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Planning under way for changes to Memorial Park

By Kurt Steigerwald

Memorial Park, Euclid's sprawling 52-acre public park bordered by Babbitt Road and East 222nd Street, is the topic of ongoing discussions among a 15-member visioning team appointed by City leaders. Over the past several months the group has been meeting and talking about ways to update and potentially upgrade the park, which has been serving Euclid for more than 50 years.

The group comprises members of city council, recreation department employees and several active users of the park, including representatives from the men's softball league, Euclid Youth Soccer Organization, Euclid High school students, representatives from the senior community and other community activists. Formation of the task force occurred after a $20,000 request to install new basketball courts in the park received initial approval. Members of city council, prodded by Council President Kirsten Holtzheimer-Gail and John Wojtila, formed a committee to look at how any new additions to the park would fit into the overall scheme of things.

"I had a chance to meet with Kathy Will and Mac Stephens to talk about the park and spoke with Kirsten. I told her that a concept plan for the park is what we should be putting together," said Wojtila, councilman for Euclid's Ward 6. Wojtila, a civil engineer, developed a working plan with the goal of developing a graphical plan of what any potential changes might look like. The overall goal of the plan would be to prioritize any upgrades to the park while also outlining funding options.

A new toddler playground was recently added at Memorial Park, partially funded by a non-profit grant.

"The 1996 master plan addressed Memorial Park, but it never detailed anything," added Wojtila.

The city provided the all-volunteer working group with prior studies that the city had conducted concerning Memorial Park. This included a plan outlined by then Councilman Ed Gudenas to revitalize the park. That plan called for a major overhaul but was never approved by city council.

To date, the group has developed a list of 20 improvements or areas of focus for Memorial Park. Number one on the list is the addition of a basketball park. Other improvements call for an all-purpose walking trail throughout the park, updated restroom facilities, improved signage and potentially a new pool house for Memorial Pool. Under the plan C.E. Orr Ice Arena would stay open with targeted improvements.

"It's tough because our planning process has zero budget to work with right now," said Wojtila.

Concern about security in the park had become an issue this past summer as vandalism hit Memorial Park several times, in spite of the park's close proximity to Euclid's police station.

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Linda unlocks the secret to beautiful hair

By Nancy Neal

Every day's a good hair day at Linda's Lock Shoppe. Linda Wall is the proprietor of her store located at 542 East 200th Street in Euclid. She has a large and loyal following of 20 years.

After beauty school, she worked for others in the business for eight years. At that point in her life she knew it was time to be her own boss. She bought a salon and equipment on a tiny budget at a store on East 156th Street in Cleveland. Eventually she moved to her present shop and has enjoyed a prosperous business ever since. Her little shop is a delight to visit, as she herself is a delightful woman.

What is her philosophy of making a salon grow? It's quite simple: the cardinal rule is giving the customers what they ask for, not what she might like to do for them. That approach has served her well.

Approximately one fourth of her customers are male. She says "the men talk and gossip just as much as the women do, if not more." She sees herself as someone between a bartender and a priest because of how much interesting personal information they share with her.

Linda says "that haircuts and colors are the basis for a good hairdo. It is much harder to fix a bad color job than it is to get it right the first time." It's also hard to give a customer a requested style when the customer doesn't have enough hair or the right type of hair to make it work. Linda prefers working by herself rather than employing others. The down side of this solitary arrangement is that it's hard to take a day off.

What Linda likes best about her job is meeting so many people that have turned out to be friends. She has 25 to 30 regulars every we and on a busy day she can serve 10 people. What she likes least is the toll her work takes on her feet. She recently had to close the shop for two and one half months for foot surgery. That's when she realized how much she missed her customers, and they her.

Linda has a satisfying personal life. She's been married to Bob Wall for 31 years. He is a receiver at a Giant Eagle store as well as a union steward. She has two adult sons, Bobby, 29, and Kyle, 24. Her passions include pets (especially border collies), gardening, flower arranging, dominoes, and Mexican food. Her favorite restaurant is Abuelos in Highland Hills.

The store is open Wednesday through Saturday. Cuts start at $18 and she can be reached at (216) 481-6070 for appointments. In this age of chain stores and high employee turnover, Linda's Lock Shoppe is a real breath of fresh (h)air.

Jaycees scholarships awarded to EHS students

By David Bechtel

Every year since 1949 the Euclid Jaycees, through the Euclid Jaycees Foundation, have awarded scholarships to outstanding Euclid High School students.

This year's awards of $3,000 each were announced at the Senior Honor Awards Night, held last May. All the recipients participated in their school and community activities, and excelled scholastically as well. The Euclid Jaycees are proud of these students and how they represent our community.

This year's Jaycees Scholarship recipients and their college choices are: Brittany Rattiliff, Cleveland State University; Deirdra Vrabel, The Ohio State University; Kamari Jackson, The Ohio State University; Dominick Ferlito, The Ohio State University.

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Update from the mayor

Euclid receives three grants toward lakefront plan

Euclid received more great news concerning Lakefront Development from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. The City was awarded $600,000 in the form of three grants to assist in implementing the initial phases of the Lakefront Plan. The first grant, for $350,000 is to be used for land acquisition of property needed for development. The second grant in the amount of $150,000, will be used to begin the creation of a series of paths and trails beginning at Sims Park, that will eventually connect to not only Memorial Park but hopefully to the Metro Parks and beyond. The third grant of $100,000 is to be used to begin the expansion and lengthening of the fishing pier at Sims Park.

What is really exciting about being awarded these grants is that it demonstrates that the State of Ohio has confidence in our Lakefront Development Plan and agrees that it is really a project that will benefit the entire region by opening up close to three quarters of a mile of lakefront access on the Shores of Lake Erie.

The City of Euclid has just been notified that we are the recipients of a $1,000,000 additional allocation of "Neighborhood Stabilization Plan" funding, which will be used to continue our battle with foreclosed and vacant homes in our neighborhoods. These "NSP3" funds will allow continued demolition and/or rehabilitation of problem properties on a case by case basis. We will continue to find additional outside sources of funding to assist in the rebuilding of Euclid.

Finally, I am happy to welcome Mr. Philip M. Brett, CPA as the new Finance Director for the City of Euclid. Phil, who is replacing the retired Jack Johnson, served as Finance Director for sixteen years for Mayfield Village, as well as serving as their Economic Development Director. He is currently serving as Finance Director of Seven Hills. Phil Brett brings with him exceptional experience in Finance and has a great reputation in public service, and the City is fortunate to have him join our team.

See you all somewhere. As always, God Bless and enjoy what has been given to us.

Mayor Bill Cervenik

A note from the publisher

As our newspaper has its 1/2 year old birthday we realize how far we have come in such a short time. The reason for the initial succes of the paper is the dedication and hard work of the editors and writers. I have been truly blessed to be able to work with such hard working, intellegent, and caring people. Take a look at the authors of these stories and when you see these folks about town - thank them for bringing a paper back to Euclid.

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- *John Copic*, Publisher, Explorer, Gourmet

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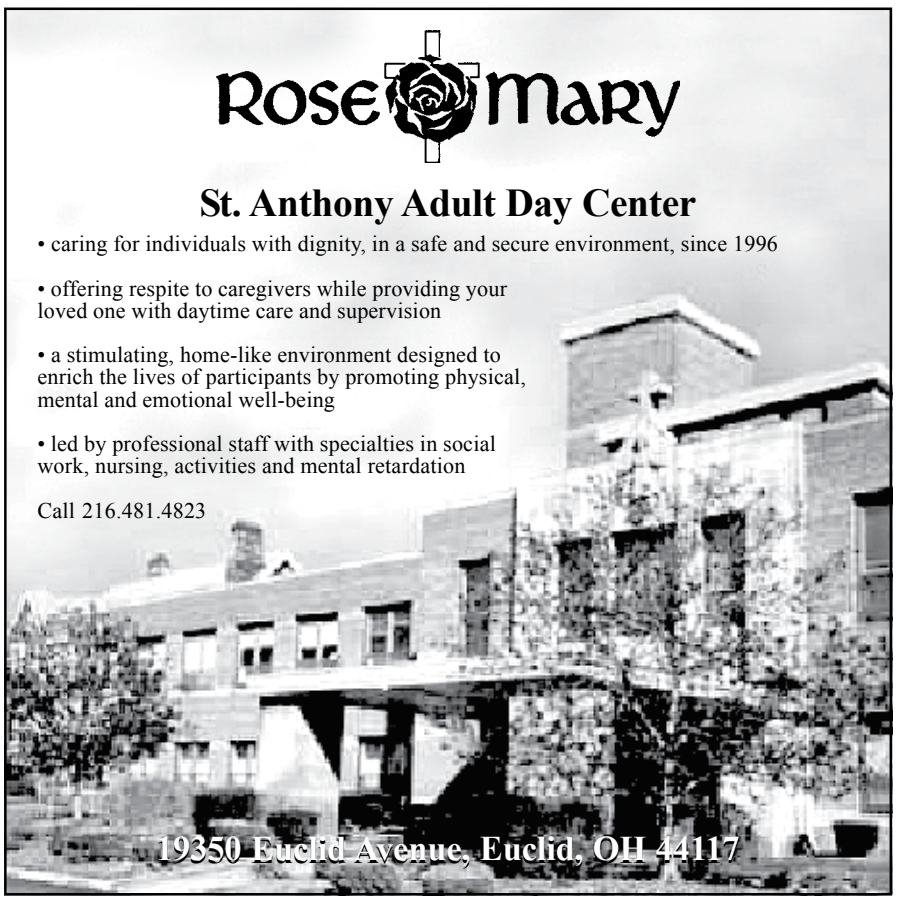
Thanks from the Euclid Recreation Department

On behalf of the Euclid Parks and Recreation Department we would like to personally thank all of the residents for their support to the department this summer. Many assisted us by volunteering their time to help coach a team, teach a swim lesson, adopt a spot and many other tasks. We would never survive without the help from these wonderful individuals. Thank you again for everything.

— *Kathy Will,* Parks and Recreation Director and Staff

Carnival time !

Come one, come all to the Euclid City School District's third annual carnival! Please join us for great food, games, and prizes on Saturday, September 25th in the E-Room at the Euclid High School from 10:00 am -2:00 pm. Admission is free. Tickets will be sold for 3/$1.00 and will be used for food and games. In addition to the entertainment, representatives will be available to answer questions and to share information about the Euclid City Schools. Please stop by to check out the sketches of the four new elementary schools to be built in 2012! All proceeds from the carnival will go to Citizens for Euclid Schools.



Health News

Step by Step: After an aneurysm, Tara Kuchenbecker recovers and becomes an inspiration to others

By Helen D. Curak

Tara Kuchenbecker makes a presentation to the stroke support group 13 months after surviving a stroke.

May 14, 2009, is a day that Tara Kuchenbecker can remember as vividly as if it were a television show she had recorded on her DVR, because she can remember it at any time. It was a Thursday evening. Tara and her husband, Ken, were relaxing at home after work. Ken headed to the backyard to chop wood for their fire pit. Tara picked up the phone to call her mother to talk.

Suddenly, Tara felt sick to her stomach. She abruptly ended the conversation telling her mother that she had to go because she did not feel well. Her mother sensed something was wrong and told her to tell Ken. Tara knew there wasn't time and ran to the bathroom.

Ken found Tara passed out and having a seizure. He called 9-1-1 and the paramedics arrived shortly after. "It was surreal," Tara says. "I could hear the paramedics, but I couldn't see them. I was picturing them and what they were doing, but I couldn't answer them. Then I blacked out," she recalls.

Diagnosing Tara

Tara was taken to Hillcrest Hospital where a CT scan showed she had an aneurysm that had erupted in her brain—Tara had a stroke. She was 40 years old.

A decision was made to transfer Tara to Cleveland Clinic where she underwent a six-hour surgery to remove a portion of her skull, which was frozen and replaced at a later date, to relieve the pressure on her brain.

"When I woke up from surgery I was piecing things together. So many thoughts were racing through my head. 'What hospital am I in? Why am I here? What is going on?' But I wasn't able to speak to verbalize my feelings," recalls Tara. All of a sudden Tara felt like she had reverted to being "a baby." She says, "People would tell me things over and over but I couldn't understand what they were saying. I slept constantly. I lost the capacity to swallow correctly." Tara was experiencing the effects of her stroke. Once a feeding tube was inserted, she gained energy and was able to get out of bed. A nursing home social worker by trade, Tara was brought a walker to help her. She didn't like that. "I wasn't used to that. To me, a walker was for nursing home patients, not me," she recalls. Now that Tara was beginning to become more mobile, it was time for intensive inpatient physical therapy. Tara was transferred to Euclid Hospital—known in the region for its rehabilitation program.

Therapy at Euclid Hospital

Kuchenbecker spent the next three weeks in the inpatient rehabilitation unit. "I loved being at Euclid Hospital for rehab. I could look out my window and see the lake and watch boats go by. It was very calming," remembers Tara. Between physical and speech therapy, Tara spent three hours a day for five to six days working to recover her lost speech and physical functions. "I would often talk to her while she was on the exercise bike. She didn't know it, but she was working on two therapies at once," said Dianne Vermilya, physical therapy coordinator. Other rehabilitation activities involved tossing and catching a ball to work on balance and walking on the treadmill for endurance. "We like to challenge patients, it helps their recovery," says Vermilya. After three weeks in inpatient rehabilitation Tara was discharged, and continued therapy on an outpatient basis for six months. "Tara cleared many hurdles to make a remarkable recovery," says Lynn Jedlicka, MD, Tara's physician who specializes in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

As an outpatient, Tara worked with speech therapist Susan Waizenhofer, MA, CCC-SLP. "When I first started working with Tara, she knew what she wanted to say, but couldn't get it out," says Waizenhofer. Tara and Waizenhofer continued to work on speech and language exercises such as filling in words in phrases and identifying ordinary objects. When Tara was finished with outpatient therapy at Euclid Hospital she "was scared. I didn't think I was ready to go, but my speech therapist Susan told me I was, and encouraged me to join the stroke support group," says Tara. The group helped her to realize that she was not alone. "Tara did so well because she was optimistic and determined to get back to where she was in life. She is such an inspiration to everyone in the support group," says Waizenhofer. Thirteen months after having her stroke, Tara was the guest speaker at the stroke support group meeting, sharing her life changing experience with others. "I went from not being able to verbalize my thoughts, to sharing my story with others," says Tara. "If I came this far, so can they."

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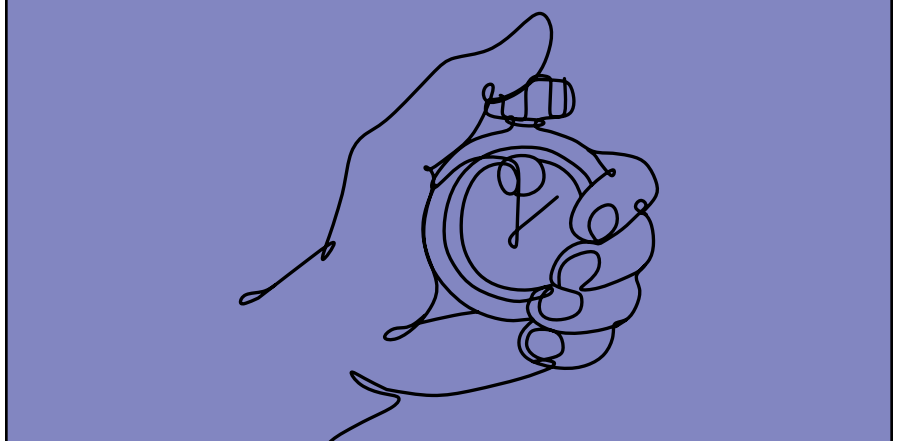

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City News

Fire Prevention Week promotes smoke alarm use

By Captain Will Anderson

Hello citizens and business owners of Euclid! I'm excited about the chance to write for *The Euclid Observer.* My goal with each article is to help educate the public about the Euclid Fire Department (EFD), fire prevention topics, and life safety issues that can affect us all.

My first article coincides with a very important week in the fire service. This year, Fire Prevention Week runs Oct. 3 - 9. This year's campaign theme is "Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With!" This week is designed to educate people about the importance of smoke alarms and encourages everyone to take steps necessary to update and maintain home smoke alarm protection.

Fire Prevention Week commemorates the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. The conflagration killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,000 structures, and burned more than 2,000 acres. While the Great Chicago Fire is the best-known blaze, it wasn't the biggest. That distinction goes to the Peshtigo Fire, the most devastating forest fire in American history. The fire occurred on the same day as the Great Chicago Fire, and roared through northeast Wisconsin, burning down 16 towns, killing 1,152 people, and scorching 1.2 million acres before it ended.

Both fires changed the way that firefighters and public officials thought about fire safety. On the 40th anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire, the International Association of Fire Marshals decided that the anniversary should be observed not with festivities, but in a way that would keep the public informed about the importance of fire prevention (InCommand Magazine, Sept./Oct. 2010).

Arguably the greatest public life safety issue that firefighters face is encountering a home without working smoke detectors. I personally have been to fires where there have been no working smoke detectors and I've been to many fires where a smoke alarm worked and alerted occupants to a fire. Ask any firefighter, and we'll all say the same thing: smoke detectors truly do save lives! These are some facts provided by the National Fire Protection Association:

Smoke alarms

- Smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in a reported fire in half.
- Overall, three-quarters of all U.S. homes have at least one working smoke alarm.
- Each year, nearly 3,000 people die in U.S. home fires.
- In 2003-2006, roughly two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from home fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. No smoke alarms were present in 40 percent of the home fire deaths.
- In more than half of the reported home fires in which the smoke alarms were present but did not operate even though the fire was large enough, batteries were missing or disconnected. Nuisance alarms were the leading reason for disconnected alarms.
- More than half of the smoke alarms found in reported fires and two-thirds of the alarms found in homes with fire deaths were powered by battery only.

This house on Tracy Ave. burned on Nov. 22, 2008. Photo: Capt. Will Anderson

Fire

- Cooking is the number one cause of home fires and injuries.
- Smoking is the leading cause of fire deaths.
- Heating is the second leading cause of home fires, fire deaths and fire injuries.
- Electrical failures or malfunctions are factors in roughly 50,000 reported fires each year.

Please check to make sure your smoke detectors are operable. If they are not, contact us! In cooperation with the American Red Cross, the EFD supplies and installs smoke detectors and batteries for residents at no charge. So far in 2010, the EFD has installed 155 smoke detectors in 66 homes. Since we began keeping records in July 2002, we've installed 3,000 smoke detectors in 1,500 homes. We care about your safety! Call (216) 289-8425 to set up an appointment. If you'd like more information about fire prevention, please visit the city's website at http://www.cityofeuclid.com/community/fire/FirePrevention. Thank you for your time.

EDCOR just approved $22,000 in loans

By Jeffrey A. Beck

Need a roof? A new furnace? Buying a Euclid home? You may want to consider contacting EDCOR first. Euclid Development Corporation (EDCOR) is offering qualified Euclid homeowners three percent loans, up to $30,000, to fix violations and home improvement. Applicants must own and reside in the home in which the improvements are to be made. A U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant, under the Housing and Community Development Block Grant program, and the HOME program provide funds for this program.

Additionally, through Euclid's Special Projects Division of the Community Services and Economic Development Department, qualifying homeowners can receive services customized to meet various housing needs such as weatherization, dead bolts, smoke alarms, furnace inspection and cleaning and handicapped services. Since there can be a waiting list, those interested should apply early. For information on this program, call (216) 289-8562.

The city of Euclid is offering qualified first time home buyers a down payment assistance program. This program, managed in cooperation with Cuyahoga county, provides a 17 percent down payment (home buyer provides three percent), up to a maximum of $14,500, for purchasing a home in Euclid. One half of this money is forgiven, in increments, over a five-year period as long as the buyer resides in the home at least five years, with the remaining half recaptured upon sale or transfer of the home. There are no monthly payments required for this funding, but funds are limited so apply early. Those interested for this program should visit www.cityofeuclid.com for more information.

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City News

New community garden coming to Memorial Park

By Loraine Zupanic and Jody Lathwell

Plans are forging ahead for breaking new ground in Euclid. In May, the Memorial Park Community Garden Committee formed to initiate the city's second community garden.

The City of Euclid has committed a piece of land in Memorial Park, and committee members are itching to get their hands in the soil. But first, they are working hard to create a solid foundation for the organization. With the help of OSU Extension employees and advice from experienced workers from the city, the committee has put together preliminary bylaws and an initial working design of the site, which will include a 2-3 year implementation plan.

At this point, the plan includes 52 garden beds of assorted sizes; ranging from three feet by four feet, to 10 feet by 20 feet, in order to accommodate all levels of gardening experience.

Eight beds, when built, will be handicapped accessible and two will be dedicated to growing food for the Euclid Hunger Center. The remaining 42 beds will be ready to garden by the residents of Euclid as they become available, on a first come, first serve basis for a nominal annual fee per bed of $10.

The first part of our plan is to hook up to the water supply, which the city has generously made available to the community garden. With assistance from the city, a selected area will be tilled and leveled. By fall's end we hope to have the first garden beds staked out and paths covered in wood chips supplied by the city, and by spring, to open up the garden to those interested. In the future, we will be looking to write grants and solicit sponsors in order implement different aspects of the plan.

Those of us on the Memorial Park Community Garden planning committee have a wide range of collective gardening experience, from many years growing vegetables in the back yard, to professional horticultural experience and community gardening. We are excited about being part of such a positive project, and are looking forward to seeing the seeds of our project take root.

For more information, please contact Loraine Zupanic, (216) 289-8165 or lzupancic@cityofeuclid.com.

Changes at Memorial Park

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Recreation Director Kathy Will believes by updating and potentially reconfiguring parts of Memorial Park, more people will use it and make the park even safer while minimizing any vandalism.

"Sim's Park used to be vandalized quite often. Now with all the multi-use options, it's down to a nearly zero vandalism site," said Will who credited the Frisbee golf course, upgraded lakefront access and Henn Mansion activities for helping increase foot traffic at that park.

"We are mapping it out as a five-year plan," said Will. "Realistically, can it happen? In order to fund any significant changes we would have to borrow, or put on a recreation levy. In these times, I don't think a levy is realistic." Others view the timeline as closer to 10 years.

In spite of tight budgets, the city was able to install a new toddler-friendly playground at Memorial Park this year thanks in part to a large grant from Kaboom!, a non-profit organization that supports community park projects. City leaders may have to continue to get creative and aggressive in seeking out similar funding sources to initiate any changes to the park.

While funding of any upgrades to the park is a significant hurdle, outlining a plan for initiating any changes is critical according to committee member Fraser Hamilton. "We're really creating a document that is designed to become part of the master plan that then provides guidance for what the park can be," said Hamilton.

To accomplish this goal, the group will have to agree to a plan, submit it to city council that would then refer the document to the Planning and Zoning Committee. After public discussion of the plan, it would then be eligible for adoption into the city's master plan. This is the process the lakefront development committee followed in adding their plan to Euclid's master plan. If successful, the document then provides guidance to city leaders in addressing future initiatives.

According to committee members, it is important to have a documented plan for the park to avoid wasteful spending while ensuring that any changes to the park make sense within the context of the park's entire layout.

The work group is behind on meeting their self-imposed timeline, but continues to push forward with volunteer support from several individuals including Susan Hamilton, the wife of committee member Fraser Hamilton. Susan Hamilton is a partner in a local engineering firm and has been helping to refine the graphical plan started by one of the high school team members who was interning at a landscape design firm.

While the group tried to get broader public input into the plan, an open meeting for citizens resulted in only four Euclid citizens attending. Members agreed that before any plan was accepted by council, public feedback will be an important part of the process. Deciding how to gather this feedback has not been determined, but citizen feedback will need to be included in ensure council's support.

Find that hidden gem at the community garage/rummage sale

By Matthew Orgovan

In a time where people are paying closer attention to their budgets and need to look for alternative avenues for their purchases, Shore Cultural Centre has come up with the perfect event to ease the pocketbooks of area residents, from both a money making and a money saving perspective.

A community garage/rummage sale is scheduled Oct. 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Shore Cultural Centre, 291 East 222nd Street. Euclid and area residents are asked to clean out their toy boxes, closets, basements and attics, and bring those treasures to the front area of Shore, where they can purchase a 10 foot by 10 foot space for $10. If it rains on the day of the event, sellers will be permitted to move inside.

Interested sellers should reserve their spaces by Sept. 18, in Room 143 at Shore Cultural Centre.

Organizers of the event stipulate that no one may sell items from a car or hang items from a clothes line. In addition, no one may sell no large appliances or furniture items. Furthermore, an adult must be present at all tables and sellers should bring their own change and bags.

If you are looking to fill up your bookcase, increase your music collection, round out that incomplete set of golf clubs or find that one collectible that you've been trying to track down for years, the community garage/rummage sale is for you! Not only will you have the opportunity to find some hidden gems, you'll also be helping out your fellow neighbors along the way!

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Saint Bernadette of Lourdes has a Euclid connection

By Jerry Corbran

It was such a pleasure to get an email from a friend describing the incorruptible condition of the body of the 19th century visionary St. Bernadette Soubirous of Lourdes, France. It also jogged my memory that the saint has a Euclid connection.

Bernadette, at age 14, while gathering firewood at a grotto near a river for her poverty stricken family, claimed to have had the first of many sightings and conversations with a " most beautiful lady," later identified as the mother of Jesus. Townspeople accused the child of lying just to get attention because she was an extremely poor student and they thought she was slow-witted.

Bernadette alone saw the apparitions, 18 in number. During one encounter, the lady pointed to a muddy spot on the soil and directed her to drink the water. Bernadette dug with her hands and came up with a muddy face for her efforts. Many in the attending crowd jeered and ridiculed her sanity. However, later that day a spring surged from the spot. Some of those drinking from the spring reported miraculous cures and the crowds swelled with believers.

St. Bernadette

With the exception of her parish priest, most skeptics were silenced. Bernadette was instructed to tell him to build a chapel on the site but he insisted that she first ask the apparition to identify herself. After several attempts, Bernadette got an answer that she did not understand. "I am the Immaculate Conception." The priest was amazed that this simple child could identify the doctrine that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was born without original sin to make her worthy of birthing Jesus. This doctrine was defined by the church only four years earlier. The priest became a believer and protector of Bernadette from further abusive treatment that she had suffered from anti-cleric authorities. Bernadette revealed some of the lady's messages, most which encouraged prayer and penance. The lady did not promise Bernadette happiness in this world, only in the next.

In later years, as the world heard of the events, a huge basilica was built near the grotto to accommodate the millions of pilgrims who flock yearly to Lourdes.

To escape the crowds that sought her, Bernadette took shelter in a convent motherhouse operated by the Sisters of Nevers, and at age 22 she was admitted to their order. A lifelong asthmatic and always sickly, she still patiently performed her duties. She heroically suffered for years with tuberculosis in her knee and other complications, but rejected the idea of seeking cure in the spring water that she had uncovered.

Bernadette died in 1879; she was only 35 years old. She was buried in the grounds behind the motherhouse in Nevers, France. As the cause for her sainthood progressed, her body was exhumed in 1909, 30 years after her death. Two doctors and the sisters of the community witnessed her body without a trace of decay normally expected. The sisters washed and re-clothed the body,

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Euclid's shoreline to change with lakefront development

By Michael Akos

Recently, Councilman Daryl Langman and long time city activist Jerry Corbran wrote articles for The Euclid Observer detailing the new plans for the lakefront development and the Marina Project. And more recently, the News-Herald published a story about the storefront renovation at the Lakeshore Plaza (Marc's) at the eastern edge of the downtown area, which also alluded to the lakefront development project and its importance to Euclid. This project has been at the forefront of Euclid politics discussions for over a decade and finally the city seems to be moving forward on the project rather than just talking about the project.

While it is nice to see the plans and drawings, it is also important to see what the shoreline east of Sims Park currently looks like, and then get an idea of what it could look like once the city decides to 'throw a little dirt' and get the project started.

Euclid's current shoreline east of Sims Park does not provide much walking space and the bluffs are slowly eroding away. Storms with waves of any size are surely crashing up along the base of the bluffs as well. Continued erosion does not make for an easy walk along the beach, storms or no storms. And that is why this area of the shoreline must change: to allow for the boardwalk that will allow residents to enjoy a leisurely stroll or for a nice walk along the sand itself. How this area from Sims Park to the east where the marina would be located could be visualized just by taking a look at the current beachfront area of Sims Park, where grading of the bluffs and installation of the barrier islands have changed this part of the shoreline immeasurably from its previous condition. It is this kind of change which will highlight access to the lakefront and the city's greatest natural resource: Lake Erie.

The top photo (*right*) shows the current shoreline east of Sims Park. the bottom photo shows the current beachfront at Sims Park and how it could look east of the park in the future. *(Photos: Michael Akos)*

Community

Those were the days!

By Alyce Turner

I have really been enjoying reading the Euclid Observer; I like the fact that it is all about Euclid. For instance, my husband and I have been to the Paradise Restaurant twice since we discovered that Bob Ryan was the chef. We have followed him for years and knew we would have a great meal. Since I love history, I thought I would share how things have changed over the years.

I moved to Euclid when I was 6 and lived in the Euclid homes project. It was a wonderful place to grow up, with kids everywhere. When it was hot we would put bathing suits on, grab a towel and go to the Administration Building and run through a giant sprinkler. Swimming pools were non-existent. In the winter, a small pond next to the same building would freeze over and everyone would go ice skating. It was not smooth like a rink but it was fun. The freeway now occupies this space.

I also went to Roosevelt School and, weather permitting, I would put my doll house in a wagon and pull it to school. I would set it on our fire escape porch and during recess we would play with it under the trees. I also remember learning to dance in gym class and counting tax stamps. These were stamps we received every time we paid tax for something. The schools collected them and were able to purchase things like gym or playground equipment.

I went to summer day camp at the Euclid clubhouse, now the Senior Center.

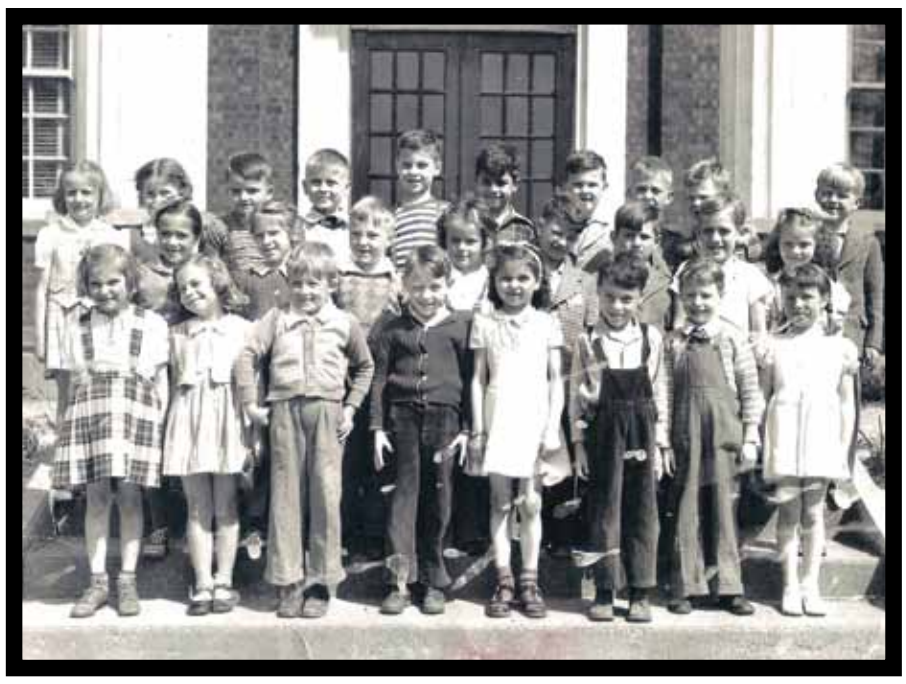
Sometimes in the summer the temperatures would get in the 90s, and even 100s; the bedrooms were too hot to sleep in because there was no air conditioning in those days. Everyone in the unit would put blankets and pillows on the front lawns and bring out snacks, and we would sleep under the stars.

Euclid Central School became a junior high school when the "new" high school opened. At lunchtime we would take a bagged lunch and go to Metropolitan Park to wade in the creek while we ate. We were never late coming back for class.

The Euclid Vets festival was held at Recher Hall every summer just across the street from where I lived. It was an old fashioned festival, complete with a beauty contest! We also had Euclid Race Dairy on East 200 Street. That was THE place to go for ice cream and hanging out after school, and the Lake Theater was THE place to go on a special date.

I learned a lot at Euclid High School but my favorite was learning how to swim. We took turns with the boys since there was only one pool back then. Years later on a tour, I was in awe at the additions of the planetarium the green house and second pool. What a thrill I had four years, ago watching my granddaughter in a swim competition at Euclid. And last but not least, every summer we would have Euclid Day at Euclid Beach Park. We did not realize until it was gone how lucky we were to have an amusement park right here at home.

After raising three kids in Euclid, I guess I have "been there and done that." Euclid is my hometown.



Alyce Turner's first grade class outside Roosevelt School in 1944.

A present-day visit to Roosevelt School — right to left: Alyce (Buss) Turner, Maryl (Coatsworth) Eneix, Gloria Hurka and Dolly (Kalen) Reed

NAC earns an A+ from Ohio Department of Education

By Amy Britton

The Ohio Department of Education released the 2009-2010 School Report Cards prior to the commencement of the new school year. The previous year, Noble Academy Cleveland (NAC) earned an Excellent rating, which motivated our students, staff and families to continue the path of academic excellence and success. Ohio Department of Education has rated NAC an Excellent with Distinction school. Within the state of Ohio, NAC is the only community school to attain the Excellent with Distinction rating. Congratulations to the staff, students, and families that have built our unique community through hard work, structure, and consistency.

When asked what makes NAC excellent, the teachers contribute the academic discipline maintained in the school and continued at home. Students learn their sense of responsibility through the two hours or more homework received on a daily basis. Through homework and evaluations, students are aware of their achievements and successes. Every student is responsible for his or her achievements, and is recognized as individuals for hard work.

To celebrate our Excellent with Distinction report card; Noble Academy Cleveland is hosting a Fall Festival at the school Sept. 25. The community is welcome to join our celebration and to meet our students, staff, and families. Games and contests for all ages, along with a festive theme including delicious foods and entertainment will be available all day. NAC appreciates all of the community support received through the last five years and welcomes the community to join in the celebration.

Staff has been active in creating as many learning experiences possible for students, such as field trips to the Great Lakes Science Center, Natural History Museum, and the theatre. The staff also has home visits, as a means for open communication and rapport building with our families and students planned for the next two months.

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Health

Huron Hospital opens specialized unit for elderly

The soft lighting, no-skid floors and overall atmosphere of calm are among the first indications that this division of Huron Hospital is geared to the unique needs of a unique population.

Indeed, elderly members of the community are the focus of care in this new Acute Care for the Elderly (ACE) Unit. The fourth floor unit, which provides specialized and individualized care, began accepting its first patients in August 2010.

"This unit is in keeping with our tradition of providing quality care to the elderly," says Keyvan Ravakhah, M.D., chairman, Department of Medicine, Huron Hospital, a Cleveland Clinic hospital. "Now, instead of being in different sections of the hospital for different services, we'll be able to give them comprehensive medical and rehabilitative care in one location."

Patients are referred to ACE by their physicians after being treated in the hospital for chronic diseases and other ailments. The 13-bed unit is designed to simulate a home environment for patients, to help offset any disorientation or confusion they may experience as a result of being admitted to the hospital. Rooms are private and more spacious.

In addition to being under the care of personal physicians, day-to-day treatment plans will be developed for individual patients for physical, occupational and speech therapy. The personal plans are developed and implemented to by an interdisciplinary healthcare team assigned to the unit. Their goal is to return patients to lives of independence, or self-reliance, as soon as possible for as long as possible.

East Cleveland Mayor Gary Norton praises hospital staff for being proactive in serving the needs of elderly residents. "Huron Hospital keeps adapting to the needs of the population," he says. "This unit is a tribute to their concern for a segment of the population that needs specialized care." He attended recent ribbon-cutting ceremonies to open the unit.

ACE was spearheaded by A. Gus Kious, M.D., president of Huron Hospital, and funded by the Cleveland Clinic. Dr. Kious says the unit was established in recognition of the range of specialized treatment services needed by the rising number of elderly residents in the general population. "Many of them are frail and vulnerable, and require more focused levels of care. The ACE Unit provides these levels of care in a setting that's more conducive to comprehensive treatment."

Each room is furnished with bath facilities, storage space, television set, large wall clock and board for posting notes regarding medical visits and therapy sessions. Community dining facilities promote patient and family visits. Patients also can engage in group exercises and recreational activities to help them maintain muscle strength and agility.

Left to right: A. Gus Kious, MD, Gary Norton, Mayor, East Cleveland, Sheila Miller, RN, Keyvan Ravakhah, MD, Wei Wang, MD

The healthcare team consists of rehabilitation therapists, nurses, social workers, case managers, dieticians and pharmacists. They work closely with primary care physicians for the patients in designing and carrying out treatment plans. Team members meet daily to ensure that patients are receiving the care needed, and make any needed adjustments in treatment plans.

Wei Wang, M.D., internal medicine, Huron Hospital, also is assigned to the unit as "a medical care resource" for the team. "This is a service that is really needed," says Dr. Wang, who additionally practices at two area nursing homes. "And, the family feel will enhance the patient's ability get the full benefit of services being provided."

Such meetings "provide the entire healthcare team with easy and comprehensive access to pertinent patient information to initiate timely interventions," explains Ingrid Muir, R.N., director of Medical Surgical Nursing, Huron Hospital.

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Sports

VASJ gridders have Coach Storey smiling

By John Sheridan

The voice on the other end of the phone Sunday night belonged to John Storey, the veteran Villa Angela-St. Joseph football and wrestling coach, now in his second tour of duty as the Vikings' gridiron boss. Even without seeing his face, you could sense that he was smiling and had a twinkle in his eye.

And why not? Only a day earlier, his football squad had recorded a lopsided 45-13 victory over Tuscarawas Central Catholic on the road, boosting the Vikings' record to 2-1.

Earlier that week, on the heels of a 42-21 loss to University School, Coach Storey had seemed a little unsure about what sort of football team he really had this season. Despite having veteran players at several skill positions and along the defensive line, many of his starters this year were inexperienced kids getting their first taste of the limelight.

"We had to rebuild the offensive line this year--and we have some new guys in our defensive secondary," Storey noted. "They need a little baptism of fire. If we hope to make the playoffs this season, the new fellas are going to have to step it up."

Well, step it up they did Sept. 11 against the Tuscarawas squad. The Vikings jumped out to a 19-0 first quarter lead, then put the game on ice with a 20-point third quarter. From all appearances, Storey was following the script used for many years by his mentor, Bill Gutbrod, who carved out a legendary coaching career at St. Joseph High. Gutbrod believed in hammering opponents into submission with a relentless ground attack. And that's just what the Vikings did to the Central Ohio team.

"We ran the ball very well," Storey said. "Our three running backs all played quite well. And our offensive and defensive lines pretty much dominated the line of scrimmage."

The running backs he was referring to were 202-pound junior fullback Tim Harrison, senior tailback Clinton James, and sophomore Devon Bolden, a 5-6, 140-pound scatback. In the third quarter, Bolden broke loose on scoring jaunts of 47 yards and 21 yards to put the icing on the victory.

In the opening quarter, senior quarterback Darryl Jones got things started with a pair of short TD runs sandwiched around a 14-yard scoring scamper by Harrison. At 6-2 and 200 pounds, Jones has the stature that many college coaches look for in a quarterback, although he kept his throwing arm under wraps most of the afternoon against Central Catholic.

"We didn't throw very often," Storey conceded. "But both our offensive and defensive lines executed very well. They pretty much dominated the game."

Clinton James (5-11, 175), the senior who ran for three TDs in the Vikings' season opener against Our Lady of the Lake (Mich.), added two more scores against the Tuscarawas gridders. He closed out the first half scoring with a three-yard blast to send his teammates into the locker room with a 25-7 halftime lead.

"Clinton has great quickness," Storey points out. "He runs track and plays on the varsity basketball team. This is his fourth year on the football team. He's an all-around athlete. He goes both ways—playing cornerback on defense and also handling kick returns."

Next up for the Vikings is a 7 p.m. home game against Division II Chardon Sept. 18 at Euclid's Sparky DiBiasio Stadium. Chardon, which relies heavily on its rushing game, comes in with a record of 1-2. The following week VASJ travels to Columbus for a game against Bishop Hartley; then the Vikes will host Cleveland Central Catholic at 2:30 p.m., Oct. 2 in the annual homecoming game. Helping with the coaching duties this season are Joe Brozak, Jim Webb, Bob Shaffner, Monroe Hillsman, and Jermond Riffe. Riffe is a 1997 VASJ grad who played both football and basketball for the Vikings. For information about upcoming games and other events, visit the school's website: www.vasj.com.

Read the rest of this story online at www.EuclidObserver.com.

"Triple Threat" Viking sidelined — for now

By John Sheridan

Phil Wellington

During a recent practice session of the Villa Angela-St. Joseph football team, Phil Wellington was sitting in his car in the parking lot listening to music. He'd much rather have been out on the practice field with his teammates, but the senior running back and linebacker was nursing a knee injury.

An honors student and also a star wrestler for the Viking mat squad, he sustained the injury during a summer "open mat" wrestling practice session.

Wellington, who had hoped to earn a college scholarship, was a bit dismayed that he's presently unable to play football. He's wearing a brace on his ailing leg, but hopes to return to the gridiron before the season ends. And, certainly, he wants to be back in uniform when the Viking wrestlers take to the mats this winter. He won 33 matches last season and qualified for the state tournament at 171 pounds—the only VASJ matman to advance that far in several years.

John Pokorny, who organized a Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) wrestling program at Holy Cross School (now Our Lady of the Lake) some years back, predicts a bright future for Wellington, who used to practice with the Holy Cross matmen in the VASJ wrestling room. "He came to every practice, and along the way he fell in love with VASJ – and decided to go to school there," Pokorny notes.

"The kid is a triple threat," Pokorny adds. "He's in the National Honor Society. If he doesn't win a college scholarship for football or wrestling, he's smart enough to win an academic scholarship."

SENIOR LEADERSHIP – The fortunes of this year's VASJ Vikings' football team may well rest with the leadership provided by the squad's returning seniors. Kneeling: linemen Kevin Koehl (left) and Mike Bratley (right). Standing, from left: quarterback Darryl Jones, running back Phil Wellington, linebacker Kawmae Sawyer, and Head Coach John Storey. (Photo by John Sheridan)

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Sports

Swimmer Lisy medals in four events at Zone meet

Samantha Lisy with her swim coach, John Elliott

By Angela Lisy

Euclid resident Samantha Lisy, 14, was selected to be a member of the Lake Erie Zone Team that competed in the 2010 USA Central Zone Championship Meet in Lincoln, Nebraska. The Zone Meet showcases top swimmers who qualified with AAA National times. This event invites qualifying swimmers from nine states representing 10 local swim committees throughout USA Swimming's Central Zone region. Participating teams include Lake Erie (Ohio), Midwestern (Nebraska), Arkansas, Iowa, Indiana, Missouri Valley, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Ozark, and South Dakota. This year's event took place Aug. 6 through 8.

Samantha competed in six individual events and four relays where she posted four Top Ten finishes. She placed sixth in the 200 backstroke with a time of 2:31.33; third in the 200 individual medley with a time of 2:28.01; and second in the 400 individual medley with a time of 5:10.43, giving her a top 50 national ranking in this event. Samantha was also a member of the 400 medley relay team, swimming backstroke, which placed first overall with a winning time of 4:38.96 to take home the gold medal.

The times posted at this meet have qualified Samantha for participation in the 2011 Long Course Sectional Meet, to be held in Indianapolis, In., on March 24-27, 2011.

This experience has poised Samantha for a potentially successful high school swim career at Euclid High School where she will be a freshman this year. Samantha's coach is John Elliott, founder and head coach of the Euclid Marlins. Elliott is also the head coach of the Euclid High School swim team where he was recently honored as the Lake Erie League Girls Swim Coach of the Year for the 2009-2010 academic year.

Samantha is a member of the Euclid Marlins, a USA sanctioned swim club based in Euclid. The Euclid Marlins have gained significant recognition recently for developing a swim program that is producing top performing athletes at the Zone, sectional and junior national levels. For more information regarding the Euclid Marlins, please visit its website at www.euclid-marlins.org .

Euclid Rec kicks cancer

By Ben Perpar

The Euclid Recreation Department held its first ever kick-ball tournament on Aug. 21 as a fundraiser to raise money for Pediatric Cancer Research. Kick*It, a non-profit sister organization of Flashes of Hope, assisted the rec department with this event, where four teams helped raise over $500. Teams included youth football players, a coed softball team from the Euclid Friday night league and a team of Euclid residents who wanted to have fun on a Saturday morning and help raise money for a great cause.

The Euclid Recreation Department is looking forward to progressing with Kick*It and holding the tournament every year, making it bigger and better to raise as much money as possible. Donations can still be made by going to http://www.kick-it.org/events/support and scrolling down to Euclid Rec Kicks Cancer game tab.

If you have any questions or suggestions for next year, please contact Ben Perpar at (216) 289-8114 (Opt 8).

Top right: "Nice pitch, Jordan Rees!" Above: The winning team — Jeanne's Joynt

EYHA Try Hockey for Free event

By Alisa Boles

Euclid Youth Hockey Association invites any boy or girl age 4 - 15 to come play hockey for free from 2:45 - 4:15 p.m. Sept. 25. EYHA will loan all of the gear for participants to use during the event, including helmet with full face mask, padding, skates and stick. The event will take place at C. E. Orr Ice Arena on Babbitt Road.

"With the excitement of our men's and women's team capturing silver medals at the Olympics, and the success of our program in 2009-10 season we wanted to offer kids a chance to experience the game of hockey and see what a great sport it truly is," said Rick Kish, hockey director. What will hockey bring out of your kid? Pride, focus and exhilaration! Hockey helps boys and girls make big strides. Watch your kid soar. Immediately following the event will be pre-season games from teams in our organization.

Newcomers will have access to all the necessary hockey equipment for the event. In addition, on-ice support will be present to teach kids how to get dressed, stand on skates, hold a stick and skate around. The highlight of each clinic will be a short scrimmage for participants to experience their first hockey game.

For information about Euclid Youth Hockey Association, visit www.euclidy-outhhockey.com.

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Sports

YMCA swim team back in business — again

By John Sheridan

Once upon a time, the Euclid YMCA boasted one of the largest swim teams in the Northeast Ohio Swim League. But apparently because the Euclid pool is undersized – 20 yards long, rather than the regulation 25 yards required these days – that all came to an end.

So the local Y had a very nice pool, but no competitive swim team. Then the program was revived a year or so ago – but, for some reason, the effort was abandoned. However, the Euclid YMCA once again has a swim team—well, about half of one, anyway. Because its numbers are small, the Euclid Y had to team up with the Hillcrest Y to field a full swim team. "Right now there are nine kids on the Euclid team," reports Jacqueline (Jacque) Vogt, a John Carroll University graduate who is now the YMCA's aquatics director. "But we are looking for more."

So far, she's been pleased by the enthusiasm shown by the kids. What's more, they're doing quite well in competition—with the combined Euclid/Hillcrest squad posting a 2-1 team record after three "fun" meets.

Head coach of the Euclid squad is Toni Bacon, whom Vogt noticed swimming laps one day in the pool. Bacon, a Euclid resident, volunteered for the assignment after a limited amount of arm-twisting by Vogt.

A few of the youngsters on the Euclid swim squad have proven to be quite proficient in the water, while the rest are eager learners. Based on their performances in competition so far, the top Euclid Y swimmers include:

•**Salvion Neal, age 9,** the fastest swimmer on the team. He has competed in the 50-yard freestyle, 25-yard butterfly, 50-yard backstroke, and the 100-yard freestyle relay.

•**Eric Sito, age 6,** whom Vogt calls "our most improved swimmer." He swims in the mixed-age100-yard relay for ages 8 and under.

•**Gabriella (Gabby) Cicerini, age 7,** who is the fastest girl on the team. Gabby swims the 25-yard backstroke and 25-yard breaststroke, as well as the 25-yard freestyle. She also competes in the mixed-age relay events.

•**Sophie Sito, age 7,** who swims the 25-yard fly, 25-yard backstroke, 25-yard freestyle, and teams with Gabby, Salvion, and her brother Eric Sito, in the mixed-age relay.

Other members of the resurrected Euclid swim team are: **Najah Bass, Taylor Lamar, Jamillah Sena, Jasmina Zlatarevic** and **Sydney Hubbard**.

Practice sessions for the Euclid Y team are usually held on Monday and Tuesday evenings. Competitive meets are held on Saturdays. The Y held an awards banquet for the summer season team Sept. 10. The fall competitive season begins on Oct. 23, with the Euclid/Hillcrest team traveling to Lake Anna, OH for its opening meet.

Youngsters interested in joining the swim team must be Euclid Y members at least 6 years old and able to swim the length of the pool.

For information, contact Euclid YMCA Aquatics Director Jacque Vogt at the main Y number, (216) 731-7454.

ALL SMILES – ***Salvion Neal, age 9, is one of the fastest swimmers on the recently revived Euclid YMCA swim team.*** *(Photo by Toni Bacon)*

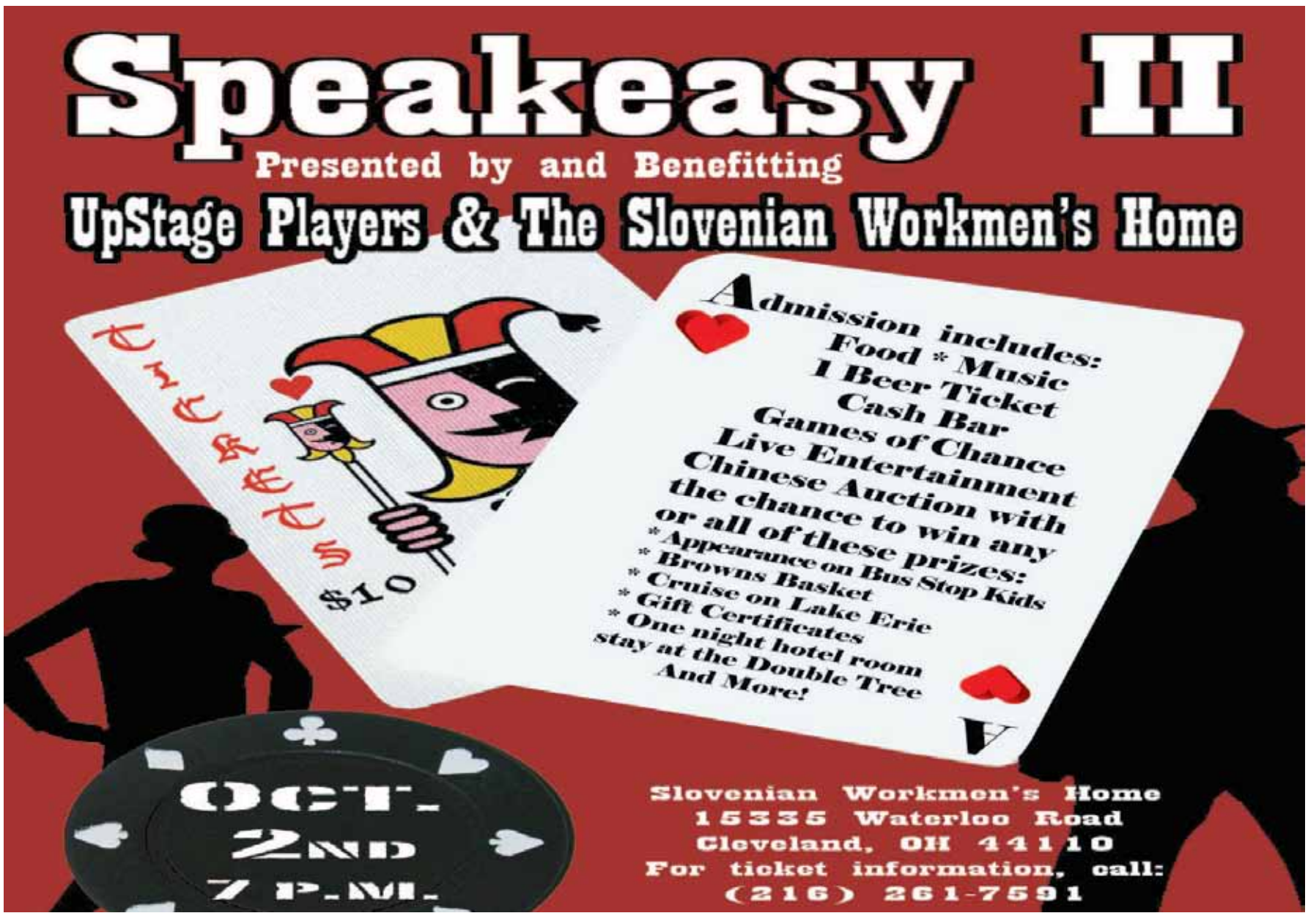
YMCA SWIM STARS – ***Three of the top performers on the Euclid YMCA swim team are, from left: Eric Sito, age 6; Gabrielle ("Gabby") Cicerini, age 7; and Sophie Sito, age 7.*** *(Photo by Toni Bacon)*

Swim Meet Schedule

The combined Euclid/Hillcrest swim team competes in the NEO Swim League's Small Team Division. Home meets this season will be held at the Hillcrest YMCA on Mayfield Road. Here is the schedule for the 2010-2011 fall season:

Oct. 23	**at Lake Anna (A)**
Nov. 6	**vs. West Park at Hillcrest YMCA (H)**
Nov. 20	**at Lake County West (A)**
Dec. 4	**at Alliance (A)**
Jan. 8	**vs. Lake County East at Hillcrest (H)**
Jan. 22	**at Meyers Lake**

(Note: H indicates a "home" meet.)



Community

Corbran's observations

Shore Cultural Centre once again saved by the bell

By Jerry Corbran

Shore Cultural once again dodged the wrecking ball at the Sept. 7 Euclid City Council session. The mayor, in work sessions last week with the Coral Company management team, found some money in the 2010 capital budget excess and in the endowment fund. After subsequent conversations with several council members, they came into the meeting with a compromise proposal, a 15-month renewal with funding allowing Coral to hire a development director to raise funds and to put together a marketing plan. A new furnace and thermostat system and backup repair of the existing boiler were also included.

There were calls from the audience and from Councilwoman Mary Jo Minarik to go the distance and approve renewal of the complete five year program, reasoning that the contract includes a 30-day escape clause in the event of management performance failure. Council was not interested and approved only the compromise 15-month management renewal and the heating equipment installation.

It was a complete turnaround from the previous week's Council Asset Committee meeting, featuring suggestions of putting the continuation of city support for Shore Cultural on the ballot, and the mayor throwing down the gauntlet saying he will have to list the sacrifices that will have to be made to pay for Shore. The committee suggested only a three-month renewal. Things looked grim.

The mayor and council were bombarded with emails in support of Shore. Speaking at the public microphone, tenant authorities from the New Day Academy and Tri-C were eloquent in expressing their satisfaction with the Shore management efforts. It came out during the meeting that significant sums of income tax from Shore tenant employees go back to the city. Then there are the thousands of Shore visitors having a positive effect on nearby businesses. Del Tekieli of the Shore board sent out a public message of thanks to the mayor, the council and the Coral Company.

The ongoing saga of Shore continuation will be revisited by council at the end of 2011. That it has survived closing year after year is a testament to those residents who have struggled to keep their dream alive. The last two administrations and some council majorities have been less than enthusiastic about Shore continuance. Shore became a principal issue in several epic municipal elections. Recently, due to the suggestion by Councilman Daryl Langman, that the Coral Company professional management team be hired to manage Shore, the resistance has mellowed.

Shore is a people's project. It is easy to point out administration initiatives that sailed through council with ease and adequate funding. I speak of the new fire station, the St. Robert and the vacant lakeshore parcel purchases, beatification of the Lakeshore/ Babbitt/ East 222 corner, construction on the East 222 Street industrial corridor and the new traffic signal system. Not that these expenditures are bad, but Shore funding is miniscule by comparison. Another long time people's project, kept alive for 16 years by resident support, is lakefront development. Once again Langman stepped up and suggested professional planners. The project is currently in the construction working drawing stage and the project has been added to the City Master Plan.

A public "thank you" to Mayor Cervenik, Euclid City Council & The Coral Company

by Del Tekieli

The mayor and The Coral Company must be commended for working throughout this past holiday weekend on Shore's behalf. Mayor Cervenik put together a creative package that not only allows for an extension of Coral's contract, but he found the money to purchase a new energy-efficient boiler, recondition the old one for back-up, and purchase new energy-efficient thermostats for the entire building. These items total $85,000 and will be paid for out of the 2010 capital budget excess, which can only be used for equipment.

Remember - the old quotes for the boiler ranged from $200,000 or more? The mayor commented that having a boiler breakdown in the middle of winter, affecting the education process of the culinary school, New Day Academy, Tri-C and other tenants would not be good.

Mayor Cervenik said, "Euclid deserves better than that." Eight members of city council agreed and passed the legislation.

Additionally, the mayor proposed transferring $130,000 from the endowment fund to cover any shortfall of expenses, hire a development director to raise funds for Shore, and provide marketing for the building. This allows The Coral Company to operate for an additional 15 months as part of the five-year plan. Council approved this part of the legislation with nine votes. Councilwoman Madeline Scarnienchi said that Shore was a quality of life issue.

There is room for additional "thank yous" to those who have supported Shore.

Along with others, New Day Academy Superintendent Terrance Walton (who is also president of the Shore Executive Board) and Assistant Dean Sabuur Abdul-Careem of Cuyahoga Community College Eastern Campus expressed support for the center. As well as Shore tenants Matthew Orgovan and Joanna Longo of Creative Expressions 76, and Jennifer Langsdale of Awaken Yoga, who led an e-mail letter writing campaign to the mayor and council asking for support of Shore.

The mid-September's meeting was a win-win for everyone and is a huge step forward in Shore's success. With the mayor, city council, The Coral Company, Building Manager Laura Kidder, the Shore Executive Board and tenants working together, the Shore Cultural Centre can only be more successful.

On a side note, mark your calendar to order the Shore Commemorative Calendar and purchase your tickets for Harvest Fest 2, scheduled Nov. 5.

Art Show at Mary Mavec School

By Barbara Comiskey

Mary Mavec Opportunity School is inviting friends, neighbors and art enthusiasts to a special Art Show & Auction Oct. 28, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. The evening will be a showcase for the artistic creations of the school's adult students and will take place at the school at 21601 Lake Shore Boulevard in downtown Euclid.

Each student is selecting one favorite piece of their artwork to be auctioned off during the show. Other pieces created by the students will be available for sale and include handcrafted pottery, paintings and collage works. Wine, cheese, hors d'oeuvres and other refreshments will be served throughout the evening and are included in the ticket price.

"We have been planning this event for more than a year and our students are excited to finally have an opportunity to show everyone all that they've been working on. We have worked with clay, tissue paper, stones, paints and other mediums to create some truly unique pieces," said Christine Hazlinger, the school's director.

The Art Show & Auction will also serve as an open house where everyone is invited to visit and learn more about Mary Mavec School, the people the school serves, and the services offered there. Tickets for the event are $20 and are available in advance by calling the school at (216) 731-4666 or can be purchased at the school Monday through Friday during school hours.

Mary Mavec Opportunity School is a non-profit organization that has been serving special needs adults for more than 60 years and is funded by private donations, proceeds from workshop jobs and fundraising efforts like this event. The proceeds from the Art Show & Auction will be used to support the on-going programs at the school.

Euclid recreation goes green to open C.E. Orr Ice Arena

By Kathy Will

The Euclid Parks and Recreation Department is conserving water this year by recycling water from Memorial Pool to make the ice at the C.E. Orr Ice Arena. The maintenance employees made up a device by using the pool vacuum pump and a one-inch garden hose from the pool to the arena. There will be 16 sheets (layers) of ice and two layers of paint before the rink is ready to open. Each sheet takes about one and a half hours to do, and each sheet must freeze before starting a new layer. We will be using approximately 10,000 gallons of water to make the ice usable for all. The C.E. Orr Ice Arena will open its doors Sept. 25, with a season opening special from 1 to 2:30 p.m., $3 admission, includes skate rental.

There will be three sessions of Learn to Skate for young and old. Session 1 will run Oct. 5 through Nov. 30 on Tuesdays, and Oct. 7 through Dec. 2 on Thursdays, at 6 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. Classes cost $45.00 for Euclid residents and $60.00 for non-residents, which includes USFSA membership. You can register at the ice arena on Sept. 28 and 30 from 6 to 7 p.m.

Public skating sessions will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m., and Saturday and Sundays from 1 to 2:30 p.m. We will also be offering open freestyle figure skating (city ice) on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Pick-up sticks will be offered Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 1:15 p.m. Home school skating will be available Tuesdays from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

For rates and ice rental information, please contact (216) 289-8649 or visit our website at www.cityofeuclid.com (recreation).

The Euclid Hockey Association offers travel and learn-to-play hockey for boys and girls ages 3 - 15. For more information, please visit, www.eyha.net.

For figure skating, you can join the Euclid Blade & Edge Club; check out the website at www.euclidskating.org.

Community

Euclid is ideal community for retired racers

By Cheryl Ludwa

What is 75 pounds and usually found snoozing in the sun or on your sofa? In my house, it's Jethro and he's a retired racer who has earned his naps.

Jethro, aka Myers (his race name), was raised to race other greyhounds, specifically in Florida. Lucky for us, he wasn't very good on the racetrack, so at the ripe old age of three, he ended up at the Greyhound Adoption of Ohio. This Florida dog arrived in the middle of a Cleveland January, and when we met him, he wasn't happy about the weather. My husband and I took an instant liking to Jethro and were able to adopt him a few weeks later. We overcame a few small challenges with Jethro, and he's turned out to be a lovable and good companion. We are very glad we made the decision to bring him home.

Euclid is a great community to have a greyhound. Contrary to what many may think, despite a greyhound's size, they need very little room. Jethro navigates around all our furniture without breaking things. Our fenced backyard is an average size for Euclid, and he has plenty of space to run a little and stretch his legs. Since most of Euclid is residential, we can walk him anywhere. Plus, the Euclid Creek Metropark is so close, so we can walk him there, too.

There are a few peculiarities that make greyhounds unique. We learned the first when we adopted Jethro; we had to teach him how to use the stairs. We also had to house break him. As greyhound puppies grow up to be racers, they live in kennels and crates, with fairly regulated schedules. Having full run of the house is a new concept for these beasts. It took a little more than a few weeks to house break Jethro, and as for the stairs, he figured those out pretty quickly, as he likes to follow us around the house.

For all they have going for them, greyhounds don't have as strong a sense of smell as other dogs do. Since dogs usually rely on smell to find their way home, if a greyhound gets loose, it will run off and may get hurt or lost. This is why they are ideal for families with fenced in yards. A chain is not enough, because when greyhounds get the urge to run after something, their natural speed could put enough force on the collar to seriously injure their neck. Also, because of their unique physiology, owners need to find a veterinarian who specializes in treating greyhounds.

The wonderful folks at Greyhound Adoption of Ohio operate the largest and oldest greyhound rescue organization in Ohio. Linda Perko is the director,

Jethro chillin' at home

and there isn't anything she won't do for those greys. New dogs come in almost every week and there are a number of things she ensures are taken care of prior to the adoption of any dog. All new dogs visit the vet and are wormed and brought current with vaccines. They are also spayed or neutered. Perko, and her volunteers, watch the behaviors of the dogs so they can match the right dog for each family. Since so many potential homes have cats, dogs and children, she carefully notates any behavior that might be problematic in a home with other animals or children.

Those interested in adopting a greyhound must complete an application and interview. They also get their choice of available dogs, as the goal is to find the best forever home for each rescued greyhound.

To get more information regarding these beautiful animals, visit the GAO website at http://www.greyhoundadoptionofoh.org/ or call Susan Anderson, Adoption Coordinator at (216) 256-7544, to set up a time to visit the kennel, located in Chagrin Falls.

Jethro flying through the air during this year's Canine Days, sponsored by Greyhound Adoption of Ohio

Bernadette

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and buried her again. Ten years later, in 1919 and again in 1925, the body was exhumed and found to be in the same state of preservation. The sisters then placed the body in a gold and glass coffin and to this day, 131 years since her death, she is on public display in a chapel at the motherhouse in Nevers. The Roman Catholic Church canonized her in 1933.

A fictional movie version of her life, "The Song of Bernadette," was produced in 1943 and actress Jennifer Jones won an Oscar for her portrayal of Bernadette.

The Euclid connection is that of vineyard property owned by the Harms family and acquired by the Sisters of the Good Shepherd in 1920, Two years later, the sisters, while on a trip to Lourdes, were inspired to build a grotto similar to that in Lourdes. They also brought back a unique treasure given to them by a Dominican priest: a piece of the stone sculptured for the statue of the Mother of Jesus at the Lourdes Grotto.

On the hill overlooking Euclid Avenue and accessed from Chardon Road, the grotto replica was built. The stone treasure was embedded into the rocks of the grotto. Water flows over it into a pool. In 1952 the Trinitarian sisters were given permission to continue the good works of the aging and diminishing, founding Sisters of the Good Shepherd. A chapel, outdoor Way of the Cross stations, a stone rosary, a dining facility and a gift shop were added in later years. A small structure was built near the Grotto displaying items left behind by pilgrims who claim blessings received after praying at the Grotto. The site is a haven for those seeking peace and devotion.

Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine has been designated as a National Shrine. It is located on Chardon Road and is open 7 a.m. to dusk year round to the public. Sunday Masses are held at the chapel 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. at the Grotto, weather permitting. Visitors can enjoy Sunday breakfast 10 a.m. to noon, or dinner noon to 2:30 p.m. in the dining room. One can also visit the Shrine website at osst@srstrinity.com for photos and further information. Google (enter St. Bernadette) or the local library has more information on the life of this saint.

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Dining

"Dawgs for Dogs"

Young hot dog vendor earns cash for college

By John Sheridan

College students typically hold down all sorts of summer jobs to earn money to help pay expenses once they return to campus. In Mike Emser's case, that has meant hawking hot dogs from a cart parked near the Euclid Public Library.

Mike, who will be returning to The Ohio State University on Sept. 20 to begin his sophomore year, can thank his father, Jim Emser, for lining up his summer stint. Jim established a relationship with Cleveland Classic Dogs & Catering, an entrepreneurial business that operates two carts in Euclid, in order to make sure that his son would have a summer job. From time to time, Jim has worked alongside Mike during busy parts of the day to ensure that customers would be well served.

Jim, a 1969 graduate of St. Joseph High and a former lead chemical operator at Lubrizol Corp., was a Euclid resident for more than 20 years. He no longer lives in this community, but he thought it would be nice to come back to Euclid and do something to benefit his former home town. He also thought it would be a neat idea to donate a portion of the proceeds from the hot dog operation to the Euclid Animal Shelter.

"Euclid is a nice community," he says. "We wanted to give something back, and the animal shelter seemed like a really good cause." A sign on the front of the cart bears a slogan promoting the tie-in: "Dawgs for Dogs."

Mike, a Mentor high graduate, is in an honors engineering program at Ohio State. Last year, he was part of a three-man team that built a self-guiding robot as part of an annual OSU competition. The team earned an "A" for the project.

The Emsers sell all-beef hot dogs and Polish boys—with chili, sautéed onions and sauerkraut as optional toppings. Hot dogs are $1.75, chili dogs $2.25. "You can get a whole meal here—a regular hot dog, chips, and a drink—for three bucks," Jim points out. He plans to continue operating the hot dog stand even after Mike returns to college, and will continue to serve customers "as long as the weather holds out."

So if you happen to be in the vicinity of the Euclid Public Library and feel a craving for a quick bite to eat, just look for the cart with the "Dawgs for Dogs" sign on the front. Jim and Mike will thank you, and so will the furry critters at the Euclid Animal Shelter.

SUMMER JOB –*Mike Emser, who will soon be starting his sophomore year at The Ohio State University, helped finance his college education by working behind this hot dog cart near the Euclid Public Library.* *(Photo by Stan Ubic.)*

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By Vanessa Abston

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Check it out for yourself. You will wish you had found out about this place sooner. Saturdays and Sundays 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. See you at Abston's Place Family Restaurant!

Insight on insurance

By Dave Carlson

This month's topic will address how your automobile insurance policy and carrier deal with damages to your vehicle's glass. The fundamental prerequisite for coverage is based upon whether you carry comprehensive coverage. Look on your policy's declarations page to see if this coverage part is listed. Comprehensive coverage includes repairing damages to your vehicle caused by perils 'other than collision: fire, theft, vandalism, falling trees, flood, and glass, to name the most prominent.

Glass is unique in this list, as there are specialty vendors that deal exclusively with glass, and what begins as a small glass issue can quickly become a major claim. It is exactly this reasoning that has lead the insurance industry to fashion coverage in a creative way – glass repair. If your glass is repairable, your insurance carrier will dispatch a mobile unit from a third party who will make the repairs wherever your vehicle may be.

If the glass is repairable, your carrier will waive your comprehensive deductible. Why? Insurance companies go this route because a repair is much less expensive than replacement, which is beneficial for the carrier in the long run. If the glass is not repairable and must be replaced, your deductible would then apply. Generally speaking, a chip in your windshield smaller than the size of a quarter can be repaired, as well as some cracks up to six inches. It is important to take action sooner rather than later as these small issues can become large issues quickly due to warm or cold temperature stresses or fatigue on the vehicle while driving in rough or curvy road terrain.

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Politics and More

Short Takes

By John Sheridan

Apparently, no one had a chance against political pro **Sunny Simon,** who won a landslide victory in the recent Democratic primary for the County Council District 11 seat. She had the endorsement of the County Dems, lawn signs galore, and the ability to flash a friendly smile. She did so during an Election Day appearance in the parking lot of Our Lady of the Lake parish—which some might have considered to be **Pat McLaughlin** territory.

McLaughlin, a political newcomer who lives on East 210 Street., made a very respectable showing considering that he ran a low-budget campaign. With 1,063 votes, he finished fourth overall, out-polling the other two Euclid residents in the race. **Rose Allen**, a semi-retired pharmacist and long-time Euclid resident, finished fifth with 880 votes; and Euclid High grad **Nino Prodan** was seventh with 358 votes—despite plastering his lawn signs all over town.

McLaughlin, also an EHS graduate, seemed pleased with his showing and is treating the campaign as a "learning experience." Yes, he does plan to toss his hat into the political ring again in the future—perhaps with a bid for Euclid City Council.

One thing he learned this time around is the importance of getting an early start. "I did do some things a little bit late," he admits, especially in light of the fact that many voters cast their ballots by mail these days, well in advance of Election Day. "I think the race was over two days after they passed out the mail-in ballots," McLaughlin said. "About 75 percent of the ballots cast in this primary were by mail-in voters."

McLaughlin, who received his Euclid High diploma in 1986 and a B.A. in technology from Kent State University in 1991, is currently employed as a project engineer in international sales with Fives North American Combustion. He says he would like to transfer his industrial experience in "lean manufacturing" to the government sector to improve efficiency and reduce waste.

He's planning to stay involved in the Cuyahoga County reform movement by assisting the campaign to elect **Tim McCormack** to the new county executive post. He has also been appointed by **Mayor Bill Cervenik** to serve on a citizens' advisory committee on development block grants.

Devor Makes Four: In the November general election, yet another Euclidian will be on the ballot for the District 11 County Council seat. **Rich Devor Jr.**, a former Euclid Panther football player, skipped the primaries by filing as an independent candidate – and apparently collected enough valid signatures to get his name on the November ballot.

The mild-mannered Devor says he wants to reduce county spending, reduce the county sales tax, eliminate corruption, and protect individual freedoms.

Clam Bake: The **Euclid Pet Pals**, a volunteer organization that supports the Euclid Animal Shelter, is sponsoring a clam bake **Oct. 22** at the Manor Party Center to raise money for its cause. The event will begin with an open bar at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $40 each and can be purchased at the Animal Shelter, located at 25100 Lakeland Blvd. Also, order forms for mail-in orders can be downloaded from the Pet Pals' website: www.euclid-petpals.net.

The full name of the event is the "4 Paws Clam Jam and Boo Bash" and, since Halloween will be approaching, attendees are encouraged to wear costumes, although costumes are optional. Prizes will be given for the three best costumes. Tickets must be purchased by Oct. 19.

First at Last: Euclid High's **Emily Sweet**, a junior distance runner for the Panthers, achieved a breakthrough victory recently in the "U Wanna Come Back" invitational cross-country race at the Perry Outdoor YMCA. She hit the finish line in 19 minutes, 21 seconds—seven seconds ahead of the runner-up--to finish first in a field of nearly 180 girls. A week earlier, she placed second in an invitational meet at Willoughby South that featured 196 runners. Last spring, Sweet was a member of Euclid's 4x800 relay unit that qualified for the state track meet.

Mister Who?: Remember Mr. Carlin on the old Bob Newhart TV series—the one where Newhart played a psychologist? The somewhat-odd Carlin character was played by **Jack Riley**, a native Clevelander who is back in town and working at John Carroll University, his alma mater.

By chance, it so happens that Riley recently served as a counselor to **Jacqueline Vogt**, who is now the Euclid YMCA's aquatics director. She's a bit too young to remember that Newhart series and had no idea who Mr. Carlin was until a Y member pointed it out. At last report, Vogt was trying to locate a CD containing episodes of the old TV show to learn more about the strange Mr. Carlin.

Bargains aplenty: For those who may not have noticed, the new **Dollar Tree** store is now open for business on Shore Center Drive. The bargain-hunter's paradise is occupying renovated space that once housed the old Dave's supermarket…. It is good to see once-empty retail space being put to good use.

Seizing Cuyahoga's opportunities

By Cuyahoga County Executive Candidate Matt Dolan

Opportunity. The reason families boarded ships to come to America; risk takers moved west across the country; African-Americans moved north after the Civil War, and even the reason Bill Gates left school before his Harvard education was complete.

It is by seizing our opportunities that we have been able to create independence, work, wealth and a future.

Cuyahoga County has the opportunity to reinvent its government. But more importantly, we have a chance to showcase the opportunities that our county holds for individuals. People who want to create, build, invest, serve and take risks need to know that Cuyahoga County can help them capitalize on this opportunity to achieve their goals.

The relationship between the public and private sectors is badly damaged and must be restored. However, the focus must be more than financial. While the influence of private dollars is paramount, the creativity and intellect of the private sector is equally necessary for a vibrant future in Cuyahoga County.

No one group of people is more concerned about finding their own opportunities to succeed nor has more of an impact on future opportunities of our region than young people. We must make Cuyahoga County a welcoming environment where young entrepreneurs, college and graduate students and young professionals can interact with our government. Cuyahoga County's young professionals working with today's leaders can improve our region by bringing a fresh perspective to our old problems: transportation, social service delivery, urban planning and a lack of jobs.

Organizations like the Cleveland Leadership Center and the 20/30 Club have made great strides, but a government that appreciates the value of our youth will foster investment in our community for generations to come. A successful government must create strong partnership with these organizations, as well as with our colleges and universities. Programs such as Kent State University's Urban Design Collaborative and partnerships like the one that exists with Cleveland State University's Levin College of Urban Affairs must be nurtured and further developed. My administration will work with programs like these to provide internship opportunities for their students. We will put these bright minds to work.

I am determined to seize our county's new opportunities to make them work for business and our young people.

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PISCES *****
(Feb 19 – Mar 20) Take a break, and have some fun. Go to lunch at Chili Peppers. This month never do card tricks for the group you play poker with. Lucky Number: 77

ARIES *****
(Mar 21 – Apr 19) No one heads out on the road without a roadmap like an Aries. Practice patience and charity. This month remember first pillage then burn. Lucky Number: 62

TAURUS *****
(Apr 20 – May 20) Stay steadfast and stubborn. You may have a problem in your family, work, personal, or romantic relationships. This month confession is good for your soul, but bad for your career. Lucky Number: 2, 7, & 17

GEMINI *****
(May 21 – June 20) This will be a great month, you should be happier than a kitten with a Q-tip. Avoid fruit. This month the early bird gets the worm but the second mouse gets the cheese. Lucky Numbers: 55, 56, 57

CANCER *****
(June 21 – July 22) Your career, family, friends, or pet, may be upsetting your partner. Half the people in the world are below average. This month try to be very modest, but be very proud of it.Lucky Number: 11, 21, 41

LEO *****
(July 23 – Aug 22) You're a kid at heart, so quit fighting it. Buy more play-doh and bubbles. This month meet an interesting person at happy hour at the Beachclub Bistro. Lucky Number: 66, 67

VIRGO *****
(Aug 23 – Sept 22) New beginnings, new hopes, wishes come true. Attend a wedding. The sooner you fall behind the more time you will have to catch up. This month you will be busier than a beaver in a lake full of coffee. Lucky Number: 9, 10, 13

LIBRA *****
(Sept 23 – Oct 22) You think there is good in everybody, you obviously have not met everybody. During the day you should sweat it out in the streets of a runaway American dream. This month stay till last call as often as possible. Lucky Number: 19 for Bernie Kosar.

SCORPIO *****
(Oct 23 – Nov 21) If everything's coming your way, you might be in the wrong lane going the wrong way. Participate in ballroom dancing. This month all power corrupts, but absolute power is pretty neat. Lucky Number: 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3

SAGITTARIUS *****
(Nov 22 – Dec 21) Fly by the seat of your pants, you will chatter more than a dolphin next to a fish bucket. Beware of fresh flowers. This month failure is not an option, it is bundled with your software. Lucky Number 32

CAPRICORN *****
(Dec 22 – Jan 18) The legal, cultural, travel, relocation, political, religious, academic, or media related issues you have been dealing with over the last couple of years are finally coming to an end. This month if you can't convince em, confuse em. Lucky Number: 105

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

Sudoku 4 - Easy

	3		9			7	5	
	2		7		4	6	3	
8		4			5	1		2
7			1	6				
		6				9	1	
			4			2		5
		8						1
	1			4			7	
			3	9		8		6

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