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The Trolls are Coming to the Stroll!

by Sherrie Zagorc

Do you remember those dolls from the 50's with the crazy hair, that are so ugly they're cute? The E. 200th Street Stroll is doing its part to make the trolls popular once again, by hosting Sherry Groom of The Troll Hole in Alliance and her Troll Mobile at this year's Stroll on Saturday, May 31st from 10 am to 2 pm. Our Stroll mascot, Rosie, and I visited The Troll Hole this winter and were amazed to discover that Sherry holds the Guinness Book of World's Records for possessing 3,254 unduplicated trolls and troll merchandise. We're honored that she will join us for our neighborhood celebration.

In addition to the trolls, you'll find many more fun loving characters at the Stroll. The Chardon Polka Band, the Polka Pirates, and representatives from our community organizations will be present to spread joy, lively music, and great information to attendees. Our E. 200th Street businesses will offer specials to brighten the day and illustrate why E. 200th is a friendly dining and shopping destination.

The Euclid Beach Boys are prepping the Rocket Ship and Thriller cars for nostalgic rides on the street and if you need a break from strolling, Lolly the Trolley will be back to escort you to stops along the way. The $2 wrist bands for these rides will be sold at our information booths at the Home Depot and Our Lady of the Lake parking lots, in the middle of the route, and on the trolley.

It's our eighth year of spotlighting E. 200th Street businesses and showcasing the Euclid area's community organizations. Bring your families and friends and join us on E. 200th Street for a great time. Do you need more information? Email e200th-streetstroll@gmail.com or call me at 216-798-7089 and join me at The E. 200th Street Stroll on May 31st from 10 am to 2 pm. I'll be the one with the pink hair.

The City of Euclid Announces 2014 Summer Event Series

by Nicole Musgrave

The City of Euclid is pleased to announce an unprecedented new summer event series, Summer at Sims. The events will be held at Sims Park, Euclid's Waterfront Park located at 23131 Lakeshore Boulevard.

Summer at Sims is a new, family-friendly event series presented by the City of Euclid. The events will take place on the park's Great Lawn and beaches adjacent to Henn Mansion and the recently expanded city fishing pier.

The series will feature the 3rd annual Wind, Water and Waves- Wind Fest. This year's Wind Fest is expected to be better than ever with tethered hot air balloon rides, helicopter rides, kite making stations, wind education, and much more. Guests can also enjoy great food, cold beverages and live music!

The events series at Sims Park also includes a new concert series- Music & Munchies in association with the Beachland Ballroom and Tavern. The 2014 Music & Munchies lineup includes polka, bossa nova, R&B and a little bit of rock and roll. Featuring live music, beach volleyball, food trucks and a beer garden we dare you not to have a good time!

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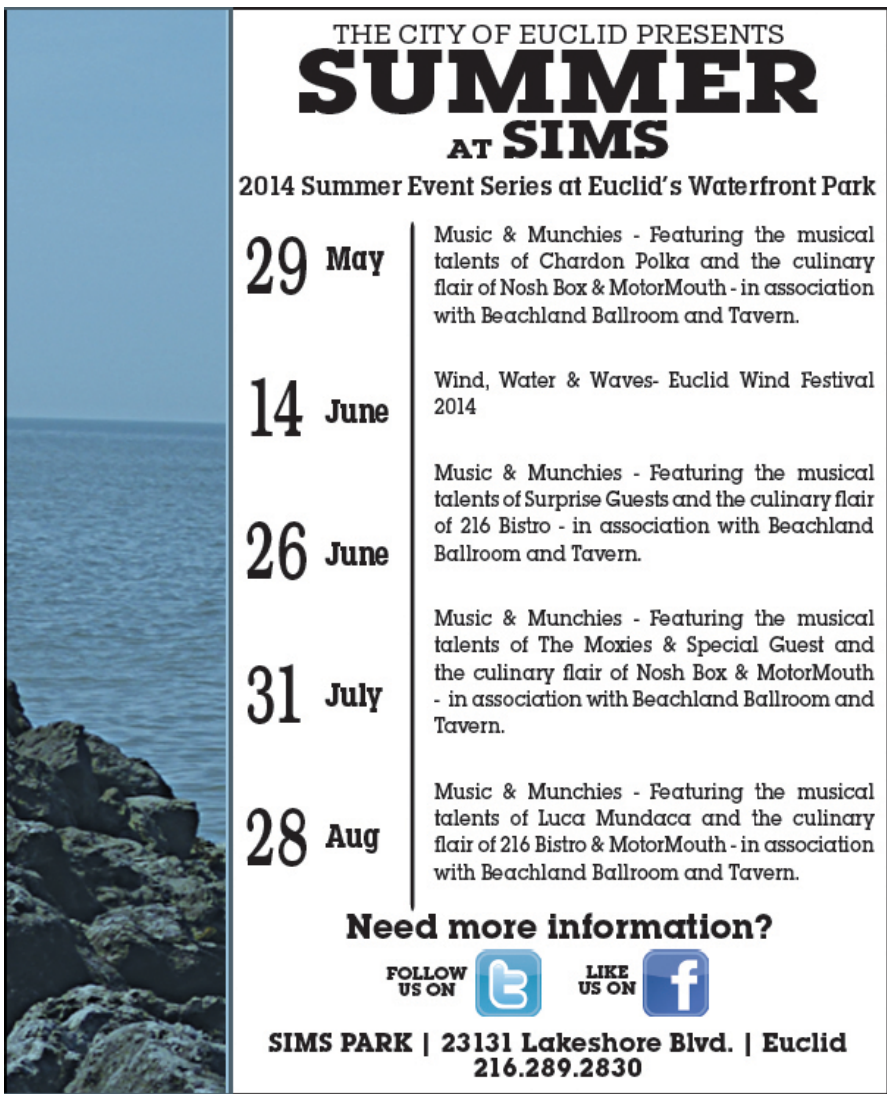

June 8 Walk to Remember Celebrates Loved Ones While Helping Hospice

The Burning River Roller Girls are ready to again serve as "rolling ambassadors" at this year's Walk to Remember.

by Laurie Henrichsen

Euclid residents are encouraged to gather family and friends and register for the third annual Walk to Remember at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. Honorary Chair for this year's event is Monica Robins, Senior Health Correspondent, WKYC TV Channel 3. Sponsored by FirstMerit Foundation, the event will be held Sunday, June 8, 2014, 8 a.m. to noon. Over 2,000 participants are expected to enjoy the leisurely walk through the zoo celebrating the memory of their loved ones. The event benefits patients and families cared for by Hospice of the Western Reserve, including the residents of David Simpson Hospice House on E. 185th Street. Registration is $20 for an individual and $60 for a family. Children's admission is $10. Registration includes all-day admission at the Zoo and Rainforest, T-shirts, snacks and live musical entertainment. To register, visit http://www.hospicewr.org/walk.

"It's a great family event. We have multiple generations of families and their friends walking together as a way to pay tribute to those who have had a lasting influence in their lives. It's a wonderful, uplifting way to honor the memory of loved ones," said Collinwood resident Laura Lee Martin, who is Director of Operations, Development and Communications for the nonprofit agency. "The day always has a very celebratory feel to it. Last year, many teams even created and wore customized T-shirts with pictures and names of their loved ones on the front. The event is open to anyone wishing to honor and celebrate the memory of a loved one; no hospice experience is necessary."

Martin said all proceeds stay within Northern Ohio to help seriously ill patients and their families by helping to fund compassionate services not fully covered by Medicare or private insurance such as grief counseling, pediatric hospice care, music and art therapy and the school crisis grief support program.

Among those participating for the third year will be the Burning River Roller Girls, Cleveland's first all-female, skater-owned, flat-track derby league, who will help kick off the Walk and add to the celebratory mood of the day. "We had such a great time and were honored to be a part of something so special," said Daniela Reagan, Vice President of Public Relations for the group. "I am happy to help because hospice took such great care of several of my family members in their last days."

For more information or assistance with registration, email Bridget Murphy, Hospice of the Western Reserve, at bmurphy@hospicewr.org, or call her at 216.383.3715.

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From the desk of Mayor Bill Cervenik

by Mayor Bill Cervenik

Dear Friends,

The City of Euclid has several new activities planned for this spring and summer. The first will be held on Thursday, May 29th, when we will kick off our Sims Park Pier Concert Series. The activities will be on the shores of Lake Erie in Sims Park, 21311 Lakeshore Blvd., from 6-9 pm featuring the music of Chardon Polka and the culinary flair of Nosh Box and MotorMouth. Please check the City of Euclid's website, Facebook or Twitter for more information about the concerts.

Are you or someone you know thinking of buying a home? To assist people who are considering becoming a homeowner, the City of Euclid is sponsoring a free Housing Fair. The Euclid Housing Fair will be held on Sunday, June 22nd from 1 – 5 pm at Our Lady of the Lake Church, 175 East 200th Street. The event is being held to promote the affordable, well-maintained housing in Euclid, as well as the excellent city services and amenities that the city has to offer. Local realtors, banks and city, county and neighborhood leaders will all be on hand to answer questions. Participants are invited to take a free tour on Lolly the Trolley for a curbside view of some of the available homes throughout a variety of neighborhoods. For more information on the Euclid Housing Fair call the Euclid Planning and Development Department at 216-289-8140.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our annual Memorial Day Parade and ceremonies on Monday, May 27th. Morning graveside ceremonies will be held at 7:45 am at Euclid Cemetery and 8:15 am at St. Paul Cemetery. The parade will begin at 10 am and will be followed by a service at the Veterans Memorial next to Euclid Library.

Happy Spring,

Mayor Bill Cervenik

B & B Upholstery Art and Artisan Exhibit

by John Copic

Do you need a beautiful piece of furniture reupholstered? Do you need the vinyl booth in your restaurant repaired? Whether your upholstery needs are commercial or residential, marine or auto, I highly recommend you stop in at B & B Upholstery located at 15319 Waterloo Rd. They have been in business there on Waterloo since 1996. The attention to detail and the quality of the work is five-star.

B & B upholstery would like to invite you to an Art and Artisan Exhibit on Friday, June 6 from 2 PM to 8 PM. Refreshments, wine and cheese, and local artists and their art will be featured. Stop in and see the beautiful work.

Art and Artisan Exhibit
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Volunteers Needed! Euclid Creek Watershed Day at Wildwood Reservation

Wetland Planting

by Claire Posius

Please join Euclid Creek Watershed partners for a watershed day where we have a few activities for you to participate: a wetland planting, or you can help maintain a bioswale garden or assist with a beach cleanup.

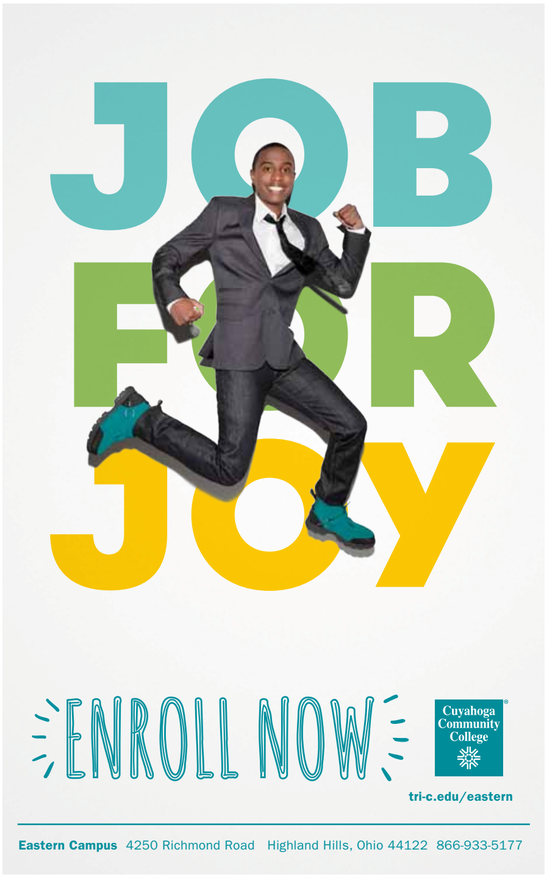
This event is a partnership with Euclid Beach Adopt-a-Beach Team in addition to the Cleveland Metroparks, Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District, Friends of Euclid Creek, City of Cleveland, Alliance fo the Great Lakes, and the Euclid Creek Watershed Council.

When: Sat., May 17, 9:00am to noon, Wildwood Lakefront Reservation, Cleveland (at E. 174th Street and Lakeshore Blvd., meet at the Wildwood pavilion)

Registration required for wetland planting by May 15 at: http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/Main/EventsProgramsCalendar/Euclid-Creek-Watershed-Day-3381.aspx

Contact Claire Posius for details at 216-524-6580x16 cposius@cuyahogaswcd.org. Or more event details are available here: http://www.cuyahogaswcd.org/EuclidCreekFiles/Event%20PDFs/Wildwood-PlantingFlyer.051714.pdf

If you are interested in harvesting nuphar/spadderdock from Singer Lake Bog in Geauga County, we will be harvesting on Friday, May 16th from 9:00am tonoon, contact Claire Posius for details and directions.



Community

The Parking Ban An Antiquated Ordinance

by Carl Lake

Euclid, to me, a great city. And it's not the only suburb I've had the pleasure of being a resident. I've lived in Parma, Richmond Hts, Fairview Park and Lakewood in the past. As first ring suburbs go, it's pretty great. And Euclid has a lot to offer. I can't find fault with much! ....Except.....

Euclid has a 2 am to 6am parking ban in residential neighborhoods. Don't get me wrong, most suburbs do, and I understand the basis to the ordinance. Usually it is due to keeping junk cars out of the neighborhood, give the streets a cleaning at night, make the neighborhood look nice. I get it, I really do.

Now for some history. Most first ring suburbs, Euclid included, were built for the most part prior to 1960. Now, back in the days when these houses were built, they were built with a one lane driveway and a one car garage. Rationale is most Americans prior to 1970 had usually one car, and MAYBE a station wagon for mom. Mom was usually home when dad came home, so he had the street side of the driveway, not the garage side. All dad had to do was drop the transmission into reverse and he was gone.

That was 1960. Today, even I have 4 cars attached to my household. And I get REALLY tired of playing Leap Car every morning to get my car out to go to work. I relegate two cars to the street at 7 am to get mine out. I submit to you that these reasons for the parking ban have FAR outlived their usefulness and the ban is a nuisance. And there are no alternatives. Houses are too close to allow expansion of your driveway, and laying down gravel aside the driveway is illegal and ugly. Times have changed too much and the driveways can't keep up with it.

If you really NEED a parking ban for whatever reason, make it 8 am to 3 pm, when most people work, and the driveways can be used for parking. If it is for the police to be able to see clearly our front yards at night, I think you still can with a car parked on the street.

Residents of Euclid, let your opinions be heard. Does the 4 hours of an empty street really make up for the nuisance of Early Morning Leap Car?

Antiquated.

Ask An Officer Replies To Parking Ban

by Kate McLaughlin

Questions: Does the parking ban from 2:00 am to 6:00 am really make a difference?

Answer from Karen "KC" Cassese, Dispatcher, and Kate McLaughlin, Community Policing Unit. Euclid has many ordinances to keep our neighborhoods safe and appealing in appearance. Prohibiting vehicles from parking between the hours of 2:00 am and 6:00 am is one of those ordinances. There are good reasons for this parking ban. If you abolish this ban it would permit vehicles to park 24 hours on our streets, which creates several safety and quality of life issues.

A major concern is that permitting 24 hour parking would turn our city streets into parking lots. Once vehicle owners are allowed to use the streets for parking, we will see an increase in the number of cars parked in front of homes. There would be an increase in abandoned vehicles, broken-down vehicles, and stolen vehicles left in the street. From a safety perspective this creates an issue for identification. Which license plates should officers run and which cars should be towed? Also, cars left in the street are more vulnerable to auto theft and auto break-ins than if parked in the owner's garage or driveway.

Think of a day when someone on your street was having a party. Vehicles are parked in front of every house. Allowing this would not be the best appearance for our city streets. Multiple parked vehicles creates blind spots where a driver's view would be blocked when children run out from between the cars, and creates a barrier for suspects to hide from police.

Besides safety issues, 24 hour parking would create neighborhood inconveniences. Cars and delivery vehicles would occasionally have to double park. Snow plowing and leaf pick up would be difficult, if not impossible, and the new mechanical garbage trucks would not be able to access the cans. Also, some residents would forgo their driveways to park multiple vehicles in the street. What if one resident parked four or more vehicles, or had several guests staying who all parked in the street? This would take up spots that neighbors might like to use in front of their homes, and could cause neighbor trouble issues.

Suggesting a parking ban during daytime hours from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm would create a whole new set of issues. More people are out driving around during the daylight hours and a ban would restrict business activity. Postal, delivery and construction vehicles need street parking, as well as those who use their personal vehicles for business. A daytime parking ban would cause a greater inconvenience than a late evening parking ban.

Euclid is fortunate that most homes have garages and long driveways to accommodate several cars. It is the responsibility of home owners to keep all vehicles secure on their property rather than parked in the street. Euclid residents should take pride in parking vehicles in driveways to keep our neighborhoods safe and appealing looking.

If you would like to submit a question to Ask An Officer, contact Community Policing at the Euclid Police Department: email kmclaughlin@cityofeuclid.com or call 216-289-8449.

Kick Off Summer with the Euclid Hunger Center

by Kim Fry

The Euclid Hunger Center will hold the third annual Kick Off Summer on Thursday, June 19th, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Pavilion at Briardale Greens, 24131 Briardale Ave. in Euclid. This event is becoming the place for Euclid neighbors from all over the city to get together to welcome warm weather and sunshine with good food and music!

This year, the improved menu includes barbecued chicken with corn on the cob and other vegetarian fixin's. Haz Matthews (aka Haz Mat), on-air personality and production director at 93.1 WZAK, will be the DJ for the evening.

Tickets are $25 per person with all proceeds benefiting the Hunger Center. Contact a board member or call (216) 731-3329 for tickets.

Stop by our table at the 200th Street Stroll on May 31st! Bring canned good donations, learn more about the Hunger Center and purchase your tickets to Kick Off Summer. See you there!

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For more information on these homes, the Neighborhood Stabilization Program and available First-Time Homebuyer Down Payment Assistance, visit www.cityofeuclid.com/community/development/CommunityDevelopmentDivision or call (216) 289-8141

Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School

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2014 Classic Mixer Gala nets $250,000

Fundraising records were broken at Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School's Fourth Annual Classic Mixer Gala held on Saturday, April 5. After all expenses were paid, the school netted $250,000, making it the most successful fundraising event in the history of the school (including founding schools Villa Angela Academy and St. Joseph High School).

Of the $250,000 netted, $195,000 was raised for "Continuing the Dream" which provides funds to be used exclusively toward scholarships and financial aid for deserving students and families.

Board of Advisors Chairman Don Dailey '70 set the stage for "Continuing the Dream" by announcing that a group of "Dream Makers" had each agreed to donate $5,000 or more. Leading the list was Joseph Scaminace '71 with a donation of $25,000. Several additional donors stepped up to join the Dream Makers at the event.

In support of the 23 former St. Peter Chanel High School students now at VASJ, a group called the "Firebird Family Dream Makers" then was announced. Before the night was over, supporters of the former Chanel students had given $35,000.

Jeff and Dr. Sandra (Pertekel) '66 Turner announced that they would join the Dream Makers by donating $20,000 to endow The Evelyn A. Svete Memorial Scholarship at VASJ, named in honor of Sandra's aunt who was a 1941 graduate of Villa Angela Academy. The couple received a standing ovation from the enthusiastic crowd of 330 attendees.

In addition to faculty and staff, current VASJ students were a significant presence at the event. Junior Danielle Paus and sophomore John Henry Posey served as the night's emcees.

The event was a true team effort and would not have been possible without the hard work of the event chair Mike Romeo '88 and the entire Classic Mixer committee.

Student representatives at the Fourth Annual Classic Mixer Gala gathered on stage to say "thank you" to donors after fundraising records were broken and the event raised a quarter of a million dollars to help "Continue the Dream" of a VASJ education.

Dr. Sandra (Pertekel) '66 Turner and her husband, Jeff, announced a $20,000 gift to kick-off "Continuing the Dream."

John Henry Posey '16 and Danielle Paus '15 served as the student emcees for the evening.

"Every successive year, our donors, staff and volunteers outdo themselves," says VASJ President Richard Osborne '69. "Their support speaks volumes about their commitment to continue the dream of a VASJ education for generations to come."

VASJ, Northeast Shores Development Corporation and Hermes Road Racing are excited to announce the Third Annual Escape on the Lake 5k run and 1-mile walk on Saturday, July 12, 2014.

The race will start and finish at VASJ. All pre-registrants will receive a t-shirt.

Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m.
The 5k run/1-mile walk will begin at 9 a.m.

Pre-Registration Entry Fee (before July 9) - $18

Race Day Entry Fee - $23

More information can be found on the VASJ website at www.vasj.com/escape-on-the-lake

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Kwasniak '94 named Director of Advancement

Babejohn Kwasniak '94 has been named Director of Advancement for his alma mater, Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School, effective May 1. The announcement was made by VASJ President Richard Osborne '69.

"Babe brings a wealth of talent, experience, passion and enthusiasm to our school," Osborne said. "As the Director of Advancement, he will play a key role in our strategic plan for continued success."

Kwasniak is the head coach of the VASJ boys basketball team, which ended its season this year as state runner-up in Division III. Under Kwasniak's leadership, VASJ won the 2013 state championship in Division IV. He will remain as basketball coach in his new position.

"I have often said I don't love coaching – I love VASJ and the kids that I get the privilege to coach," Kwasniak said. "I believe taking this job proves that. I'm thrilled about the opportunity to use my business background to give back to an institution and community who made me the man I am today. This place is special. What an exciting time to be at VASJ."

The Director of Advancement reports to the President and is responsible for the development and implementation of a comprehensive advancement program, including fundraising, alumni relations, donor stewardship and budgeting.

Overall fundraising at VASJ, the fastest-growing private high school in Ohio, has increased some 44 percent since the 2010-11 school year. Key to this success is engagement with the school's base of nearly 20,000 alumni through calls on personal and corporate donors to meet goals approaching $1 million annually.

Kwasniak was part of the first graduating class to attend VASJ all four years after Villa Angela Academy and St. Joseph High School merged in 1990. He is in an elite category by winning a state championship as both a player and a head coach.

Kwasniak received a Bachelor of Science degree in Geopolitics from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1999. He served in the Army until 2004. His service included roles as an Executive Officer, Operation Officer, and as the head basketball coach for the Armed Forces Basketball Team, which won a gold medal in 2004 and 2001. He was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal and Global War on Terrorism Medal upon completion of his military duty.

From 2005 until 2012 Kwasniak worked for Ameripath, the largest anatomic pathology company in the nation. He started as a territory manager in Kansas City where he won various president club trips for being a top salesman in cancer diagnostics and molecular testing medical field.

Babe Kwasniak '94

He was promoted to an Anatomic Pathology Sales Director in Cleveland where he won an award for being the top director in 2010. Kwasniak managed in excess of $43 million of business while serving in that role.

Kwasniak is the co-founder of the Live for Joy Foundation, a non-profit organization that raises funds for ocular melanoma research and scholarship funds in memory of his sister, Joy Kwasniak-Swanson, a 1991 graduate of VASJ.

Kwasniak is married to Laura (Worthing) Kwasniak, MD, whom he met when they were both cadets at West Point. She is a board-certified dermatologist with a practice (Hirsh Dermatology) in Mayfield Village. The couple have three children: B.K. (10), Quinn (7) and Logan (2).

As Director of Advancement, Kwasniak succeeds Mary Paxton who has accepted the position of Director of Development with The Salvation Army of Greater Cleveland Services.

VASJ begins renovation of 64-year old gym

The athletics program at Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School will be taking another step towards ensuring that the established legacy maintains a strong presence at the corner of East 185th Street and Lakeshore Boulevard with a plan to renovate the 64-year old gymnasium.

The old bleachers will be replaced with state-of-the-art, molded plastic seats from the Hussey Seating Company, boasting a capacity of 1,250 seats with end and back railing, along with and aisle railway, giving a college-like atmosphere to the gym with an obvious upgrade that will advance both the safety and aesthetics for all fans.

The stage will have platform risers in front, creating VIP seating with cushioned folding chairs, adding an exciting new cheering section behind the basket with a great vantage point.

The banners, a daily reminder of all of the storied accomplishments of past and present Vikings, will also see a new look. There will be a consistent color and theme, with new Final Four, State Championship and branding banners adorning the rafters.

The restrooms in the gym will also be enlarged to accommodate the large crowds, becoming ADA-compliant. In doing so, space will be created for new concession stands and a Spirit Shop will be added to the Viking Village. Replacing the metal railings above the north end bleachers, will be sleek, new, glass five-feet-wide panels with stainless steel rails. The glass will be branded with VASJ logos as well as provide advertising opportunities. The current and current scoreboard advertising will also be renegotiated. Finally, the basketball hoops will become suspended from the ceiling rather than movable posts.

First-year Athletic Director Nate Zavorek '94, has spearheaded the effort.

"We have all reaped the benefits of this gym," said Zavorek. "Now it is time to give back and give this special place, which has housed so many memories, a face lift. This gym has shaped the growth from adolescence to adulthood for many of the people who walked these walls and I think all of those people want to see it being taken care of and upgraded for future generations to enjoy just as much."

With a rich tradition of producing professional, legendary athletes and a current spot among Northeast Ohio's elite competition, VASJ is capturing the unique combination of a strong foundation with a fresh outlook.

Construction on the gym began on April 8 and is targeted to be completed by the start of the 2014-15 school year in August .

Viking Views

by Richard Osborne

With apologies to the old Ford Motor Company commercial…. If you haven't seen VASJ lately, you haven't seen VASJ.

Oh, don't worry. All the traditions and character you remember from back in the day remain. Graduates' portraits still line the first-floor hallway. Trophies and other memorabilia from Villa Angela Academy and St. Joseph High School endure throughout the building. Hall of Fame plaques continue to honor many of our most distinguished alums.

But the past 12 months have seen an unprecedented number of improvements that have made the Viking Village even more, well, memorable than ever. And the spruce-up, clean-up projects will continue this summer. You might say that the new Three Rs at VASJ are: Remodel, Refresh and Refurbish!

Elsewhere on this page you can read about the exciting things to come in the school gym. Always a great place to see a game, the experience will be accompanied by increased comfort and visual appeal when this big project is completed in time for the next basketball season. Because the gym is also the site of numerous other activities and events, all those special occasions will be enhanced as well.

While the gym serves as the main gateway and venue for many visitors to the Viking Village, you won't want to let your tour end there. Our chapel has been restored as a beautiful center of spiritual reflection and renewal. Conference rooms – including the spacious Villa Angela Heritage Room on the second floor of the library – are in the process of updating and redecoration. A digital display called "Head of the Class," celebrating leading donors, is set for installation this summer.

In light of all this, it is little wonder that our student population is on track to grow by yet another 20 percent this fall. No doubt about it, VASJ is on a roll. The proud past of VA and St. Joe's has served as the solid foundation for growth and strength in the 21st Century. As we look forward to our 25th anniversary as the merged school in 2015, we also look forward to serving the Collinwood-Euclid community for generations to come.

And while you're making note of our Silver Anniversary, please mark your calendar for August 17. Save the date for a reception and tours of the "better than ever" VASJ!

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

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Euclid City Schools

Kindergarten Red Carpet Registration Event

As we continue to "March Into Kindergarten," the Euclid City School District hosted a red carpet event at the Early Learning Center for parents to register children for kindergarten. If you have a child that will be five-years-old on or before August 1, 2014, call 216.797.2933 to set up an appointment to register for kindergarten. All parents that register will receive a free kindergarten workbook and have a chance to win a LeapPad Leapster.

NAACP ACT-SO

This weekend eight of Euclid's finest competed in the NAACP ACT-SO competition at Warrensville High School. Our students competed in the areas of: dance, drawing, painting, sculpture, vocals and poetry. We took home 10 medals: 2 gold, 3 silver and 5 bronze. Our gold medalist will compete at the national competition in Las Vegas. Congratulations to all of our participants.

Gold:
Savannah Quesenberry - painting
Tasia Price - dance

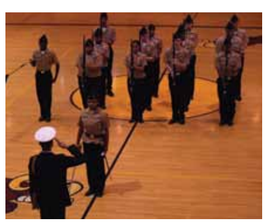
Silver:
Savannah Quesenberry - drawing
Savannah Quesenberry - sculpture
Robert Hennings - painting

Bronze:
Kevin Terry - vocal contemporary
Kasey Johnson - drawing
Kasey Johnson - painting
Cierra King - sculpture
ChaMarii Johnson - Poetry

Participant:
Miguel Watts

NJROTC Takes First Place

On March 22, 2014, six JROTC schools competed at a Drill Competition at Akron/Garfield High School. Euclid High School's NJROTC drill team won first place overall! This is the 2nd overall trophy the team has won this year and is the first time since the NJROTC program opened in 1994.



Top Five Seniors

These are the top five seniors in the class of 2014. We are Panther Proud of all of their accomplishments.

Re'Sha Latimer

On A High Note

On Saturday, April 5, 2014, under the direction of Carol Thomas and Jean Wroblewski students from Central Middle School Band and Orchestra participated in the Ohio Music Education Association District 7 Solo and Ensemble Contest at South Euclid Memorial Junior High.

Rating I:
Luke J. – Piano Solo
Jessalyn M. - Violin Solo
Zoe L. and Jessalyn M. – Violin Duet
Evan B. – Alto Saxophone Solo
Corbin G. – Flute Solo

Rating II:
Jeremy M. - Piano Solo
Whitney T. – Piano Solo
Courtney H. – Violin Solo
Taylor W. - Violin Solo
Tyisha C. and Whitney T. – Violin Duet
Alexus C., Aubrie G. and Talia S. – String Trio
Courtney H., Jalyn B. - String Duet
Jessalyn M., Zoe L., Corbin G., Luke J. and Sam M. – String Quintet
Evan R. – Snare Drum Solo
Shanique W. – Flute Solo
Domonique W. – Clarinet Solo

Rating III:
Alexus C. and Aubrie G. – String Duet
Tennillie E. – Snare Drum Solo
Emoni R., Domonique W. and Amanda Y. – Clarinet Trio

Festival Class:
Diamond B. – Violin Duet
Courntney H. - Violin Duet
Kirah M. – Violin Duet

Overall Central Middle School finished with:
5 Superior
11 Excellent
3 Good
3 Festival Class

Congratulations to these students!!!

Jacob Hoggett will attend University of Louisville

Samantha Lisy ranked first in the Class of 2014 will be swimming for Indiana University

Kezia Sta-Ana ranked second in her class, will attend The Ohio State University.

Ranked third in his class is Brahm Powell

Euclid City Schools

Reader's Theater at Shoreview

Mrs. Beal's Third Grade students read four stories in Reader's Theater style! The stories they performed were The Ting-O-Ling Contest, The Giant Birthday Cake, Downloaded, and Hair it is! Mrs. Boka, Mrs. Lanese's class and Mrs. Spies' class enjoyed the performance! Great job fluently reading with phrasing and expression!

Crazy For A Cure

This year Forest Park Middle School raised $1,230 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. The Student Council would like to thank faculty and staff for their dedication throughout the "Pennies for Patients" campaign. Staff members made donations, purchased items and motivated students by volunteering to go "Crazy for a Cure!" Students were rewarded with "Crazy Challenges" being completed throughout the day and during our Third Annual Student vs. Teacher Basketball game. The students were finally able to stop the teacher's winning streak and won this year's game with a score of 59-58. Everyone had a wonderful time and were thrilled to start Spring Break by giving back to others.

Euclid Panthers Named Eighth Member In Greater Cleveland Conference

Four in the west and now four in the east as Euclid is named the eighth member of the Greater Cleveland Conference (GCC) joining Mentor, Solon, Shaker, Strongsville, Elyria, Medina and Brunswick.

On April 14, 2014, the Euclid Board of Education voted unanimously to approve the resolution for the Panthers to join the GCC. The schools had been in negotiations since November.

Indiana University swimming signee, Samantha Lisy, along with Wayne State Basketball Recruit, Chavez Harper, sealed the deal for Euclid as they presented to Conference leaders reasons why the Panthers deserve to be part of the GCC. Lisy and Harper shared their experiences as student-athletes at Euclid, expressing the immense support of their peers and faculty, as well as the many unique opportunities provided for students to exceed their goals.

Euclid has been on quite a roll this school year with programming expansions and partnerships. Euclid High School students are able to earn over 150 dual-enrollment credits through our partnership with Lake Erie College. Through the addition of the new conference, student-athletes like Lisy and Harper are able to compete at a higher level both academically and athletically. It has been an exciting year for the Euclid Schools and there is no sign of slowing down.

"We could not be more proud to be accepted into what we believe to be one of the strongest conferences in Ohio. We know that it will be a challenge, but we believe in our students here and know they will compete and represent our school proudly. The Euclid Panthers deserve to be here."

Play in the Greater Cleveland Conference is set to begin for the 2015-2016 school year and the Euclid Panthers are elated.

Dancing Classrooms Colors of the Rainbow Team Match

Colors of the Rainbow Team Match SEMI FINALS

SATURDAY, May 10, 2014, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Cuyahoga Community College – Metropolitan Campus AUDITORIUM

2900 Community College Ave. Cleveland, Ohio 44115

FREE & Open to the Public – No Tickets Required

Come and cheer on the 5th graders representing BLUESTONE ELEMENTARY as the PINK TEAM, SHOREVIEW ELEMENTARY as the PURPLE TEAM, ARBOR ELEMENTARY as the RED TEAM, and CHARDON HILLS as the YELLOW TEAM in the Semi Final round of Dancing Classrooms Northeast Ohio's Colors of the Rainbow Team Match!

Dress in your schools color, make posters and signs to show your support, and get ready to answer "WHAT COLOR?" as you cheer your students on. Students earning GOLD will advance to the Grand Finals on SUNDAY, May 18th at 4:00 in the Ohio Theatre at Playhouse Square!

Ode To Poetry Month: An EHS Student Poem

By: Re'sha Latimer
By the Marigolds stands the compact crew;

Among them was I, staring at my hands.

In one hour came the whimsical change;

A sound sorrier than Silence, it caused

When did the cogs of Fate begin to turn?

Time has yet to unravel my answers…

Beneath my feet, the mocking Acorns crunch

As I walk the desolate road ahead.

In my own silent pleas, I lose myself;

Lift my words skyward, oh, whispering winds!

Of my frail figure, the delicate tears

Are never-ending-like the night sky's stars.

As I stand in the moonlight, I gaze out

To the waving Forget-Me-Nots below.

Like a Weeping Willow, my spirit droops,

Waiting for the Poppies to consume it.

For we shall, when that time comes, meet again

To explore our afterlife together.

Spring Sports Schedule Come cheer on the EHS Panthers!

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shardaway@euclidschools.org

View Updated Schedules at: www.schedulestar.com
*All schedules are subject to change.

Boys Varsity Baseball — Head Coach: Brian LeRoy

pr. 21	@Cleve. Hts.	4:30pm
pr. 22	@Gilmour	4:30pm
pr. 23	Warren Harding	4:30pm
pr. 26	@Captains St. Riv.	11:00am
pr. 28	Parma	4:30pm
pr. 30	Shaw	4:30pm
ay 1	Lorain	4:30pm
ay 5	Beford	4:30pm
ay 7	@Maple Hts.	4:30pm
ay 8	@ Warren Harding	4:30pm
ay 12	@Kirtland	4:30pm

Boys JV Baseball — Coach: John Kane

Apr. 21	@Cleve. Hts.	4:30pm
Apr. 22	@Gilmour	4:30pm
Apr. 23	Warren H.	4:30pm
Apr. 28	@Warrensville	4:30pm
Apr. 30	Shaw	4:30pm
May 1	Lorain	4:30pm
May 5	Bedford	4:30pm
May 7	@Maple Hts.	4:30pm
May 8	@Warren H.	4:30pm
May 12	Kirtland	4:30pm

Boys Track — Coach: Scott Gay

May 3	@Optiamist Meet	9:00am
May 7	Warrensville	4:30pm
May 9	Euclid Relays	3:30pm
May. 14	@LEL Meet	4:30pm
May. 21	@District Meet	4:30pm
May 23	@District Meet	4:30pm
May. 28	@Regional Meet	4:00pm
May 30	@Regional Meet	4:00pm
June 6	@State Meet	4:30pm
June 7	@State Meet	4:30pm

Boys Varsity Tennis — Head Coach: Fred Berardinelli

ay 1	St. Johns	4:00pm
ay 7	@Normandy	4:00pm
ay 12	@Kirtland	4:00pm

Girls Varsity Softball — ead Coach: Jason Cleaver

ay 1	@Lorain	4:30pm
ay 2	@Perry	7:00pm
ay 5	@Bedford	4:30pm
ay 7	Maple	4:30pm
ay 9	@Rocky River	4:30pm
ay 10	@Laurel	9am/11am

Girls JV Softball — Coach: Andre Ramseur

May 1	@Lorain	4:30pm
May 2	@Perry	5:30pm
May 5	@Bedford	4:30pm
May 7	Maple	4:30pm
May 9	@Rocky River	4:30pm

Girls Track — Coach: Larry Nosse

May 2	@Painesville H.	4:00pm
May 7	Warrensville	4:30pm
May 9	Euclid Relays	3:30pm
May 14	LEL Meet @Warrensville	2:00pm
May 21	District Meet @Mentor	4:00pm
May 23	District Meet @Mentor	4:00pm
May 28	Regional Meet @Austintown	4:00pm
May 30	Regional Meet @Austintown	4:00pm
June 6	@OSU (State Meet)	4:30pm
June 7	@OSU (State Meet)	4:30

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Exciting New Preschool Program at Our Lady of the Lake

A quality school setting is important for nurturing young students

by Sarah Gyorki

Studies have clearly shown how important early childhood education is to your child's success in school and in life. So it's particularly exciting that local families have a new, quality option for preschool coming this fall at Our Lady of the Lake School.

Principal Rita Kingsbury is introducing an innovative, curriculum-based preschool that offers the highest quality of education at affordable rates, with flexible full and half-day options. Students will benefit not only from experienced, highly qualified teachers, but also access to a full array of school amenities, including a complete gymnasium, dedicated art and music rooms, iPads and a computer lab.

Our Lady of the Lake School has been expanding its advanced, enrichment and extracurricular offerings at all grade levels, while maintaining small classrooms with lots of teacher attention, advanced technology initiatives, and a warm, nurturing environment grounded in faith, academics and community. They are currently accepting registrations for Pre-K through 8th grade. For registration information or to schedule a tour, contact Rita Kingsbury, Principal, at (216) 481-6824 or by email at kingsburyr@ourladyofthelake-school.org. .

Our Lady of the Lake Ramps up the Fun for 200th Street Stroll!

by Dana Heil

We all love the E. 200th Street Stroll, with all its opportunities to meet neighbors, visit local merchants and get out and about in the community. Our Lady of the Lake loves the Stroll so much, we're putting on a party to celebrate!

At the corner of Lakeshore Blvd. and E. 200th Street visitors will find live music, kids games, crafts and prizes, snacks and refreshments and fun for all ages. It's all free and open to the public, so stop by and visit us any time between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 31st. You can also buy your wristband for non-stop rocket car and trolley rides, and make this your kick-off point for enjoying all that the 200th Street Stroll has to offer. We're looking forward to meeting some new friends, and enjoying a great day with our neighbors!

Monthly Prayer Walks

by Dana Heil

The last Saturday of each month, a cluster of Lakeshore churches gets together to host a prayer walk throughout different parts of our neighborhood. It's a great way to meet friends, get a little fresh air and share some conversation. All ages and denominations are welcome, so bring a friend and come join us. This month's Prayer Walk begins at Our Lady of the Lake on Saturday, May 31, at 10:00am. We'll be walking through the E. 200th Street Stroll, so it's bound to be a fun morning. For more information about our Prayer Walks and other activities, visit Our Lady of the Lake on facebook, where we share photos and other information.

Youth Mass Celebrates Young People

by Rita Testa

In his World Youth Day homily, Pope Francis said: "The Church needs you, your enthusiasm, your creativity and the joy that is so characteristic of you." Our Lady of the Lake is excited to celebrate the creativity, joy and enthusiasm of our young people in monthly youth masses. Friends and neighbors of all ages are invited to join any of these celebrations.

May 11, 2014 10:00 am: Mother/Daughter Mass

June 15, 2014 10:00 am: Father/Son Mass

For a full schedule of mass times, visit Our Lady of the Lake online at www.ourladyofthelakeoh.org, or call (216) 486-0850. All are welcome!

Vacation Bible School Means Summer Fun

by Rita Testa

Our Lady of the Lake Vacation Bible School runs June 9-13, and we're planning some big fun for the little ones! Last year's western theme was a big hit, with plenty of music, dancing and crafts for everyone. This year's program promises plenty of surprises, with games and activities to make this a week packed with fun. A wonderful team of youth helpers keep all the campers busy from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and make sure a good time is had by all. Any child between the age of 4 and grade 5 is welcome, and at just $35 for the week, it's an affordable way to make sure kids have some special activities this summer.

Families registering before May 19th get a $5 discount, but hurry because space is limited and the final registration deadline is May 30th. For registration and information, call Rita Testa at (216) 486-0850 or email rita@ourladyofthelakeoh.org.

Round up the campers!

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Solving the Homework Challenge

by Molly Wimbiscus, MD

Life is busy! Four kids, 8 years old and younger, full time jobs and some weekend work, several extracurricular activities--how can we find time for homework?! Oddly, homework is a peaceful time of day. After dinner, kids at the table, excited to read their "just right" books for at least 30 minutes that they have chosen with care from their book boxes at school, write in their journals briefly, sometimes practice math as directed by their teachers. I have never had an unnecessary worksheet to check or watched a child stress over ambiguous directions. They know exactly what to do, and I can relax reading with them (as needed) or listening to them read as we clean up the kitchen and get things ready for the next day.

If homework is a reflection of school, the Intergenerational Schools must be a calm and reassuring place. My children know exactly what is expected of them. They gain confidence throughout the year as they transition into new developmental stages. Mae informed me that she is now an "early beginner," and I wish you could see the delight in her eyes! She is writing real words in her "Quick Write" journal that started out as pictures of "details" just a few short months ago. Last week, she took my hand on a walk and said, "Mom, I can't wait to write about my weekend in my journal!"

Why do I notice this time of day if it is so easy? Why would it be otherwise? I am a child psychiatrist and work closely with many families struggling over homework challenges. In many homes, this time of day is a nightmare and leads to anxiety and frustration for kids and parents alike. Intergenerational educators have gracefully trained us as parents and our children in the meaningful routine of authentic homework. This is just one distinctive element of the Intergenerational Way!

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We are thrilled to announce Lakeshore Intergenerational School will be opening in Collinwood August 2014, enrolling grades K-2!
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Saturday, May 31 10:00am - 11:30am
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Ss. Robert & William Catholic School and Parish Celebrate the Fine Arts

by Ellen Ivory

On Wednesday, May 21, 2014, 6:30p.m.-8:00p.m., Ss. Robert and William Catholic School will host its final "Evening of Learning." The focus of this particular night is a School and Parish Art Exhibit/Auction and Music Performance.

The evening will begin in the Upper Hall of the school with its "All Parish and School Art Exhibit." Ms. Elizabeth Edwards, Art Teacher, has been working with the students, and their exhibit will focus on imagination and superheroes.

Members of the parish have also been invited to participate by displaying their unique handmade items. Traditionally, these pieces range from poetry to fiber wear. Additionally, an art auction will take place offering guests the opportunity to bid on framed photographs by the late Mr. Fred Owens, a longtime Euclid resident.

To round out the evening, the School Band and Parish Choir will present an array of music beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the gym. Faculty member, Mrs. Beth Wortman and Music Director, Mr. Jim Markel have been working with the groups to present a harmonious performance.

"I find this evening so inspirational," states Fr. John D. Betters. He continues, "This is an intergenerational event that showcases the giftedness of our students and our parishioners. I invite the community to come out and experience this evening with us."

Ss. Robert & William School is located at 351 East 260th St., Euclid. For additional information, please visit www.srwschool.cc or call 216.731.3060.

Warriors on the Track!

Erin Prendergast is all smiles at the finish.

Warrior throwers with Olympic hopeful Matt DeChant

Young Warriors enjoying a track meet

Andre Rodgers makes his mark for the long jump.

by Laurene Sweet

The three Catholic Schools in Euclid (Our Lady of the Lake, St. John of the Cross, and Ss. Robert and William) joined forces in March to form a new track and field team in town! Seventy kids in the 3rd through 8th grade are sprinting, running distance, hurdling, throwing discus and shot put, high jumping, and long jumping for the Warrior Track and Field team sponsored by Ss. Robert and William School. The team spent the first two weeks in March in Track Camp where they learned relay hand-offs, speed and agility drills, warm up routines, and basic running form. As the season progressed, the athletes participated in field event clinics with the help of local coaches from a variety of high schools and colleges. Recently, the shot put and discus throwers experienced the rare opportunity to work with Matt DeChant, a graduate of Ohio State University, who plans to compete in the next Olympic Trials!

So far, the team has really made their mark at the CYO track meets. There are a number of athletes who are top performers among hundreds of competitors for the Diocese of Cleveland. These athletes include:

Hurdlers: Ronald Wilson, Zion Williams, Christian Wilson, Danielle Tarsitano, and Andrew Kijauskas

Sprinters: Simone Knox, Charlie Eppich, Sean Hudson, Andre Terry, Clara Maruna, Amanda Ostroske, Andre Rodgers, Christian Wilson, Carmen Cremonese, Danielle Tarsitano, Sarah Ward, Grace Grove, Erin Prendergast, Christian Wilson, and Voni Jones

Distance Runners: Sarah Grubach, Sammy Turk, Mary Lombardo, Michael Ward, Neil Jones, Ella Lisac, Erin Prendergast, Jason Repasy, Morgan Balazs, and Grace Grove

Long Jumpers: Andre Terry, Andre Rodgers, Cooper Coyne, Sydney Freeman, Clara Maruna, Ella Lisac, Erin Prendergast, Jason Repasy, Carmyn Cremonese

Shot Putters: Mychal Simmons, Charlie Eppich, Dylan Wimbs, Mary Lombardo, Simone Knox, Madison Jablonski, Makaila Alexander

Discus Throwers: Sean Jones, Owen Lisac, Andrew Kijauskas, and Karli DeChant

High Jumpers: Grace Grove and Morgan Balazs

Congratulations to the entire Warrior Track team for a great season so far. The team has a few more regular meets before heading to Championships on May 17 and 18. Go Warriors!

Ray Fogg receives Honorary degree

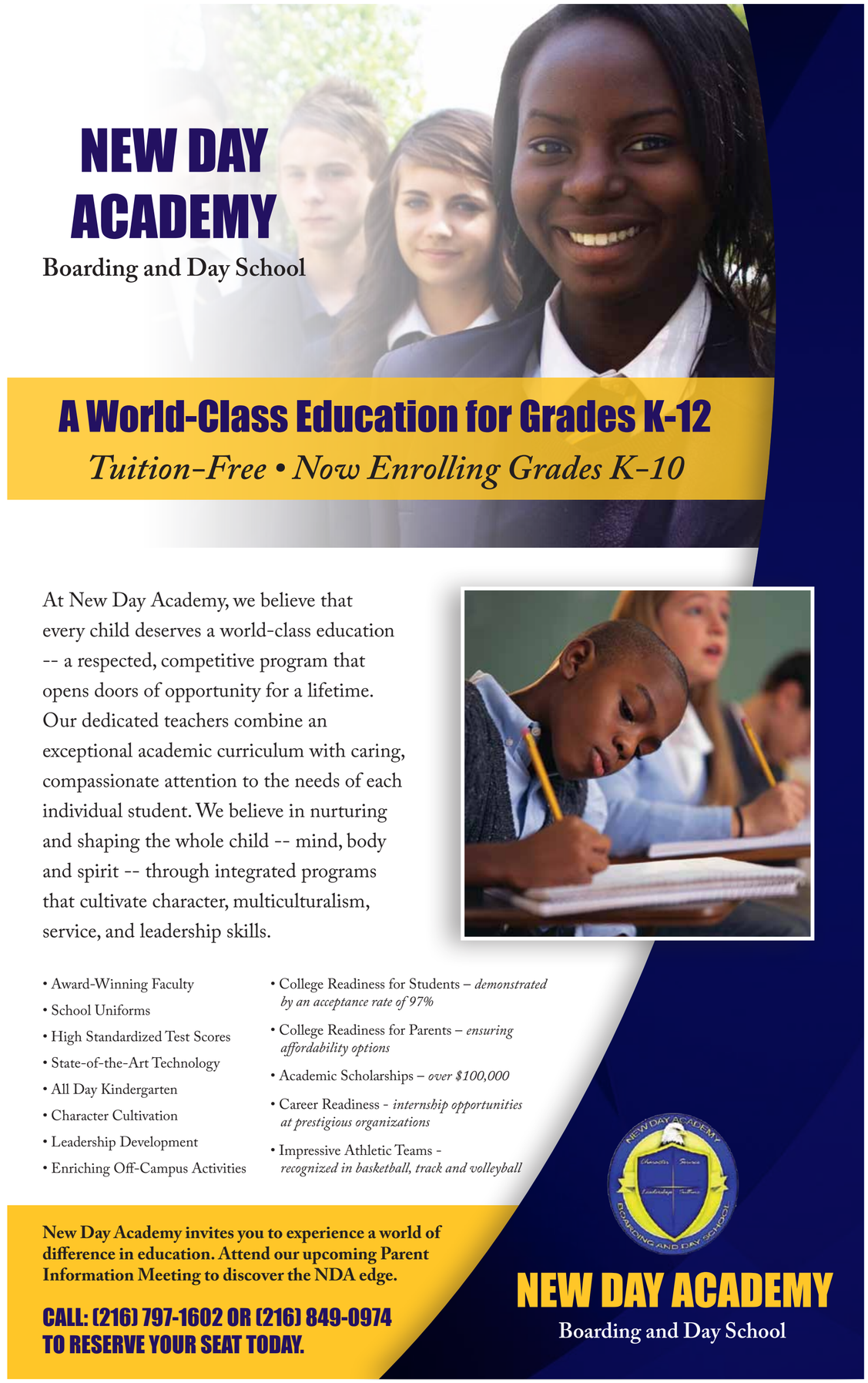
by Ray Fog Jr.

Ray Fogg Building Methods, Inc. of Brooklyn Heights, Ohio is proud to announce that its Founder and Chairman, Ray B. Fogg, Sr., will receive an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Ohio University at its commencement ceremony on May 2, 2014. Mr. Fogg, who founded his company in 1959, has overseen it become one of the premiere design/build firms in the region, building over 5,000 projects. In addition, he has developed numerous industrial and business parks including Bluestone Business Park (located here in Euclid) and is the CEO of over 50 companies which own and manage over 2,500,000 square feet of industrial and office space in Ohio and Michigan.

Aside from his entrepreneurial endeavors, Mr. Fogg is a longtime humanitarian and philanthropist who has served on many boards of service organizations. Over the course of his lifetime, he has made significant humanitarian contributions through personal charitable work in developing nations, including Guatemala, Honduras and Somalia. In these regions, his building expertise has had a profound effect on the local community and improving quality of life through sound construction of homes, churches, schools and other community spaces. Through the dedication of his time, talents and equipment at his disposal, he was able to make a significant impact on individual lives by providing emergency medical transportation as a pilot, relief supplies and construction management services to communities in dire need of such assistance.

His involvement with Ohio University is equally impactful. Mr. Fogg is a Trustee Emeritus of The Ohio University Foundation Board (2002-2012). He also is a member of the Ohio University Russ College of Engineering and Technology Board of Visitors, the Department of Civil Engineering Advisory Board, and that department's Advisory Board for Construction Engineering Management – a program he conceived, championed and saw implemented as a board member.

Ray Fogg Building Methods, Inc. celebrates this achievement and looks forward to its founder being Dr. Fogg!



Community

Shore Class Schedule

DANCE CLASSES

Creative Movement and Dance Training
Instructor: Tom Evert
When: Mondays May 5-July 7, 5:00-6:00pm
With the joy of moving through space, students will engage the creative process while building the fundamentals of dance technique through attention to body awareness, strength, flexibility, coordination and musicality. Students will also have an opportunity to create movement studies of their own and with others.
Ages 5-12
Room 241
Fee: $9/class or $75/10 classes

Teen Modern Dance Technique and Repertory
Instructor: Tom Evert
When: Thursdays May 8-July 10, 5:00-6:15pm
These classes focus on establishing a strong dance technique in Modern Dance to prepare to perform creative works of the students and the instructor. The class objective is to build a focused ensemble of young dancers and provide performance opportunities at community events.
Ages 13-18
Room 258
Fee: $9/class or $75/10 classes

The Art of Movement: Adult Dance
Instructor: Tom Evert
When: Mondays May 5-July 7, 6:15-7:30pm
This friendly class serves wellness, conditioning, creativity and fun. Classes offer movement activities that emphasize greater body awareness, strength, flexibility and creative expression. The classes are based in the modern dance tradition and integrate breath and music which integrate the whole person through movement experiences. Tom has a gift of serving both experienced and non-experienced dancers, is the artistic director of the "DancEvert" company, and is a former member of the Paul Taylor Dance Company of New York City.
Ages 18+
Room 241
Fee: $9/class or $75/10 classes

Chicago Steppin' Dance Class
Instructors: Marvin Menifee
When: Wednesdays, 7:00-8:45pm
This class will teach the basic dance steps for the dance style called Chicago Steppin'. What to bring: Ladies should wear leather bottom 2-inch heels. Men should wear leather soled shoes.
Ages 10+
Room 258
Fee: $5
To register: (216) 376-2858 or mmenifee1@hotmail.com

Traditional West African Dance
Instructor: Tam Tam Magic (Tanya Robinson)
When: Tuesdays May 20-July 29
Beginners: 6:00-7:30pm Advanced: 7:00-7:45pm (pre-registration required for Advanced)
Classes are designed to help students increase physical activity by learning traditional West African Dance movements and choreography. No experience required for beginners' class.
What to bring: Comfortable workout clothes, water bottle.
Room 258
Fee: $5/class
Pre-registration required. For more information call (216) 337-5606 or email robinson2mbaye@roadrunner.com

FITNESS CLASSES

Teen Yoga
Instructor: Maria D'Amico
When: Mondays May 5-June 19, 6:15-7:15pm
In this class, pre-teens ages 13-15 learn basic yoga poses and breathing that help strengthen their bodies and relieve stress.
Ages 13-15
Fee: $45 all sessions / $10 drop
Room 239

Hatha Yoga
Instructor: Maria D'Amico
When: Mondays May 5-June 19, 7:30-8:30pm
Join in the 5 week series that explores the "Ha" through energetic postures, and "tha" with relaxing poses. What to bring: yoga mat and workout clothes, and bring a pair of socks because yoga is practiced barefoot.
Ages 18+
Fee: $45 all sessions / $10 drop in
Room 239

Karate
Instructor: Dontrelle Callahan
When: Monday through Thursday, 6:00-7:00pm
Black Dragon Kenpo Karate is a hybrid martial art containing both the beauty of Chinese Kung Fu and the fierce power of Japanese Karate.
Ages 4+
Room 29
Fee: $45/month OR $135/month (3-5 people) DRAGON PACKAGE: purchase 2 months($90) and receive the next 3 months free. (in-school regulations apply) Available (now-April) New clients only.

Black Dragon Kenpo Karate Camp!
Monday-Friday, May 30-August 29; 8:00am-5:00pm
Camp activities include martial arts, crafts, scholastics, tumbling, exercise, discipline, and more.
Fee: 1 child: $75/week, 3 children: $200 week
For more information, call (216) 450-0581 or email blackdragonkenpo@yahoo.com

Jazzercise
Instructor: Sun Ok Jackson
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:15-7:15pm, Saturdays 9:00-10:00am
When you love your workout, results come easy. Jazzercise blends aerobics, yoga, pilates, and kickboxing movements into fun dance routines set to fresh music. All fitness levels are welcome.
Auditorium Gym
To register/pricing: (216) 261-6178 or email sunokjazz@yahoo.com

Body Sculpting TM
Instructor: Certified Body Sculpting Instructor
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 22-June 17; June 19-July 15; July 17-August 12; 6:30-7:30pm
Build and sculpt your lean muscles, strengthen your core, and improve strength and flexibility while burning fat and calories. Beginner to advanced fitness levels welcome. Work out at your own pace.
What to bring: 5-pound dumbbells, exercise mat, water bottle, and stretch band.
Community Room 125
Fee: $55 per 8-class term or $130 for three 8-class terms
To register: (440) 729-3463 or www.flexcity.com

Pilates at Shore
Instructor: Michelle Stachnik
When: Thursdays 6:00-7:00pm; Saturdays 9:00-10:00am
Come experience the Power of Pilates. Join us for core strengthening, muscle toning, stretching, resistance, and flexibility training. This class incorporates the techniques of Joseph Pilates plus new concepts and techniques including Barre work and the use of small apparatus equipment like balls and bands. No enrollment needed, ongoing drop-in class. What to bring: comfortable clothing, yoga mat, weights (optional, no more than 5 lbs.)
Ages 15+, all fitness levels
Fee: First trial class is free. Drop-in for $7/class or purchase a pass $49/8 classes Room 239

ART CLASSES

Cartooning
Instructor: Josh Usmani
When: Saturdays April 12-June 21 (no class June 7); 10:00am-Noon
This course will cover a wide range of cartooning practices including character creation/development (people, animals, fictional creatures, inanimate objects, etc.), backgrounds/scenery, narrative storytelling, caricatures, observational drawing from life, various demos (colored pencil, watercolor, pen/brush and ink, scratchboard, etc.), group critiques, guest artists and more! By the end of each session, students will leave having created at least one original work of art. By the end of the full course, students who attend regularly will complete a comic strip, comic book or piece/series of "Pop Art". Each lesson will build towards this final project, but each lesson could also stand alone for students who cannot attend regularly.
Ages 10+
Fee: $15 per class // $135 for all 10
Room 254

Pottery Open Studio
Instructors: Eileen Sheehan and Jayson Hayes
When: Mondays and Wednesdays 6:00-9:00pm with Jayson Hayes; Tuesdays 11:00am-2:00pm with Eileen Sheehan
For all levels, from beginner through advanced. Learn a variety of ceramic techniques, including hand-building, throwing on a potter's wheel and glazing methods. You may work on projects of your choice. Glazes, tools and firing are provided. Two types of clay are available for purchase.
All ages welcome. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.
Studio Fee: $8/hour per person ($6/hour if you prepay for a punch card of 10 hours)
Clay Fee: $20 for 15lb of clay (+ glazes)
Room 43

Black and White Card Creations
Instructor: Rochelle Schiffbauer
When: Saturday May 10, 10:30 am
Ready to create some striking cards for a variety of occasions? I love the combo of black and white cards, and that is what we will be using to create our eight cards in this class. Printed papers, a variety of techniques and lots of fun!! Bring your own coffee cup if you would like to have a cup a' joe. Bring to class: scissors, bone folder or scoring tool, double stick adhesive, dimensional dots or tape.
Ages: Adults
Fee: $18
Room 257

Kids Open Art Studio
Instructor: Rozenia Cunningham
When: Saturdays 10:00-11:30am 2nd Saturdays are FREE with RSVP
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When: Tuesdays May 6-27 10:00am-Noon
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Parent and Child Create a Mosaic Stepping Stone
Instructor: Rozenia Cunningham
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Saturday, June 14th 4-9pm @ Sims Park
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Euclid Farmers' Market
Fridays starting May 23rd 3-7pm @ Shore Cultural Centre
The Euclid Farmers' Market features locally grown and organic produce, baked goods, bedding plants, herbs, jams, honey, tea, and more!! We also feature live music and regularly schedule free activities for kids and families.

Relay for Life
Friday, June 6th 6pm @ Shore Cultural Centre
Relay for Life is a celebration of survivorship—an occasion to express hope and our shared goal to end a disease that threatens the lives of so many people we love. There are many ways you can get involved with your local Relay for Life event. Visit relayforlife.org for more information.

DANCEVERT Presents 'Wonders of our World'
Friday, June 6th @ Shore Cultural Centre
The dance event to kick off the summer will be held on Friday, June 6th, in coordination with the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event at Shore. DANCEVERT will team up with students from Arbor Elementary, Shore's dance programs, and others for a modern dance performance that highlights geometry, patterns, and the dimensions of our world. Exact show times to be announced.

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by Lisa Graham

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Ask the Experts: Relieving Your Joint Pain

by Sabrina Powers

Invite family members and neighbors who are experiencing joint pain to the "Ask the Experts: Relieving Your Joint Pain" program featuring a panel of Cleveland Clinic specialists on Thursday evening, May 22nd, at the 700 Beta Banquet & Conference Center, 700 Beta Drive in Mayfield Village.

The evening will include complimentary health screenings, wellness information and a sit-down dinner. A lively, informal Q & A discussion will follow with a panel of medical and surgical physicians specializing in acute injuries such as ACL tears and rotator cuff tears; chronic disease including arthritis and osteoporosis; sports and exercise injuries; arthroscopic surgery, total joint replacements and fracture care. Included on the panel is Robert Nickodem, Jr, MD, orthopaedic surgeon at Euclid Hospital.

Cost of the program is $15. Reservations are required. For more information, visit clevelandclinic.org/jointpain.

Grants Awarded to Hospice School Crisis Response Program

by Laurie Henrichsen

Hospice of the Western Reserve has received continued grant funding of its School Crisis Response Program from the Ridgecliff Foundation ($25,000) and the Pentair Foundation ($1,325) in 2014. Both foundations have provided annual support since 2007, enabling the experienced counselors of the nonprofit agency's Elisabeth Severance Prentiss Bereavement Center to respond to students and staff when death-related crises occur in Northeast Ohio's school communities.

In the period of 2007 through 2013, counselors provided 150 immediate on-site responses in the aftermath of suicides, shootings, accidental deaths, unexpected sudden deaths, and anticipated deaths due to serious illness. Each crisis response is carefully planned in coordination with the school's staff, to fit the specific needs of the impacted school community.

"We're grateful for this continued support, which allows our team of trained counselors to provide immediate, on-site support for administrators, staff, students and parents in collaboration with school crisis response team members," said Diane Snyder Cowan, Director of the Elisabeth Severance Prentiss Bereavement Center.

The school crisis response team helps the students develop a normalized view of the grief process, find appropriate ways to express their feelings, and memorialize the deceased. After the initial response, many schools invite the counselors back to lead follow-up activities such as grief support groups and classroom presentations.

The Elisabeth Severance Prentiss Bereavement Center's School Crisis Response Program supplements the programs and resources already available in schools. "We offer proactive consultation services, and presentations on the grief responses of children and adolescents for teachers and school staff," Snyder Cowan said. More information is available at www.hospicewr.org/grief-loss, or by phone at 216.486.6838.

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Events

My Jury Duty Experience

by Kurt Steigerwald

Have you ever wondered what jury duty was like? This past October, I had the opportunity to serve on Euclid's Municipal Court providing me with a unique perspective on the experience overall, our community and the processes of our justice system.

Sometime in September, I received a summons from the court system informing me that I was required to serve on Euclid's Municipal Court. Having never served, I was interested to learn that I would be required to be available for jury duty for four Mondays. (In most cases, these are consecutive Mondays. In my case, one of the days fell on the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, so I skipped one week and the time period covered five weeks.) Every Thursday, potential jurors were instructed to call the Court to see if they were needed the following Monday.

In speaking with other people, the experience and time commitment is different depending on which court you are serving.

After three weeks of not being needed, the potential service day had me and 19 other potential jurors all coming to Euclid's Municipal Court at 9 AM Monday morning. Immediately upon entering and signing in, I was assigned a random number. All of my fellow jurors then sat in a room awaiting further instructions.

Interestingly, I learned how small of a city Euclid really is as I knew several other jurors. My children's former principal was there, as was one of their classmate's father. A city council person was within the group of 20, as was the daughter of the law director. I may have known one other person in passing.

Shortly after 9 AM, we were called into the courtroom in order as the first group of jurors were seated in the jury booth with the rest of us watching for the time being from the benches. I am the forth alternate. Enter Judge Debra LeBarron who resides over Euclid Municipal Court. After some thorough instructions, the prosecutor and the lawyer for the defendant begin their work.

They begin by asking each juror a series of questions to determine if they should be excluded from the jury pool. The attorneys are looking for bias, personal knowledge of the case or anything that may indicate to them that the interest of their case is best served with another juror. After some interviewing, one-by-one, three jurors are dismissed for various reasons. (I enjoyed guessing who I would have kicked off the jury.)

At that point, my number is called and Iam invited into the jury box. Apparently, they need an alternate in case any of the other members can't make it through the entire proceedings. Once I pass the quizzing process from both attorneys, Judge LeBarron then excuses all the other jurors and thanks them for their service. Lucky me, I'm slated to spend my day listening to all the details of the case.

Our case involved a child endangerment charge against a mother of two young children. The convoluted case included confusion all around as one of the main witnesses, the boy's father, gave conflicting, confusing and argumentative testimony that left the prosecutor frustrated as he tried to find the truth. The defense attorney, who seemed overmatched in this case as she fumbled through questions often repeating herself, wisely did not put her client on the stand. If there was one thing I learned from this experience it was that not testifying is not only everyone's right, but in a case like this, may be in the best interest of the client as everyone is not good at telling their story without looking like they are lying.

It seems that this entire case was the result of pent-up frustration between the parents of the children. The testimony provided a window into another world, where care for young children falls upon a patchwork of relationships, including single parents who don't live together at all times, grandparents, aunts and anyone who can help. As a juror I found myself feeling sorry for the children, hoping the parents could straighten out their confused lives so that these young boys could grow up with some normalcy.

After several hours, including a one-hour lunch break, the attorneys presented their closing arguments. After that, Judge LeBarron asked all the jurors if they were able to effectively reach a decision. With a positive response from all the jurors, I received the surprise of the day – I was excused.

All day in a juror's box, paying close attention to every detail of the case. Running through every scenario in my mind. I even had thoughts put together regarding how I would vote – guilty or innocent. Yet now I was being dismissed. While I was disappointed, wondering how my fellow jurors would vote on this case, I left the courtroom with the understanding that I had done my civic duty. I also enjoyed learning about the process of being a juror, how a courtroom really works, and developed an appreciation for those who must sit through dozens of these cases in their profession. While some may think a local municipal court is for small offenses, the importance of the issues they address are in many ways more salient to everyday life than the high-profile cases we hear about in the media.

In my case, the attorneys, judge and jurors were deciding what actions should be taken that would be in the best interest of justice and two nice young boys. I hope my fellow jurors chose wisely.

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