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New city landmark



The day after installation. (Photo by Liz Copic)

by John Sheridan

Many Euclid residents were startled a few weeks ago by the sight of the huge new Lincoln Electric Company wind turbine, which seemed to spring up almost overnight (contractors assembled it in about a week). Drivers heading east on South Lakeland Boulevard encounter the mammoth structure as they approach East 222nd Street.

Manufactured in Germany, it is the largest wind turbine in Ohio and one of the largest in North America. More than 20-stories tall, the turbine will generate up to 2.5 megawatts of power that can Lincoln Electric can use to offset electricity requirements. And, certainly, there is at least one other benefit: When visitors from out of town call to ask directions to the company's world headquarters in Euclid, the folks at Lincoln can simply say: "Just look for the big windmill!"

A relay for the right reasons

by Sherrie Zagorc

Christine Banc, Euclid's Relay for Life chairperson, announced that our recent relay event raised a total of \$62,000. What a terrific total for the third year! Each year Euclid's Relay for Life gets bigger and better and raises more money for the American Cancer Society's efforts to fight all types of cancer and to provide support and preventative services to individuals and families. As we begin to plan for next year's Euclid Relay for Life, the committee members want to be sure to invite all area residents, businesses and their employees, friends and families to join us in this great cause. We would like to extend an invitation to our neighbors in North Collinwood to participate with us in 2012. Contact the local event's webpage (www.RelayForLife.org/Euclid) to discover more information and to get involved.

The American Cancer Society's signs and the purple bows were around town announcing the event but if you do not know a relay participant, you may still wonder "What is a Relay for Life?" Contrary to what the name seems to imply (in my mind), participants do not have to be former track team members to get involved (thank goodness!). Committee members used their time, creativity, skill, and lots of commitment as they met months ahead of time to plan for a theme, enroll teams, review logistics, beg for entertainment, create publicity, and spread the mission. Individual teams formed, with some teams sponsoring fundraising events to boost their contributions. Team

members spent time and energy in planning and gathering supplies for their site for relay weekend.

Twenty teams representing Euclid area businesses and schools, families and individuals joined together in Euclid for the mid-May Relay for Life's friendly competitions. Although designated team members took turns walking around Euclid High School's outdoor track for 18 hours (that's the relay part), community members were invited to the stadium to participate in the many planned events, including entertainment and opportunities to purchase food, enter the raffles, and jump in the bounce house with all the proceeds added to the teams' growing totals.

Two ceremonies during the evening made the event memorable: the 6 p.m. opening ceremony, led by Euclid High's marching band, featured a walking lap around the track by area cancer survivors; and at 10 p.m. all planned activities stopped for the reflective Luminaria Ceremony, where the stadium lights were lowered, candles around the track were lit and names were read to celebrate survivors, remember loved ones who have died, and show support to friends and family members presently battling cancer.

Please consider involvement in Euclid's 2012 Relay for Life. It brings our community together for a great cause and it's our opportunity to join forces with the American Cancer Society to celebrate, remember and fight back.

Euclid Hospital honored veterans in the Memorial Day Parade

by Angela Smith

Euclid Hospital had the pleasure and honor of marching in the city's Memorial Day parade. The hospital honored US veterans with five motorcycles and a specially decorated car. Employees and their families and friends raised banners, waved 40 flags and passed out 300 small flags and 40 pounds of candy to the parade attendees.



Honoring our veterans

Virginia Evans has 100th Birthday Celebration

by John Copic

The Century Club has a new member – Virginia Evans. Born June 18, 1911 in Lewisburg, West Virginia, she moved with her family to Cleveland when she was 12 and grew up on East 55th and Outhwaite, attending Cleveland Public Schools. Virginia is currently a resident at Indian Hills Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation center and has been there since Feb. 8, 2007. She was married, her husband is now deceased, and raised two children. She has six grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Virginia worked at Metropolitan General Hospital and St. Vincent Charity

Hospital as a nursing assistant. She also worked for the Cleveland Clinic's food service department. However, Virginia was a seamstress by trade.

Virginia enjoys reading autobiographies and history books during her free time, and at 100, she has had plenty of time to read! When asked what her favorite foods are, she said fruits and vegetables. When asked what her words of wisdom are, she replied: "If you are somewhere standing and there is a place to sit, go sit. If you are sitting and there is a place to lay, lay down. Get plenty of rest and be silly; laughing is good for the soul."

Sign of the times

by John Sheridan



Electronic sign in Downtown Euclid
(Photo by John Sheridan)

One of the latest enhancements in the renovation of downtown Euclid is this electronic community bulletin board, which cycles through a series of colorful messages about upcoming community events. It is a distinct improvement over the former, static bulletin board with lettering that had to be changed by hand. The new board, at East 222nd Street and Lakeshore Boulevard, can accommodate many more announcements – and with eye-catching graphics to boot.

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From the Desk of Mayor Cervenik

I hope you have had an opportunity to see how wonderful our new downtown area looks around the Lakeshore Boulevard, East 222nd and Babbitt Road intersection. The hanging flower baskets and planters really beautify the extensive street work, new RTA shelter, sidewalks and more. The new electronic reader board is also an added attraction to the area. The reader board posts special events, projects and programs.

The Grand Boulevard Hill has been extensively landscaped and has really improved the appearance of the Euclid Avenue area. Hanging Flower Baskets were also installed at the major intersections throughout the city. The “Adopt a Spot” program is also sprucing up strategic areas of the city. If you or your company would like to participate, please call my office at (216) 289-2751 for more information. These are all ways we are trying to keep Euclid a desirable and livable community.

Yellow barrel season is underway. This summer, the entire Euclid section of Lakeshore Boulevard, from East 185th Street to the Lake County border, will be resurfaced from curb to curb. Other improvements include handicapped accessible ramps. The Lakeshore project will cost \$3.5 million, of which 80 percent will be paid for by the Ohio Department of Transportation. The project is scheduled to begin in July and conclude in September. The resurfacing of Lloyd Road should be completed by August. There are many other road resurfacing and waterline projects underway this summer as well. I realize that road work can be annoying, but the end result will be worth it. We must continue to rebuild our infrastructure.

You may have also noticed that we have police bike patrols during the summer. Bike patrols not only are a visible deterrent to crime but also allow officers to personally meet and get to know



residents and business owners and help in establishing valuable relationships. You have more than likely noticed that the wind turbine at Lincoln Electric is up and producing electricity. Two additional turbines will be constructed on property at William Sopko and Sons over the next few months. And finally, electricity is now being produced by the solar panels installed on the roofs of city hall and the Euclid Public Library. Euclid is going Green!

As always, God bless and enjoy what has been given to us.

Mayor Bill Cervenik



Wells Fargo, Bank of America donating properties to Cuyahoga Land Bank

by Katherine Bulava
The Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation (Cuyahoga Land Bank) has gained some welcome collaboration in the battle to alleviate the impact of foreclosure and abandonment in Cuyahoga County from Bank of America and Wells Fargo.

A few weeks ago, Wells Fargo, working through the REO Clearinghouse (REO CH), began donating vacant and foreclosed low asset properties to the Cuyahoga Land Bank along with a contribution toward demolition equal to

\$3,500 per property in their NSP 2 target areas and \$7,500 per property in the rest of Cuyahoga County. Bank of America recently entered into a similar agreement with the Cuyahoga Land Bank to donate up to 100 vacant and foreclosed low asset properties following the same monetary donation structure as the Wells Fargo agreement.

“The Cuyahoga Land Bank is thrilled to be adding Bank of America, along with Wells Fargo, to a continually growing list of partners in our efforts to eliminate blight

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The Euclid Art Association will have an art show

by Nancy Daly

The Euclid Art Association will have an Art Show at Lakeland Community College. The show will run from July 24 through Sept. 1 and will be open to the public during regular college hours.

There will be an awards reception July 31 from 1:00p.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more information call (216) 692-0538.

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Observations

by Jerry Corbran

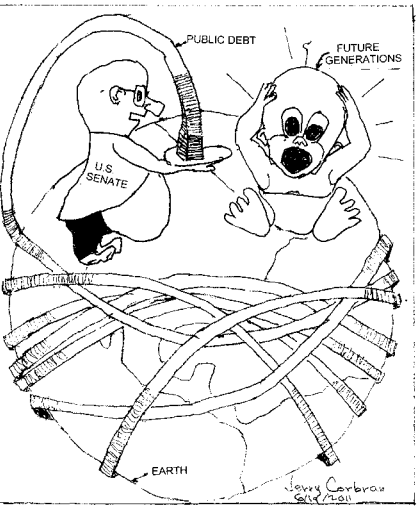
Five candidates crowd Euclid mayoral contest.

Jack Johnson, Bill Cervenik’s former finance director is the latest to challenge the two-term mayor, including former councilwoman and retired health center administrator Charlene Mancuso and lesser known residents Chris Litwinowicz and Terance McClerkin.

With her many years of top level administrative experience and her two terms on Euclid City Council, Mancuso is expected to mount the most serious challenge. A win for either Jack or Charlene will be a first for Euclid: an African-American or a woman in the mayor’s office.

I’m sure the hot button issues Cervenik will have to defend are the renewal of the trash and street lighting fees.

In future publications look for the Observer to publish a series of questions and the answers given by the candidates.



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Did you know that a stack of dollar bills the size of our national debt of 14 trillion, 300 billion is over one million miles high? Laid on its side it would circle the earth over 45 times.

Obama getting heat over legal issues

As I write this, on June 19, the War Powers Act clock expired on President Obama’s military incursion into Libya. Members of his own Democrat Party have joined the House Republicans in demanding that he follow the Act’s provision seeking Congressional approval to continue. So far his legal advisors are saying the War Powers Act does not apply in this case. Look for a battle royal on this issue in the House of Representatives.

Another really big battle is shaping up over the Medicare Reform Act of 2003. Karl Rove wrote extensively on Obama ignoring the Act’s provisions in the June 9 Wall Street Journal. If the Medicare Board of Trustees predict that the program’s costs paid by Medicare taxes, now require over 45 percent general revenues to keep pace with rising costs within a seven year period. The president must propose legislation within 15 days of his next budget submission.

This requirement existed in 2010 but both Houses of Congress, controlled by his party, excused him from the provision. House Republicans will not give him that out again as the Medicare issue is subject of heavy current debates.

The biggest battle is currently underway

President Obama and the Democrats want to raise the debt limit by a couple trillion dollars. The Republicans have offered to vote for raising the limit if the president and the Democrats will agree to cut spending the same amount. If an agreement is not made by mid-August the government will default and not be able to pay its obligations and the economy will flip flop. Obama is in deep, deep trouble on this one.

Euclid’s future is “Blowing In The Wind”

by Rose M. Allen

During a visit to Germany in 2003, I saw wind turbines that dotted the countryside in multiple areas. Most of these turbines were on shore. I thought that this was an interesting concept.

These turbines were not in a huge wind farm on hilltops, like the ones I had seen in San Luis Obispo, Calif. in 1985. If anyone wants to see the wind farm in San Luis Obispo, without visiting California, they can see them in the movie “Rain Man.” Either in the movie or live, that wind farm is a spectacular sight.

After I returned from that visit to Germany, I started thinking and talking about placing a few turbines in the Euclid area. Just about everyone I talked to thought I was crazy. Many Euclid residents just might remember me discussing them at city council meetings during the public comments.

I am a visionary; and so many of my ideas have been far ahead of time and the thinking of most people. There are well-documented ideas that I have offered previously, that are now being considered for implementation. One such idea relates to these wind turbines. In 2005, I found out about the Great Lakes Energy Development Task Force (GLEDTF) and started attending the monthly meetings as a guest. I continued attending the meetings and learning more about wind energy. I am now a member of the GLEDTF and am eager to move projects forward.

The demonstration turbine at Lincoln Electric is just that. It is a demonstration of how turbines can be a great energy alternative. Many other companies understand that and are ready to install turbines on their locations. With these turbines comes the need to have a place to manufacture and supply the parts for all of the new companies seeking to erect them. I



Lincoln Electric’s massive wind turbine

passionately believe that it should be Euclid.

Euclid’s history of manufacturing makes it ideal for becoming the epicenter for manufacturing parts for wind turbines. Most of the turbines are being built with foreign parts made in foreign countries. Euclid already has a place, Blue Stone Industrial Park that is ideally located, between two railways, for manufacturing and shipping. Many wind industry people agree about this ideal location. It is also ideal for other alternative energy components manufacturing. These are components for solar panels, geo thermal equipment and electric car batteries.

A German company is currently seeking a location to set up shop, for manufacturing parts, in the United States. The two locations being considered are Northeast Ohio and a location in Michigan. If we do not do everything to ensure Euclid is competitive for selection, we will miss out on this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. There are thousands of jobs and millions of dollars potentially at stake. The city that becomes first will have the advantage and will draw the companies to them. If Euclid misses this opportunity, there will not be another chance to be first or to become the manufacturing epicenter. We need to make it happen.

Where can I get the paper?

by John Copic

The most asked question at the Observer office this last month was, “Where can I get the paper?” Below is a partial list of places we drop the paper.

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Safe summer grilling is essential to summer fun

by Will Anderson

Hello, residents of Euclid! As summer comes into full swing, people will enjoy the warm weather by being outdoors. This includes firing up the grill and enjoying a cookout. The Euclid Fire Department wants you to be safe and use common sense this summer.

There's nothing like outdoor grilling; it's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. It can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you'll be on your way to safe grilling:

- 1. Propane and charcoal grills should only be used outdoors.
- 2. Before using a grill, check the connection between the propane tank and the fuel line.
- 3. Do not wear loose clothing while cooking at a barbecue.
- 4. The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches. A June 16 fire, caused by a grill too close to a home, claimed the lives of six people in Warren, Ohio. Flames were seen shooting up to 30 feet in the air after the exterior siding and roof became engulfed in flames. Two adults and four children died. The home had no working smoke detectors.
- 5. Keep children and pets away from the grill area.
- 6. Keep your grill clean by removing grease and fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- 7. Never leave your grill unattended.

Some of us prefer using charcoal grills to cook food. While the same safety rules apply, there are a few additional guidelines that should be observed:

- 1. Be careful when using lighter fluid. Do not add fluid to an already lit fire because the vapors can ignite.
- 2. Keep all lighter fluids out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- 3. When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container. Over the years, the Euclid Fire Department has responded to large fires in garages caused by hot coals being left too close to combustibles. We recommend you douse them with plenty of water, and stir them to ensure the fire is out. Never place them in plastic, paper, or wooden containers.

We hope you enjoy your summer! As always, if you need us, call us. We'll be there! Stay safe!

Author's note: Thanks to Fire Inspector Ken Smrdel for the valuable information that made this article possible.



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The Literacy Cooperative receives funding grant

by Katherine Bulava

The Literacy Cooperative has received a continuation grant of almost \$260,000 from the Ohio Community Service Council (OCSC) that, along with an additional \$145,000 raised through host site contributions, will allow the Literacy Cooperative to fund a second year of the NEO Literacy Corps (2011-2012).

The NEO Literacy Corps is an AmeriCorps program possible through a series of community partnerships. Through NEO Literacy Corps, AmeriCorps volunteers can serve in direct service or volunteer coordination roles; working directly with literacy clients or recruiting, training and managing literacy volunteers at their host organizations. University Settlement Inc. is The Literacy Cooperative's implementation partner for NEO Literacy Corps, responsible for day-to-day operations of the program. The Literacy Cooperative administers NEO Literacy Corps as a part of its Capacity Building Initiatives.

The OCSC funding will support recruitment, training and placement of a new class of skilled, stipended volunteers, who will spend a full year of service at local organizations offering a broad range of literacy services.

Beginning in the fall, sixteen full-time and eight part-time volunteers will begin their service year at the following organizations:

- Achievement Centers for Children
- ASIA Inc.
- Bellaire Puritas Development Corporation
- Building Hope in the City
- Cleveland Housing Network
- Enhancement Ministries
- Family Connections
- Greater Cleveland Volunteers
- Jewish Community Federation
- Lexington Bell Community Center
- Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries/2100 Lakeside Men's Homeless Shelter
- St. Malachi Center
- Thea Bowman Center
- Towards Employment
- Union Miles Development Corporation
- University Settlement Inc.
- WECO Fund
- West Side Catholic Center

The goal of NEO Literacy Corps is to provide additional support for nonprofit organizations working to improve the literacy levels and skills of Cuyahoga County residents so that they can meet growing demand for services. Through NEO Literacy Corps, The Literacy Cooperative is helping to:

- Increase capacity for literacy service delivery within nonprofit organizations;
- Contribute to local human and workforce development, as local AmeriCorps volunteers develop and hone skills for future job opportunities; and
- Mobilize residents to support local efforts to improve low literacy levels in the region

To date, NEO Literacy Corps has served 312 children in early literacy programs,

tutored 729 children in area schools, served 1,238 adults in adult, health and financial literacy programs, and recruited 524 volunteers for literacy (4,852 tutor hours served). NEO Literacy Corps is helping organizations to expand their literacy service reach; offering new programs and serving more clients.

The 2010 – 2011 program activities of NEO Literacy Corps are funded by OCSC and the following area foundations:

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Marriage season - ensure your license never expires

by Hannah Yanega

Susanne M. Alexander, Euclid author, relationship and marriage coach, and character specialist, just learned that her book, "All-in-One Marriage Prep: 75 Experts Share Tips and Wisdom to Help You Get Ready Now" (Barringer), is a 2011 finalist of the Eric Hoffer Award for Independent Books (www.Allinonemarriageprep.com) She was a contributor and the lead editor for the book that includes experts giving their best advice to couples about how to prepare for marriage and how to be successful after the wedding. Alexander is president of Euclid-based Marriage Transformation LLC (www.marriagetransformation.com).

It's wedding season! In the hunt for a life-long mate, it's hard to know where to turn for answers without coming to a lot of dead ends. When marriage is on the mind, most of the focus is drawn to planning the wedding: which guests to invite, where to have the honeymoon and which dress is the perfect fit. In the excitement of getting ready for the special day, couples can get lost in the buzz and neglect continuing to get to know their partner. The whole goal of thorough preparation is to ensure that both know each other extensively and are certain that each person is the right one for the other. Divorce is painful and can be avoided through really knowing a partner and having the right tools before saying "I do."

To ensure that a couple enters marriage with the knowledge to create a strong, life-long, and happy bond with their future spouse, here are a few key things to consider before drifting too far into the clouds of love.

Visit www.euclidobserver.com to read what I learned from Alexander to help you and those you love succeed at marriage.

Knowing character qualities

Our character qualities define us. They shape how we speak to and treat others, how we respond to situations,

and how we define our strengths and weaknesses. By knowing your partner's character qualities, you can positively reaffirm their strengths that mean a lot to you. When we notice each other's qualities and express our gratefulness for them and the specifics of what our partner did that we appreciated, we open up a door for growth, encouragement, and strengthening of our relationships and personal interactions. Often, love and adoration for our future spouse can blind us from the truth of each other's characters, so outside input and observation, such as from parents or close friends, can be helpful for keeping us as a couple on track. Don't worry; you can still remain madly in love while keeping your feet closer to the ground. In the long run, you'll be happier for it! You have the rest of your lives to be overwhelmed by love, but only one solid chance to make sure you'll be able to get and stay there.

Proper communication – using your words

We're all human. We all make mistakes. However, we often make the big mistake of assuming how our partner is feeling and what they are thinking. No one is a mind reader. When a couple gets stuck due to poor communication skills, it serves as an introduction to discord, unhappiness, and misunderstanding. Proper communication can keep a relationship functioning smoothly and focused on love and joy rather than negative memories and faults. Tone of voice, knowing how to carry on dialogue, and good listening skills will help couples express differences, properly express love for one another, and keep each other fully informed on feelings and needs. Understanding how partners respond to difficulties will help you know how to help them through times of stress without becoming an additional burden. Good communication in marriage makes the difference between a sincere apology and sleeping on the couch.

Spending time together – not as easy as it seems

A first reaction to this tip may be "We see each other all the time. How is this relevant?" It's easy to be fooled into thinking that just being together makes a difference. While this is true, it's important to recognize the difference between quality time together and just breathing the same air. Taking time to plan special outings and dates can create opportunities for you both to be in public together, try new things and have fun with one another. Sitting down for in-depth conversation shows the person you love that you want to hear their thoughts and feelings, and you are able to express yourself. Talking on a daily basis provides an opportunity to express appreciation and catch up on the little stuff from the day. Finding activities you both enjoy, whether it be sports or crafts, can help you to bond on a new level while integrating that quality time. The best thing about time together is that if you're apart, you can still talk and share and plan for the future. Then when you're back together, you can act on the plans and decisions you've made. Keep making an effort to know your partner better than anyone else, so that when the time for marriage is right, you'll be ready to step forward with confidence.

By taking the time to prepare and know yourself well, you will understand how to know your partner best. Rather than leave the future to chance and just give things a shot, the opportunity is available to be ready to make a marriage last and make your special day the best – and the only one you'll ever need. Marriage season may be now, but your season of love should last a lifetime

Susanne M. Alexander offers PREPARE assessment and coaching to premarital couples to help them assess readiness to marry. The coaching includes knowledge and skill building. The company website is www.marriagetransformation.com.



Susanne M. Alexander, President of Marriage Transformation

Euclid diabetes support group annual picnic

by Joan Holmes

The Euclid Diabetes Support Group will hold its annual picnic at North Chagrin Metropark July 18. Members are welcome to socialize and help set up, around 5:30 p.m. The dinner will start at 6 p.m.

Grilled hamburgers and bison burgers will be available for people who have pre-ordered them. Members will prepare healthy dishes including salads, sides, and desserts. Those attending should to bring their own place settings and beverages.

After a delicious meal, diners can take advantage of the many park trails to walk off some of the calories.

The purpose of the Euclid Diabetes Support Group is to encourage and help people with diabetes to live a healthy lifestyle. Membership is free and open to the public. Meetings normally take place on the third Monday of each month at the Euclid Public Library at 7 p.m. For more information you can contact Joan at (216) 692-1155.

Strawberry season



Amish farmers at Euclid Farmers Market (Photo by John Sheridan)

by John Sheridan

Fresh, Ohio-grown strawberries were among the popular offerings on a recent Friday afternoon in June at the Euclid Farmers Market at Shore Cultural Center. In addition to their strawberries, these Amish farmers from Millersburg were also selling jellies, jams and maple syrup. And, right next to their booth, a woman from a farm in Madison also had oodles of strawberries for sale.

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Hot Dog Friday’s at Gateway!

by John Sheridan

Hot dog Friday’s are back at Gateway Retirement Community. Come and join us for a quick lunch and support the Euclid Hunger Center and the Alzheimer’s Association. Grilled to perfection, our famous Gateway hot dogs, chips and a cold soda are only \$3. Dine in or take-out; it is your choice We will be grilling from 10:30 a.m. to noon every Friday through Sep. 9. We are located off East 200th Street, near US Bank and the Drug Mart Plaza. Call (216) 383-1459 for directions or more info. Bon appétit!

Save the date! Gateway Sunday! Our annual pancake breakfast is scheduled Sep. 11, 10:30 a.m. to noon, on the campus of Gateway Retirement Community. There will be entertainment, classic cars, the Euclid Beach Rocket Car and Petals & Daisy perform their balloon art and face painting. With all that activity, don’t forget our delicious pancake breakfast. Seniors 55 and older eat free! All proceeds for this event will go to The Alzheimer’s Association and the Euclid Hunger Center. Free tickets will be available beginning Aug. 1. Please call (216) 383-1459 for tickets.

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Euclid Kiwanis supports community and sponsors Poor Man’s Raffle

by Rose Tanner

Euclid Kiwanis is looking for a few good men and women to continue supporting projects in the community. Time and age is taking its toll on various organizations and we are all dwindling in number and increasing in age. We welcome anyone who would like to join us at Euclid Hospital’s Lake Erie Room on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month.

We usually eat our evening meal at the hospital cafeteria, and if you want to join us, you must get through the line before it closes at 6:30 pm. We then

Organizations and businesses can showcase goods and services at inaugural International Family Festival

by Kristi Ward

Looking to promote your business or organization to a large family-friendly crowd? Ss. Robert and William Catholic Church in Euclid is welcoming vendors, non-profits and organizations interested in promoting their goods or services to set up information tables at its first annual International Family Festival on August 19 - 21. The three-day festival will feature live entertainment, gambling, children’s games, festival food and a “Taste of Nations” ethnic eatery on Saturday evening. Cost to set up a table and promote your organization is \$50. Tables and tents can be rented for an additional fee. For more information contact Ellen Ivory at (216) 731-1515. No political booths please.

conduct our meeting, with laughter as one of the more important items on the agenda. We do have fun. We also get a lot done for our community, with ongoing projects throughout the year.

Here is a quick glimpse of what we do: awarded four graduating Euclid seniors \$1,000 scholarships; support a Terrific Kids Program with two of the pre-schools in the city, and Mary Mavec Opportunity School (for the past 70 years); partner with the Euclid Police Department to furnish safe seats and teddy bears; give 100 gift certificates to needy school children for Boots and

Animal shelter plans car washes, bake sale

by John Sheridan

Need to get your car looking spiffy for a special event in the coming weeks? Well, you can do that—and help the homeless pets at the Euclid Animal Shelter—by taking advantage of two Euclid Pet Pals’ car wash events in July.

The volunteer support group will be sponsoring a combination car wash and bake sale July 16 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the shelter, 25100 Lakeland Boulevard. A second car wash is planned for the following Saturday, July 23. In the event of rain, the second car wash will be rescheduled for July 30.

Half price kitten sale

Due to an excess inventory of kittens, the shelter has been promoting a “half-price” kitten sale. The adoption fee—which covers the first vaccination, de-worming, an FIV/leukemia test, and a heartworm test—is just \$35 for the duration of the sale.

Donations welcome

A financial report in a recent issue of the Pet Pals’ newsletter noted that the group spent more than \$36,000 on veterinary and medical expenses last year, as well as nearly \$14,000 on supplies. To meet its financial needs, the organization relies on help from the community in the form of membership dues, support for its fund-raisers, cage sponsorships, participation in its recycling program, and donations of items on its “wish list.”



Say “CHEESE” – Cortney, a Pet Pals volunteer, tries to coax a Labrador mix puppy to smile for the camera. Nicknamed “Dipstick,” the female pup was discovered under a car at a gas station, reports Euclid Humane Officer Ann Mills. Most likely abandoned by her owner, Dipstick seemed happy to have found a safe and comfortable temporary haven at the shelter while waiting for a new family to adopt her.

The shelter volunteers appreciate donations of such things as laundry detergent, towels, dog treats, hand sanitizer, blankets, cat litter, washable pet toys, Pine Sol and office supplies.

The Euclid Animal Shelter is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 4 p.m., and from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday evenings. To contact the shelter, phone (216) 289-2057 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays, or 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. Or go to the Pet Pals’ website: www.euclidpetpals.net.

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New construction zone: Mary Mavecville

by Barbara Comiskey

You may not have noticed but there has been some major construction quietly going on at Mary Mavec Opportunity School on Lakeshore Boulevard. Students, volunteers and the school’s director have all been working together to create a miniature town complete with schools, churches, sidewalks and skyscrapers.

The village is constructed entirely out of recyclables, including shoeboxes, cereal boxes, dried beans, photos and magazine cutouts, and was the inspiration of the school’s director, Vicky Geer. Vicky was looking for a project that would be fun, creative and ecologically friendly, while providing an opportunity to teach a variety of lessons.

Each student contributed with creatively ideas to make the village a reality. As they worked on the project, the students discussed the various aspects of what goes into the makeup of a town, the work required to main-

tain a town and the variety of people they would expect to meet. They also discussed the various kinds of architecture and what determines the design of a city, such as climate and culture.

Upon completing their village, Mary Barno commented, “We are not only artists but now we are architects too!”

The Village of Mary Mavecville will be on display at the Euclid City Hall Rotunda in July.

Mary Mavec Opportunity School is located at 21701 Lakeshore Boulevard in Euclid and offers a stimulating, rewarding, and stable workshop environment for adults with developmental disabilities. The school welcomes visitors and currently has a limited number of openings for people who could benefit from the services offered. For information on enrollment, volunteer opportunities or workshop services please call Vicky Geer at (216) 731-4666 or visit the schools website at www.marymavec.org.

Madeline Graves receives inspirational writing award

by Elizabeth Munro

Madeline Graves is the winner of the Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things writing competition. The competition, based on an inspirational four-minute video produced by Farmers Insurance (available at www.gofarmed.com/Ordinary_People.aspx), allowed students to express themselves through an inspirational essay, poem or rap about overcoming challenges. The contest was open to seniors at Euclid High School, enrolled or plan to enroll in a formal post-high school educational program, and the award was \$250. It was my hope that, win or lose, the students who entered were inspired in the process, understanding that a habit of seeking inspiration could lead to many lifelong rewards. Madeline Graves submitted a tribute to the military; her appreciation of the sacrifices others made inspired her to contribute to our society through her essay.

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“Honor Them”
by Madeline Graves

Ordinary people do incredible things every day and many are never recognized for it. There is one group of people in particular who often go unnoticed and unrecognized – young men and women in the armed services, many no older than I am, who do their jobs anonymously every single day. For inspiration, one merely need turn the pages of history to see how America, a country of beauty, freedom and individuality, was shaped by the hands of people most will never know. There are not enough words to honor them, no statue would be enough. No tribute can justify the ordinary citizens who do extraordinary things every day in the United States military.

Whether they belong to the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coastguard or the Marines, these men and women are not that different from you and me. They are our brothers, sisters, cousins and neighbors, and yet they are more than that. From the Revolutionary War to the current conflicts in the Middle East, the U.S.A. has risen above the tyranny of a crown and become a beacon of light in the darkness of terrorism, and all because ordinary men and women had the spirit and courage to step up and become part of something greater. Whatever our political differences, it is our love of country that unites us and makes us great.

I had hoped to be a part of that something greater. I wanted to be a Marine, like my cousin and grandfather before me. I had the passion to put my life on the line for a flag that has stood for over 200 years as a symbol of freedom and hope. I wanted to be more than just another girl fresh out of high school - to be part of something more. Though my mind and my heart were up to the challenge and my resolve was a strong and steady, it was not to be. Fortunately, there are others who, like me, have the desire, but who also have the physical ability to serve. They are young and strong and dedicated to the life, liberty and happiness of the American people and all citizens of the world.

We must honor those who have come before, remember those who have passed, and cherish those who stand today proud and strong, ready to defend our way of life from those who would destroy it. Without these ordinary people who are willing to do the extraordinary, to sacrifice it all in our defense, we would not know the life we know today.

“The American spirit wears no political label. In service to others and yes, in sacrifice for our country, there are no Republicans; there are no Democrats; there are only Americans.” Sen. John Kerry

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Ss. Robert & William parish planning new family oriented summer festival

by John Sheridan

Several large banners are now on display at Ss. Robert and William Catholic Church, inviting parishioners and members of the community-at-large to enjoy “Three days of family, food, music, and fun!”

It all happens the weekend of Aug. 19-21 when the parish hosts what will probably be Euclid’s biggest summer festival this year.

But don’t expect to find carnival rides or the usual junk foods typically sold at street carnivals. The three-day event will feature pony rides and inflatables for the youngsters, as well as rides in the Euclid Beach Rocket Ship car. For the adults, one of the main attractions will be the Taste of Nations dinner event the evening of Aug. 20, beginning at 6 p.m.

“We want our festival to be very safe and family oriented,” explains Father John Betters, pastor of the new parish, created by the merger of the former St. Robert and St. William parishes.

The Taste of Nations event, which will take place in the elementary school building, will include international entertainment during dinner and a silent auction, as well as a Chinese auction. The dinner menu will feature a variety of nationality foods prepared by members of the parish, including stuffed cabbage, wiener schnitzel, Italian pasta, and Irish corned beef, as well as Hispanic and Asian dishes. The adults-only event, which attracted sell-out crowds in past years when it was a major fund-raiser for St. William, will also include imported beers and a wine-tasting feature that’s included in the ticket price.

Tickets are \$40; however, advance tickets—purchased before July 22—are just \$35. Taste of Nations tickets are available from the parish office at (216) 731-1515 or Jay Sweet at (216) 731-7211.)

There is no admission charge for the three-day outdoor festival, which will also include “casino” games in an air-conditioned indoor setting. Texas Hold ‘Em poker, blackjack and dice games will be available. The festivities are slated for 6 to 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 19-20, and from 1 to 8 p.m. on Sunday.

A major highlight of this year’s festival is a drawing in which the lucky first-prize winner will walk off with \$10,000. Tickets for the drawing are \$5 each and can be purchased at the parish rectory, 367 East 260th Street.

Father Betters, appointed pastor in January 2010, notes that the parish recognized an opportunity for a major event as a result of the void created when the long-running East 185th Street festival was discontinued several years ago.

“This year,” he points out, “we are actually combining three different events -- the former St. Robert festival, the St. William parish picnic and the Taste of Nations — into a single three-day festival. We are blending the traditions of the

Eastlawn barricade



Heavy equipment in Eastlawn

by John Sheridan

Heavy-duty equipment, including this device that looks a bit like something out of a “Star Wars” movie, has been dominating the landscape, and creating a traffic nuisance, in the Eastlawn neighborhood for the past six months or so. The excavating and road-building machinery is engaged in replacing sewer and water lines on the sidestreets running between South Lakeshore Boulevard and Newton Avenue. The project, which will culminate with the repaving of South Lakeshore, is expected to continue through September.

Gateway News...

by Carol Geyer

Gateway Retirement Community is pleased to welcome three new employees to our staff: Kathy Nemeth, RN, Courtney Tintor, LNHA and Jocelynn Schneider.

Kathy is our new director of nursing. She has been in long-term care for 12 years. Kathy has an excellent nursing background and leadership skills. Already, she has made a significant impact in our nursing department.

Courtney, our new assistant administrator, began working at Gateway as a high school student during the summer and school breaks. Courtney is a recent graduate of Ohio University, where she majored in long term care and health services. She will be responsible for managing Gateway Manor, supervising activities at the Health Care Center, grant writing and marketing.

Jocelynn is a graduate of Kent State University School of Communication and Information. She has worked in long term care for over seven years. Jocelynn is committed to providing creative, life enriching activities for our residents.

Welcome ladies!

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Lady Panthers win medals at state track finals at OSU

by John Sheridan

The final results may have fallen short of their hopes, but the Euclid Panther girls’ track team didn’t return home empty-handed.

At the state track finals at The Ohio State University’s Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium in early June, the Lady Panthers made it to the medalists’ platform in two events, and just missed winning a medal in a third event.

Artia Gunn, the junior speedster who has another year left in her high school career, earned two medals—one for finishing seventh in the 100 meter hurdles and another for anchoring the eighth-place 4x100 relay quartet. The top eight in each state finals event are called to the stand where they receive their keepsake medallions.

In the relay race Gunn ran a strong anchor leg, kicking into high gear as she neared the finish line, to ensure that the Panther quartet would not be denied a trip to the medals stand. The 4x100 team, which had finished fourth at the Austintown Fitch regional, covered the 400 meter distance in 48.9 seconds.

The other members of the relay unit were: senior Tchanavia Spencer, junior Taylor Rambo, and senior Erin Rambo. The same foursome also qualified for state in the 4x200, but failed to make it past the semifinals in Columbus.

On an oppressively hot and humid afternoon, in which the heat took its toll on competitors in the distance events, Euclid’s Emily Sweet just missed out on bringing home another medal for the Panthers in the grueling 3,200-meter race. She placed ninth at the state meet with a respectable time of 11 minutes, 26.5 seconds—about 20 seconds slower than the personal record (PR) she’d set a few weeks earlier.

Emily, a junior who did earn a medal last year as a member of the Panthers’ 4x800 relay squad, moved into ninth position with about three laps to go in the 3,200 meter event. But each time she made a move to accelerate past one of the three runners just ahead of her, they also stepped on the gas.

Afterward, Sweet was obviously disappointed that she didn’t earn a medal, but said she really wasn’t sure what position she was in during those final three laps. “I was hoping to set a new PR and get on the podium again, she said, adding that the saddest thing about the van ride home with her teammates was the realization that their season had come to an end “and



OFF AND RUNNING – Euclid’s Emily Sweet (in yellow uniform) rounds the first curve in the 3200 meter race at the state track finals at Ohio State’s Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium. (Photo by Bob Pomnean)

we will be losing two of our senior girls”—alluding to the fact that Erin Rambo and Tchanavia Spencer won’t be part of the team next season.

“Still,” Sweet added, “I think we’ll do pretty well next year.”

And what about the three-sport athlete’s immediate summer plans? “Well,” Emily smiled, “I’ll take two weeks off to be a teen-ager and then start training for cross-country.”

AN AWARD-WINNING WORKPLACE

Ss. Robert and William parish was recently recognized as one of Northeast Ohio’s “best places to work” in a special section of the Cleveland Plain Dealer. The newspaper saluted workplaces, most of them in the business world, that treat employees well and provide a good working environment. The Euclid parish, which has 57 employees, including its school teachers, was honored in the “small workplace” category.



LOOKING FOR A LUCKY WINNER—Father John Betters, pastor at Ss. Robert & William Parish, and festival director Ellen Ivory are hoping to sell plenty of tickets for the drawing that will award a top prize of \$10,000. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20. The three-day parish summer festival is slated for Aug. 19-21. Raffle tickets are available at the parish rectory, as are tickets for the Aug. 20 Taste of Nations dinner for \$35 until July 22 and \$40 after that date. For tickets to the dinner event contact the parish office at (216)731-1515 or Jay Sweet at (216) 731-7211.

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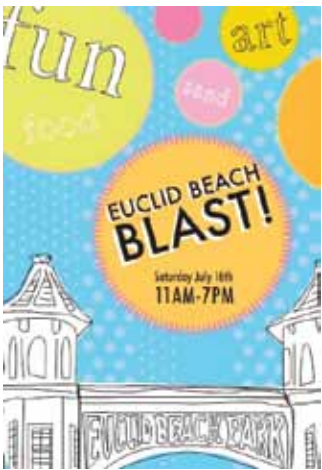
Green Euclid

The Euclid Beach Blast!

by Stephen Love

The Euclid Beach Adopt-A-Beach Team has partnered with Arts Collinwood and Project Pop-Up Galleries to bring you Euclid Beach Blast!, a day of free summer festivities, food, art, music, environmental awareness and fun at Euclid Beach Park, July 16 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Help us kick off the day with a beach cleanup, then grab your shovels for a sand castle contest. Stroll an outdoor pop up art show, grab some food from one of Cleveland’s famous food trucks,



Euclid’s green thumbers will soon enjoy fruits of their labor

by CherylAnn Ludwa

*Mistress Mary, quite contrary,
How does your garden grow?
With silver bells, and cockle shells,
And so my garden grows.*

Who hasn’t heard that nursery rhyme before? Sure, one can argue the political overtones of this little diddy, but let’s dispense with the that and focus on how the words fit so nicely with the magic that is taking place behind the Euclid city jail.

A number of Euclid residents have been making wonderful things grow in Euclid’s newest community garden, located behind the city jail on Milton Avenue. Early spring rains, summer sunshine and a lot of sweat equity seem to be the key ingredients to the mounds of vegetables, herbs and annuals that line the various beds.

Loraine Zupancic is the gardener-in-chief of this first-year venture. Her infectious enthusiasm and willingness to learn new gardening techniques and coach others in their efforts to grow their own have proven to be fun for those involved. As she had hoped, there seems to be a real community forming among those involved in this gardening effort.

Over the winter and into the early spring, the city of Euclid donated the land used by the community gardeners. Zupancic and her core team of volunteers worked with the city to provide water spigots and storage for gardening equipment and set the stage for would-be gardeners.

Those interested in community gardening completed an application and paid a nominal fee for gardening space that ranges in size from 10 by four feet to 20 by 10 feet. Some gardeners rototilled their beds. Others opted for a raised bed, and assistance was available for those who wanted to build them. Zupancic introduced “lasagna” gardening (built up layers of soil, compost and other organic material) for those who didn’t want to cut through and dig down into hard ground. Gardeners have wood chips, soil and composting organic matter available to add to their gardens. Many of the individual gardeners have



Gardeners learn the square foot gardening technique, which allows many plants to grow in very limited space.



Area residents assemble their rain barrel during a recent rain barrel workshop. Rain water collected in these barrels are better for yard plants, provide some reduction in water entering the storm drain, and saves on the water bill.

gone so far to decorate their beds, giving them a homier look and feel.

Since this is a community garden, participating gardeners have agreed to volunteer time to the general upkeep and maintenance of the grounds. This work may include planting donated annuals and perennials to common areas, mowing and weed whacking the grounds, care and upkeep of equipment, and ensuring garbage is picked up. The shared responsibility for maintaining the grounds adds to the commitment of those involved and that sense of community.

Zupancic is working with The Ohio State University Extension program to ensure the community garden is healthy and sustainable. She has brought speakers to discuss the merits of recycling, composting and rain barrels. She’s busy planning more speakers for the gardeners and community at large, and information related to those events will be available as details are finalized.

So, whether you are Mistress Mary, who is quite contrary, so Bob or Sue, make a point of stopping by Euclid’s community garden, just north of the city jail, and get inspired by the lovely things thriving there!

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4:00 p.m.	Waterloo bike tour departs from Euclid Beach
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Green Euclid

The downside of convenience and the anticipation of the first fruit

by Elizabeth Munro

I grew up in Westlake before it became the land of mini-mansions. I distinctly remember a cow running loose through our backyard and a cowboy on a horse, lasso spinning over his head, in pursuit. Maybe part of my memory is shaded by the romance of childhood, but the cows most distinctly were living a few houses away and they did sometimes get loose. Our backyard led to abandoned grape fields formerly owned by Welsh’s. There were early raspberries growing wild that would supply the children of the neighborhood with sustenance while they explored the wooded areas. We had favorite grape vines that we could swing on and in the late summer enjoy eating the concord grapes.

My mother had a great garden too. She grew any manner of vegetable and served them fresh on the table. I don’t remember feeling much appreciation for the fresh vegetables at the time, to be honest. Let’s face it; they don’t have the memorable sweet and juicy cache of raspberries or grapes collected from the wild. But, I do remember worrying the corn to grow as July rolled around. I remember that bitter sweet anticipation of the first ear of corn to be picked and boiled and served with lots of butter that dripped down my chin.

Well, those times are gone. I no longer have to wait for raspberries or grapes or corn. I no longer experience of anticipation of the taste of the first fruit to ripen. I no longer thrill as the juice drips down

my chin. You see, that delightful expectation is no longer necessary. I now live in a world of convenience.

This world of convenience allows me to purchase corn in the dead of winter, to find strawberries and raspberries whenever I might desire them. I can buy grapes that are transported thousands of miles from far away and exotic countries like Chile, strawberries and corn from Mexico. But somehow the exotic appeal of these places does not satisfy my longing for that childlike anticipation of the taste of the first fruit.

Well, don’t be fooled by the biblical overtones of the last statement. I am sharing all this to perhaps shed light on what I am doing lately. The folks at Shore Cultural Centre decided that they wanted to re-create the Euclid Farmers’ Market. They wanted a market that was devoted to local producer/vendors. They asked an experienced market manager to come in as a consultant. They established the criterion for vendor participation and types of products to be sold, agreed on an application process and a new time. Then I was asked to manage the Euclid Farmers’ Market this year.

Certainly, you can understand the appeal of the project. Local produce means anticipation of the first fruit. It means shared recipes for strawberries and zucchini string beans. It means to me a community that can come together in the appreciation high quality, delicious food. It means supporting business

here at home, perhaps creating jobs for people here. Now, I could talk long and hard about the consequences of NAFTA on business and jobs here at home. But let’s leave it to this; NAFTA has made the purchase of strawberries in February very convenient.

The downside of a producers-only farmers market is that it is not always convenient. We can’t buy what we want at a whim. We have to wait for the fruits and vegetable to grow and ripen. We become more interested in weather, if that could be possible. Our recent spring has been very hard on local farmers. I spoke with one farmer who will be selling organic produce at the Euclid Farmers’ Market in July. She and her family had to pull nine rows of corn that tasseled before any cobs formed. She said they planted 50 pounds of fava beans that rotted in the field. She was apologetic when I spoke to her. She knows what produce means to the success of a market. Frankly, my heart breaks for her, as this is her livelihood. Another local vendor will have produce ready in July. He is excited about the zucchini and cucumbers he will have to offer.

The Euclid Farmers’ Market will support the efforts of local farmers. We will not have vendors who go to the food terminal and sell same Texas corn that is sold in Dave’s or Giant Eagle.

We made some other changes. We moved the market from the front parking lot to the Babbit Road side of the building for a variety of reasons. First,

customers had to compete with the vendors for access parking. Children from the daycare were running through the traffic to meet with their frustrated parents. Third, the parking lot is very sunny and hot. After a couple of hours, the produce was withered and unappetizing. Fourth, people who require accessible parking and pathways to the vendors were frustrated by the lack of either.

The Babbit Road area will provide parking to the north and south of the vending area. There are handicapped parking spaces and sidewalks surrounding the entire area. It is shaded in the late afternoon and so will help to preserve the produce. There will be no unsafe conflict between cars and children.

As the season rolls on, Euclid Farmers’ Market will have herbs, fruits, vegetables, local honey, maple syrup, cheese and continue to supply all your bakery needs. You’ll find dinner prepared for you. We will have cooking demonstrations and live entertainment. We will have activities for children. We are planning other demonstrations that feature the talents of our community.

The Euclid Farmers’ Market is small this year, but we will grow with your support. I hope that you can set aside the expectation of convenience. Come to the Euclid Farmers’ Market and experience the anticipation of the taste of the first fruit.

2010 Cleveland Water Quality Report now available

by John Goersmeyer

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Just call him the ‘Golf Club Doctor’

by *John Sheridan*

Area golfers whose clubs have worn or slippery grips often look to Art Dell at Airport Greens Golf Course in Willoughby Hills to remedy the problem. You could call him a “golf club doctor.”

Art, a Euclid resident and 1970 graduate of Euclid High, has been replacing old golf grips for about 20 years. He handles a variety of other club repairs as well, including re-shafting and “loft and lie” adjustments.

“Tall people need shafts that are more upright,” he explains, “while shorter people need clubs that sit a little flatter. If people are hitting the ball too high, they might need a loft adjustment. You can deloft a club a couple of degrees and hit the ball lower.”

Art does quite a bit of re-gripping. He offers a wide variety of grips to replace older grips that may have become too slippery—or that just don’t feel right any longer.

(Having heard that Art does good work for a reasonable price, earlier this year, I had him install thicker Golf Pride grips with a bit of built-in tackiness on a set of old irons for \$6.95 per club. Result: I no longer have the feeling that my golf clubs might twist in my hands when I swing at the golf ball.)

Before getting into the golf club business, Art was an RTA bus driver for about 30 years. He now works out of a small white building near the Airport Greens

Jessica Beard keys A&M’s NCAA track championship

by *John Sheridan*

Jessica Beard, who was a four-time state 400-meter champion while competing for the Euclid Panther track team from 2004 to 2007, continues to wow track audiences while running for Texas A&M.

Last month, at the NCAA national championship meet in Des Moines, Iowa, she ran a blistering anchor leg in the 4x400 relay to win the meet-ending event and give the Aggies a come-from-behind victory in the team title chase. Earlier in the meet, she won gold in the individual 400 meter race.

“She helped Texas A&M win its third consecutive NCAA title,” notes Ted Theodore, a former Euclid High coach and still-active track official who has followed Beard’s career closely.

“Jessica is just a Euclid treasure,” says Theodore, who still officiates at many Panther track meets. “She has fulfilled all of our dreams for her—and then some. And she’s done it all with class.”

The split time that Beard posted in the recent NCAA relay event would have won a gold medal in the individual 400 meters at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, Theodore points out. And, last year, she did win a gold medal in the 4x400 relay at the World Championships in Europe.

“I think Jessica will qualify for the 2012 Olympics in London next year,” Theodore says. “I believe that she is now about the third or fourth-fastest 400-meter runner in the world.”



‘HOW’S YOUR GRIP?’ – Art Dell (right) demonstrates his golf club regripping technique for customer Mark DeRubies. (Photo by John Sheridan)

Local golf scene: A “country club” for the average Joe?

by *John Sheridan*

After observing—and carefully considering—the metamorphosis that has taken place at Briardale Greens Golf Course, it occurs to me that the city now can boast of having a “poor man’s country club.” On second thought, make that “an affordable country club for the average Joe.”

Sure, some might argue that Briardale can’t be considered a country club for a variety of reasons. For starters, it’s too flat. And it lacks a swimming pool and tennis courts—elements that traditionally have distinguished country clubs from mere golf courses.

Well, in case you haven’t noticed, there is a swimming pool right next door at the YMCA and another across the street in Memorial Park; and, rather than tennis courts, Briardale now has two bocce ball courts and a sand volleyball court—attractions that make it an appealing location for golf outings.

Yes, there are a few things that ritzy country clubs have that our city-owned course lacks—things like \$20,000 initiation fees for new members and annual dues on the order of \$2,000 and up. (You know, to keep the riff-raff away.)

Another perk that country club

members enjoy is unlimited use of well-groomed practice tees and free practice balls. Well, for serious golfers who wish to spend a lot of time working on their game, Briardale now offers a Twilight Play and Practice (TPP) package. Those who sign up get unlimited practice balls at any time of the day, plus a discount on greens fees after 4 o’clock in the afternoon—all for just \$29 a month. It works out to \$174 for the six-month package, just a fraction of what you’d pay in yearly dues at most country clubs.

If you’re observant you may have noticed that, since the Billy Casper Golf people began managing the place last year, many enhancements have been introduced, including the \$50,000 makeover of the Briardale Greens practice range. Plus, the overall maintenance of the course has improved considerably.

Among the less dramatic improvements have been things like the new bocce courts, the introduction of a junior golf program, and special players’ series events that offer a chance to compete for player of the year honors.

Moreover, Sticks Bar & Grille in the Briardale clubhouse seems a bit classier than the snack bars at most public courses. The Sticks menu now offers various specials, including \$1.50 hot dogs during Indians games and rib dinners on Friday evenings. Also, the granite-like circular tables and benches on the outdoor patio near the entrance to Sticks add a touch of class. And the Briardale staff now provides the sort of courteous treatment and service you’d expect at a first-rate club.

All in all, the ambiance and appeal have been elevated to a much higher level. At least, that’s been my impression.

BEST BALL CHAMPS The team of John Iosue and Steve Lewis carded a 7-under par score of 63 to win the June 19 Father’s Day two-man “best ball” event in the Briardale Players’ Series. Iosue is the coach of the Villa Angela-St. Joseph High golf team, which holds its practice sessions at the Babbit Road course.

Runners-up were Al Winton and R.J. Krukowski with a 66, followed by Dan Marinelli/Bobby Butler at 68, and Rob Onacila/Mike Coneglio at one-under 69.

A day earlier, nearly 100 golfers participated in the annual Paul Serra Scholarship Fund outing at the city-owned course.

AIM FOR BIRDIES The next Players’ Series event at Briardale Greens is scheduled for July 17, starting at 2 p.m. It will employ a modified Stableford scoring system, in which points are awarded for birdies and eagles, but deducted when players card bogeys, double bogeys, or worse.

Speaking of birdies, the course has been promoting a Birdie Pass program that includes one free round of golf, plus unlimited greens fees at a discounted rate, three range ball tokens, a discount on golf shop merchandise, and special events and clinics—all for a one-time fee of \$49 (just \$35 for seniors). For details, inquire at the pro shop.

COMING UP Future outings on the Briardale calendar include:

The Lake Erie Classic, co-sponsored by the Euclid and Western Lake County Chambers of Commerce July 22. The entry fee is \$95 per golfer or \$380 for a foursome. The event will have a 10 a.m. shotgun start, with dinner and games at 3:30 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by radio station WELW and a hole-in-one contest is being sponsored by Sims Buick. For more information, call the Euclid Chamber of Commerce at (216) 731-9322.

CABA high school “World Series” set to start here July 22

by *John Sheridan*

Rumors had been swirling in recent weeks that the city of Euclid would not be hosting the annual Continental Amateur Baseball Association (CABA) High School “World Series” this summer.

Reason: the press box building at Paul Serra Field, which had served as tournament headquarters in the past, was destroyed by an arsonist last summer and still hasn’t been rebuilt. And the scoreboard at Serra Field—also known as Memorial Park diamond No. 1—still wasn’t working, since the control system was destroyed in the fire that also consumed a concession stand and a restroom facility.

However, Ed Carpenter, the man who first brought the CABA event to Euclid 25 years ago, never flinched. He was sure that, somehow, the city would find a way to keep on serving as the primary “World Series” host.

It took a bit of scrambling, and, no doubt, a few eleventh-hour meetings with city and school officials. And maybe even a little heavenly help from Bob Feller. But, by golly, Euclid will once again host the baseball extravaganza that draws top-caliber high school all-star teams from across Ohio and much of the eastern U.S.

The tournament will begin July 22 and continue through July 29, with some of the round-robin games and most of the championship round games played at Memorial Park.

Teams will play eight games a day in Euclid for the first six days, Carpenter reports. “Euclid is still the main cog in the wheel. There was never a doubt in my mind that we’d be the host city again. We don’t give up easily—and Mayor Cervenik has been totally supportive.”

The Euclid High ballpark (“The Palace”), which has a functioning scoreboard, will be used, along with Memorial Park diamond No. 4. But Serra Field will still serve as the primary site, even without the brick building that served as headquarters the past 24 years.

“We’ll put up a tent behind home plate for the officials, scorekeepers, and announcers,” Carpenter points out.

As of the Observer deadline for this issue, the control system for the Serra

Field scoreboard still hadn’t been repaired. However, Mayor Bill Cervenik assured the tournament planners that the city would find a way to get the scoreboard working in time.

Apparently, the delay in replacing the press box structure and related facilities has been due to a delay in collecting on the insurance policy the city had taken out on the building.

Yet another reason for speculation that Euclid wouldn’t be hosting the CABA tournament is that the Euclid Panther baseball program did not field a “summer team” this year—in part, because some of the top players on the high school squad preferred to play for traveling teams and others wanted to play for Colt League teams. Traditionally, the Panthers’ summer team has competed in American Legion ball.

Nonetheless, Euclid will have a team entry in the World Series again this year, Carpenter asserted. He said that Paul Serra and several others have agreed to assemble a tournament team, built around a core of EHS players and augmented by top players from other area high schools.

The defending World Series champions are the Top Tier Americans from Chicago, who should be one of the favorites again this year, along with a couple of teams from Miami, Fla., and, of course, the always-tough Bergen Beach team out of Brooklyn, N.Y. One report has it that Bergen Beach has been holding tryouts all around the U.S. to try to assemble another “super team.” Over the years, many of its former players have gone on to stardom



BASEBALL FANS in one section of the stands take in a game during the 2010 CABA World Series which attracted teams from across the United States.

Pictured in the background is a section of the press box at Paul Serra field, which served as headquarters for the event. The structure was destroyed by an arsonist during last year’s World Series and has not yet been rebuilt. But tournament officials are making alternative arrangements for this year’s event. (File photo by John Sheridan)

in the major leagues. (Does the name Alex Rodriguez ring a bell?)

“With a little luck, we might see an Ohio team win it,” Carpenter says hopefully. “Last year, about five local teams made it through round-robin play and into the championship round. And I wouldn’t be surprised if Euclid comes up with a pretty good team this year.”

Well, let’s hope so. And let’s hope that, one of these days, the local police will finally get the tip they’ve been waiting for that will lead to an arrest of the dimwits who set the press box ablaze last year.

But the important thing is that there is some exciting baseball in store – and it’s just a few weeks away.



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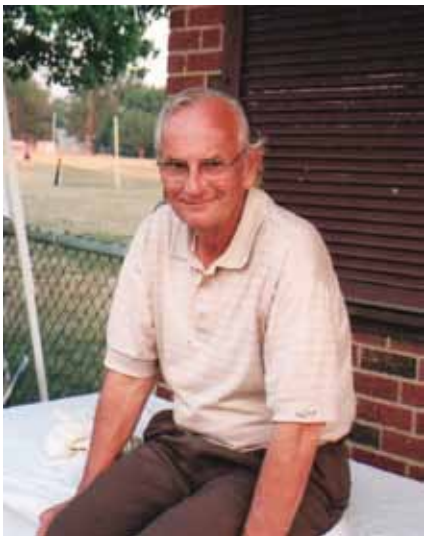
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ED CARPENTER, who has been the guiding light behind the staging of the Continental Amateur Baseball Association’s annual World Series in Euclid for the last 25 years, says the final plans are being worked out for this year’s event – even though the brick press box has not yet been rebuilt after being burned down last summer. He’s confident the city of Euclid will get the scoreboard at Serra Field working in time for the July 22-29 baseball extravaganza. (File photo by John Sheridan)

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The menu includes an 8-ounce grilled steak, corn on the cob, baked potato, salad, dessert, bread and butter, and coffee or tea. Tickets for the dinner and raffle (three drawings of \$100 each) are \$20. Dinner-only tickets are \$15. In addition to the raffle, there will also be side boards and a Chinese raffle.

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