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## First, and hopefully annual, Ss. Robert and William Festival, a weekend of fun and blessings

By Kristi Ward

Parishioners of the recently combined Saints Robert and William Catholic Church can add another check to their growing list of accomplishments -- a successful festival that all hope will become an annual event for years to come.

Blessed with good weather and hard working volunteers, the International Family Festival welcomed parishioners, families, neighbors and community leaders to the church grounds to enjoy a weekend of live bands, ethnic foods, gambling, Euclid Beach Rocket Car rides, pony rides, games and prizes.

As if the festival couldn't get any better, the grand prize raffle winner generously donated the entire \$10,000 prize back to the church.

"The festival was a spectacular event that allowed the parish, school and community at large to come and celebrate and enjoy each other with good old fashioned family fun," said Father John Better, pastor for almost two years of this newly-formed parish.

The festival kicked off Thursday with an after-hours celebration with community leaders, including Euclid Chamber of Commerce members and Mayor Bill Cervenik, who issued a proclamation stating that the Parish of Ss. Robert & William is proud to be host of a celebration that showcases the spirit, diversity, talents and unity of the residents of the city of Euclid.

Friday night was opening night, with the popular Euclid band Pieces of Eight playing classic rock and Motown hits while excited crowds poured on to the festival grounds. The smell of funnel cakes and grilled burgers wafted through the warm summer breeze and children whizzed through the crowd

anxious to ride the Euclid Beach Rocket Ship and play games.

As people enjoyed the festival foods, lemon shake-ups, ice cream and music, the faces on many festival volunteers smiled in relief as if to say, "The festival is here. We made it. And it's not raining!"

Saturday evening's festivities had a slightly different flavor. Along with the customary festival attractions, the parishioners of Ss. Robert and William also hosted the Avenue of Nations celebration, a feast of carefully prepared homemade ethnic dishes, imported beers and wines and scrumptious desserts representing countries all over the world.

Festival goers filled their plates with homemade stuffed cabbage, pierogies, wiener schnitzel, sausage and kraut, cavatelli, enchiladas, corned beef and Asian dishes. More festival fun ensued with the band Phil 'n the Blanks playing hits from the '50s through the '90s.

Sunday, the final day of the festival, started with a polka mass accompanied by the Don Wojtila Band, followed by a hearty chicken dinner. Giant rain clouds passed over leaving another beautiful summer day with people enjoying more live music from the Wojtila band, Father McNeil's Country Hour and DJ Rich Smith. Children gathered around popular animal enthusiast Jungle Terry to pet exotic animals like white skunks, chinchillas, turtles and even a giant boa constrictor!

At the end of the day, Father Better announced the winners of the raffle prizes and gift baskets. With the grand prize winner generously donating the money back to the parish, the festival planners and attendees felt truly blessed to not only be a part of the first parish festival, but the thriving Ss. Robert and William parish community as well.

## Parish festival a success

By John Sheridan

The publicity campaign promised food, music and fun – and the first Ss. Robert & William parish festival delivered on all three counts. The three-day event wrapped up on Sunday, Aug. 21 with a drawing for the grand prize of \$10,000. The winner was Fr. Joe Goebel, who generously donated the money back to the parish. Second prize of \$2,500 went to Bill O'Neill.

In his weekly message after the festival, Fr. John Better, the pastor, declared the event a "great success," adding that "It was such a joy to see people laughing, renewing old acquaintances, meeting new people, and so much more." He also announced that the festival will return again next summer. In fact, the dates for 2012 have already been picked – Aug. 24-26.

In the meantime, the hard-working parish volunteers are now gearing up for another event involving food – a clambake Sept. 16.



TASTY SNACKS – including some traditional "street carnival" treats – were among the culinary offerings at the first International Parish Festival sponsored by Ss. Robert & William parish on August 19-21.



GAMES OF CHANCE intrigued many of the adult visitors to the Ss. Robert & William festival. (Photos by John Sheridan)

## Sign of the times

By John Sheridan

Euclid residents who regularly travel along East 222nd Street are familiar with the sight of the fellow wearing the "We Buy Gold" sandwich board. And, no doubt, passing motorists have made such comments as "Who is that guy?" or "Hey, he's still out there!"

Well, here's the answer to the first question. The man is Domenic Brnjic, who has been standing out in front of Euclid Gold & Silver, 630 East 222nd, for the past eight months, from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. each day, seven days a week. When asked why he does such tedious work, he offered a simple, straightforward answer: "It's a job."

Brnjic, who emigrated from Croatia to the United States 43 years ago, previously worked for 14 years at the Al Paul Car Wash on Shore Center Drive. When the car wash went out of business, he had to find employment elsewhere—not an easy task in the current economic environment. His business card, adorned



ATTENTION GETTER – Domenic Brnjic has been wearing this signboard for the past eight months. (Photo by John Sheridan)

with a picture of gold bars and coins, identifies him as being in sales, but his primary role is to attract the attention of people who want to turn their gold jewelry into cash.

Euclid Gold & Silver, owned by Anthony DeBaltzo, is one of many Cleveland area jewelry concerns that have been using TV advertising to drum up business. But it has also found that there are other effective ways to attract the public's attention. Brnjic is proof of that. (By the way, DeBaltzo notes that his business has been doing quite well in recent months.)

## Thank you for a successful corn roast

By Rose Tanner

A big thank you to the people of Euclid, who attended the Euclid Kiwanis Corn Roast Aug. 24. You made it a huge success. Many satisfied attendees enjoyed about 45 dozen ears of corn, along with hundreds of hot dogs, baked beans and gallons of lemonade. The children had fun on the swings and merry-go-round, while the parents enjoyed conversations and fellowship.



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## What can we expect next for Euclid?

By Jerry Corbran

Have you noticed the reduced lack of community spirit in our city? Gone are the summer festivals and Ron Emsler's Sunday Sunset gatherings on our beautiful lakefront. Cancelled is the fabulous Fourth of July fireworks display due to gang troublemaking.

What happened to the tennis courts, miniature golf and sand volleyball? Our Shoe Center post office is closed. Can you tell me where to find a mail box that you can drop a letter without getting out of your car? Sure you can go to the marginal post office using precious gasoline to get there.

A great disappointment was the closing of the Euclid Beauty College and the first class Great Lakes Exposition Cen-

ter. Another was the demolition of the PMX plant making way for the Blue-stone development. It has drawn little interest from new business. This was to be Mayor Cervenik's great development achievement.

But all is not bad. After 22 years of lobbying for lakefront development by residents and council members, especially Daryl Langman, a fishing pier and walking/bicycle paths will be installed soon with restaurants and a marina in the not so distant future. It was held up for years by Mayors Oyaski and Cervenik. Cervenik finally saw the value and became a supporter, but possibly too late for the federal and state funding that was available in the years preceding our collapsed economy. But

better late than never

Again Langman was responsible for pushing to get a professional management team into Shore Cultural Centre. Their many achievements have made it possible to think that someday the facility will be self supporting and become a major cultural showplace for Northeast Ohio.

Then surprise, surprise, the mayor himself hired professionals to manage our municipal golf course. The financial and maintenance condition of the course is bound to improve.

No matter who will be our next mayor, he or she will need to spark business investment and civic pride to get us out of the doldrums we are experiencing

## Euclid Fire Department receives grant for EMS equipment

By Will Anderson

Recently, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) awarded the Euclid Fire Department (EFD) a federal grant in the amount of \$57,180 for equipment that the EFD will use while we perform our EMS duties. The city's share of the equipment cost was 25 percent of this amount, or \$14,295, while FEMA provided 75 percent of the funds. This grant allowed us to purchase three hydraulic cots that have a weight capacity of up to 1,100 pounds. These cots have been placed in all three frontline ambulances and greatly reduce the likelihood that one of our members sustains a back injury. These types of injuries are very common among fire and EMS personnel.

In addition to the hydraulic cots, we've also received three battery-powered chest compression devices. This piece of equipment is used when someone is in cardiac arrest. It is a machine that eliminates the need for manual chest compressions. Because each ambulance is staffed with at least one paramedic, this allows our

personnel to focus on other advanced life support duties that give each patient an increased chance of survival.

All fire department members received training on these devices in July. Our personnel wasted no time in putting the device to use. Within days of the training, one of our ambulances was sent to an apartment building for a male who fell while in the shower. On their arrival, they found the patient unresponsive, not breathing, and with no pulse. EMS staff quickly initiated CPR, and applied the chest compression device; the patient regained a pulse while en route to the hospital. The last known information was that the patient was admitted to the hospital with a strong pulse and blood pressure while on a ventilator. This was the first use of our new chest compression device!

All fire department personnel are trained as emergency medical technicians (EMT), with 59 of our 75 members being additionally trained as emergency medical technician-paramedics (EMT-

P). Paramedics receive more in-depth and hands-on training while in school. Current schooling consists of at least 800 classroom and clinical hours. Since the 1994, an applicant must already be trained as a paramedic to be hired on the Euclid Fire Department.

Our education doesn't stop once we've completed paramedic school. The state of Ohio requires us to complete 96 hours of continuing education every three years. We enjoy a close working relationship with Euclid Hospital who provides us with several opportunities each year to obtain our continuing education.

In closing, our ambulances are very busy. In 2010, we answered 6,208 EMS calls. This represents 83.5 percent of all fire department responses for 2010. We respond as quickly as possible to each incident. Please know that if you call for an ambulance, you'll be treated by true professionals who are dedicated to your health and safety and are extremely competent and capable firefighter/paramedics.

## Protecting your family and home against dryer fires

By Will Anderson

Hi again, citizens of Euclid! Doing laundry is most likely part of your everyday routine. This month we'd like to address a very important part of protecting your home and family members, and that is properly using your clothes dryer. According to the U.S.

Fire Administration, fires originating in clothes dryers cause more than \$88 million annually in damage, cause more than 400 injuries, and result in an average of 15 deaths every year. The leading cause of home clothes dryer fires is failure to clean them. It's also been determined that dryer fires peak between the hours of noon and 9 p.m. and during the months of November to March. With a few simple safety tips you can help prevent a clothes dryer fire from occurring in your home.

- Have a professional install and service your clothes dryer.
- Do not use the dryer without a lint filter.
- Be certain to clean the lint filter before or after each load of laundry.
- Follow the operating instructions and don't overload your dryer.
- Make sure the air exhaust vent pipe is not blocked and the outside vent flap will open when the dryer is operating.
- Gas dryers should be inspected by a professional to make sure the gas line and connection are intact and free of leaks.

- Keep the area around your dryer clear of things that can burn, like boxes and clothing.
- Clothes that have come in contact with flammable substances (i.e. gasoline, paint thinner) should be laid or hung outside to dry, then can be washed and dried as usual.
- Stay home when the dryer is in use. If you must leave, turn off your dryer!
- Be sure to have working smoke detectors on each level of your home.

Ask any firefighter who's been on the job for awhile and it's likely they've responded to fires caused by clothes dryers. We recently responded to a very serious fire that trapped two occupants. We had to remove them from the roof of their front porch before we began extinguishing the fire. That fire was most likely caused by excessive lint build-up. It can happen to you! Please don't be a statistic. The EFD wants you to use common sense and use your dryer and other appliances safely. Remember: If you need us, call us – we'll be there! Thanks for reading and stay safe!



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## Health

## Euclid Hospital nurse walks in Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure walk

By Angela Smith

In 2007, Jennifer Gilbride, a Euclid Hospital R.N. was diagnosed with inflammatory breast cancer (IBC). At Cleveland Clinic facilities she underwent six months of chemotherapy, six weeks of radiation twice a day and seven reconstruction surgeries.

Gilbride is a survivor and was recently chosen to carry the flag of courage in the opening and closing ceremonies of the Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure®. During the walk she was interviewed by Monica Robins of WKYC, four years after their first interview together when she was first diagnosed with cancer.

Gilbride is an inspiration. She became very active with helping others through breast cancer support and education. She was even selected and trained to be a peer counselor with The



Jennifer Gilbride, RN, Euclid Hospital

Gathering Place's Breast Cancer Connection service.

Dedicated to the education of other women about IBC, this rare and aggressive form of cancer cannot be detected by mammogram or ultrasound. There are no lumps, only red patches. Gilbride is proof that knowledge and perseverance can lead you to overcome your obstacles and live strong.

## Euclid Hospital news

By Angela Smith

### Euclid Hospital participates in disaster drill

Euclid Hospital was among many hospitals and medical centers across Northeast Ohio to participate in a five-county wide Emergency Management Drill in mid-July.

The purpose of the drill was to test the hospital's ability to respond to an external disaster using its emergency operations plan. During the exercise, Euclid Hospital was responsible for responding to and managing a surge of patients requiring mass decontamination following a chemical exposure. The incident command center at Euclid was activated to coordinate emergency response efforts while continuing normal operations within the hospital. Euclid's hospital emergency response team (HERT) team deployed a mass decontamination unit and performed actual decontamination on actors role playing as patients.

Drills are performed regularly to ensure the safety of patients, visitors and employees in case of a potential disaster.

### Euclid Hospital presents a Healthwise Connection "Lunch and Learn"

More than 120 people attended a free lunch and learn session about colon cancer prevention on Aug. 4 at the Willowick Senior Center. Sponsored by Euclid Hospital and Healthwise Connection, gastroenterologist Michael Kirsch, M.D., presented important information on colon cancer, special risk factors and screening options. Parma Care/The Avenue Rehabilitation and Care Centers provided a free lunch.

This event was sponsored by Healthwise Connection, a free program provided by Cleveland Clinic hospitals to help people 50 and older to maintain a healthy and active lifestyle. You do not need to be a current Cleveland Clinic patient to qualify for enrollment in this exciting program. Once you receive your Healthwise Connection membership card, enjoy exclusive discounts and services including: health screenings, health and wellness programs, physician referral service, exercise programs and transportation assistance for medical appointments. Joining is easy. For more information or to enroll in Healthwise Connection, please call (800) 775-4HWC (800) 775-4492) or visit [clevelandclinic.org/hwc](http://clevelandclinic.org/hwc).

## Diabetes is complicated

By Joan Holmes

Are you diabetic? Have you been told that you are prediabetic? Millions of Americans are just like you. If you need some motivation to change your lifestyle and your eating habits, come join the Euclid Diabetes Support Group at our September meeting Sept. 19. Our meeting starts at 7 p.m. at the Euclid Public Library.

Dan Finkenthal, RN, will present "Complications of Diabetes, a Detailed Overview." Dan is a nurse educator

for the Diabetes Partnership, formerly known as the Diabetes Association of Greater Cleveland. He is an informative and entertaining speaker. If you have any questions pertaining to diabetes, he is the man to answer them for you.

The purpose of the Euclid Diabetes Support Group is to help people with that disease live a healthy lifestyle by providing information and support to its members. Our meetings are free and open to the public. All are welcome to join us.

## Y upgrades fitness equipment

By John Sheridan

The Euclid YMCA held a special fitness center "grand-reopening" ceremony Aug. 20, to celebrate the installation of new exercise equipment in the first-floor fitness center, as well as the group exercise and free-weight rooms on the lower level. Euclid Mayor Bill Cervenik participated in the ribbon-cutting ceremony and then tried out one of the new Precor elliptical training machines.

New treadmills and an incline bench for "ab crunches" were among the items installed recently at the Babbitt Road branch.



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## BRIDGES to host walk-a-thon

By Karla Bowman

BRIDGES (Building Respect and Interaction through Dialogue, Growth, Education and Solutions) and Moore Counseling Ministries are hosting a walk-a-thon here in the city of Euclid Sept. 24, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.. "Walking with Purpose" is an event designed to bring the community together to celebrate and promote diversity and to support some of Euclid's non-profit organizations. Walkers may direct their pledges to benefit BRIDGES, MCMS Counseling and Addiction Recovery Programs, the Rosemary Center, the Euclid Hunger Center or the Mary Mavec Opportunity School.

Walking is a form of exercise that is simple and safe, good for your heart and your waistline. Everyone in the community is welcome to participate! Why not get a team together of family, friends

or co-workers? Prizes will be awarded to the largest group, the most money raised and most interesting theme. After the walk get to know your neighbors at a picnic at Sims Park, hosted by The Lake Shore Ministry Group. Hot dogs and snacks will be provided by Dave's Supermarket for a minimal cost.

The walk-a-thon will begin and end at Sims Park on Lakeshore Boulevard. Walkers can choose the Senior Circuit, the 2.5 mile, or the 5.5 mile walk. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the first step off is at 9 a.m. If you'd like to participate contact Mary Muehle at (216) 481-3272 or email BRIDGES at [bridgesofneo@live.com](mailto:bridgesofneo@live.com). Information and forms are also available at [www.bridgesofneo.com](http://www.bridgesofneo.com) or at the Euclid Public Library or Euclid City Hall. The walk-a-thon will be held rain or shine!

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## Upcoming Events

### Tickets now on sale for Animal Shelter 'Boo Bash'

By John Sheridan

Ticket sales began Sept. 1 for the Euclid Animal Shelter's next major fund-raiser—the annual Clam Jam and Boo Bash—which will be held this year at the Manor Party Center on Rockwell Drive in Euclid.

Euclid Pet Pals, the volunteer organization that supports the local haven for homeless animals, sponsors this event, scheduled October 28. Tickets are \$40 per person.

The fund-raiser was given the "Boo Bash" moniker since it is usually held quite close to Halloween. In past years, some of the attendees have shown up in costume.

Tickets for the clambake-style event are available at the shelter, located at 25100 Lakeland Boulevard, which runs alongside the Interstate 90 freeway. It is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday evenings.

Cat sale still on! Currently, the animal shelter has some 35 cats available for adoption, including about a dozen adult cats. Since they are often difficult to find new homes, Euclid Pet Pals has reduced the adoption fee for the older cats to a mere \$10. The fee includes a veterinary exam and vaccinations. The fee for kittens is \$35, which is half the normal rate of \$70.

For more information, call the shelter at (216) 289-2057 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays or 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. Or visit the Euclid Pet Pals website at [www.euclidpetpals.net](http://www.euclidpetpals.net).

### Do you want to get one more 5k race in before the snow flies?

By Annemarie Finch

Save the Date—Nov. 5! Eaton Corporation and Euclid Recreation Department are hosting the annual 5k Walk/Run and 1.5 mile Doggie Dash. The annual race is changing its name and location this year. The Eaton-Euclid 5k Walk/Run will be held at the Eaton Corporation campus at Heritage Business Park, located at 1345 East 222nd Street.

The race promises to be faster and safer this year. Past races were held running on East 222nd and Babbitt Roads, runners were competing not only with each other but also with Saturday morning traffic. The new location has runners and walkers coursing through the Heritage Business Park, with only a brief leg of the race on Euclid Avenue. Previous races have had runners from as far as Pennsylvania and New York participate and enjoy one of the last races of the season.

The 5k consists of two laps and the Doggie Dash is one lap. The Doggie Dash is a crowd favorite, as dogs and their human companions start the race day (8:30 a.m.) with the 1.5 mile run or walk; the 5k follows at 9 a.m. Participants can register for one race or both the 5k and Doggie Dash. Registration is available online at [www.hmapromotions.net](http://www.hmapromotions.net) or with the Euclid Recreation Department. Pre-race registration fees are \$15 for the 5k only, \$10 for the Doggie Dash, or \$20 for both races. Race day registration fees are \$20 for the 5k, \$15 for the Doggie Dash, or \$25 for both races.

Overall, age group and canine winners will be awarded on race day. Proceeds benefit the Euclid Recreation Department. For more information please contact Annemarie at (216) 289-8114 or down load a registration form at [www.cityofeuclid.com/recreation/programs](http://www.cityofeuclid.com/recreation/programs).

### Clambake at Lourdes Shrine

By John Sheridan

It's that time of year when many non-profit organizations turn to clambakes as fund-raisers. And that includes the Sisters of the Most Holy Trinity who take care of the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in Euclid.

Tickets for the Sept. 17 clambake at the shrine, located at 21281 Chardon Road, are \$30 for one person or \$55 per couple. Attendees who aren't particularly fond of clams can opt for a 10-ounce strip steak instead. Each dinner also includes baked chicken, baked sweet potato, clam chowder, pasta, clam broth, corn on the cob, rolls and butter.

Proceeds go toward the upkeep of the shrine. Ticket reservations can be made at the shrine gift shop, which is open year-round from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., seven days a week (and until 7 p.m. on Wednesdays through the end of September). Reservations can also be made by calling Sister Phyllis Ann at (216) 481-8232. The deadline for reservations is Sept. 11.

When making a reservation, the choice of either clams or steak should be specified. Tickets are to be picked up at the door on the day of the event.

### Gateway Sunday

By Carol Geyer

It is time again for Gateway Sunday! Everyone is invited to celebrate Gateway's "community within a community" Sept. 11, and in addition, join in the fight against hunger and Alzheimer's.

From 10:30 a.m. to noon, we will be serving a delicious pancake breakfast on the Gateway campus. Bring your entire family for good food, classic cars, cash prizes, entertainment, the Euclid Beach Rocket Car and Petals & Daisy the clowns (sponsored by Senior Independence). There is something for everyone to enjoy.

Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$2 for kids, and seniors over 55 eat FREE!

All proceeds will go to The Euclid Hunger Center and The Alzheimer's Association. Take time out for a good cause and a great family activity. For free tickets, please contact Carol at (216) 383-1459 extension 4001.

### Fall is time for clambakes, fun and fellowship!

Clambakes have become an autumn tradition in northeastern Ohio. Yummy steamed clams, dipped in butter, accompanied by chicken and corn on the cob.... MMMmmm! Do you have a taste for a good "bake?" Here is your chance. Two Catholic parishes in the North Collinwood area are hosting a Clambake/Steak Roast. A very affordable price of \$25 per person, and extra clams are \$8 a dozen. Enjoy this fall treat with your friends and neighbors; these clambakes should be a lot of

fun and fellowship. So save these dates – and call to reserve your tickets:

Sept. 25 from noon to 4 p.m., St. Jeromes, 15100 Lakeshore Boulevard. There will also be a Chinese raffle and a 50/50 raffle. Contact Jim Nugent at (216) 215-3579.

Oct. 15 from 6 to 10 p.m., St. Casimir Parish, 18022 Neff Road, with a Fall raffle of \$2,000 in total prizes! For tickets, call Father Bacevice (216) 481-3157.

Bring your appetite and enjoy the traditional fall event!

### Euclid Art Association - Watercolor

By Nancy Daly

The Euclid Art Association will meet Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall of East Shore Methodist Church, located at 23002 Lakeshore Boulevard. Artist Stan Klak will demonstrate watercolor painting. For information call (216) 486-8401 or (216) 692-0538.

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# Community

## Euclid YMCA offers membership incentives

By John Sheridan

Euclid YMCA offers membership incentives

The Euclid YMCA, located at 631 Babbitt Road, is participating in a member-recruitment drive sponsored by the YMCA of Greater Cleveland.

Through Oct. 9, the normal \$100 joiner fee is being waived for new members. In addition, current members are being offered a financial incentive to persuade friends and family members to join the Y and re-energize their lifestyles. They'll receive a \$25 credit toward their membership dues for each new member they bring in.

As always, members enjoy significant discounts—up to 50 percent—on fees charged to participate in various programs, such as flag football, gymnastics, basketball leagues, and certain aquatics exercise classes. And many Y activities are offered free to members.

To learn more, contact Euclid YMCA membership coordinator Brian Merkich

at (216) 731-7454. Or stop in and talk to one of the staffers at the front desk.

**FALL/WINTER SWIM TEAM** – For youngsters interested in competitive swimming, now is the time to sign up for the fall/winter swim team program. A parental information meeting is scheduled for Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. for new swim team members. Practice sessions begin Sept. 19.

To join the Euclid/Hillcrest Y “Hurricanes” swim team, candidates must be YMCA members between 3 and 17 years of age. Practices are held five nights a week – Monday and Wednesday at the Euclid Y and Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at Hillcrest (on Mayfield Road near Richmond Road). Team members are required to attend at least one practice per week.

Swim meets, involving competition with teams from other YMCA branches, are normally held on Saturdays, beginning Oct. 22. For more

information, contact aquatics director John Graves at (216) 731-7454.

**STAFF CHANGES** – Gary Washington, who has been the youth sports coordinator at the Euclid Y for about two years, is leaving to take a position at the Bedford Y. Among his duties here, he developed a successful youth basketball program. As of the Observer press deadline, no replacement had been named.

Also, John Graves, who had been serving as aquatics director for both the Euclid and Hillcrest branches, is no longer affiliated with Hillcrest, except in his capacity as swim team coordinator. Now, while continuing to oversee the Euclid Y aquatics program, he is also the aquatics director for the Downtown Y.

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**NEW EQUIPMENT** – The Euclid YMCA's fitness area was recently upgraded with the installation of new treadmills, elliptical trainers, and other exercise equipment. Mayor Bill Cervenik made an appearance for a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Aug. 20 and tried out one of the machines. He was greeted at the Y by Executive Director John Reid.

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*By Rochelle Schiffbauer*

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A terrific way to preserve these recipes is to scrapbook them. It's easy, and a recipe scrapbook also makes a terrific gift. Imagine giving an assortment of your favorite family recipes to a bride to be. A recipe scrapbook makes a very personal gift.

A six by six album with page protectors is the perfect place to start. Print out your recipes and attach them to a six by six piece of plain or patterned paper. Or choose a kit to continue a theme throughout your book. Often kits

come complete with all the embellishments to give your pages a finished and professional look.

You may also choose to attach a photo of the finished dish, or better yet, a photo of the family member who was the originator of the recipe. Including a bit of history about the recipes will make your book even more special, especially if they are a collection given to you by someone else.

Scrapbooking your family recipes is a way to preserve your family heritage. These scrapbooks can safely be passed down from generation to generation. Consider starting a scrapbook recipe book for your family.

*Rochelle Schiffbauer owns Creative Creations, a cardmaking and scrapbooking studio at Shore Cultural Centre that specializes in classes, supplies and specialty gifts. Rochelle has designed and taught for more than ten years. To learn more call 216-261-3727.*

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# Shore Cultural Center



### Introducing Shore's New In-House Photographer!

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### Blue Lunch Rocked the Park!

Families, friends, neighbors and visitors turned out for a free concert at Shore Cultural Centre, and couldn't have enjoyed better weather. While Blue Lunch jammed their classic blues and swing style, shoppers browsed the Art Market and Farmers' Market, and enjoyed food from Paragon Wine Bar. Support from the City of Euclid and local business sponsors makes the concert series possible. The next concert and art market will be September 23, with Passport Project.

### Learn to Speak English Classes *by Monica Nagle*

Euclid City Schools ABLE offers free classes to learn to speak English for speakers of other languages. Classes are offered in the morning from 9:00 am to 11:30 am and the evening from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Classes focus on improving English skills through speaking, reading, writing and listening. Instruction is provided in grammar, pronunciation, and civics. Beginning, intermediate and advanced levels of instruction are offered and experienced instructors assist in individualizing the program to meet each person's needs. All classes meet at Shore Cultural Centre, 291 East 222<sup>nd</sup> Street, Euclid. Call 216-797-2942 to register for morning or evening Classes.

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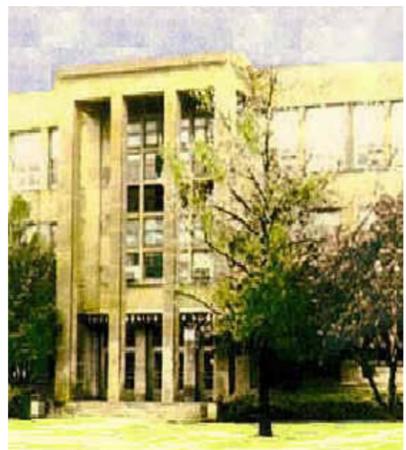
# Library News

## Euclid High School Yearbooks Online

What conjures happy memories? Flipping the pages of your high school yearbook! If you went to Euclid High, you can do this online! The Euclid Public Library has a digital collection of 52 Euclidian yearbooks that are full-



ly accessible through the web site at [www.euclidlibrary.org](http://www.euclidlibrary.org). You can take a stroll down memory lane, click and send pages to former classmates. Once you've found your year, type in your name and the site will tab all the pages with your name on them. It couldn't be easier or more convenient! Have fun!



## Poetry Contest

For National Poetry Month, our Friends of the Library sponsored a Poetry Contest and invited all ages to participate. This year's contest was a big success with many poets. The winners for the 2011 contest include:

**"Jester's Lament pt. 1"**

**Korry Wright**  
Adult Category – First Place

**"Gypsy Girl"**

**Robert Fiorelli**  
Adult Category – Second Place

**"Ballad of the Angels"**

**Tyler Williams**  
Teen Category – First Place

**"Existence"**

**Tyler Williams**  
Teen Category – Second Place

**"Photograph"**

**Nicole Fiorelli**  
Children's Category – First Place

**"The Raccoon Ninja"**

**Ergis Mecaj**  
Children's Category – Second Place

Congratulations to our winners! They, and other participants, will be recognized in a reception Tuesday, September 27 at 7:00 PM in the library's Shore Room. Everyone is welcome to listen to the winners recite their poems. Copies of the poetry book will be available for purchase.

## A Note from the Library Director

In a column I wrote four years ago I talked about the results of a community survey we had done. The survey told us that you appreciated the diversity of our collections; that our equipment and Internet connections were top-notch; you wanted more in our audio and video collections and your community groups made good use of our meeting rooms. I think those expectations still hold true four years later, but the number of items we circulate has declined recently, and I'm wondering why?



As revenue has declined we've had to reduce the amount of money we spend on new materials as well as other areas of library operation. We have fewer copies of best sellers and DVDs on the shelf. Does that account for this decline or is there something else contributing to it? If you have some thoughts on the subject, I'd like to hear them. My email is [dperdzock@euclidlibrary.org](mailto:dperdzock@euclidlibrary.org).

However, if you haven't made a visit to your library in a while, this is an opportunity for me to remind you of some of our services such as:

- Downloadable audiobooks and music
- Freegal: a new service that gives you three free, weekly music downloads from the Sony music collection
- Bibliocommons: Clevnet's new, interactive catalog where you can maintain your own page similar to a social network site

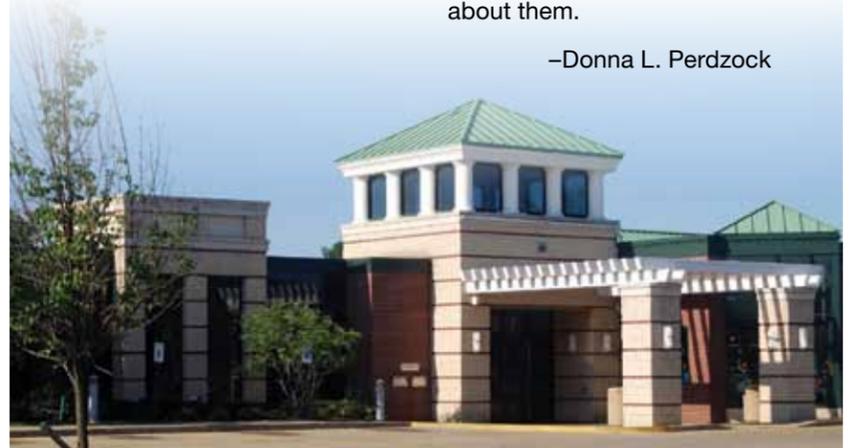
- Sparkle Spot: a room for parents and children to work together on activities that develop skills children will need as they enter kindergarten

On another subject...the school year is just underway, and that means students are returning to the library after school. If you visit the library around 2:30 on a school day, you've likely noticed staff around the entrance having conversations with teens as they enter the library. We are reminding them (if you have or have had teen-

age children, you know they need reminding sometimes) that time after school at the library is time to work on homework. Since we have so many students who want to use the library after school, homework is the one activity that doesn't interfere with other residents' use of the library and is a service the library can support with its resources.

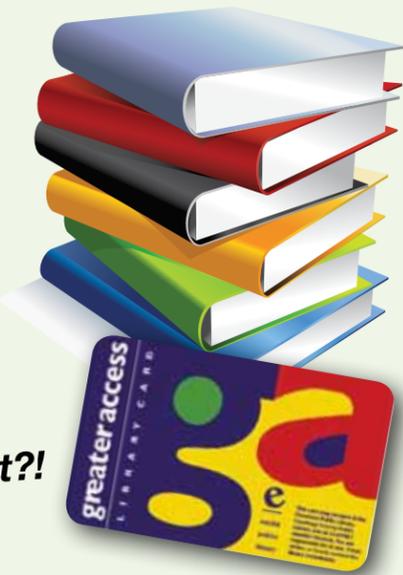
A library is a community-supported resource that every resident has the right to use at any given time without interference from disruptive behavior. We want young residents to use the library and welcome them, but at the same time we expect them to behave in a public building in such a way that their behavior is not a disruption to others in the building. I don't think that expectation is too high. I encourage parents who want their children to come to the library after school to understand our expectations and have a discussion about them.

-Donna L. Perdzock



## National Library Card Month

September is National Library Card Month. We know you take care to make sure your school age children get all the school supplies they need, but have you made sure the entire family has a valid library card? That library card can give you access to millions of books, DVDs, magazines, video games and so much more – and all at no cost. Borrowing from the library couldn't be easier!



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# Library News

## Candidate Info

We know that without the Euclid League of Women Voters an information gap has occurred. We all want to know where the candidates stand on the important issues that affect our city. The library is in the process of interviewing each candidate for the positions of Mayor, City Council, Euclid City School Board and Municipal Judge. Keep an eye out for the informational fliers in early October. Additionally, the library will offer each candidate the opportunity to place their own brochures on an information table in the front lobby.



Be sure to mark your calendar for an opportunity to meet the candidates. We will ask each candidate a series of questions and then open the microphone for questions from the audience. Please join us for these important sessions.

- ★ **Sunday, October 9 at 2:00 PM in our Shore Room**  
Meet with candidates for Euclid City School Board and the position of Judge for Euclid Municipal Court.
  - ★ **Sunday, October 23 at 2:00 PM in our shore Room**  
Meet with candidates for the position of Mayor for the City of Euclid and Euclid City Council.
- We hope to see you there!*

## Public Meeting Rooms

Euclid Public Library is committed to helping build a sense of community by offering free meeting room space to groups and organizations. The rooms are available for use by non-profit community groups of 4 persons or more.



A Euclid resident must sign a meeting room contract form in order to utilize this free, public space that is guided by a policy adopted by the Board of Trustees of the library. If



your non-profit group would like to use these public meeting rooms, feel welcome to contact the library for more details.

## Ancestry at EPL

Your Euclid Public Library subscribes to a data base that you can use for **FREE!** Ancestry.com is something you've heard about on TV and you can use it within the library at no cost; we subscribe so you don't have to!



Ancestry.com features more than 1.2 billion genealogy records, including digitized images of the U.S. Census from 1790 forward. It also includes the Social Security Death index and the New York and San Francisco passenger lists. Many of our ancestors came to this country by boat, so these lists are important to search. Ancestry.com also hosts the New York petitions for Naturalizations.

Why not take a look at your family history. Think of the dinner conversations you can inspire when holiday gatherings begin!

## Euclid Auto Plants

On Thursday, September 15 at 7:00 PM in the Euclid Library's Shore Room, librarian Tom Pappas shares stories about the big auto makers and their ties to World War II. During the war, the United States was known as the "Arsenal of Democracy." Part of that arsenal included vehicles and airplanes produced by America's automakers. The seemingly endless stream of fighter planes, bombers, jeeps, trucks and tanks helped America and its allies win the war.



The auto industry was a big part of Euclid's early industry. In 1930, Chandler Products, which had become a holding of Hupp Motor Car Company moved into its present location at 1491 Chardon Road. Previously known as the Chandler Motor Car Company, it had produced a line of automobile models known for their reliability and elegance. These Chandlers were pricey and after acquiring the company in 1927, Hupp dropped the entire Chandler line in May 1929. Chandler Motor Cars are on display at the Crawford Auto Aviation Museum and a 1922 Chandler Six-Seven Passenger Touring Car can be seen in the lobby of the Chardon Road factory in Euclid!



The Inland Plant of General Motors at 20001 Euclid Avenue originally had been another of the federally funded defense plants in the area that produced aviation components. During the period of industrial reconversion that followed the war, the facility was purchased by the Ferguson Tractor Company who planned a joint venture with the Ford Motor Company. That deal failed to materialize and GM took over the plant and began operations there in 1947.



**If you're interested in automotive history, make sure to attend the library's series of auto-themed program this fall:**

- Tuesday, September 13 – 7:00 PM  
"Cars that Changed the Automobile Industry" (50 minute film)
- Thursday, September 15 – 7:00 PM  
"The Auto Goes to War" – Tom Pappas
- Tuesday, September 20 – 2:00 PM  
"100 Years of the Automobile" (60 minute film)
- Wednesday, September 28 – 7:00 PM  
"Merrily We Roll Along- Early Days of the Auto" (60 minute film)
- Tuesday, October 11 – 7:00 PM  
"Model T" (50 minute film)
- Wednesday, October 26 – 7:00 PM  
"Sports Cars" and "1968 Mustang" (94 minute films)
- Wednesday, November 9 – 7:00 PM  
"Crazy Car Comedies" (60 minute silent films)
- Thursday, November 10 – 7:00 PM  
"Cars of the Future: What we Considered in the 1950s" – Tom Pappas

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## Politics

## Mayor Cervenik answers questions for candidates

**Please provide a brief explanation of who you are, your career accomplishments, how long you have been a resident of Euclid, and any past experience in elective office.**

My name is Bill Cervenik and I am a lifelong resident of the City of Euclid. I have been married to my wife Mary Kay for over 37 years and we raised our two grown children on East 213th Street, where we still reside. I am also the proud grandparent of a nine year old granddaughter. I attended night school at Cleveland State University and earned a bachelor's degree in business administration, with a major in accounting. I became a certified public accountant in 1983, and am still a partner in the accounting firm of Gallagher Cervenik & Associates. I served as a member of Euclid City Council for 12 years, the last five as council president, and became the 13th mayor of the city Dec. 1, 2003.

**Why are you seeking the position of mayor of Euclid?**

I have guided this city through some of the most difficult economic times in our country's history, and have done so without the drastic cuts that so many other communities experienced in their police, fire and emergency medical services, as well as recreation. I presented annual budgets that assured our residents are safe, their children have supervised activities in which to participate, and continue to vigorously fight the effects of the housing crisis in our neighborhoods with innovative programs and strict code enforcement. The 2011 budget I presented to city council was actually \$800,000 less than spent in 2008. Having a strong financial background as a CPA has certainly helped in managing our finances.

In a time when many cities have experienced disinvestment and loss of businesses, through our economic development efforts, our city has experienced unprecedented growth. During my two terms as mayor, our Euclid's industrial corridor has expanded with the job-ready Bluestone site, the East 222nd roadway project and the construction of Lincoln Electric's 434-foot, 2.5 megawatt wind turbine. We have also assisted many of our smaller businesses, as can be witnessed by the over \$15 million dollars of public and private investment, with the promise of more in the near future.

**If elected, what three issues or programs would be at the top of your priority list in the first year or two of your term as mayor?**

The first priority of my new term will be a continuation of my commitment to economic development and the creation of new jobs. Assisting our existing companies in expansion efforts and attracting new companies to the city will expand our tax base and provide new employment opportunities for our residents. During my eight

years as mayor, I have created an environment in the business community of cooperation, trust and growth, and this relationship is extremely critical as we continue to redevelop the city.

The second priority has always been keeping our residents, neighborhoods and commercial areas safe by providing strong, well-trained and well-equipped safety forces. Our police, fire and EMS personnel are second to none. I have been told time and again by our residents that safety is of the utmost importance and concern. Another important element of a safe community is strict housing code enforcement. I have re-organized the housing department to be supervised and directed by the Department of Law. Much success has been made. We will continue to rehabilitate houses using Federal Neighborhood Stabilization and County Home dollars. We also expect to demolish 40 additional homes and make the lots available to residents at a reasonable price.

The third priority will be to safeguard each and every taxpayer dollar by presenting budgets to city council that make sense, are conservative, but most importantly allow us the ability to provide the services that enhance the quality of life in Euclid. This includes the advancement of our Lakefront Development plans. As I mentioned earlier, I have led this city through some of the most difficult economic times, and will continue to do so over the next four years.

**What do you regard as the primary long-term challenges facing the city of Euclid? How would you deal with those challenges?**

The primary challenges for Euclid are actually contained in the prior question, but there are a few more I will take a moment to speak to. Our schools are perceived by some as failing to provide a quality education. This feeling is fueled by the results of the state of Ohio report cards. But I can assure you that any child that wants a quality education will receive one at Euclid Public Schools. I meet with Superintendent Dr. Joff Jones on a regular basis, and I am excited about new programs and initiatives being put in place to help our children prosper. Let's not forget that we will have four new, modern elementary schools that will allow our students to experience education using the latest technology. I will continue to work with the school board and administration to make our schools stronger. Other long-term challenges will be covered in response to subsequent questions such as housing issues.

**Do you favor the continuation of support for the Shore Cultural Centre and the programs offered there? If so, why do you believe the center is an important community asset?**

If you look at the new development in the downtown area, it makes real

sense to include Shore Cultural Centre into the equation. It certainly has some major capital needs. Some have been addressed, and the Coral Group's five year strategic plan addresses many of the remaining challenges of the building. The building's presence on the point is spectacular and has the potential to be the focal point of the entire downtown. The programs and events that are held at the [Shore] Cultural Centre attract residents and non-residents. This is where economic growth can take place. Coral's five year strategic plan does not just address the capital needs of the building, but contains a strategic process to truly create a cultural, arts and educational facility, that will become self-supporting. I am satisfied with their performance to date, and strongly support the approval of the five year strategic plan as presented by the Coral Group. This is probably one of my biggest changes of heart over my twenty years of public service, but it demonstrates my ability to compromise and listen to new ideas.

**Do you favor extending the contract with the Coral Group to oversee its five-year plan for Shore Cultural Centre? If not, explain why not.**

Covered in question 5.

**In your view, how much emphasis should the city administration be placing on economic development initiatives? Also, as mayor, what steps would you take to strengthen the tax base and enhance the image that the city projects to the wider community?**

As mentioned previously, it is of the utmost importance to dedicate significant time and energy to economic development initiatives. I mentioned our relationship with the local business community, but we have also formed strong partnerships and relationships with federal, state and county officials, as well as regional organizations such as Team NEO and most recently Cleveland+. A major initiative over the next four years for my administration will be to attract at least one thousand jobs to Bluestone Business Park. We believe that type of growth will lead to good things on the mall property.

**Do you have a plan for resolving the issue of depressed property values in the city? If so, what are the key elements of that plan?**

The economic climate and the effect of home foreclosures and falling home values are also a challenge that did not exist years ago, at least not to the current level. As I am writing this, I am listening to a news program where the analyst stated that after the Great Depression of 1929, housing values took nearly nineteen years to return to pre-1929 values. We must, and will continue our strict code enforcements policies, continue to rehabilitate where possible, demolish where necessary



Mayor Bill Cervenik

and create new programs, such as our highly successful First Time Homeowner Assistance Program. We have strengthened the regulations and enforcement related to single family rental properties, and diligently search for properties that are unregistered rentals. The nuisance abatement program concerning grass cutting and disheveled property is also a great tool.

**How do you rate the performance of the Euclid safety forces? What would you do, as mayor, to improve the ability of the police and fire departments to meet the needs of the citizens of Euclid?**

Also mentioned earlier, the performance of our safety forces is tremendous. They are professional, well trained and understand the need for our residents. This year, we reinstated the bike patrols with great success. My immediate goal is to increase community policing activities. Although this effort may have some costs, the benefits outweigh expenditures.

**If elected, what would be the very first piece of legislation that you would propose to the city council?**

My first piece of legislation will be the 2012 General Fund Budget that will be balanced but still allows my administration to provide the services and programs that the community deserves and needs.

**When prospective voters ask why they ought to vote for you, what do you tell them?**

I tell them I possess the leadership, experience and knowledge to continue to move the city of Euclid forward. I ask them to take a look around town and see the many improvements that have taken place on my watch. I have carefully and successfully managed the finances of the city. I also acknowledge we have challenges in front of us, but that I have the experience to face these challenges and find solutions. I have made many tough and sometimes unpopular decisions as your mayor, but that comes with the job. I am up to the task.

## Politics

## Jack Johnson's responses to mayoral candidate questions

Please provide a brief explanation of who you are, your career accomplishments, how long you have been a resident of Euclid, and any past experience in elective office.

I have been a Euclid resident since 1989. My involvement in the community includes actively participating in and previously serving as an officer of the Chardon Hill Community Association. I have previously served on the board of directors of the now closed Regina High School. I have previously served on the Cuyahoga County Democratic Party executive committee. I am a member of St. John of the Cross Church in Euclid, where I previously served as a parish council member and currently serve as a lector. My experience in municipal government covers over 30 years in various capacities. That is more than all of the other mayoral candidates combined. My education includes a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration, major in accounting and minors in economics and management from Youngstown State University. In my 21 years as an employee of the city of Euclid, I have had the privilege of working for three different mayors and many city councils. During my tenure I started the Euclid cable television channels, introduced state of the art technology for more efficiency, received the Government Finance Officers Association award for excellence in financial reporting and received "clean" audit reports for several consecutive years.

**Why are you seeking the position of mayor of Euclid?**

I have a passion for serving and improving our community that has led me to run for mayor of Euclid.

**If elected, what three issues or programs would be at the top of your priority list in the first year or two of your term as mayor?**

1. Improving property values by initiating a plan to enhance and redevelop the housing stock in the city.
2. Stabilizing and improving city services such as snowplowing, leaf pickup, and street maintenance as well as providing support to our safety forces.
3. Adopting a proactive approach to economic development.

**What do you regard as the primary long-term challenges facing the city of Euclid? How would you deal with those challenges?**

Our primary challenge is to change the image of this community. We are no longer seen as a desirable community to live and work in.

As a result of the outmigration of residents and businesses we are challenged financially to still provide the same level of services that residents have been accustomed to expect.

My plan to deal with those challenges will be through the redevelopment and improvement of our housing stock, long term financial planning and proactive economic development.

**Do you favor the continuation of support for the Shore Cultural Centre and the programs offered there? If so, why do you believe the center is an important community asset?**

In order to answer that question we need to define what you mean by "support." I strongly believe the some of the services and programs offered there are vital to this community. The Hunger Center serves a very important function. We must separate the activities that are taking place in the building from the physical facility itself. I am a strong believer in support of culture and the arts. Since we no longer have a theater company there, I am at a loss to identify many other cultural activities that are taking place other than an occasional concert by the Euclid Civic Orchestra. I would advocate placing on the ballot an initiative to let residents decide how we support the building.

**Do you favor extending the contract with the Coral Group to oversee its five-year plan for Shore Cultural Centre? If not, explain why not.**

I believe Coral has been operating the facility for well over two years. When passionate residents made the plea to city council to let Coral take over, I believe Mr. Rubin said that if allowed to operate, a development director would be hired that would raise all of the funds required to make the improvements to the building and become self-sufficient. Before I could answer that question I would need to

know where we are with regards to this plan. It is my understanding that the city is still subsidizing the operations of the building.

**In your view, how much emphasis should the city administration be placing on economic development initiatives? Also, as mayor, what steps would you take to strengthen the tax base and enhance the image that the city projects to the wider community?**

Proactive economic development is a key issue in my campaign. I have repeatedly said that it should make no difference whether businesses have five jobs or 500 jobs, we should be providing incentives and actively recruiting them to move in to the city.

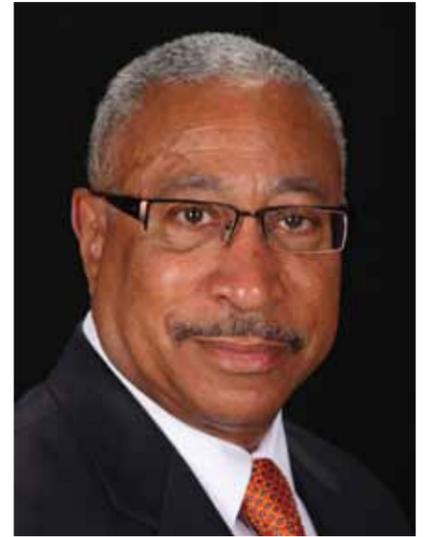
**Do you have a plan for resolving the issue of depressed property values in the city? If so, what are the key elements of that plan?**

Working with city council I will create a cabinet level department of housing. The new department will have a multifaceted responsibility. This new department will be responsible for stricter code enforcement. We can't wait for years to demolish vacant and unsafe housing. More importantly, the housing department will be responsible for the development of opportunities for new housing. We must be creative and begin to build new housing in the city while at the same time eradicating blight.

I have a plan to empower neighborhood associations by providing them more support from city hall. My plan involves neighborhood associations in the capital budget process planning. Residents would be given an opportunity for input into what capital improvements are made in their neighborhoods. By strengthening neighborhood associations we build a stronger community.

**How do you rate the performance of the Euclid safety forces? What would you do, as mayor, to improve the ability of the police and fire departments to meet the needs of the citizens of Euclid?**

Without a doubt I would rate Euclid safety forces among the elite in the county. I believe we have done an adequate job of maintaining the numbers of police and fire/EMS personnel for a



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community our size; however the conditions under which they have to work are deplorable. With the exception of number 2 fire station, all of our buildings are old and outdated. We need to provide updated facilities, equipment and current technology in order for them to perform at peak efficiency.

**If elected, what would be the very first piece of legislation that you would propose to the city council?**

I would work with city council to craft legislation authorizing the creation of the Department of Housing.

**When prospective voters ask why they ought to vote for you, what do you tell them?**

The future of Euclid is at a crucial point. The person we elect to lead in November will determine whether we continue the downward spiral or begin to show signs of rejuvenation. I am the person that can best provide the leadership required to revive our city. I have the most real world work experience not only from the City of Euclid but from other cities as well. I have the fresh ideas needed to change the direction of this community. I will work with the Mayors and Managers Association, The First Suburbs Consortium and our regionalization liaison to be a part of the solution we face as a region.

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## Politics

## Mancuso responds to questions for mayoral candidates

**Please provide a brief explanation of who you are, your career accomplishments, how long you have been a resident of Euclid, and any past experience in elective office.**

I was raised in Euclid, graduated from the Euclid City School System, and was afforded all the great things that Euclid has to offer its families and children. I have been blessed with two wonderful children and two grandchildren. I received my Bachelor of Science degree in nursing and subsequent master's degree in public administration from Cleveland State University. I was much honored to be recognized by CSU as distinguished alumni. I am a registered nurse and a healthcare administrator with over 25 years of experience. As an RN, I worked through the ranks of the medical field, starting as an emergency room nurse, until I eventually obtained a leadership role as the director of the Division of Trauma, Burns, and the Metro Life Flight Program, which transports critically injured people to the hospital.

I had the privilege of serving the residents of Euclid for two terms as a city wide councilperson at-large. While on council, I was most proud of the following accomplishments:

- Directed the pursuit and implementation of a more cost effective healthcare administration contract through a transparent, inclusive process that continues to save the city thousands of dollars today.
- Developed and implemented a formal privacy policy with specific focus on the city's new internal tax department.
- Provided new laptop technology for the housing inspectors to increase their efficiency in the workplace.
- Set priorities for the housing department on code enforcement.

**Why are you seeking the position of mayor of Euclid?**

I believe in the potential of Euclid and we need to achieve that potential for the residents of the city. Today, the city is drifting and there are too many of our residents who are frustrated by how the city operates. Many of the residents I have spoken to are discouraged at the lack of progress they see, their inability to really impact the decision-making process, and the overall lack of accountability. I know that my business and organizational skills give me the insights and experience to finally put Euclid on track to realize its full potential. Our residents deserve the very best from their city leaders and should expect a proactive, responsive, innovative government that listens to them and values their input.

**If elected, what three issues or programs would be at the top of your priority list in the first year or two of your term as mayor?**

- Enhance our neighborhoods by protecting your investment
- Strengthen our safety forces, city assets and city services
- Support existing businesses while promoting new economic development

**What do you regard as the primary long-term challenges facing the city of Euclid? How would you deal with those challenges?**

From day one of my candidacy, I have believed that there are three main questions that every Euclid resident should ask themselves:

1. Do you believe that Euclid is a great place to raise a family or own a business?
2. Is Euclid still "The Lakefront City of Superior Services"?
3. Are you pleased with the vision offered by the current city leaders and the direction they are taking us in?

Sadly, most of the residents I speak to answer these questions with a resounding no! I believe strongly that by running a transparent administration that truly values residents' input and makes them part of the process, we can turn the NOs into enthusiastically spoken YESs!

**Do you favor the continuation of support for the Shore Cultural Centre and the programs offered there? If so, why do you believe the center is an important community asset?**

While serving as councilperson at-large, I quickly realized that there was a great deal of potential in the building. But I also saw the lack of maintenance, lack of planning, and a lack of commitment to the building by the current administration, which obstructed its success. As a candidate, I have witnessed a revitalization of the building and its mission to the community. Shore is one of many community assets. The issue with Shore and all other assets owned by the city of Euclid is that each needs to be managed, maintained and meet measurable strategic and operational goals. Shore now has an organized logical strategic and operational plan that has already seen success. When we work to make our city assets sustainable and successful, the entire community benefits.

**Do you favor extending the contract with the Coral Group to oversee its five-year plan for Shore Cultural Centre? If not, explain why not.**

The Coral contract was initially and is routinely discussed at length by the current administration. The Coral Company has delineated fiscal, operational and strategic goals and objectives that include realistic

timelines for measurement. The Coral Company has also demonstrated success in meeting those goals. The city of Euclid would do well to proactively manage its other city assets to the level that Coral has demonstrated its ability to produce measurable results based on its expertise and ability to work with the community. The Coral Company has proven its ability to carry out its five year plan. It is good business to work with good businesses. It only makes the community better.

**In your view, how much emphasis should the city administration be placing on economic development initiatives? Also, as mayor, what steps would you take to strengthen the tax base and enhance the image that the city projects to the wider community?**

We need leadership to be part of the solution, not part of the problem. True economic development is the basis for a stable community and we must identify, prioritize and measure what projects provide the best value to the residents. Once this is done, we must have the vision to budget our resources in such a way to meet those priorities. I believe this vision is lacking today and this must change if we are ever going to grow. Most importantly, we need to use the enormous pool of business expertise, experience, and talent to move us to a 'real' business-friendly environment. I have a strong record of working with government officials across the state of Ohio. As Mayor, I will aggressively use all available resources to fully fund economic development for new and existing businesses. My administration will have a sharp focus on filling vacant storefronts and the creation of jobs.

**Do you have a plan for resolving the issue of depressed property values in the city? If so, what are the key elements of that plan?**

As mayor, I will protect our residents' investment by making Euclid's housing a top priority. I believe that significant attention must be directed at maintaining, restoring and retrofitting our existing housing stock. I will implement the Mancuso Euclid Housing Initiative, which is based upon time tested, proven housing initiatives that have been successful nationwide. Additionally, the Mancuso Euclid Housing Initiative will be developed with the unified support of my administration, city council, Euclid courts, Euclid Police Department, property owners and tenants. Through strong leadership and collaboration, we will ultimately be able to raise property values and maintain a high quality of life for all.

**How do you rate the performance of the Euclid safety forces? What would you do, as mayor, to improve the ability of the police and fire departments to meet the needs of the citizens of Euclid?**



Mancuso

I think what needs to be made perfectly clear is that the residents of Euclid should feel confident and join me in applauding the hard work and dedication that the men and women who make up Euclid's safety forces demonstrate every day. Unfortunately, sometimes the negative press that has focused on poor leadership has overshadowed all the great work that is being done each and every day. My number one priority will be to restore the confidence level that our safety forces need to have in their leadership. And the best way to build that trust is to ensure that through a transparent process; proper procedures are put in place and followed whenever decisions, big and small, need to be made.

**If elected, what would be the very first piece of legislation that you would propose to the city council?**

My first pieces of legislation would be to institute a nepotism policy and ensure our employee policies are current and followed. There are far too many examples of where municipal employees have been used as political pawns and to pay back favors. I have campaigned very strongly on transparency and accountability, and I believe we need to stop the old political cronyism immediately so we can get our government back to working for the residents of the city.

**When prospective voters ask why they ought to vote for you, what do you tell them?**

I will commit to making Euclid a city that does everything possible to reach its full potential. This city and its residents deserve more than we currently are experiencing. I will make government work for the resident versus the other way around. I will bring all parties to the table to craft new and different ways to meet our 'collective' goals. I will not promise all things to all people and accomplish none. Together, we will establish priorities, objectives and then implement the necessary processes to achieve them. There is a great deal of untapped expertise and talent throughout Euclid, and I will invite all to participate. We will manage within our fiscal means and communicate our activities on a regular basis so all residents are informed. After all, it is your city.

Politics

Litwinowicz responds to questions for mayoral candidates

Please provide a brief explanation of who you are, your career accomplishments, how long you have been a resident of Euclid, and any past experience in elective office.

MY FULL LEGAL NAME IS CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL LITWINOWICZ BORN MAY 27 1979. I HAVE LIVE IN EUCLID 32 YEARS. BECAME AN "EAGLE SCOUT" TROOP 161 IN 1997

Why are you seeking the position of Mayor of Euclid?

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If elected, what three issues or programs would be at the top of your priority list in the first year or two of your term as mayor?

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What do you regard as the primary long-term challenges facing the City of Euclid? How would you deal with those challenges?

RACIAL DIVERSITY.

Do you favor the continuation of support for the Shore Cultural Center and the programs offered there? If so, why do you believe the center is an important community asset?

YES BUT WE NEED TO BUILD A COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO ENSURE EDUCATION AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

Do you favor extending the contract with the Coral Group to oversee its five-year plan for Shore Cultural Center? (If not, explain why not.)

NO..... WE ALREADY SPEND 200,000 A YEAR REMEMBER THAT...SO WHY PAY MORE. 30,000..... BUT NO OUTSIDE IMPROVEMENT.....WHAT LEADERSHIP.....

In your view, how much emphasis should the city administration be placing on economic development initiatives? Also, as mayor, what steps would you take to strengthen the tax base and enhance the image that the city projects to the wider community?

LOWER THE TAXES IN EUCLID TO BRING CORPORATIONS LIKE WALMART/TARGET/GIANT EAGLE/ GET N GO / ALSO EXPECT A RUCH OF RESTRAUNTS IN HIS PLAIN

Do you have a plan for resolving the issue of depressed property values in the city? If so, what are the key elements of that plan?

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How do you rate the performance of the Euclid safety forces? What would you do, as mayor, to improve the ability of the Police and Fire departments to meet the needs of the citizens of Euclid?

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If elected, what would be the very first piece of legislation that you would propose to the City Council?

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## School News

# Back to school and back on the road: Get your high school or college student ready for school with a rehabbed car

By Cheryl Cameron

It's time to head back to school, and for high school and college students, that means hopefully taking a car to campus to get around and drive back home for the holidays.

But anyone who has had a young driver knows there is always the possibility of dings, dents and accidents around the corner, so a new car isn't always the best solution.

Many families send their kids back to high school or college with a used car or a hand-me-down vehicle from a friend or relative, one that is already broken in but still has lots of life remaining.

Sometimes these cars need a bit of a makeover to keep students driving in style, but for less than the average cost of school supplies, a rehabbed vehicle can look great and run well through graduation.

"You want to help your college-bound son or daughter enjoy some independence and be able to drive to class, work and even home to see you, but you want to put them in a reliable vehicle that's a good value and investment," said Tony Perrino, owner of Action CARSTAR Collision, 21200 St. Clair Avenue in Euclid, part of the nation's largest family of auto body repair experts. "By giving a used or hand-me-down vehicle, you can provide freedom and a great

value, too. It is very affordable to rehab a vehicle with your local auto body repair expert, and you can have the car ready before the first class bell rings."

Perrino suggests that for a \$500 investment, a local body shop can make some of the following updates to restore the looks of the car just in time for the first day of school:

- Conduct a thorough cleaning of the car's exterior and interior
- Restore the headlights to remove scratches and yellow hazing that age the car and diminish visibility. CARSTAR recommends 3M Headlight Lens Restoration System to remove scratches and yellow hazing that age the car and diminish visibility.
- Clean the wheels and tires to remove brake dust and highway grime.
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- Repair small scratches in the clear coat and paint to a like-new surface with a long-lasting professional wax job.
- Repair minor dings and dents without replacing damaged body panels.
- Replace missing or damaged trim or decorative elements and broken mirrors.

- Update all of the light bulbs with newer long-lasting bulbs and switch to new flexible windshield wipers.

There are some things that parents can do to improve the mechanical performance, too, including using new do-it-yourself fuel cleaners or tune-up kits, changing the oil, replacing air and cabin filters, and cleaning the brakes with a high-power brake cleaner.

"With those improvements made, your college student will just need to adorn their vehicle with team stickers to show their team pride and they are ready to roll," said Perrino. "And you can relax knowing your son or daughter is safe on the road with a well-maintained vehicle."

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## Sports & Recreation

### Euclid Boys League closes a winning season

By Kurt Steigerwald

Euclid Boys League (EBL) wrapped up another successful season of baseball in late July as over 200 area players and coaches finished off the regular season and playoff games. The league, which will celebrate its 60th season in 2012, has teams competing at various levels from age 5 through 12.

“We really had a great year this year,” said Anthony Stachnik, commissioner of the EBL. “Over the past few years, we’ve been able to stabilize the league from a financial standpoint, while giving our kids some great options for playing baseball right here in Euclid or in the surrounding area. When you look at how well our teams perform when competing against teams from other cities, you can see that Euclid is still a baseball powerhouse – and Euclid Boys League is at the center of building those skills.”

EBL now offers parents a variety of baseball options. The youngest players, ages 5-6, play the majority of their games in Euclid. A few years ago, the Boys League house (recreation) division joined the Western Reserve Baseball League, which comprises eight surrounding communities with greater than 20 teams in each division to allow kids the opportunity to stay and play games in Euclid or nearby communities. It continued the traditional All-Star program and added a travel baseball program to provide another playing option for the more competitive players at an affordable price. The league is also entering its third season of indoor winter training sessions.

Some of the many accomplishments of individual teams within the league this year include:

- 12U Travel Panthers, managed by Stachnik, capturing second place overall in the Great Lakes Baseball League with a 24-17 record and a first place

finish in the 59th Annual Veteran’s Classic Tournament.

- Jack’s Transmission, managed by Ron Adkins, won the West Division of the Western Reserve Majors with a record of 12-3.
- 10U Travel Panthers, managed by Doug Higham, posted a 23-17 record and took first place in the Wickliffe Baseball Tournament.
- 9U Travel Panthers, managed by Scott Brown, finished with a record of 17-16 including a strong showing at the Lancers Baseball Classic in Lewistown, New York.
- Euclid Phillies, managed by Rono Cremonese, finished 15-1-1 and won the World Series within the Western Reserve Minor Division for ages 9-10.
- Legends Photography Tigers, managed by Mark Bouffard, also won the World Series within the Western Reserve League by capturing the Mighty Mite (ages 7-8) Division. In that same division, Euclid Teacher’s Association Marlins, managed by Jim Brazytis, captured second place.
- The Euclid All Stars (ages 7-8) placed in three local tournaments.

Stachnik said the league is looking forward to next season as it prepares to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the EBL. The league will kick off the celebration at its annual Boys League Night Out held in the spring. That community event is the one major fundraiser for the league.

“You look at our results – how our teams did against teams from surrounding communities or when our teams traveled outside the area, it’s clear that Euclid is developing a strong base of talent. Euclid has a great tradition in baseball and we are hoping for a season to remember again next year,” said Stachnik.

### Panther golfers off to a fast start

By John Sheridan

Last year the Euclid Panther golf team had, in the words of Coach Bob Torelli, a “so-so season,” finishing third in the Lake Erie League. But this fall they expect to move up a notch— or two.

“We’d like to win the LEL championship this year,” says Torelli, who has been coaching the team for 11 years. “We have five returning golfers who are starters and they’ve been showing good course management. We’ve gotten off to a good start.”

Torelli, who shares the coaching duties with Greg Baca, noted that the Euclid linksmen had won six of their first eight dual matches. Since then, they’ve added to their victory total.

One of the Panthers’ five veterans is senior Danny Essel, the team captain who has been averaging about 41 strokes for nine holes. The others are senior Tony Jelenic, juniors Alex Clack and James Cerny, and sophomore Cameron Fuller.

In late August the Panthers beat Shaker Heights, 172-186, as Essel carded a 40 at Highland Park Golf Course. Cerny tied for second with a 42. The next day, they easily coasted past Cleveland Heights, 168-239, as Clack set the pace with a 39, while Essel and Cerny each carded 42s.

The LEL title is based 50 percent on dual match results and 50 percent on



PANTHER GOLF SQUAD – The Euclid golf team is hoping to snag the LEL title this fall. Front row, from left: Jeremy Golden, Tony Jelenic, Danny Essel. Back row: Coach Greg Baca, Alex Clack, James Cerny, Cameron Fuller, and Coach Bob Torelli.

the LEL tournament, which is slated for Sept. 22. In upcoming outings, Euclid will host Shaker on Sept. 7 and Cleveland Heights on Sept. 8 at Briardale Greens. The Panthers’ other home matches include visits by the Brush Arcs on Sept. 14 and Bedford on Sept. 15, starting about 3:15 p.m. The Division I sectional, the first step toward a berth in the state tournament, will be held at Quail Hollow in early October. The state tournament is scheduled for Oct. 21-22 at Ohio State’s Scarlet course.

During Torelli’s coaching tenure, Euclid’s best LEL showing was a second-place finish behind Mentor in 2005. With Mentor no longer in the league and the Panthers fielding a talented squad, this just might be the year that they bring home the big trophy.

### Vikings top Chanel

After a loss to Euclid in their season opening match, the Villa Angela-St. Joseph Vikings competed in several multi-team invitational tournaments before returning to the dual-match mode. They recorded their first victory in late August when they easily clipped the Chanel Firebirds, 169-241, at Briardale Greens as Jeff Grudzinski set the pace with a 40, while Pat Mastalski posted a 41 and Adam Keys a 42.

A day earlier, the VASJ golfers lost a close contest to Trinity at Shawnee Hills, 178-181, with Grudzinski carding a 42, while Mastalski and Lenny Cervenik each contributed a 46.



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## Sports &amp; Recreation

## Panthers eye LEL football crown; but they'll have to limit turnovers

If you're a Euclid Panther football fan, you might want to mark your calendar for the following dates:

**Sept. 23** Cleveland Heights, regarded as a contender in the Lake Erie League title chase, pays a visit to Sparky DiBiasi Stadium for a 7 p.m. game.

**Sept. 30** Panthers host the Shaw Cardinals in contest that could have a bearing on the final LEL standings.

**Oct. 7** Euclid gridders travel to Warren Harding for what could turn out to be a crucial battle in the Panthers' quest for the league championship.

Head Coach Tom Gibbons makes no bones about it. The LEL crown tops his list of goals for the 2011 season. And despite the turnover-plagued opening game loss to Mentor, it's certainly within the realm of possibilities.

For one thing, the 49-21 setback against the Cardinals has no bearing on the LEL race since Mentor pulled out of the league this year to join the Northeast Ohio Conference. For another, while the Panthers' treacherous independent schedule might produce another loss or two, it should serve as a great learning experience—and also toughen up the team for league play.

"We think the league race is wide open," Coach Gibbons said shortly before the opening game. "I'd like to

think that we've got as good a chance as anyone. We have a very rugged independent schedule that should prepare us well for the LEL competition."

In addition to Mentor, which the Plain Dealer ranked No. 3 in its coverage area after the first week of play, Euclid's non-league foes include Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary (No. 7), and Brunswick (No. 17). Despite their loss to Mentor, the Panthers were still ranked in the PD's Top 25 prior to the Sept. 2 home game against Brunswick, although they had slipped from No. 20 to No. 24. (The Brunswick game was played after the deadline for this issue of the Observer.)

In addition to that formidable threesome, Euclid's independent schedule also includes a Sept. 9 game at Canton Glen Oak, which some analysts view as one of the top teams in Ohio. For example, the sports staff at WJW-TV Channel 8 recently ranked Glen Oak No. 2 in all of Northeast Ohio, behind St. Edward but ahead of such teams as Solon, St. Ignatius, and Mentor.

So when Coach Gibbons talks about a "rugged" independent schedule, he's not blowing smoke.

In the Lake Erie League, which no longer has two divisions, Maple Heights was generally favored to finish atop the nine-team league this season. The Mustangs, state champions in

Division II the past two seasons, have a significant scheduling advantage: they don't have to play either Euclid or Warren Harding, the two teams that might have posed the stiffest league opposition. The Plain Dealer picked Maple to win the LEL crown, with Harding finishing second and the Panthers third. But Cleveland Heights and Shaw could also be right in the thick of things.

This is the first year that the Euclid gridders will face Glen Oak, although they have some familiarity with St. Vincent-St. Mary. Last year, they suffered a narrow 16-13 loss to the Akron school.

With seven starters back on offense and three on defense, the Panthers clearly have enough talent and experience to improve on last year's 4-6 record and, hopefully, make it to the state playoffs. But Coach Gibbons prefers not to look too far ahead. "The LEL championship is our top goal," he said. "We don't look past that. But, overall, we're excited about this season."

That enthusiasm may have suffered a temporary relapse in the wake of the loss to Mentor. But, almost certainly, the Panthers have what it takes to bounce back. For example, of the 88 players on the varsity, there are 24 seniors and 34 juniors. And a number of experienced "skill" players are back this year, including quarterback Benny

Walker, running back De'Andre Rollins, and wide receiver Houston Boone.

If they learned anything from the Mentor game, it's that they must do a better job of protecting the ball. After playing the Cardinals even in the first quarter, which ended in a 14-14 tie, Euclid committed three turnovers in the second period—including a pair of interceptions—as Mentor scored four unanswered touchdowns to grab a 42-14 halftime lead. "That changed the complexion of the game," Coach Gibbons told sports reporters afterward.

On a somewhat positive note, Rollins paced the Euclid running attack in the opener, gaining 72 yards on 13 carries—an average of 5.5 yards per carry against the tough Cardinal defense. Melvin King, a 6-0, 195-pound junior, added 42 yards on 10 carries. Walker completed 15 of his 30 pass attempts for 142 yards. Boone was on the receiving end of seven of those passes.

The Panthers' first-quarter TDs were scored by fullback Joe Greene on a 14-yard run and Rollins on a 15-yarder. Tyler Stafford, the senior backup quarterback, put the final points on the board when he completed a 49-yard touchdown pass to Ricky Johnson in the fourth quarter.

## Smooth transitions for the youngsters

By Sherrie Zagorc

It's been a great summer at Kiddie City on East 200th Street. We had visits from G Wiz, ponies and other animal friends, and Euclid Beach Park Now representatives sharing memories of "the good 'ol days." The older children have traveled on foot or by bus to great locations like Gateway Retirement Community, Memphis Kiddie Park and the Natural History Museum in University Circle. Now it's time for many transitions - from a carefree, warm summer to a busy, crisp fall and from a familiar prekindergarten classroom to a new school with new faces. Our teachers have been working hard to help our children prepare for this moment in hopes that their transition to this new chapter in their lives is as seamless as possible.

Miss Sue, their lead teacher, informally interviewed students as they prepared to depart their familiar surroundings. We knew that we were in for a treat when one student said, "I don't like to answer these questions." When asked if they were glad that they had attended preschool, Sanela said "Yes, 'cause I liked it here" and Aleia responded, "I can do so many great things and I had great teachers." Jamel surprised us, however, when he responded, "No, there were too many blocks." He had the ability to make many choices during the day that helped him begin to define his interests and building does not seem to be one

of them.

Even though the calendar, the train, and penguins were highlighted as favorite subjects covered in their class, washing hands to get rid of germs and dirt was mentioned by several children as an important life skill learned. We hope that all the children gained Sanela's important learned social skill - "How to play with my friends."

In asking the children their thoughts about kindergarten and if they are ready, Aleia says she's a little scared but "I'm ready to go." We hope that Malachi's kindergarten teacher is happy when he walks into the classroom ready and with the promise that "I'm not going to act bad." Earnie, Trey, Gianna, and Jamel put the "cool" in kindergarten and are excited for this new, fun experience. Jenna already knows that "you get to do homework" as she prepares to gain knowledge in so many ways.

Some of the adults at Kiddie City will be going through a little separation anxiety as well. We've had many of these sixteen graduates in our center since they were infants and their families have been a part of our Kiddie City family. We know that we have done our best to prepare our students to continue their lifelong love of learning and have the assurance that more children will be transitioning from other classes to take their places. May all Euclid students and teachers have smooth transitions to a great year of learning!

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# Sports & Recreation

## Senior-laden Vikings look impressive in football opener

By John Sheridan

As the Villa Angela-St. Joseph football squad ran through a series of drills during a pre-season practice session, one young alumnus watched intently from the edge of the bleachers, perhaps looking for clues as to what the upcoming season might bring.

"I graduated in 2004," he told another spectator. "My senior year was the last year that we made the state playoffs."

Not only did the Vikings qualify for the playoffs that season, but they made it all the way to the Division V state finals in Massillon and brought back the state runner-up trophy. Could this be the year they make another serious post-season run?

Certainly, if that young grad saw the opening game against Our Lady of the Lakes, he must have been impressed—especially in the first two quarters. The Vikings jumped out to a 34-0 halftime lead as they overpowered the Michigan prep school for the second year in a row. Five different players scored touchdowns as Coach John Storey's gridders chalked up a 41-14 victory, amassing 287 yards on offense while holding the visitors to just 141 yards.

With 21 seniors on the team, including a solid nucleus of lettermen, many of the VASJ players were brimming with optimism prior to the opener. There was considerable talk about the "senior leadership" factor. However, it was a junior—Devon Bolden—who made the biggest impact in the opening triumph. The 5-8, 150-pound scatback gained 98 yards on 15 carries, averaging 6.5 yards per carry, and scored on touchdown runs of 32 and 36 yards.

Bolden's performance came as little surprise to those who follow VASJ closely. Last season, as a sophomore, he showed flashes of brilliance and earned a spot on the Observer's yearend All-Star team.

Despite the Vikings' overall talent level, some fans may have been concerned about a lack of experience at quarterback. After all, the starting signal-caller, 6-2 senior Anthony Sywanyk, had no previous varsity game experience behind center. He had performed well in pre-season scrimmages, Coach Storey pointed out, but the real test was yet to come.

Against Our Lady of the Lakes, Sywanyk earned better than a passing grade in his varsity debut. He overcame any first-game jitters in a hurry as he raced 72 yards in the first quarter to score the Vikings' first touchdown.



**VIKING VETERANS** – When the coaches mention "senior leadership" on the VASJ football squad, this is what they're talking about. These 19 seniors will be counted on heavily to lead the Vikings to a successful season. Front row, from left: C. J. Germany, Tim Harrison, Chris Pokorny, Mato Vunak, DeShawn Kinton, Rodney Burse. Middle row, from left: Adam Scott, Jack Seidel, Daniel Ward, Anthony Sywanyk, Phil Sanson, Marcellus Embry, Ryan Gallagher. Back row: Chavien Nolcox, Jacob DiDonato, DiAnte Jackson, Paul Rini, Ed Basemore, and Gabe Haase. (Photo by John Sheridan)

In the second quarter he threw his first varsity TD pass—a 34-yarder to C. J. Germany—to put VASJ on top, 27-0. For the game, Sywanyk finished with 5 completions in 15 attempts for 55 yards, with just one interception. The backup quarterback is Ryan Gallagher, one of the team co-captains who is slotted for duty as a wide receiver on offense.

Also contributing to the Vikings' touchdown parade were tailback Tim Harrison, the other co-captain, on a one-yard run, and speedster Rodney Burse on a 92-yard punt return. Harrison, a 210-pound power runner, finished the game with 66 yards on seven carries for an impressive average of 9.4 yards per carry. Burse was a star sprinter on the track team last spring, earning a district championship in the 100-meter dash.

Most of the VASJ starters were pulled in the third quarter, enabling quite a few of the 20 freshmen on the squad to get a taste of varsity action in the second half.

Coach Storey is not one to make bold predictions—at least not with regard to his team's state playoff chances. But, even prior to the opening game, it was clear that he felt more than a little optimistic about this season. "We did well in our scrimmages," Storey noted. "We're ahead of last year. And I think we'll be competitive in our division in the North Coast League. Our goal is to win the White Division championship."

To accomplish that, the Vikings will have to overcome a few major obstacles. Holy Name and Cleveland Central Catholic, to name just two. For what it's worth, the Cleveland Plain Dealer picked the Vikings to finish third

in their division behind those two schools. Holy Name, which struggled against the likes of Padua, Lake Catholic and Archbishop Hoban in the NCL Blue Division last season, has dropped down into the "small school" White Division, which also includes Trinity, St. Peter Chanel and Warren JFK.

In a game that could have title implications, VASJ is scheduled to play Holy Name on Oct. 22 at North Royalton's stadium. The Namers stumbled in their opening game, losing to Medina Highland, 49-14. Meanwhile Central Catholic squeezed past Columbia, 24-23. The Vikings play the Ironmen Oct. 1, in another "away" game.

### VASJ FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

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| Aug. 27<br>1 p.m.          | Our Lady of the Lake (Mich.)      | Home        |
| <b>Sept. 3<br/>7 p.m.</b>  | <b>University School</b>          | <b>Home</b> |
| Sept. 10<br>1 p.m.         | Tuscarawas Central Cath.          | Home        |
| <b>Sept. 17<br/>7 p.m.</b> | <b>Warren JFK</b>                 | <b>Home</b> |
| Sept. 24<br>1 p.m.         | Columbus Bishop Hartley           | Home        |
| <b>Oct. 1<br/>1 p.m.</b>   | <b>Cleveland Central Catholic</b> | <b>Away</b> |
| Oct. 8<br>7 p.m.           | Trinity                           | Home        |
| <b>Oct. 14<br/>7 p.m.</b>  | <b>St. Peter Chanel</b>           | <b>Away</b> |
| Oct. 22<br>7 p.m.          | Holy Name                         | Away        |
| <b>Oct. 29<br/>1 p.m.</b>  | <b>Gilmour Academy</b>            | <b>Away</b> |

Note: Home games at Euclid's DiBiasio Stadium

Tickets for the 25th annual Sports Hall of Fame banquet are \$30 for adults and \$15 for children under 12. To order tickets, call the Euclid Schools Alumni Association at (216) 797-7895 or Chuck Hill at (216) 732-9339. The event begins with a social hour at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. and ceremonies at 8 p.m.

The emcee once again will be WJW-TV sportscaster John Telich, unless the Cleveland Indians happen to make it into the World Series. The Manor Party Center is located at 24111 Rockwell Drive, off of Babbitt Road.

### VIKING SENIOR SNAPSHOTS

Here is a quick look at a few of the senior lettermen that VASJ Coach Storey has high expectations for this season

**Ryan Gallagher:** The 6-foot, 170-pound senior co-captain plays receiver on offense and outside linebacker on defense. Last season, he was credited with 91 tackles and four interceptions in earning defensive player of the year honors. "He's also our backup quarterback and plays on our return teams," Coach Storey says. "You name it, he's on it."

Ryan's father, Pat Gallagher, played on the 1981 St. Joseph High playoff team. His younger brother Jack, a freshman, plays for the VASJ golf squad and is a kicker on the football team. Ryan suffered a minor pre-season knee injury and was expected to miss the first game or two.

**Tim Harrison:** the 5-10, 215-pound running back/linebacker is a three-year starter and co-captain. Last year, he rushed for 369 yards and scored five touchdowns, earning Observer All-Star recognition. "He's been doing a nice job in a leadership role," says Coach Storey. "We're looking for him to have an outstanding senior year."

Two Mid-American Conference schools, Bowling Green and Kent State, have shown interest in Harrison, who recently ran the 40-yard dash in 4.63 seconds, despite being slowed by an off-season foot injury. He expects to improve on that time. "Because of the injury, I missed a lot of speed training during the off season," he notes.

**DiAnte Jackson:** a 6-2, 200-pound offensive guard and defensive end, Jackson was one of the top Viking matmen last winter and qualified for the state wrestling tournament. "He's a real good technician on the offensive front line," says Coach Storey. "He should come into his own on defense this season. He has a lot of experience rushing the passer."

**Daniel Ward:** a versatile 5-10, 160-pound center, Ward is in his second year as a starter. "He's a mainstay on the offensive front line," the coach notes. "He's a tough kid. He also plays on our kick return teams. And he's our long snapper."

**Adam Scott:** a third-year starter, Scott is a 6-0, 265-pound offensive guard and defensive tackle. "He has improved every year," says Coach Storey. "We expect him to have an outstanding year and to be dominating on the defensive front."

**Paul Rini:** Another Viking wrestler, Rini is a 6-0, 175-pound offensive guard and defensive end. "Offensively, he's a good technician," the coach explains. "On defense, he will rely on his quickness to make plays." Paul is following in the footsteps of his father, Tony Rini, who was also a wrestler and football player for St. Joe's.

**Ed Basemore:** a 6-2, 215-pound offensive and defensive tackle, Basemore was tabbed as the Plain Dealer's pre-season "most valuable lineman" in the NCL White Division. This is his second year as a starter for the Viking gridders. "We're looking for him to have a good, solid year," says Coach Storey.

## Nine chosen for Euclid Sports Hall of Fame

By John Sheridan

Nine people—seven athletes and two coaches—will be inducted into the Euclid High Schools' Sports Hall of Fame at a banquet Oct. 20 at the Manor Party Center in Euclid. The Hall of Fame committee recently announced that the 2011 inductees are, in alphabetical order:

Andy Altenweg, Euclid High (Class of '68), track; Bob Ellenbest, Euclid ('81), baseball; Chris Harrell, Euclid ('01),

football; Suzanne (Lucas) Lianopoulos, Euclid ('99), soccer, basketball; John Marino, Shore High ('46), wrestling; Dan Maxon, coach of multiple sports, including swimming, track, and baseball; Larry Nosse, Euclid ('92), football; Greg Sattler, Euclid ('66), soccer coach; Dorothy (Getler) Sheridan, Shore ('29), basketball.

Nosse is currently the head coach of the Panther girls' track team and also coaches football at his alma mater.

## Community

## Volunteering: The toughest job you'll ever love

By Patricia Waina

My father was a peasant from the "old country." Because he never had attended school, he had a lot of trouble reading.

When I was a girl, he read the funnies to me, but every Election Day he needed help, so my sister would go into the voting booth to help him read the instructions and cast his ballots.

For 20 years – in honor of my father – I have been helping adults learn to read. In the last four years, I've been working through the Euclid ABLE program. As a volunteer tutor, I discovered that the same things that motivated my father motivate today's adults – better job opportunities and self esteem.

I also learned that the best way I can help is to build my student's self confidence. Here are a few examples:

Jane worked for the Cleveland Clinic. She was hoping for a job upgrade, but poor reading was holding her back. After working with her for a few sessions, I suggested a book for her to try -- a mystery romance. To spark her interest, I read her the first few pages. The next time we met, she told me she finished the book. She said that it was the first book she had ever read in her life. Her new self confidence gave her the impetus to keep at it. (And, by the way, she got the job upgrade.)

Mr. T., a veteran, wanted to improve his reading beyond checking the race results. Now he reads *The Plain Dealer* every day. Thanks to his new skills, he recently voted for the first time in his life. Furthermore, his example prompted his wife and daughter to cast their ballots for the first time, too.

Another student recognized me at the Euclid library and said excitedly, "Hi, Miss Pat. I passed my GED and am now going to Tri-C." That brought tears to my eyes,

The adults often come with many strikes against them. I am continually amazed at their survival skills. How does anyone get through a day with low, low reading ability? How does anyone navigate the banking or transportation systems -- or even grocery shopping -- without basic reading skills?

So is there a key to teaching an adult to read?

Nearly all of my students are determined. And that's a big help. But for me, the most important thing is affirmation -- giving the student unconditional encouragement.

Warren Buffett, one of the richest people in the world, credits his success to his father's affirmations. He believes that achieving wealth and power would have been impossible without his dad's encouraging words.

What's the toughest part about being a tutor?

Inertia.

More than one time, I did not want to go to class. I was tired. It was too cold outside. I had an invitation. But once I enter the room and see the faces of my students, I know I made the right decision. Suddenly, my energy is renewed.

So, if you want to improve the life of at least one person, consider tutoring in the Euclid ABLE program. No, you don't need teaching skills. You will be guided by a trained instructor. Some volunteers assist the core teacher while others work one-on-one with students. Some help students work toward a high school diploma and others tutor people for whom English is their second language.

How do you find out more about becoming a tutor?

You can find more information by calling Euclid ABLE at (216) 261-5006.

## Letter to the Editor: Volunteers needed to increase literacy!

By Robert E. Paponetti

Executive Director

The Literacy Cooperative

Sept. 8 is International Literacy Day, created 45 years ago by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to celebrate literacy and remind the international community of the obstacles that still remain to global literacy.

On this day, internationally, some 796 million adults lack minimum literacy skills (one in six); 67.4 million children are out-of-school and many more attend irregularly or drop out. Literacy skills affect everything from parent-child interaction, to health, to financial independence, to employment opportunities and quality of life in our communities.

In the United States, there are more than 30 million adults who do not have a high school diploma or equivalency. Yet it is predicted that by 2025, 60 percent of jobs will require post-secondary degrees or credentials. In Cuyahoga County, nearly 400,000 adults (25-64 years old) have no college degree or certificate.

Furthermore, 85 percent of children whose parents have less than a high school education and 60 percent of the children whose parents' education ended at high school live in poverty. It's an unfortunate reality that illiteracy and poverty are both cyclical and linked. A child with at least one illiterate parent is twice as likely to be illiterate. In 39 of the 69 school districts in Cuyahoga County, less than half of

the children entering kindergarten are prepared to do so and research shows that children that are still behind in third grade stay behind. The National Research Council has determined that academic success, as defined by high school graduation, can be predicted with reasonable accuracy by knowing someone's reading level at the end of third grade. A child who is not at least a modestly skilled reader by that time is unlikely to graduate from high school.

Every day, a large network of organizations strives to change these statistics and foster learning to build a thriving community. The Literacy Cooperative works with literacy providers across that spectrum that focus on both child and adult education in reading and math, GED preparation, computer skills, workforce development training and financial and health education. Each and every one of these organizations can use a helping hand in the form of volunteer tutors. According to the United Nations, "literacy is a human right, a tool of personal empowerment, and a means for cultural development." The few hours you donate a month have the potential to transform lives. Please call Greater Cleveland Volunteers at (216) 391-9500 or Business Volunteers Unlimited at (216) 736-7711. You can also search for volunteer opportunities at [www.businessvolunteers.org](http://www.businessvolunteers.org).

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### The tough...job...

By Patricia Waina

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# September Horoscopes

**Aquarius**

You want to be free to go to the picture show and taekwondo. You'll never outgrow your love for Sloppy Joe. This Month - Don't let a type-o let you lose your mojo. Lucky Number - 4r

**Pisces**

To be as triumphant as Alexander the Great, focus on how you communicate. Don't hate feedback, take it straight, then recreate. This Month don't wait, now is the time to celebrate. Lucky Number - 2,000,000

**Aries**

Be selective in what you give, not who you forgive. In romance be more connective instead of being like a detective. This month your main objective is perspective to be more affective. Lucky Number - 68

**Taurus**

In 2011 this could be your best month ever. Be clever, and you'll succeed with every endeavor. This month won't last forever, so live it up whenever wherever whoever whatsoever and with a guy named Trevor. Lucky Number - Pi

**Gemini**

August threw you through a loop, so slow down with a bowl of soup. If not soup try an embroidery hoop. This month take time to recoup and regroup before you rejoin the troop. Lucky Number - 1

**Cancer**

If you're not the one tying the knot, you'll get your shot. It's not about what you forgot, or that you cannot: if you plot you'll get your pick of the lot. This month treat yourself a lot, a day on a yacht, a better golf shot, or maybe something new that's polka-dot. Lucky Number - 3

**Leo**

The full moon gives what you lack, and puts your finances back on track. Your relationships remain intact, after you repair a crack that put them out of whack. This month you'll get the knack with a better plan of attack. Lucky Number - 12

**Virgo**

Awake and partake in the merriment where you shake. Remake anything that needs a retake to not be a mistake. This month have a juicy steak with your birthday cake. Lucky Number - 13

**Libra**

Instead of business going downhill, think outside of the ville, as big as capitol hill to pay the bill. When you've had your fill, reach for something distilled. This month if you have the will and the skill, you will have plenty of time for thrill. Lucky Number - Two Dollar Bill

**Scorpio**

Embrace the season galore, and pull the decor out of the drawer. Rid yourself of everything you abhor, and replace it with things you adore. This month ingore next door to score what you quest for. Lucky Number - 25

**Sagittarius**

When things collide, you help to guide things back in stride. The upside is you won't end up fried and be able to provide. This month is all about pride in where you abide. Lucky Number - 1

**Capricorn**

Use your brain to refrain involvement in your co-workers insane campaign. You'll come out unslain and reign again. This month ascertain what would make you domain more humane. Lucky Number - 100

**“We must live together as brothers or perish together as fools. “  
-Martin Luther King, Jr.**

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By Fred Seigel

Eaton Family Credit Union is proud to be part of a network of 270 credit unions across the country supporting U.S. troops by collecting used cell phones. Funds from the donated phones are then used to purchase prepaid calling cards that are distributed to soldiers.

In conjunction with General Motors and Invest In America, a credit union advocacy program by CU Solutions Group in Livonia, MI, Eaton Family Credit Union's Euclid office has a drop box for used and unwanted cell phones. Each credit union office will also distribute postage paid mailing labels so anyone can send in phones.

Started by Robbie and Brittany Berquist of Norwell, MA, in 2004, Cell Phones for Soldiers is a non-profit that provides prepaid calling cards to soldiers serving overseas with the money raised from cell phone donations. The donated phones are sent to ReCellular, which pays Cell Phones for Soldiers for each phone.



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