John Williams

George Stevens joined the Army in 1917. He became a member of the American Expeditionary Forces on October 18, 1917, a part of the Rainbow division, which found them all serving in France. In a telegram to George's father, the commander of the 42nd Division explained what had happened. "... on the occasion of the action near Seringer-et-Nesle, northeast of Chateau-Thierry, on the night of July 29, 1918, when his company had been halted during the advance by murderous fire from the enemy, he did fearlessly attack a machine gun nest and in exposing himself, he met his death ...

"... your son's performance of duty on this occasion [is] worthy of the highest commendation ... his actions in the face of the enemy [were] gallant, an example to his comrades in arms and characteristic of the splendid standard upon which the traditions of our military establishment are founded."

Stevens was born here in Euclid in 1899. In 1913 he went to Camp Wissalohican where he and his friends dug a boulder from the earth. He then proceeded to carve this message on the boulder: "George dug this in 1913." In 1998, that boulder was found just under the surface of the Grand River in LeRoy Township. Subsequent research found the inscription belonged to George Stevens of Noble, OH, now Euclid. A later inscription was made near the first one on the boulder. "George Stevens, killed in action 1918." Lake Metroparks has pulled the boulder from its watery site and in 2000 placed it in a prominent place with great reverence for a fallen soldier; it is now at Indian Point Park in the Metroparks system.

Stevens received his education through the Euclid public school system and at Shaw Academy, but at the age of 17 made the decision, with seven of his friends from Shaw, to enlist in the National Guard. Because he was under age he needed his parent's permission to enlist, and they reluctantly gave it. He served in Company 3F Infantry as a private, beginning on April 28, 1917. He was promoted to corporal on September 5, 1917 and raised in rank to sergeant on March 15, 1918.

In reading, and re-reading about George, I am reminded of the exploits of World War I's most decorated soldier, Alvin York. Both were heroes to their country; the only difference in their stories is that York lived to tell his story while Stevens did not.

Stevens' love of his country can best be expressed in a poem he wrote one night while on duty.

As I walk my post at midnight,
Trying to do things right,
Thoughts of home and friends
come to me
As wearily drags the night
Thoughts of Mother and Father,
And of all my kith and kin,
And then of friends whose friendship
I've been lucky enough to win.
And my throat it just seems to choke,
And my eyes, well, it's hard to see.
But when I feel the saddest,
And my spirit seems to lag,
All I need for consolation
Is one good look at our flag.
And then with redoubled strength
Because of the thoughts I've had,
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Swimming and other activities round out Euclid's rec department

By Kathy Will

The City of Euclid Parks & Recreation is in full swing, from programs for children, adults and family. Programming includes a wide range of programming such as swim team, swimming lessons, open swim, soccer, start smart football, basketball, softball, baseball, sand volleyball, golf and tennis. We are currently accepting registrations for our flag (ages 5-9)and tackle football (ages 8-12) and cheerleading (ages 7-13). Memorial Pool, although delayed in opening due to a bad pump, is up and running and serving many folks in this extremely warm and humid weather. Memorial Pool is open Monday through Sunday from 1 - 5 p.m. for open swim, 5 - 6 p.m. Monday through Friday for adult swim, and Monday through Friday from 6 - 8 p.m. for open swim. The four neighborhood pools are open Monday through Saturday from 1 - 5 p.m. for open swim.

The City of Euclid will host the Suburban Swim League Championships, Aug. 8 beginning at 8 a.m. and concluding around 5 p.m. We expect 3,000 people to walk through the gates. This is a free event, so come and see the sites as Memorial Pool turns into what will look like the summer Olympics. If you have any questions, contact the Parks & Recreation Department at (216) 289-8114, option #8.

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Come and see what is NEW at the Euclid Family YMCA!

By Courtney Nicolai

The Euclid Family YMCA has been undergoing a face-lift, inside and out. Over the past six months, we have renovated our fitness room with a wood floor, new paint and a sound system. We also renovated the classroom downstairs into an additional exercise studio. The inside of the building, as well as the outside, have received a new coat of paint, and we are currently in the process of renovating our conference room into a cycling studio.

A kick-boxing class in the newly renovated fitness room at the Euclid Family YMCA

Along with building changes, we also have some new faces at the YMCA. John Reid is the new executive director of the Euclid Family YMCA. John comes to us from Atlanta, Georgia with an extensive YMCA background. He is excited to be in Euclid and expand the services and programs that the Euclid YMCA has to offer. Chadi AbouHaidar is the new health and wellness director, Jacqueline Vogt is the new aquatics director and Gary Washington is the new youth sports director.

Our staff has implemented several new programs over the past few months. The YMCA currently offers a Teen Club and a Leaders Club for youth ages 11-17. This group will participate in social and service activities here at the Y and in the community. The group meets Monday evenings from 6 to 7 p.m. Swim lessons are available for all ages. We even offer a parent/child class for children ages six months to three years. A new Aquatics Boot Camp class has joined our extensive list of pool activities, such as aquacise, aqua jog and water aerobics. We have expanded our Youth Sports program as well. We now offer basketball, T-ball, flag football, soccer, golf, gymnastics, and a Sports of All Sorts program which exposes youth to a variety of sport activities. Our Health and Wellness Department has added a Fitness-over-50 class, Pilates, line dancing and the ever popular ZUMBA! During the school year we also have child care for school-aged children. We accept county child care vouchers for our program.

The Euclid Family YMCA is also home to the Euclid Collaborative, which assists families and individuals by guiding them to services that are available in their community. The staff can serve as a liaison among neighborhood organizations, agencies, service providers and the residents of Euclid, Euclid-Green, Richmond Heights, Lyndhurst, South Euclid, Highland Heights, Mayfield Heights, Mayfield Village and Gates Mills in need of these resources. Additionally, staff can help residents locate organizations to help in areas such as basic needs assistance, school advocacy, parent support groups, counseling referrals, foster/adoptive parent or relative, and caregiver support.

The Euclid Collaborative is hosting its annual Back to School Rally in August and is accepting donations of all sorts of basic school supplies. All donations will help our local Euclid school children. Those wishing to make a donation can drop off the school supplies at the Euclid YMCA. If your agency or business would like a donation bin please contact Courtney Nicolai or Alicia Smith at (216) 731-7454. We also accept monetary donations.

For more information on all the Euclid YMCA and Euclid Collaborative programs call the YMCA at (216) 731-7454, or log on to http://www.clevelandymca.org/branches/euclid/index.html. We always welcome visitors at our Euclid facility, located at 631 Babbitt Road.

Fun Page

Your July Horoscope

AQUARIUS *****
(Jan 20 – Feb 18) Now is the time to blaze a trail. Befriend large woodland animals and boy scouts. This month your love life will be very unpredictable. Lucky Number: 4

PISCES *****
(Feb 19 – Mar 20) Tell everyone your opinion. You are probably wrong, but they will believe you anyway. This month Mercury moves into Leo. Borrow a van, buy some pizza, and help him with the move. Lucky Number: 44

ARIES *****
(Mar 21 – Apr 19) Now is the time to play Marco Polo with all of the kids in your neighborhood. Potential partners may make emotions run high. This month stop talking, and get it done. Lucky Number: 444

TAURUS *****
(Apr 20 – May 20) Have a cookout. The new moon will bring an intense romantic adventure. The full moon will end it. This month keep track of the moon. Lucky Number: 4444

GEMINI *****
(May 21 – June 20) Explore a little bit of everything. Begin collecting useless items. Ambitious co-workers could be stealing your office supplies. This month adopt an unusual pet. Lucky Number: 44444

CANCER *****
(June 21 – July 22) Explore all options to play professional sports. Beware of jealousy. Stop hiding things from your best friend. This month there will be an excessive amount of spending money for luxury gifts, embrace it. Lucky Number: 444444

LEO *****
(July 23 – Aug 22) Think Speed. Fast cars, fast friends, fast spending. Use extreme caution on waterslides. This month try to be artistic and creative without prescription medication. Lucky Number: 4444444

VIRGO *****
(Aug 23 – Sept 22) Organize, obsess, redecorate, reorganize, be a rebel, get a tattoo. Use your charm as a weapon. This month plant a tree. Lucky Number 4444-4444

LIBRA *****
(Sept 23 – Oct 22) Stop saying yes when you should be saying no. Stop trying to fix everybody. You have powerful friends who are plotting against you. This month enlist the help of Batman to defend you. Lucky Number 444444444

SCORPIO *****
(Oct 23 – Nov 21) You will either meet or become a daytime soap opera star. Your sparkling personality and amazing good looks propel you to success. This month enjoy the success you so richly deserve. Lucky Number 44444-44444

SAGITTARIUS *****
(Nov 22 – Dec 21) Stay on the move. You will acquire your heart's desire, be sure you really want it. This month strive for mediocrity. Lucky Number 44444444444

CAPRICORN *****
(Dec 22 – Jan 18) Try to overcome your constant desire to purchase new furniture. You have a secret talent that many people will desire. This month cook only foods that begin with the letter P. Lucky Number 444444-444444

**** Hide, ** Could be better, *** So close, **** Average, ***** Yahoo !!,***** Not gonna happen***

Sudoku 2 - Easy

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7	3		6				5	1
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