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Ss. Robert and William Thankful for Community Support of 4th Annual International Family Festival

by Kristi Ward

So many at Ss. Robert and William Catholic Church are thankful for the outpouring of support for the fourth annual International Family Festival, which was held August 14-17 at the church grounds on 260th street.

The planners who labored over every tiny detail, the cooks and bakers who poured over family recipes, the volunteers who sold tickets, the workers who served food and drinks, the behind-the-scenes people who made sure everything was safe, the vendors who hoped visitors would enjoy their products, the entertainers who practiced and delivered their best shows and all the people who helped clean it all up - everyone who made the Ss. Robert and William Family Festival what it was - we are thankful for you.

We are also thankful that the weather cooperated, that the plans and details all came together, and that the residents of Euclid and neighboring communities came together to enjoy a weekend of fun, food, family and friends.

Thank you, we hope to see you next summer!

Ryan McManus and Grace Cooke were crowned Prince and Princess of the International Family Festival.

Ss. Robert and William students and alumni were happy to see eachother at the festival!

Members of the popular LifeTeen youth group served fresh popcorn and snow cones to the crowd

This boy was dreaming of owning one of the amazing classic cars at the Car Cruise In, held on Sunday at the festival!

Euclid Tops-off Summer Concert Series

Audience members enjoy the sights and sounds of the Summer at Sims Concert Series.

by Jonathan Holody

Good music, pleasant weather and a large crowd marked the City of Euclid's final summer concert at Sims Park on Thursday, August 28th. The evening featured original jazz pieces from the Ryann Anderson Trio and internationally acclaimed singer-songwriter Luca Mundaca.

The Summer at Sims Concert Series was created this year by the City of Euclid in partnership with the Beachland Ballroom. The series offered a free concert on the last Thursday of each month from May through August.

The Henn Mansion and the shores of Lake Erie provided a scenic backdrop for residents and visitors alike to enjoy an array of live music and good food from locally-owned food trucks.

Beverages were available at a beer tent staffed by the Euclid Rising Professionals. All proceeds from the sale of alcohol at the events went to support local non-profit organizations, including Euclid's Polka Hall of Fame and PetFix of Northeast Ohio.

According to Urban Planning and Design Manager Jim Sonnhalter, "Sims Park is the perfect venue for live music." Concertgoers can enjoy great sunsets and the new walking paths and fishing pier, which were constructed at the park last year. The concert series has allowed the City to "really showcase our developing waterfront" added Sonnhalter.

By all accounts, the Summer at Sims Concert Series was a resounding success. A big "thank you" is extended to all of the city staff, residents, vendors and performers that made the 2014 concert series a great experience in Euclid.

Euclid Library Teen mural

by Rebecca McFarland

The Euclid Public Library has a new mural at the entrance to the teen department. Meg Garbincus, a teacher from the Euclid High School Art Department, painted this mural representing various book titles that many of us read in school. The mural that has the feel of a graphic novel with a variety of independent panels. Each one of the panels represents books such as "Huckleberry Finn," "Alice in Wonderland" and "Othello." All the titles have been on high school reading lists for generations.

Once the school year is up and running, a contest to guess the book titles will take place in the Teen Department. All ages are welcome to participate. A reception will be held at the end of the month to recognize Meg Garbincus and this beautiful addition to the library! We hope you'll stop by and take a look!

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From the desk of Mayor Bill Cervenik

Just when you thought that yellow barrel season was coming to an end, the reconstruction project for East 222nd Street has begun. This exciting and necessary project will cover the area of East 222nd Street between Tungsten Road and Euclid Avenue and will include new waterlines, minor widening of the street, paving, new street lighting, curbs, sidewalks and aprons. The $3 million project is being funded by the Cleveland Water Department, Cuyahoga County, the State of Ohio as well as local funding. A similar project was completed a few years ago along a larger section of East 222nd Street. This is a highly traveled road and the home to some of Euclid's largest and most notable businesses. The much needed improvements will benefit the day to day operations for these businesses and create a more welcoming entrance way for all of its many users. Tungsten Road, between East 222nd and East 200th Streets, is next in line for the same reconstruction improvements in 2015.

It's hard to believe that summer is coming to an end. I hope you had the opportunity to attend some of the new special events the City of Euclid offered over the past few months. I have heard from many people who were very pleased and proud of the Wind Festival that took place in June and the new monthly free summer concerts, which took place at Sims Park. We are planning to bring back these events next year and look to improve and expand their offerings. Please give me a call or email me with any suggestions you have for the events and any other topics you would like to discuss with me.

God Bless and let us all be thankful for what we have.

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Connect with friends and neighbors at The Conscious-Nest Community

by Kelly Quinn-Sands

With all of the troubles happening in our world today, we might find ourselves longing for a place where we can find nurturing, support and a closer sense of community. The ConsciousNest Community located at E. 200th St. and Lakeshore Blvd. is just such a place. I had a chat with the Director, Allyson Harris about "The Nest" and its role in bringing Euclid neighbors and and beyond together for spiritual growth.

Read the full interview with Allyson Harris at www.euclidobserver.com

Movie and Discussion on Brain Injury as Depicted in Movies

by Danyl Chambers

A free movie will be shown at Euclid Library in the Shore room on September 9th at 6:30 pm. 50 FIRST DATES starring Drew Barrymore and Adam Sandler is about a brain-injured young woman who can't remember what happens on the previous day. Because of her injury, she only lives in the moment, and every day when she wakes up, she has no memory of the past. Every day is a fresh start. Adam Sandler's character takes a liking to her but soon realizes that she has no memory of their first or their 50th date. He uses her injury to his advantage to get her to like him more by using information gathered on each date. Similar to the theme of the movie GROUNDHOG DAY, this comedy explores how one person exploits personal information known only from one party to his advantage. This movie has real issues that face a brain injured person and some made up by Hollywood. This movie is sponsored by Euclid Hospital's Brain Injury Support Group that meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7pm. There will be a short discussion about brain injury and how it is depicted in this movie by people who have had brain injuries. Other information will be available about head trauma and the effects of brain injury.216-738-1806 for questions.

Euclid Art Association

Euclid Art Association meeting September 8, 2014 at 7 p.m.
East Shore Methodist Church in Fellowship Hall
23002 Lake Shore Blvd. | Euclid, Ohio 44123

Euclid Art Associaton will be having a Fine Art Show at Lake Farmpark from Sept. 17 thru Nov. 2, 2014.

Reception is on Thurs. Sept 18 from 6-8 p.m. in the lobby of the entrance to Lake Farmpark.

www.EuclidArt.com | Euclid Art Association Gallery
Nancy Daly | 21128 North Street | Euclid, Ohio 44117

Free Community Luncheon Features Real-Life Stories about Hospice Care

by Laurie Henrichsen

Meet Danielle Wiggins of WKYC TV Channel 3 News!

Euclid residents are invited to join Hospice of the Western Reserve's African American Outreach Committee at a free community luncheon event entitled, "Voices for Hospice: Who cares? We do! Putting the Pieces Together," on Saturday, Oct. 11, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Embassy Suites, 5800 Rockside Road, Independence. The event commemorates World Hospice and Palliative Care Day.

Mistress of ceremonies is Danielle Wiggins of WKYC TV Channel 3. A panel of hospice team members including a spiritual care coordinator, an art therapist and a pediatric social worker will talk about their specialties and share real-life stories about how their work provides comfort, hope and dignity to patients and their families. The luncheon is free, but registration is required. Registration is available online at hospicewr.org/voices or by calling 216.486.6645.

Attendees will also enjoy a fabulous display of handcrafted art courtesy of the African American Quilt and Doll Guild. A variety of nonprofit community organizations will provide educational exhibits and complimentary health care screenings.

"This luncheon provides a great opportunity for church groups, social organizations, families and friends to learn more about the hospice philosophy in a relaxed setting," said LaBena Fleming, Provider Relations Manager and co-chair of this year's event.

"Hospice empowers people to direct their wishes so they can live the final phase of life the way they choose," she added. "By the end of the program, I think the audience will be quite surprised about what they thought they knew -- and by what they didn't know -- about hospice."

"Hospice is not about giving up and ending life prematurely. It's about celebrating life and making the time remaining as meaningful as possible," added co-chair Jennifer Palmer, R.N. Pediatric Team Leader. "Hospice does not mean the family must give up faith and hope for healing. Hope is always a part of hospice."

Channel 3's Danielle Wiggins will serve as the Mistress of Ceremonies.

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It's Library Card Month!

by Rebecca McFarland

September is National Library Card Month and it's that time of year when we want to send our children off to school on the right foot! No matter what age, everyone benefits from the value of having a library card. At the Euclid Public Library we want to make sure that everyone has the access to materials they need.

A library card is your ticket to join the millions of Americans who turn to their public library to borrow books, magazines, DVDs, CDs and more - for FREE! For those who want to download, we have digital books, movies and music. Your library card saves you money by permitting you to do all this from the library's web site for free! Check it out at www.euclidlibrary.org.

Lately, there has been a growth in the number of people who come to the library for wiritng a resume, finding a good book, grabbing the latest DVD for family viewing, surfing the Internet or just finding a quiet place to relax with a magazine. It's no joke when they say that your library card is the smartest card in your wallet!

Since September celebrates library cards, why not make sure yours is up to date! Come in to the Euclid Public Library and guarantee that every member of your family has his or her own card. Even children and teens who visit without a guardian can get their own card. At the Euclid Public Library we've introduced the 3 For Me and the Teen Triad cards. These special cards don't need a parent's signature and are good to borrow up to three books. No movies or games may be borrowed on these cards - only books! We want to encourage every child to read, read and read some more!

Getting a library card is easy and free and will open your life to a whole new world of information, entertainment and opportunity. We hope to see you soon.

Collinwood Slovenian Home 2014 "Woman of the Year"

by Bob Podlogar

The Collinwood Slovenian Home is honoring their 2014 "Woman of the Year", Ann Dagg, with a dinner on Wednesday, September 17th. The event will be held at the Collinwood Slovenian Home, 15810 Holmes Avenue. A Swiss Steak dinner prepared by Julie Zalar will be served from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Doors open at 4:00 PM.

Dinner tickets are $13.00, and a cash bar will be available. For tickets or more information contact the Club Room (216-681-6649), or Mary Podlogar (216-486-6424).

Heroin Summit

by Laura Gorshe

Cuyahoga County Councilwoman Sunny Simon and Euclid City Councilwoman Laura Gorshe announce Heroin Summit focusing on rising heroin epidemic in Cuyahoga County

Euclid, OH – Heroin-induced deaths in Cuyahoga County have risen drastically, going from 40 in 2007 to 194 in 2013, according to Dr. Thomas P. Gilson, Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner.

To address and discuss this growing concern and how it affects Euclid residents, Sunny Simon, Cuyahoga County Council Member representing District 11 and Laura Gorshe, City of Euclid Council Member representing Ward 8, will be holding a Heroin Summit on Wednesday, September 17, at 6:30 pm at the Euclid Public Library. The meeting will be open to the public.

The summit will focus on the rising heroin epidemic in Cuyahoga County and speakers will include Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner Dr. Thomas Gilson, Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court Judge David T. Matia, Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court Judge Denise Rini, Cuyahoga County Sheriff Frank Bova, Euclid Police Captain Scott Meyer, Euclid Police Department, Narcotics and Vice Department Supervisor Detective Sergeant Tom Arriza and Euclid Fire Department Chief Christopher Haddock. All residents are encouraged and welcome to attend.

A special thank you to Euclid Public Library for hosting this event.

WHAT: Summit Meeting on Heroin Epidemic
WHEN: Wednesday, September 17, 2014 6:30PM
WHERE: Shore Room
Euclid Public Library
631 East 222nd Street
Euclid, Ohio 44123

New Home Rises from the Ashes

by Jonathan Holody

Nearly eighteen months after a fire completely destroyed a fully renovated house at 296 East 195th Street in Euclid, construction of a new home at the site is nearing completion. The City used insurance proceeds from the fire to hire Dinardo Builders of Chesterland, Ohio for the construction of the new house. The 1,350 square foot colonial-style home features three bedrooms and two and a half bathrooms. Modern amenities include a first floor laundry room, a gas fireplace, and state-of-the-art stainless steel appliances.

The home is currently available for sale to eligible home buyers for $126,900 through the City's Neighborhood Stabilization Program.

Marty Castelletti, Manager of Neighborhood Development for the City calls this a "great time to buy a house" in the City of Euclid. Home prices rose 8.5 percent in Euclid last year and interest rates remain low. According to Castelletti, many buyers can now afford a high-quality home for less than the cost to rent.

While the number of homes for sale has decreased from a year ago, buyers can still find houses in a variety of styles and price ranges in Euclid. For those seeking a site to build a new home, the City has a large inventory of buildable lots for sale for as little as $1.00.

For more information or to schedule a showing of the newly constructed home, please call Annabelle Neshkin of Century 21 Realty at (216) 215-3330.

Construction is nearly complete on this new home on East 195th Street in Euclid.

107 Cars Washed in 5 Hours!

2014 "Soaps It Up" Car Wash team....Action CARSTAR Auto Body, VASJ Viking Volleyball and Rick Case Honda

A little relief from the sun at the August 9th 6th Annual "Soaps It Up" Car wash for Make-A-Wish Foundation

VASJ girls volleyball team members make this car shine!

by Cheryl Cameron

Giving back……what could be a better way in the summer to help raise money for others than a car wash!

Held on Saturday, August 9th, the 6th Annual "Soaps-It-Up" car wash fundraiser was a huge success! This annual carwash is a nation-wide CARSTAR Auto Body event - raising funds for the the Make-A-Wish foundation of America, granting wishes for children with life-threatening medical conditions.

Action CARSTAR Auto Body of Euclid again partnered with the Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School Girl's Viking Volleyball team and local car dealer Rick Case Honda. The event was held at the VASJ High School and the front parking lot of Euclid Hospital where hospital employees had the opportunity to have their cars cleaned and shined!

The weather was gorgeous and the community came out to show their support! The girls worked incredibly hard washing cars and bringing in the passing traffic; washing 107 cars and beating their previous record!

A huge thank you to everyone who came out and got their car washed and made donations (many even donating just as they drove by), the Euclid business district, the volleyball parents, and Euclid Hospital/ Cleveland Clinic. The team raised over $2,200 this year, with half going to the volleyball program and the other half to the Make-A-Wish foundation.

Our total for the past six years is $11,599.00 with over 525 cars washed! We will see you again next year, Euclid!

Good luck VASJ's Lady Vikings in your upcoming season!

Pain management doesn't have to involve medications.

William Welches, DO, PhD

Too often, we treat pain with medications. Unfortunately, many pain medications have bad side effects and can be addictive. I encourage patients struggling with pain to consider all of their alternatives before resigning themselves to long-term medication usage.

Many of my patients are able to achieve significant relief of pain throughout their body (back, neck, shoulder, knees, chest and more) with osteopathic manipulation therapy (OMT) and acupuncture. Both are in-office procedures and are typically gentle.

In OMT, the physician uses his or her hands to manipulate patients' bodies into proper alignment as a way to ease pain. Such "manual medicine," the hallmark of osteopathic physicians, is generally covered by insurance. Acupuncture, the strategic placement of very thin needles to stimulate nerves and relieve pain, is not always covered.

Osteopathic physicians are trained to be holistic in their approach to patients. They try to treat the whole patient, not just one part of the body. As part of my holistic approach to pain, I strongly encourage my patients to improve their diet and exercise. These two acts alone can achieve positive results without medication.

I often suggest an anti-inflammatory diet, which can be a big change from the typical American diet. It involves eating a lot of vegetables (corn and potatoes don't count) and fish, with limited amounts of fruit, dairy and whole grains and very little red meat, flour or sugar. Basically, it is a vegan diet.

Following it is a challenge, but it is well worth it. Some patients start to feel much better in as little as two weeks. They have substantial pain relief as well as lower blood pressure and lower lipid, cholesterol and blood sugar levels. All this and no bad side effects!

With these approaches, I have seen patients overcome disabling pain and resume an active life without medications. If you think you might benefit from these steps, consider seeking a referral to a physician who specializes in a holistic approach to pain management.

Dr. Welches sees patients at Euclid and South Pointe hospitals. For an appointment with Dr. Welches or another specialist in Cleveland Clinic's Department of Pain Management, call 216.444.PAIN (7246). For more information, visit clevelandclinic.org/painmanagement.

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VASJ unveils 'new' Viking Village

The historic gymnasium at Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School – once known as the "Purple Palace" and now called the "Viking Village" – has undergone its first major transformation since it was built in 1950.

The "new" Viking Village was unveiled on Sunday, August 17, in a community-wide celebration of numerous improvements throughout the school.

"The thing about VASJ is that it is family," said Don Dailey, a 1970 graduate who now serves as chairman of the school's Board of Advisors. "I attended school here 40 years ago, and the memories have never gone away. Today was like a new beginning, although we did quite well in the old gym and we liked that, too."

Dailey and his wife, Mary Jo, provided a lead gift of $125,000 with an additional $125,000 loan in order to make the new gym possible.

"We are here today to celebrate our renewal – not our rebirth, because our faith never wavered," said VASJ President Richard Osborne, a 1969 graduate of the school. "Today we celebrate the resurgent strength that defines the character of Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School."

In addition to the Daileys' gift, the school's Oarsmen booster organization has guaranteed $30,000 toward the completion of the gym project. Athletic Director Nate Zavorek '94 explained that Phase I – state-of-the-art bleachers, repainting and other upgrades – will be followed by a second phase consisting of new and larger restrooms, a new concession stand and a spirit store.

More than 400 alums and friends of Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School gathered on August 17 for the "Look At Us Now" event which showcased the newly renovated gym and other updated facilities.

Phase II will be completed next summer.

"Mr. & Mrs. Dailey are believers," said Zavorek. "They believe in the students at VASJ, the school and, most important, the administration that is leading this institution to its new era. I personally would like to say thank you for believing in me and the VASJ community."

The Daileys were presented with a plaque from a group of VASJ student ambassadors, commemorating the day's event as the opening of the "new" Viking Village.

"This is beyond what we could have imagined," said Dailey. "It is a special place for a large group of people. For us, it is not about individuals. It is just a great honor to be part of this."

Bishop Roger W. Gries, O.S.B., concluded the program by blessing the gym.

"To everyone at Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School, congratulations on what you have accomplished and I hope and pray that with the blessing of this renovated gym that things will continue to be successful as you move forward here," said Bishop Gries.

"I think a very important part is to bring God into the picture," he added. "It was the hands of humans who did

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VASJ's Board of Advisors Chairman Don Dailey '70 and his wife, Mary Jo, were presented with a commemorative plaque by a group of student ambassadors for their lead gift and loan to the school which made the new gym possible.

Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School

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the labor but God was the inspiration. All of the wonderful things in the renovation, God gave us that gift."

The event, called "Look At Us Now," also showcased other improvements throughout the building while highlighting improvements still to come.

More than 400 alums and friends of VASJ attended the event. Students led tours of the building, making stops at the other renovated spaces including the main chapel, the Villa Angela Heritage Room and the chemistry lab.

The chapel has been rechristened Founders Chapel, honoring the founders of the school's sponsoring orders, the Marianists and the Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland. The Villa Angela Heritage Room, located in the upstairs library, now serves as a multipurpose room for meetings and special events.

Phase I of the chemistry lab renovation has been completed, including new cabinetry and other improvements made possible by the Lubrizol Foundation. A planned second phase will include new work stations.

Along the tour, event attendees also noticed newly painted walls, tile and lockers in the hallways on all three floors of the school. The work was performed in-house by VASJ's property management department and included the efforts of 12 students who worked at the school this summer.

VASJ Principal David Csank noted that the school is celebrating much more than the physical improvements to the building.

"For the third year in a row, 100% of our graduating seniors will be attending college," Csank said. "Although small in number, the Class of 2014 earned over $4.5 million in college scholarships."

Bishop Roger W. Gries, O.S.B., blesses the renovated Villa Angela Heritage Room at VASJ's "Look At Us Now" event while Rev. Ted Cassidy S.M., and Jacob Stauffer '16 look on. Bishop Gries blessed all of the school's renovated spaces.

The school's growing enrollment is even more cause for celebration. "Both the incoming freshmen and overall enrollment numbers are the highest they have been in many years," Csank said.

VASJ's enrollment is expected to be about 420 this year.

"We've come a long way," said Osborne. "And I am happy to report that we are positioned to continue serving this community for generations to come."

Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School is a Catholic, comprehensive college-preparatory school rooted in the Ursuline and Marianist traditions and committed to the spiritual, academic, and personal growth of each student.

VASJ Principal David Csank, Director of Advancement Babe Kwasniak '94, Director of Athletics Nate Zavorek '94 and President Richard Osborne '69 were among the presenters at the "Look At Us Now" event on August 17.

The Founders Chapel was one of the spaces at Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School to undergo a renovation this summer.

The shelves and walls of the Villa Angela Heritage Room, located in the upstairs library, are adorned with memorabilia. The space will now serve as a multipurpose room.

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Euclid City Schools

Congratulations to the 2014 Summer Graduates!

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Alexis Holloway spoke on behalf of the summer graduates.

Euclid City Schools

First Day of School

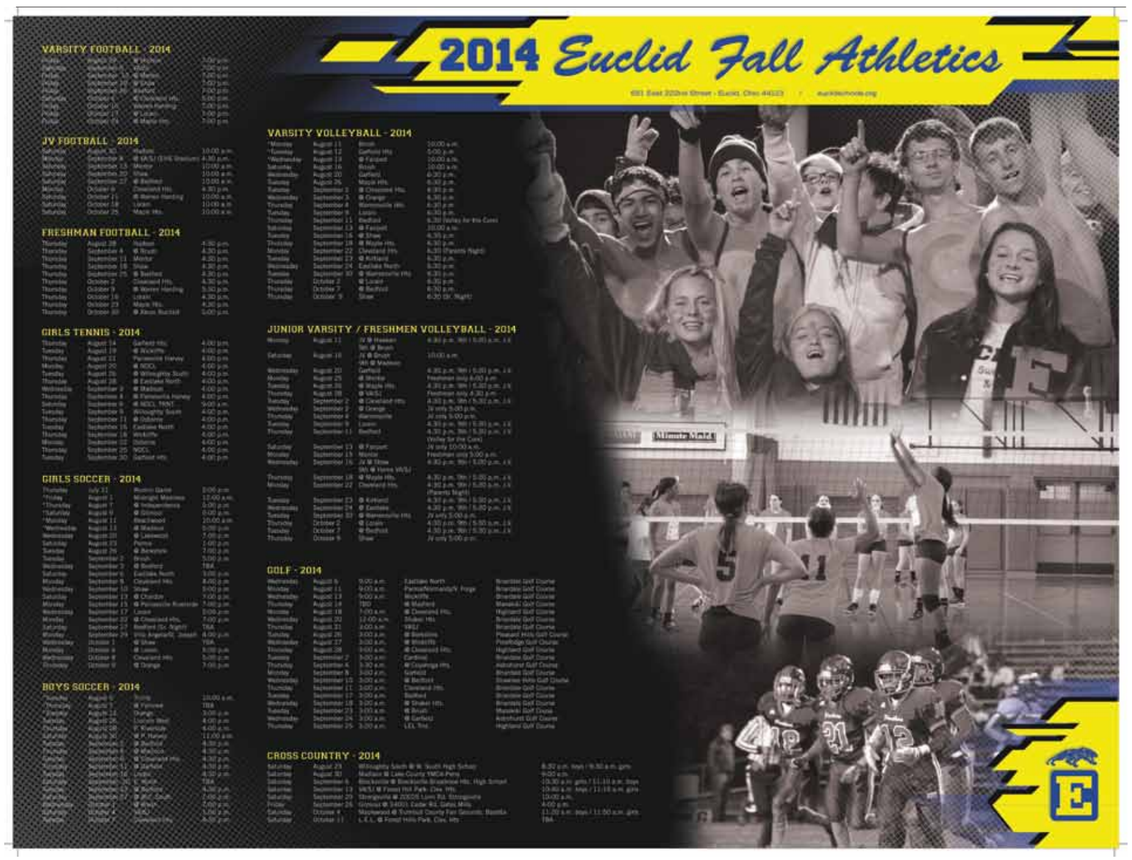
Freshmen walked the red carpet into EHS!

Arbor Principal Mrs. Simenc and Assistant Principal Steve Hardaway dressed as super heroes!

Bluestone students ended the first day with a fun assembly!

Superintendent Bell with Chardon HIlls Students on the first day of school.

Arbor Elementary School



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Mr. Dautovic teaches 7th Grade

Mrs. Zigman takes over a new 8th grade class

Miss Ward leads the new Spanish program

Miss Taylor (right) and Mrs. Benn had fun putting the new preschool center together this summer

Our Lady of the Lake Is Growing!

One advantage of growing our school is that we get to welcome new members to our talented teaching team. Our Lady of the Lake School is happy to introduce these four wonderful educators to the community. Mr.Dautovic will be teaching 7th grade; Mrs. Zigman is helping us expand our 8th grade, and Miss Ward is leading our new Spanish program. We are also excited about having Miss Taylor at the helm of our new preschool. Please help us welcome them to the community. We're glad to have them here!

PTO Helps Make School Great

Hats off to the amazing PTO team at Our Lady of the Lake School. They're off to a strong start this year, with the Backpack Blessing, Uniform Swap and Meet the Teacher Night already under their belts, and the Father's Walk coming up on September 18. Not only do they welcome every new family with a personal welcome packet, they also have a roster of events they organize every month, throughout the school year. From movie nights to the Walk-a-Thon, there's always something fun happening. New and returning families alike are encouraged to get involved -- join a committee, volunteer for an event, or bring your special talent. There are also lots of ways other community members can join in, too. Many hands truly make light work, and when it comes to making the school year a success for our kids, we're all in this together.

Over and over again, research demonstrates that the secret to a successful school is a strong and engaged school community. With families like this backing them, Our Lady of the Lake kids are already winners!

Starting Off Strong

by Rita Testa, Youth Minister

We started the school year in style at Our Lady of the Lake with our annual backpack blessing on August 24. It was standing room only in church as parishioners and friends came together to celebrate our school kids and wish them a great year. After Mass, families gathered in the church hall for a fun ice cream social, with welcome packets for all the new school families and plenty of good spirit. More than 350 bowls of ice cream later, we could see that we've got a great group starting at school this year! It's so nice to see all the kids back again, and to have a chance to celebrate with our neighbors.

Connect with the App

If you're interested in keeping in touch with all the things happening at Our Lady of the Lake, from Prayer Walks to the Pet Blessing, Mass schedules and more, now you can download our app right to your smart phone. It's as easy as scanning the QR code below. Also remember to look for us online at www.ourladyofthelakeoh.org. We're always happy to hear from you!

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Saints Robert and Williams

Ss. Robert and William Catholic School Starts a New Year with 540 Students

by Maureen Frydl

Our first in a year-long series, an Evening The leadership team of SRW School is pleased to announce and welcome 540 students for the 2014-2015 school year. This team consisting of Fr. Sal Ruggeri, Pastor St. John of the Cross, Fr. John Betters, Pastor Ss. Robert and William, Mrs. Martha Dodd, Principal for Student Success, and Ms. Meg Cosgriff, Executive Principal, has worked hard to ensure a smooth start. The goal of this team was to create unity and a smooth transition for a successful academic year. This seems to have been accomplished as 187 new students (128 from SJOC and 56 students from other schools) have united to create this large and harmonious school body. To assist with this growth, eleven new teachers and staff have also been added, 10 of whom were formerly employed from St. John of the Cross.

Prior to the start of the school year, teachers spent time in Professional Development which also included a one day retreat for the purpose of learning the importance of being a disciple and modeling the expectations they have for their students. The teacher retreat was led by Mary Lou Beers and directly relates to the theme of the year. "We are one Body in Christ."

On a related note, a Unity Retreat was held for the entire student body on Thursday, August 28th. This retreat allowed students, faculty and staff to get to know one another through various group exercises and gave each student an awareness of how important each one is to the success of the partnership. Ms. Meg Cosgriff reflects, "The leadership team felt it was very important to start on a spiritual note. We exist for the purpose of spreading the Gospel, setting aside a day to reflect on our discipleship and how each one of us is essential to the mission." Mrs. Martha Dodd agrees, "This partnership holds great possibilities to create something very unique and special for the students of SRW School as well as the entire Euclid community." Fr. Sal Ruggeri worked with students to identify and share the gifts they will bring to the community, Fr. John Betters and Ms. Meg Cosgriff used technology to showcase the students as part of one community and one body of Christ, Mrs. Martha Dodd eased first day jitters by addressing that they exist and assured students that they were not alone in their feelings, and finally, Fr. Scott Goodfellow and Euclid LIfeTeen Youth Minister, Mr. Chris Kelley, challenged students to physical team building activities. Due to this preparation over the summer months, this new partnership got off to a great start with hopes of a hugely successful academic year.

For more information on Ss. Robert and William Catholic School, please contact Maureen Frydl at 216.731.1515 extension 229 or visit our website at www.srwschool.cc and like us on Facebook.

Ss. Robert and William Catholic School Hosts More Evenings of Learning

by Maureen Frydl

Our first in a year-long series, an Evening of Learning will be held on Monday, September 29th, at 6:30 pm in the SRW School. Families, prospective students and the community are invited to visit and experience what a STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art, and Math) school looks like. The Middle School students, 4th through 6th grades, and teachers will be hosting this first Evening of Learning. They will be showcasing a STREAM unit that all middle school students will be participating in and will be sharing with their classmates.

Teachers and principals from SRW School have spent time during the summer in a three day STREAM Symposium at the University of Dayton. Karol Pfeifer, 4th grade science teacher reflects, "I was amazed at the things we learned at the conference. However, it was exciting to discover that many of the strategies and techniques being taught are ones that are already implemented in our lessons at SRW School."

There are three other Evenings of Learning planned for the rest of the school year hosted by the Upper School students, 7th through 8th grades, Lower School students, Kindergarten through 3rd grades and our final Evening of Learning, Fine Arts is scheduled for May of 2015. These Evenings of Learning are free and open to the public. Ss. Robert and William Catholic School is located at 351 East 260th Street, Euclid, Ohio 44132. Please contact us at 216.731.3060 for further information or visit us at our website www.srwschool.cc and follow us on Facebook.

Artists Needed for Holly Berry Bazaar

Local Artists Wanted for our Annual Holly Berry Bazaar. Join local artisans on Saturday, November 8th from 9:00 am until 3:30 pm, at Ss. Robert and William Parish. Do you have a unique craft or homemade food item that you would like to sell? Kick off the holiday season with this festive event. Contact Ellen Ivory at eivory@srweuclid.cc or call 216.731.1515 if you are interested. Ss. Robert and William Catholic Parish is located at 367 East 260th Street, Euclid, Ohio 44132.

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Upcoming Dates

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No School for Students- Teacher Professional Development

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Imagine Bella Mission Statement

by Sarah Myers

"Preparing students for lifetime achievement and the global future by creating an innovative and academically excellent school. To achieve our vision, we will prepare our students to become independent learners with the desires, the skills, and the abilities necessary for lifelong learning. This will require creating a learning environment which is centered on students, directed by teachers, and supported by home and community."

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Welcome to the 2014-2015 school year.

The journey begins for this school year!

Rolling Out the Red Carpet

by Sarah Myers

Imagine Bella students were welcomed back to a new school year in style. Students were all smiles as they were welcomed with a DJ playing music and staff greeters. That was just the start to an exciting day! Students spinned for a house, learned the meaning, and met all the other students and teachers in their house. Imagine Bella houses will support a culture of unity, love, tradition, and school pride.

Imagine Bella students will not only be part of a community within our school, but also with 5 other Imagine campuses in Ohio (Imagine Akron Academy, Imagine Cleveland Academy, Imagine Harvard Avenue Community School, Imagine Leadership Academy, and Imagine on Superior).

The red carpet was perfect for parents to snap first day photos.

Principal Arun Dutt meets with students and parents before school.

Assistant Principal Jessica Gamble meets with families as they enter for their first day of school.

Music Teacher Michelle Ianni (far right) waves to welcome students.

Students help each other find classroom assignments.

Students check rosters to find their classroom.

New Day Academy

Back To School At New Day Academy

New Day Academy staff and students returned to classes on Thursday, August 21, and this was one memorable day. The hallways were filled with new and returning faces. The students and staff rallied the hallways with the sounds of laughter and high fives. The tone for an exciting year was definitely set and the teachers were ready and roaring to start the road of educational success. "Committed to A New Day" is this year's theme. New Day Academy is looking to do new and exciting things for the 2014-2015 school year. New Day Academy welcomes the new teachers at the lower school Ms. Wheaton, Mrs. McCormack, Ms. Gray, and the teachers at the upper school Ms. House, Mrs. Corvey, and Ms. Melendez. Our students and staff was asked to take an oath and commit to our vison for success. New Day Academy is still enrolling K thru 10 and ready to prepare our future leaders of tomorrow.

Ms. Melendez (Upper School)

Ms. Wheaton (Lower School)

Mrs. Corvey (Upper School)

Mrs. McCormack (Lower School)

Ms. Gray (Lower School)

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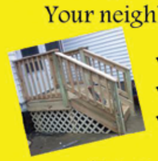

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Crown the King of Klobase at the Polka Hall of Fame Slovenian Sausage Festival

by Joe Valencic

Who will be the next King of Klobase? You decide! Taste and vote at the 11th annual Slovenian Sausage Festival, hosted by the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame and Museum, on Wednesday, September 10, at SNPJ Farm in Kirtland, Ohio. Local sausage-makers and leading polka bands provide you with eight hours of nonstop eating and entertainment, from noon to 8:00 p.m.

Get on the dance floor with the finest Cleveland-Style polka performers, including Kathy Hlad and Ron Likovic; the Frank Moravcik Orchestra; the Summit Button Box Club; the Polka Pirates; Magic City Button Box Club; the Culkar Combo; and the Polka Hall of Fame Band of the Year, the Frank Stanger Orchestra. Sixty accordionists, musicians and bandleaders are on schedule to perform. Sample sausages from several makers and then select your winner. Prizes are presented in the People's Choice and the Best of Fest juried award. Other nationality dishes and treats are also available.

The 2014 King of Klobase is crowned at 6:00 p.m. The winning sausage-maker becomes the official sausage purveyor to the three-day Thanksgiving Polka Weekend, November 27, 28 and 29, at the Cleveland Downtown Marriott Hotel, hosted by the Polka Hall of Fame.

Located in the historic old City Hall of Euclid, Ohio, the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame houses an extensive polka music archive and a museum with audio exhibits, historic photographs and original instruments that reveal the story of the city's home-grown folk sound from its roots in the old Slovenian neighborhoods to nationwide popularity. Museum members can nominate and vote for top musicians and recordings of the year with awards presented at a gala stage show in the Marriott Grand Ballroom on November 29.

SNPJ Farm is at 10946 Heath Road in Kirtland, Ohio, off Chardon Road (Route 6), three miles east of Route 306 and six miles west of Ohio Route 44. Sausage Fest advance tickets are $10.00 each, available at the Polka Hall of Fame, 605 East 222nd Street, in Euclid, Ohio. Call the Polka Hall of Fame for tickets and details, (216) 261-FAME, toll-free (866) 66-POLKA, or online at www.polkafame.com.

Euclid's Bill Azman's Meats won the People's Choice Award and the juried Best of Fest at the 2013 Slovenian Sausage Festival hosted by the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame and Museum

SNPJ Farm 75th Dinner Dance and Slovenian Grape Festival

by Joe Valencic

Celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the SNPJ Farm in Kirtland, Ohio, with two days of dining, dancing, tradition and entertainment. The 75th Dinner-Dance on Saturday evening, September 20, features a reverse raffle with sideboards and a Yankee auction. The Slovenian Grape Festival opens on Sunday, September 21, with the traditional parade in Slovenian costumes and a welcome and sing-along, followed by dining and dancing.

At the 75th Anniversary Dinner-Dance, mingle with your friends at 5:30 p.m. and try your luck until dinner at 7:00 p.m. After the raffle, stay for dancing with Mike Wojtila and Party of Three. Tickets are $50 each, including dinner and a chance at the major prize. Seating is limited for this September 20 event. Contact Gina at (440) 205-1618, ginamvo at oh.rr.com, to reserve.

The Slovenian Grape Festival on Sunday, September 21, has been a tradition on SNPJ Farm for decades. The costumed parade of singers begins at 2:45, followed by short village skit praising the vintage and an invitation to sing. The pavilion is decorated with grape arbors bearing treats – but don't get caught stealing! You'll risk a fine or time behind bars. The Joey Tomsick Orchestra performs for four hours of dancing, from 3:00 to 7:00. Admission is $7 with Slovenian-Style dinners and sandwiches available from 2:00 on.

The SNPJ Farm's flagstone pavilion has been the site of memorable dances and events beginning in 1939, when Frank Yankovic, America's Polka King, played for the first dance. Since then, SNPJ Farm has hosted top polka bands and served traditional Slovenian dinners to thousands every year, every summer Sunday.

Your SNPJ Farm hosts are the members and friends of the Cleveland Federation of Lodges of the Slovene National Benefit Society (Slovenska Narodna Podporna Jednota/SNPJ), America's largest Slovenian fraternal organization. A large percentage of the local membership resides in Euclid, Ohio.

SNPJ Farm is located on Heath Road, off Chardon Road (Route 6) in Kirtland, Ohio, three miles east of State Route 306. Rent SNPJ Farm for picnics, anniversaries and events. For details, call (440) 943-1191.

The Slovenian Grape Festival at SNPJ Farm in Kirtland.

Slovenian Society Home Dinner September 15th

by Agnes Turk

Slovenian Society Home, better known as Recher Hall, is holding another fundraiser for the hall to help defray the cost of maintenance and repairs that are needed to entice people to have their functions at the hall.

On September 15, 2014, our excellent cooks and board members are planning to hold a Swiss steak dinner in our clubroom. Menu will be Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, Italian green beans, salad and dessert. The price will be $13 per person. The entertainment will feature Patty C and the Boys, followed by Kathy Hlad and Ron Likovic, who will make a complete evening for all.

Tickets may be purchased in the clubroom by calling (216) 531-8348 or the hall's office at (216) 531-9309. Tickets must be purchased by September 11th, as there will be no tickets sold at the door.

Please mark the date, September 15th, on your calendar. Serving will be from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM. The board hopes to see all or friends and supporters and wishes to thank everyone for their continued support. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Legally Speaking...Wills Not Sufficient

by J. Norman Stark, Attorney, Architect Emeritus (OH) A.I.A., N.C.A.R.B.

Wills do not provide tax benefits. A Last Will and Testament is legally insufficient to protect assets; Living Trusts do so! It is a common misconception to rely upon a Will to protect and transfer estate assets, without taxes, costs, and time.

Under the Probate laws of each state, upon the death of a Testator (maker) of a Will, the Probate Court acquires legal jurisdiction to administer the disposition of estate assets. The probate laws require preparation of formal court filings of the Will within a specific time period after death, appointment of Executor, attendance at hearings, defend challenges to the Will, creditor claims, and to prepare and pay the taxes and costs, frequently in excess of 10% of the estate value. Transfers of title to real property ("real estate") to heirs or beneficiaries may be delayed for more than a year or longer.

Modern estate planning provides a valuable legal solution - the Living Trust, as an effective, efficient, and desirable alternative to a will. Living Trusts can protect estate assets, provide for efficient and trouble-free transfer of property and estate control by Successor Trustee(s), with significant protection for surviving spouses, heirs, minor children, and designated beneficiaries of the decedent. The benefits of a properly prepared trust include:

Avoid probate upon incapacity, disability, or death.

Avoid probate administration, required with Wills.

Avoid probate Will contest litigation, taxation, time, and expense.

Avoid lengthy delay in distribution of assets, and inheritances to loved ones.

Avoid inequities from transfer-on-death accounts.

Protect spouse, children, family and other descendents.

Provide for issues with second and subsequent marriages; protection for children.

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Community Support Task Force Combines Healthcare and Community Resources

by Angela Smith

Once a patient leaves the hospital their healthcare needs don't end – whether ongoing or preventative. Mark Froimson, MD, President of Euclid Hospital, wants to make Euclid, Collinwood and the surrounding communities the "most healthy places to live and work, with citizens that are attuned to the best ways to remain healthy and prevent disease and access care when needed."

Renee Marincic, Euclid Hospital patient care advocate, recently spoke to members of organizations in Euclid and Collinwood concerning the interest that Hospital caregivers have to partner with community services that can aid patients. "Patients who could also be your neighbor," says Marincic.

From that meeting, a Community Support Task Force (CSTF) was developed as a collaborative effort between Euclid Hospital and the City of Euclid. The Task Force will promote healthy living and activities, encourage health screenings and disease prevention and checking in on those in need – such as elderly neighbors.

The CSTF is comprised of Euclid Community Advisory Board members representing organizations such as: Euclid Hospital, The Salvation Army, Euclid Public Library, K&D Apartments, Euclid Hunger Center, Senior Independence and Our Lady of the Lake.

Kristel Grida, City of Euclid neighborhood engagement specialist, says the Task Force hopes to build a network of information and support resources to maximize care for residents. "We want to wrap our arms around the community to begin to care in a different way," says Grida.

In time, the CSTF hopes to create a reference guide of available resources, design a home visitor program to combat loneliness and create nurse volunteer opportunities in the community. They also plan to have information available throughout the community about healthcare and other services.

For more information about Euclid Hospital, visit euclidhospital.org.

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Ask An Officer

by Kate McLaughlin

Question: How can Euclid Residents Connect Online with the Euclid Police Department?

Answer from Community Policing Unit: Twenty-one neighborhoods in Euclid are already using Nextdoor (www.nextdoor.com), the first private social network for neighborhoods, and now the Euclid Police Department has adopted the platform to communicate directly with residents. This new partnership will improve citywide and neighbor-to-neighbor communications and help all of us build safer communities across the city.

- On Nextdoor neighbors can get to know one another and exchange local advice and recommendations. Euclid residents will also be able to work with the Police Department to improve safety and strengthen virtual neighborhood watch efforts.
- Tens of thousands of neighbors across the country are already using Nextdoor to:
- Find trustworthy local resources, such as babysitters, plumbers, and dentists
- Communicate with neighbors and police about suspicious activity and safety concerns
- Organize neighborhood events, such as garage sales and block parties
- Get assistance in finding lost pets and missing packages
- Sell or give away items, like an old kitchen table or bike

Nextdoor was specifically designed to make neighbors feel comfortable sharing information with one another. All members must verify that they live within the neighborhood. Information shared on Nextdoor is password-protected and cannot be accessed by those outside the neighborhood or found on search engines.

Nextdoor is a tool for the Euclid Police Department to effectively share information on crime prevention, safety, and police events. Please be assured that your website remains private. Police staff will not be able to see any of the content on your neighborhood website except for the direct replies to EPD posts.

Please be aware that Nextdoor is not the appropriate way to request emergency services. For an emergency please call 911. For other police services, or to report criminal or suspicious activity, please call Euclid Police at 216-731-1234.

Please join your neighbors and the Euclid Police Department in building a stronger, safer Euclid today at www.nextdoor.com.

To submit a question to Ask An Officer contact Kate McLaughlin at 216-289-8449 or kmclaughlin@cityofeuclid.com

Willow Pool celebrates Christmas in July

by Amy Steigerwald

Shore Cultural Centre is getting ready for The sun was shining bright as the Willow Pool Lifeguards rang sleighbells and scooped snow cones for swimmers Friday, July 25, at the Willow Pool Christmas in July Extravaganza. The party was quite a hit among patrons and brought in a large crowd! Swimmers enjoyed various treats such as snow cones and popcicles, and got creative with Christmas tattoos and stickers! This lifeguard sponsored event even featured an appearance from Santa Claus during the three-o'clock rest period!

Willow Pool is located in Willow Park off of Willow Drive and is one three Euclid neighborhood small pools. A Euclid seasonal pool pass allows entry into all of the neighborhood pools. The neighborhood pools are a great location for families with children to enjoy a relaxing day in the sun. Many moms and dads bring their children to the neighborhood pools because the pools are shallow and great for all ages! The guards at the small pools often become very close with the regular attendees over the course of the summer. "I like working at Willow because the kids are always so fun and respectful to all the guards" says Willow Pool manager, Hannah Gawor. "The guard staff develops a close relationship with many of the families, which makes coming to work ten times more fun!"

For more information about any of the Euclid City Pools, contact Euclid Aquatic Director, Annemarie Finch.

Save Our Stellas

by Sherrie Zagorc

The Stella de Oro day lilies planted in approximately 90 planters along E. 200th Street are in desperate need of some tender loving care and I realize I cannot keep up with the many weeds that are now taking over the plots. More hands are needed to help weed and maintain these lovely perennials on our street before they are destroyed. Please email me at e200thstreets-troll@gmail.com or call me at 216-798-7089 if you would like more information about this project or to join a group to Save Our Stellas on E. 200th Street. If you have Stella de Oro day lilies at your home and are getting ready to divide them, please consider donating them to our E. 200th Street beautification project as there are missing plants that we need to replace to keep E. 200th Street lined with gold.

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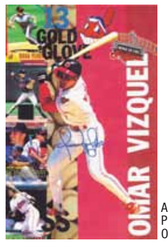

Autographed Print of Omar Vizquel

by Thomas Salomon

Baseball artist, Thomas Salomon, famous for his mixed media collage work on baseball stars of past eras, had an exhibition of his latest work at the Art Gallery in Willoughby. Located at 4134 Erie Street, the showing took place on August 22nd.

Salomon lived in Ney York from 1963 to 1979 and ingested the lore of the Yankees, Dodgers and Giants, inspiring him to create his own kind of baseball card. The artist's work has since been exhibited in gallery and sport museum venues from the Babe Ruth Museum in Baltimore, to the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY.

Mr. Salomon's Art Gallery showing included many autographed works and focused on former Indian stars such as Omar Vizquel, Jim Thome and Kenny Lofton. His work documented the history of the Indians with a series of color prints of the stars from 1900 to 2000. Prints featured Tris Speaker, Joe Jackson, Earl Averill, Babe Ruth and many more, including players from the 1990's Indians teams.

Ranging in size and price from a 10x14, unsigned, for $175.00 to a signed 18x24 for $750.00, more information is available by contacting the Art Gallery at (440) 946-8001.

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by Charlotte Mirabile

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Remember the Pines Premieres at the Shore Cultural centre

by Nicholas Underhill

Remember the Pines, a new Musical by Brian Smallwood with Music by Nicholas Underhill

There aren't so many new shows coming out of Northeast Ohio. Most producers feel safer with the tried and true shows which have a proven plot line and familiar music. They sell tickets, and a good time is had by all. Maryann Nagel agreed with this assessment. I was delighted when she agreed to direct our newer, darker, more quirky show conceived by Brian Smallwood. Based loosely on the novel Germinal by Emil Zola, which dealt with union-management issues in an 1840 France mining town, this story is transferred to a mining town in 1940 West Virginia, where the playwright has family roots. Because of its location, the musical setting requires some indigenous music: Bluegrass, Gospel, as well as other styles which are thrown in as seems appropriate.

The award winning poet/playwright Brian Smallwood's visceral poetry is combined with a musical style that ranges from folk to rock and classical. It shows the struggle of the mining families in the context of continuous hard, dangerous work with little pay and no future in sight for the young except more of the same. There is an adversity, occasionally humorous, between the hard working miners and their employers. The morally challenged manager of the Company Store uses his power to extract goods and sexual favors from the town women in exchange for a loaf of bread. A stranger named Luther Mullins comes to town with an agenda related to this adversity, but we don't know exactly what he wants at the outset-unlike the protagonist in Sweeney Todd, who is clearly crazed with vengeance against those in his past. Luther quietly exerts his influence with the miners, and tensions build between workers and management. Meanwhile, Sarah, a young girl, works in the mines disguised as a boy, secretly hoping for a better life. The tensions in the town mount toward an inevitable climax of action.

Remember the Pines, like Les Miserables, is about 90 percent sung. The songs are orchestrated with a 12 player ensemble conducted by Cleveland composer Ty Alan Emerson. Included in the band are the Appalachian instruments Mandolin, Banjo Guitar, Fiddle and Bass, complimented by classical strings, woodwinds and Brass.

Maryann Nagel directs the show, with set and light designs by Trad Burns, choreography by Martin Cespedes. The role of Luther will be sung by Andrew Lipian.

Performances will be Oct 3,4,5,10,11,and 12, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 P.M. and Sunday matinees at 2 P.M. For tickets please contact Christine Cipriani at the Shore Cultural Centre 216-289-8578.

For more information, contact Nicholas Underhill at 216-486-1884.

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