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## State of the City Recap



*By Kristal Grida*

As I write this summary, the wind is blustery and the lake effect snow is in full effect! There was however a bright and cheery hour this afternoon when Mayor Kirsten Gail shared her ‘State of the City’ at the Euclid Chamber of Commerce luncheon. This was an impressive recap of 2019 and glimpse into 2020 plans! I would love every resident to hear this presentation so they too can be proud of what’s been happening in the City of Euclid! You can view the video on the Mayor’s page at [www.cityofeuclid.com](http://www.cityofeuclid.com).

Mayor Gail presented her “Top 10 Reasons to be Proud”! So many things are moving forward that we don’t really see. We drive the same route to and from work, we participate in the same weekly events and unless there’s something as large and publicized as the new Amazon Fulfillment Center or the groundbreaking Lakefront

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## Lake Erie Folk Fest a Hit!



Carolina Blue: Carolina Blue is an award-winning bluegrass band that headlined this year’s festival. Credit: Nick Canciliere

*by Sarah Gyorki*

The fifth annual Lake Erie Folk Fest was a resounding success, with more than 1,000 visitors flocking to Euclid’s Shore Cultural Centre for two days of top-quality programs February 21 and 22. The fest kicked off with an educational concert Friday morning, attended by hundreds of local area students. Dedicated musicians had a chance to participate in an exclusive Master Class on Friday evening. Saturday was packed with a full day of free workshops and performances. And it was all topped off with a show-stopping concert Saturday night.

“This was our best festival yet,” said Artistic Director Laura Lewis. “The fantastic workshops. The outstanding musicians. The enthusiastic audiences. It just gets better

every year. We’re already looking forward to next year!” Attendees seemed to agree, as community concerts, dances and demos were often standing room only on during the festival main day. Impromptu jams struck up throughout the building, and instruments were in sight everywhere as musicians of all ages gathered to learn, to play and to enjoy a vibrant sense of community. Hundreds more made their way to the evening concert, which featured an impressive and diverse line-up, beginning with Brazilian singer-songwriter Luca Mundaca, and moving from there to the Eastern European traditions of Harmonia. In the second half, the audience was impressed with the poetry performances of Distinguished Gentlemen of Spoken Word, whose founder, Honey

Bell Bey, was recently named Cuyahoga County Poet Laureate. And the headliners Carolina Blue, fresh from winning an impressive string of Bluegrass awards, left the crowd cheering for more.

To see images of this year’s fest, and video of some great unplanned backstage jams, visit the festival’s Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/LakeErieFolkFest/>. And mark your calendar for February 2021 when the fest will return – by all accounts, it will be another party you won’t want to miss.

The Lake Erie Folk Fest is presented by the Northeast Ohio Musical Heritage Association and Shore Cultural Centre.

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## Ecumenical Prayer Service A First for Our Lady of the Lake School



Recessional Procession: For the Life of the World

*by Beverly Caldwell*

All Are Welcome! Let Us Join Together in Prayer!

With a wonderful mixture of Christian churches attended by Our Lady of the Lake students, Fr. Joe seized the opportunity to

welcome the student’s pastors to join together with him and the students in prayer. As a result, Our Lady of the Lake School had its first Ecumenical Prayer Service on January 30th. The Pastors of five student attended

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## School Board and City Council Consider TIF support of proposed Hillandale development



The developer’s drawing of the proposed Celebration Village at Providence Park, a gated community designed for people age 55 and older.

*by Kurt Steigerwald*

One of the last large tracts of undeveloped property in Euclid could be home to a senior living community if a Georgia-based developer receives the support of a financing plan that includes about \$45 million in public funding for the \$160 million project called Celebration Village at Providence Park. The financing plan was the topic of a joint meeting between the Euclid City Council and the Euclid School Board February 25.

The \$45 million in Euclid-supported funding would occur through a development tool known as Tax Increment Financing (TIF).

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It was one of those  
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the sun shines hot  
and the wind blows  
cold; when it is  
summer in the  
light, and winter in  
the shade.

*Charles Dickens*

## Message from the Mayor



March greetings from the Mayor! As I shared in my State of the City, I am extremely proud to serve as your Mayor and tremendously proud of the progress we are making as a community. A huge thank you to

all who contribute every day to making our community stronger – we could not have accomplished so much without the support, involvement, and encouragement of so many community members and partners!

I had the opportunity to tour the new high school – middle school campus construction and am truly excited about the opportunities and investment happening to improve our schools. Thanks to the support of Euclid residents, this new facility will not only better support the learning and academic needs of our students, but also provide great opportunities for our community as an 18 hour campus. We all should be “Panther Proud!”

The Primary Election is March 17th, please take the time to vote! You can vote

early at the Board of Elections, request a vote by mail ballot, or vote in person on Election Day. This is the Primary for November's General Election and there is one local issue on the ballot, Issue 27. Issue 27 is an 8.7 mill operating issue for Euclid City Schools that will provide our schools with funds to provide quality education and build on the progress that is being made!

Euclid Counts! In mid-March, you will receive a mailing from the US Census inviting you to respond to the 2020 Census. We need everyone to participate – and this year you can respond online, by phone, by mail, or in person. The Euclid Library is providing assistance to the community and will have people to assist you and computers available throughout the community. It is critical that everyone in Euclid is counted. The Census helps bring needed resources to the community, ensures proper representation, and it is your civic duty! Be assured – it is safe, convenient and confidential. Make sure you are counted!

I am excited to begin a process to modernize our public safety facilities. Our police station and fire stations 1 and 3 are nearly 70 years of age, need major improvements and no longer meet the needs of modern police, fire and EMS services.

They were built at a time when we had fewer officers, fewer calls, and safety delivery was very different in regards to technology, security, equipment, etc. Rather than spending extensive money to repair the current facilities, I want to develop a plan for modernizing our police and fire facilities – perhaps a “safety center.” We will of course need your input and involvement to make this happen! Stay tuned for more on this exciting project!

Over the last month, I also had the chance to visit businesses, the senior center, meet with our Faith leaders, give a tour of the Lakefront, attend a Ward meeting, meet with residents, walk through Euclid Creek Metroparks, attend the Lake Erie Folk Fest at Shore Cultural Centre and more. I am left with great appreciation and an immense sense of pride in Euclid. I hope you join me in being proud to be a part of our Euclid community. I would love to hear what makes you proud... please share your story with me at [khgail@cityofeuclid.com](mailto:khgail@cityofeuclid.com).

Proud to serve you,  
Mayor Kirsten Holzheimer Gail

## Earth Day turns 50 in 2020 - celebrate at the “Big Clean” on Saturday, April 25



Don't delay - register at [www.cityofeuclid.com](http://www.cityofeuclid.com) for The Big Clean 2020.

pick up trash as a community (bags, gloves and pickers provided!) and celebrate our successes with free food and give-aways. The free event grows in popularity every year and all ages and abilities are encouraged to join in.

Euclid volunteers are still the undefeated champions (although Collinwood was really close in 2019!), so gather your family, friends, coworkers, neighbors – EVERYONE – to banish litter from our environment.

Registration for individuals and organizations - in both Euclid and Collinwood - is hosted on the City of Euclid's website, [cityofeuclid.com](http://cityofeuclid.com). Simply click the “Big Clean” icon to be routed to the registration page.

The “Big Clean” is made possible through monetary and material donations from partners including the City of Euclid, Cleveland Plogs, Keep Euclid Beautiful, Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School, Greater Collinwood Development Corporation, Ohio EPA, Court Community Service and Jakprints. If you would like to sponsor the “Big Clean”, please visit the City of Euclid's website for sponsor levels and perks or contact Linda Beck at the City of Euclid.

For more information on how to get involved in creating a beautiful Euclid, email Linda at [LBeck@cityofeuclid.com](mailto:LBeck@cityofeuclid.com) to join the KEB mailing list.

by Allison Lukacsy-Love

Register NOW for the fourth annual Euclid v. Collinwood “Big Clean” on Saturday, April 25th, 2020 from 9am to 1pm at Villa Angela – St. Joseph High School.

This year, Earth Day turns the big 5-0 and in honor of the occasion, more than 100 million people are expected to take part in a community clean-up in April 2020. The “Big Clean” is our annual day to



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## March Programs at Euclid Public Library



by Ashley Gowens

**Pop-Up VR Café:**  
**Goodbye Yellow Brick Road**  
**Friday, March 6**

**2:00 PM / Fireplace**

In honor of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame induction ceremony being in Cleveland this year, we'll slip on virtual reality headsets and go on stage with Rock Hall inductee Elton John. It's a musical look back at some of John's colorful performances. The psychedelic animation blended with his famous hits is unlike anything you'll ever see in virtual reality. This video was created by Elton John to announce his retirement from touring.

**Virtual Author Visit: Eric Klinenberg**  
**Monday, March 9**  
**6:30 PM / Shore Room**

Join us this evening to watch author Eric Klinenberg discuss his book “Palaces for the People,” and how public spaces are integral to civic life. This event is live-streamed from Playhouse Square. For a complete list of One Community Reads events, visit [onecommunityreads.org](http://onecommunityreads.org).

**Hitchcock Films**

**Thursday, March 12**  
**7:00 PM / Shore Room**

Dr. Joel Keller will talk about and show clips from some of the most seminal Alfred Hitchcock movies. We'll learn about Alfred Hitchcock's half-century career from his first movie in the 1920s, which was released as both a silent movie and a talkie through films like Rear Window, Psycho, and North By Northwest.

**#GirlPower**

**Saturday, March 28**

**2:00 - 4:00 PM / Lake Room, Shore Room**  
Join us for a free event to learn how to empower and educate girls on fundamental skills focused on mental, social, and physical well-being. This workshop is for caregivers and their daughters to strengthen bonds and nurture their sense of empowerment and confidence through a combination of lecture, learning, play, and movement. This program is open to all levels, and no exercise experience is needed. For girls ages 8-14. Registration required. Please note: This workshop is a judgment-free zone. You are welcome to show up to every workshop “as you are” and know that you will be held in a safe space by your fellow participants.

Author Visit:  
Mary B. Morrison

**THURSDAY, MARCH 26**  
**7:00 PM / Lake & Shore Rooms**

From high school students to college attendees to professionals to stay-at-home moms, it's time for females to collectively and individually elevate our existence. Join us this evening as New York Times bestselling author Mary “HoneyB” Morrison delivers a motivational speech that may change your life forever! #Female2020

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## Euclid Public Library wants to help you complete your 2020 Census!



The 2020 Census provides a snapshot of our community--who we are and where we live. Visit [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov) for more information.

United States  
**Census 2020**

by Ashley Gowens

Beginning in March, you can visit Euclid Public Library to complete your 2020 Census. Along with voting, being counted in the U.S. Census is one of the most patriotic activities an individual can perform. And just like we do with voting, the library will support the census process with information and access to computers.

For the first time, the U.S. Census can be completed online, by phone, and paper. The online form and toll-free Questionnaire Assistance phone numbers will be available in 13 different languages, including English. Staff members will be available to help you access the Census form online from one of our many free and secure computers in addition to WIFI. Completing your Census should only take ten minutes, but extra computer time will be provided if needed. Additionally, private, quiet study rooms are available if you request to complete your Census by phone.

**The Facts**

**What Is the 2020 Census?**

The 2020 Census is mandated by the Constitution and conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, a nonpartisan government agency. The 2020 Census will count the population

Census marks the first time you'll have the option to respond online. You can even respond to the Census using your mobile device.

**Why Is the Census Important?**

The census provides critical data that lawmakers, business owners, teachers, and many others use to provide daily services, products, and support for you and your community. Every year, billions of dollars in federal funding go to hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and other resources based on census data. The results of the census also determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, and they are used to draw congressional and state legislative districts. It's also in the Constitution: Article 1, Section 2, mandates that the country conduct a count of its population once every 10 years. The 2020 Census will mark the 24th time that the country has counted its population since 1790.

**BE COUNTED. Complete your Census.**

For more information about the 2020 Census and for a list of upcoming 2020 Census Euclid events, please visit [www.euclidlibrary.org/2020census](http://www.euclidlibrary.org/2020census).

Women in History:  
The Women's Suffrage Movement

**THURSDAY, MARCH 19**  
**Friends of the Library Luncheon**

**12:00 PM / Lake & Shore Room**

Join us today to hear from two of these trailblazers: Lucretia Mott, Quaker, abolitionist and suffragist, and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, the first president of the National Women's Suffrage Association. Performers brought to us by Women in History. Tickets are available in the library beginning Monday, February 24, for \$12/members and \$15/nonmembers.



**CELEBRATE CENSUS DAY**  
**APRIL 1, 2020**

Stop by Euclid Public Library on Wednesday, April 1, to complete your 2020 Census online and enjoy a day filled with activities, giveaways, and light refreshments.

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**Save the Dates**

**Saturday, April 25**

“Oh Danny Boy” Mystery Dinner Fundraiser  
Tizzano’s Party Center Tickets \$50/person includes dinner, show, and open bar. Raffles and 50/50.  
Doors open at 6 p.m. Dinner & Show at 7:30 p.m.  
Tickets available on Eventbrite.

**Saturday, July 11**

Kids STEAM Fest - Stay tuned for updates about this fun-filled day of hands-on STEAM activities.

Check our website for complete details about all our events and classes.

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Shore Cultural Centre Auditorium seats 850. Photo credit: Jen Hearn

by MP Monaghan  
Completed in 1913 in the Classical Revival Style, Shore Cultural Centre served its first 75 years as a school before transforming into a community center. Many of the unique spaces designed especially for a school are now available for the public to rent: event rooms, classrooms, dance studios, a band room, a gymnasium, and an auditorium. Shore Cultural Centre is conveniently accessed from I-90 or Lakeshore Boulevard and has plenty of free parking.  
Our two event rooms have hosted baby showers, reunions, birthday parties for ages 12 and under, and celebrations of life.

Shore's Landing holds 40 to 60 people, while the Community Room will accommodate 75 to 100. Each room includes tables and chairs as well as a kitchenette for basic food preparation.  
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Shore's Community Room all decked out for a private function.

fessional-grade wood floors. One of the two studios has a sprung floor to absorb shock and provide a more comfortable surface for dancing. These spaces are perfect for dance practices and classes.  
The band room, which is used for rehearsals by the Euclid Symphony Orchestra, has a three-tiered floor and plenty of chairs for musicians.  
The historic Shore auditorium boasts renowned acoustics and stunning theater architecture. With seats for 850 and a spacious backstage area to accommodate large set pieces, it is perfect for performances of all types and sizes from church productions to recitals to community theater troupes. Our auditorium is one of just a few rentable auditorium spaces in the Cleveland area.  
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**John Bertsch, MD**  
Cleveland Clinic  
Euclid Hospital

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"The U.S. News rating is very important because it is a way to statistically show how well we are doing," says John Bertsch, MD, Medical Director, Sub-Acute Care Center at Cleveland Clinic Euclid Hospital. "The rating is like taking a test in school. Earning the High Performing rating means we've 'aced' our test."

The Sub-Acute Care Center, or skilled nursing unit, is where patients with more complicated medical issues – such as joint replacements, cardiac conditions, infection or stroke – are treated. The length of stay is typically 14 days.

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**Cleveland Clinic Akron General**  
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**Cleveland Clinic Lorain Family Health Center**  
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# EUCLID ALUMNI

## Euclid Alumni Take 5 with Kate McLaughlin ‘83



Kate McLaughlin, Euclid Senior High School graduate with the Class of 1983.

by Greg Fondran

Kate McLaughlin was an avid joiner at Euclid Senior High School, participating in athletics (cross country and track) and enjoying ski club, year book, spirit club and student council where she was elected President her senior year. Kate earned her bachelor's degree in communications from Kent State University, her master's degree in education from Notre Dame College and then put her skills to use as a community policing specialist and crime analyst for the City of Euclid Police Department. Kate plays a

critical role in developing community-police relations, communicates crime prevention and trend data to the public, and currently operates the Crime Analysis Unit for the Euclid PD, where she provides research to help with intelligence-led policing. Kate was Euclid Police Employee of the Year in 2015 and received the Exceptional Service award. In 2018, the Ohio Crime Prevention Association awarded Kate Crime Prevention Practitioner of the Year for the State of Ohio, and she was also named Member of the Year in 2018 by the Greater Cleveland Safe Kids/Safe Communities Coalition. Kate is one of a select group of Euclid Senior High School graduates who was raised in Euclid, raised her own family her, and still lives and works in Euclid.

### Where did you grow up in Euclid?

I grew up in a large home near Lake Shore Boulevard that is over 100 years old, and I actually live there now with my own family! It's one of Euclid's unique properties because it is the original house from when that area was farm property with no other homes around it. I have a picture of the house with a cow in the front yard!

### Where did you go to school before Euclid High?

I attended Kindergarten at Upson Elementary School and from first to eighth grade I attended St. William's Catholic School. I chose a different direction from my fellow students by transferring to the Euclid public schools. I remember the strange looks I received from students the day my father and I went into Forest Park Junior High School to get registered for ninth grade because I was dressed in my plaid skirt uniform! Euclid Senior High School was only 10th through 12th grades back then, but the freshman class was brought to the high school in the fall of 1982.

### Which teacher or class do you remember most and why?

I was sitting in the middle row front for Mr. Kelly's history class at Euclid, slightly bored and chewing my gum a little too vigorously when, during one of his monotonous daily lectures, the gum fell right out of my mouth directly onto my open text book. Without a beat he stated, "This fact could make the gum fall right out of your mouth!" Confusion ensued as absolutely no one in class understood what he was talking about except

me! I see Jim Kelly out and about to this day because we both still live in Euclid.

### Did you have a favorite spot in Euclid, and what did you like about it?

I remember Armoo's Pizza on Euclid Avenue and Babbitt Road because the aroma of the restaurant was so inviting and the pizza crust and sauce was amazing. Other spots with fun memories include running cross country practices through Euclid Creek Park where the girls' team tied the boys' team warm-ups into knots, attending football games in Sparky DiBiasio Stadium, and ice skating at C.E. Orr Ice Arena.

### What, if anything, about your Euclid High experience would you do over?

I wish I could have participated in one of the plays or musicals during my three years at Euclid Senior High School, but students were not permitted to do both a play and a sport at the same time.

Know an alumnus of the Euclid Public Schools with an interesting story to tell? Please let us know by e-mailing the alumni office at [alumni@euclidschools.org](mailto:alumni@euclidschools.org).

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## Become the Leader and Speaker You Want to Be



A typical Toastmasters meeting allows participants to work on prepared and impromptu speeches, as well as evaluation and feedback. Here, member Chase Carrington competes in a recent Table Topics (impromptu speech) contest.

by Greg Fondran

At Bailey Toastmasters, members learn by speaking to groups and working with others in a supportive environment. Our club of about 15 people, meets almost every Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Euclid Public Library for approximately an hour. We're always looking for new members and guests are always welcome.

Each meeting gives everyone an opportunity to practice:

- Conducting meetings. Members learn how to plan and conduct meetings.
- Giving impromptu speeches. Members, and guests, present one-to-two-minute impromptu speeches on topics assigned just after their introduction.
- Presenting prepared speeches. Members present speeches based on projects in the Toastmasters education program. Projects cover topics such as speaking, organization, vocal variety, language, gestures and persuasion.

-Offering constructive evaluation. Every member giving a prepared speech is assigned an evaluator who identifies speech strengths and offers suggestions for improvement.

Upon joining Toastmasters, each new member receives a variety of resources on how to become a better speaker and a more confident leader. Members also have access to other materials and educational resources. In addition, they receive the award-winning Toastmaster, a monthly magazine that offers the latest insights on speaking and leadership techniques. Leadership cannot be learned in a day. It takes practice. In Toastmasters, members learn leadership skills by organizing and conducting meetings, and by completing education projects. The projects address skills such as listening, planning, team-building and motivating others, and they give members the opportunity to practice such skills. Just as Toastmasters members learn to speak by speaking, they learn leadership by leading.

Toastmasters provides the tools that enable members to become effective presenters and leaders – all at a very low cost averaging \$45 every six months (plus a one time \$20 membership fee). Compare that to commercially provided workshops and you'll see that the cost of Toastmasters membership pales in comparison. After you attend one or more meetings, you can apply for membership (minimum age 18).

Bailey Toastmasters meets just about every Thursday night at the Euclid Public Library, unless there is a holiday, inclement weather or no room available. Always check our website for updates on meeting dates and places at [3628.toastmastersclub.org](http://3628.toastmastersclub.org) or e-mail us at [vpmm-3628@toastmastersclub.org](mailto:vpmm-3628@toastmastersclub.org) for more information. We look forward to meeting you soon!

## Euclid Alumni News



James Tusoch, Euclid High School Class of 2004, received The Distinguished Marketing and Sales Award for 2020 and was recognized recently with other award winners at WKYC Cleveland Studios.

by Greg Fondran

I just had another great meal at the Euclid Culinary Bistro at Shore Cultural Centre at our Wednesday Alumni Table and I'm always amazed at the lack of customers at this local, low-cost, high value facility right here in downtown Euclid. Open when school is in session (Wednesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.), these students from Euclid, Mentor and Wickliffe High Schools put together great sides, salads and entrees for virtually nothing. Come out and support our local students and the culinary program at Euclid High School while you can at old Shore, because the program will move back to the high school next fall.

James Tusoch '04, recently received the Distinguished Marketing and Sales Award, which acknowledges excellence and provides community recognition for outstanding sales and marketing achievements. Selection criteria is based on the demonstration of the highest business, professional and ethical standards. Congratulations James!

Old Central Junior High School, now a middle school, will cease operations at the end of this school year, as the new middle school at the Euclid High campus is scheduled to be completed for next school year. Look here for information about an informal open house for former students and interested citizens to make one last walk through before the property is handed over to the Cleveland MetroParks.

Euclid Alumni Skate Night at C.E. Orr Arena is scheduled for Saturday March 23rd. \$5 for entry, skate rental is free if you wear your high school colors (Euclid: Blue and Gold, Central: Red and White or Shore: Green and White).

The Euclid Schools Distinguished Achievement Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be held on Thursday, April 23rd, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Euclid Lakefront Community Center. Please join us to honor the inductees and celebrate the "products" of the Euclid City Schools education!

The Annual Membership Meeting is schedule for Saturday, April 25th from 10:00 a.m. to noon in the Little Theater. The meeting won't be that long, but will be followed by another sorting of memorabilia, so for annual and lifetime members, we hope to see you there. For information on this and other events, follow us on Facebook or visit our webpage at [euclidalumni.org](http://euclidalumni.org).

We continue to seek members and leadership for the famed Euclid Alumni Band. The Alumni Band is a great opportunity to maintain your musical chops, while supporting the link between the Euclid Schools, its alumni and the community. The Alumni Office is looking at ways to support the Band now and into the future, so please contact us if you're interested.

Remember to save the date and keep your eye on our Facebook page and website for the May 30th alumni event at Euclid High School. This event will allow past and present students and community members to see the new sections of the high school and parts of the school scheduled for demolition during summer break.

If you've read this far, here's the answer to last month's trivia question: Which business(es) or organization(s), that advertised in the 1950 Euclidian yearbook, are still in business today? Answer: Ajax Manufacturing, Euclid Heat Treating, Chesterfield Steel and the Euclid Veterans Club. There were no correct answers submitted for last month's question.

This month's question: What was the name of the iguana housed at Shore Junior High School in the late 1970s? The first respondent via e-mail ([alumni@euclidschools.org](mailto:alumni@euclidschools.org)) with the correct answer will win an annual Alumni Association membership (valued at \$10). Please keep in touch via e-mail, [alumni@euclidschools.org](mailto:alumni@euclidschools.org) or by phone (216) 797-7895 and Go Panthers!

## The Truth About EdChoice Vouchers and Euclid City Schools

by Pam Turao

The way school funding is currently set up, Ohio lawmakers have incentivized Euclid taxpayers, parents and private schools to harm our public school system. Last year alone, Euclid schools paid out \$6 million in tuition to private schools through the EdChoice voucher program – an amount that increased by \$1.2 million this year when program qualifications changed unexpectedly.

There has to be a better way.

If you believe that every child deserves a quality education and every family should be able to choose what is best for their child, then it's time for our community to work together and prioritize both of those things. It is not the fault of public school teachers or students/families that Euclid schools do not rate well using the flawed state testing system. Cleveland State University's Center for Urban Education 2019 Greater Cleveland School Performance Report proves this.

At least 80% of an Ohio school's [state test] score is explained by factors that are out of a school's control, like students' socioeconomic status and disabilities. This Center report presents a different way of thinking about school performance that focuses on the factors over which schools have some control and does not penalize them for the hardships and barriers that their students bring with them to school." In fact, the progress Euclid schools, teachers and students have made over the last several years is amazing in light of the tremendous financial constraints the district has been under.

As parents with children whose needs are being well met in both public and private schools, we weighed a number of factors when deciding what was best for each of our children. I wrote last month about

my oldest son's very positive experience transferring to Euclid High School from a well-respected private school this year.

I am equally grateful for the supportive and welcoming community that my other two children found at Saints Robert and William Catholic School. As a person who has been lucky enough to benefit from both systems, I feel responsible to help ensure that other children are not being hurt by the system that benefits my family.

At the state level, applications for the EdChoice voucher program were placed on hold until April of this year (they were supposed to start last month). This has caused a lot of anxiety for families that depend on the EdChoice voucher for their child's education. I understand this. And I hope you will contact our state representatives with your fears and concerns. But please, when contemplating the kind of change you are advocating for, acknowledge the negative effects for other children and our community when we take funds out of public schools to fund private education.

One of the solutions being discussed by legislators is that funds used for school vouchers will become income-based and/or will be taken out of state resources, instead of taking them directly out of the local school budget. This is the solution I am most comfortable with, though it may mean my family is not eligible for the voucher. I have to be okay with that possible outcome. Ultimately, I am my children's first teacher, and I want them to learn that some choices should be made based on personal values and not just the potential benefit to our family.

Do you believe in the value of public education?

Please vote FOR Issue 27 on March 17 to support all Euclid students and families.

## A Call To All Women 3/20

by MLillian J. Anderson

At this time when we remember, and even revel in, the freedoms we have as women (including the right to vote) let us remember the price many women before us paid as they sacrificed and worked to see this day finally come true! And as we celebrate, let us not forget the women we interact who are pained with the loss of a child due to death, a court order, or a miscarriage.... Those who are barren and desire to have a child....Those who are dealing with the loss of a marriage, a home, a business, a dream, or even, the desire to live.

As we console others, let us look to Jesus to fortify us. He said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30 Holy Bible NIV.) This great Advocate, Champion and Liberator of women, Jesus, lived some 2,000

years ago. He deterred the stoning of a woman to death who was caught in the act of adultery and whose accusers were guilty of the same. He spoke to a woman whose ethnicity and lifestyle were regarded with contempt. This was considered taboo, yet, he took the time to speak to and listen to her. He rebuked a woman for being too busy to spend time sitting and listening to him as he taught his 12 disciples, and he used another woman that was sitting with his disciples as an example for her to follow. Before his death he instructed one of his disciples to care for his mother. Then He hung his head and died for us.

You are of more worth than you can even begin to fathom; so is every woman you interact with, whether here or on the other side of the globe. Value her and value you. Remind yourself daily that Jesus Christ, the greatest Advocate, Champion, and Liberator of women loves you so much that he willingly died for you! Women! Celebrate and revel in that too!

## Bakers Chocolate Whips

by Michael Prokop

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# COMMUNITY

## Euclid Schools Earns State Auditor Award for a Third Straight Year

by Kurt Moore

EUCLID - FEB. 24, 2020 - Euclid City Schools' treasurer has announced that the district has been recognized by the Ohio Auditor of State for the third straight year.

Treasurer Matt Brown said the district has received the Auditor of State Award with Distinction for the third year in a row. The state auditor presents the award to local governments and school districts upon the completion of a financial audit that meets the criteria of a "clean" audit report.

"By earning this award, these school districts have shown they are committed to educating their students and being transparent with their spending," Auditor of State Keith Faber said in the press release. "I am honored to present them with this award."

A clean audit report means that the audit report does not contain any: Findings for recovery, material citations, material weaknesses, significant deficiencies, uniform

guidance findings or questioned costs.

In addition, the district is exploring Ohio's online checkbook program which is meant to make public finances more transparent. The program is part of the Ohio Treasurer's Transparency Project that "aims to make government more open and accountable to taxpayers by allowing Ohioans to follow their tax dollars and make more informed decisions."

The system lets users browse through expenditure data online. Once launched, users will be able to go to OhioCheckbook.com, click on the "LOCAL GOV & SCHOOLS" tab, and see Euclid City Schools' expenditures.

This follows another effort by the treasurer's office to make the school district finances more transparent. The treasurer's office started posting monthly financial reports on the district website in July. The reports can be found online at <http://www.euclidschools.org/Finance1.aspx>.



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## CHAMBER MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER EUCLID

By: Tina Dick, HGR Industrial Surplus

For more than 100 years, Kiwanis International has been active in communities around the world. In March of 2019 the Kiwanis revisited Euclid and the Greater Euclid Kiwanis Club was formed. Our club selected our projects after asking community leaders where our support was needed most. In less than a year we have participated in National Night Out with Euclid Police Department, held a clothing donation, participated in the Euclid High School Trick or Treat night, raised funds for the Euclid Hunger Center with an Empty Soup Bowl Project and collected hats and mittens during the holidays for those children who were in need. We are currently planning a pancake breakfast and are offering (2) \$1,000 scholarships to Euclid High School students. The vision of our club is such: Our club will be a positive influence, led by example, in the greater Euclid community so that our youth will grow up and live in a community that believes in them, providing quality activities that will teach leadership, self-confidence, promote service to others, and help our youth be positive citizens in the world. Our children are the future employees of our local businesses. It made sense for the Greater Euclid Kiwanis to join the Euclid Chamber of Commerce. The Euclid Chamber opens the door for us to network with local businesses and gives us the opportunity to work collaboratively on projects that benefit all of us. Many local businesses are looking to participate in community efforts, there's nothing better than working with our kids. Participating with the Chamber allows us to potentially collaborate on events, meet local employers and build relationships that will benefit our children, our community and our businesses.



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**2019 Small Business of the Year:** Bagel Buddy's  
**2019 Large Organization of the Year:** The Euclid Police Department  
**2019 Small Organization of the Year:** Kiwanis Club of Greater Euclid  
**2019 Business Person of the Year:** Mr. Lenny Vaccaro  
**2019 Lifetime Achievement Honoree:** Mr. Miles Carter  
**2019 Young Professional of the Year:** Mr. Mike Ficzer

**2019 Bluestone Award Honorees:**

Euclid Youth Soccer  
John Copic, The Euclid Observer  
Mr. Lawrence L. Sharp III, SMILE Payee Services

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The Euclid Chamber of Commerce is a membership organization for local businesses and organizations. We provide opportunities for networking, collaboration, education, and growth. Contact us to learn more:

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### CHAMBER CHAMPIONS



# CITY COUNCIL

### The Observer

In our ongoing efforts for transparency, the Euclid City Council is presenting the Council Agendas which list our final actions regarding proposed legislation for the previous month. If further details are needed, all council meetings are recorded and available at the Euclid Public Library. Please visit [www.euclidlibrary.org](http://www.euclidlibrary.org). We hope you find this information useful.

Euclid City Council President,  
Charlene Mancuso

AGENDA EUCLID CITY COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2020 AT 7:00 PM EUCLID MUNICIPAL CENTER COUNCIL CHAMBER		
ACTION	LEGISLATION	PROPOSED
Third Reading	1. A resolution authorizing the amendment of the consent judgment with Providence Baptist Church to allow for a new development project called Celebration Village at Providence Park. (Sponsored by Mayor Holzheimer Gail) (Sent to Executive and Finance and referred back to Council with recommendation for passage)	Res. (113-19)
POSTPONED until 2/18/20	<b>Comment: This would authorize an amendment of the consent judgment on a prior lawsuit concerning property of Providence Baptist Church.</b>	
PASSED 9 - 0	2. A resolution to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and the Army Corps of Engineers for approval of a shore structure in the submerged lands in Lake Erie adjacent to the property located at 21281 Edgely Drive, Euclid OH 44123, bearing permanent parcel number 642-05-018. (Sponsored by Mayor Holzheimer Gail)	Res. (008-20)
9-2020	<b>Comment: This would allow the construction of a shore structure to prevent erosion.</b>	
PASSED 9 - 0	3. An emergency ordinance authorizing the Mayor, or her designee, to enter into a professional services contract with SAFEBuilt Ohio, LLC for the provision of Certified Building Official services for a temporary period of one hundred- eighty days from February 11, 2020 through August 10, 2020. (Sponsored by Mayor Holzheimer Gail)	Ord. (009-20)
10-2020	<b>Comment: This would extend the contract with SAFEBuilt for our needed CBO services.</b>	
PASSED AS AMENDED 9 - 0	4. An ordinance amending Sections 941.04 "Waste Containers" and 941.05 "Placement and Storage of Containers; Enforcement Procedure" of Chapter 941 "Garbage and Rubbish Collection and Disposal" of the Streets Utilities and Public Services Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Euclid to amend the size of the containers utilized by the residents and to include a time frame within which tickets issued subsequent to warning notices. (Sponsored by The Entire City Council)	Ord. (010a-20)
11 - 2020	<b>Comment: This would amend the garbage can code to consider vendor supplied cans and time frame in which warnings/tickets are issued.</b>	
First Reading	5. An emergency ordinance which makes the annual appropriation for all expenditures for the City of Euclid for the period ending December 31, 2020. (Sponsored by Council President Mancuso by request of the Finance Director)	Ord. (011-20)
SENT TO SECOND READING	<b>Comment: This would approve the city's annual budget.</b>	

Third Reading	7. An ordinance amending Sections 121.07 "Order of Business," 121.15 "Clerk," 121.22 "Order," 121.32 "Handbilling," and enacting Sections 121.33 "Miscellaneous" and 121.35 "Revenue" of Chapter 121 "Council" of the Administrative Code of the Codified Ordinances for the City of Euclid to amend and enact codes pertaining to the business of and matters before the Euclid City Council. (Sponsored by Council President Mancuso) (Sent to Executive and Finance Committee) (Sent to Council as amended by Executive and Finance with recommendation for passage) (Sent to Executive and Finance Committee) (Sent to Council as amended by Executive and Finance with recommendation for passage)	Ord. (127b-19)
PASSED 9 - 0	<b>Comment: This would amend and enact codes pertaining to the business of and matters before the Euclid City Council.</b>	
17-2020		
First Reading	8. An emergency ordinance declaring improvements to a parcel of real property to be a public purpose, describing the public improvements to be made that directly benefit such parcel, requiring the owner of the improvements thereon to make service payments in lieu of taxes, and establishing a Euclid Avenue TIF District #1 Public Improvement Tax Increment Equivalent Fund for the deposit of such service payments. (Sponsored by Mayor Holzheimer Gail and Councilperson Caviness)	Ord. (016-20)
SENT TO SECOND READING	<b>Comment: This would approve Euclid Avenue TIF District #1 for Dollar General parcel.</b>	
Second Reading	9. An emergency ordinance which makes the annual appropriation for all expenditures for the City of Euclid for the period ending December 31, 2020. (Sponsored by Council President Mancuso by request of the Finance Director)	Ord. (011-20)
SENT TO THIRD READING	<b>Comment: This would approve the city's annual budget.</b>	

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## Keep Euclid Beautiful wins Prestigious President’s Award



by Linda Beck  
Euclid, Ohio(February, 2020) – Keep-America Beautiful®, the nation’s leading community improvement nonprofit organization, recognized Keep Euclid Beautiful with its 2019 President’s Circle Award recognition at the Keep America Beautiful 2020 National Conference, which recently took place in Memphis, Tennessee. The President’s Circle Award recognizes exemplary performance by certified affiliates of Keep America Beautiful in creating clean, green, and beautiful communities.

In qualifying for the President’s Circle Award, Keep Euclid Beautiful has met standards of merit of Keep America Beau-

tiful by conducting an annual Community Appearance Index; calculating the affiliate’s cost/benefit ratio; and administering initiatives to end littering, improve recycling, and beautify Euclid’s community. Keep Euclid Beautiful is one of more than 600 community-based affiliates in the Keep America Beautiful network whose programs, initiatives and efforts, supported by millions of volunteers, help transform public spaces into beautiful places.

“One of our nation’s most effective grass-roots community resources is our local affiliates, which engage Americans from all corners of the country in volunteer service each year,” said Keep America Beau-

tiful President and CEO Helen Lowman. “Our affiliates provide real solutions that help create communities that are socially connected, environmentally healthy, and economically sound. They enrich the communities they serve and help create opportunities for Americans to do beautiful things.”

“Residents, Team members and volunteers work very hard year round to make Euclid a beautiful, inviting place to live and work”, said Linda Beck, Chairperson for Keep Euclid Beautiful.

**About Keep Euclid Beautiful**  
Keep Euclid Beautiful is a volunteer based organization and their mission is empowering neighborhoods and residents to take greater responsibility for improving our local environment through litter prevention, beautification, community greening, waste reduction and recycling.

**About Keep America Beautiful**  
Keep America Beautiful, the nation’s iconic community improvement nonprofit organization, inspires and educates people to take action every day to improve and beautify their community environment. Established in 1953, Keep America Beautiful strives to End Littering, Improve Recycling, and Beautify America’s Communities. We believe everyone has a right to live in a clean, green and beautiful community, and shares a responsibility to contribute to that vision. The organization is driven by the work and passion of more than 600 Keep America Beautiful affiliates, millions of volunteers, and the collaborative support of corporate partners, social and civic service organizations, academia, municipalities, elected officials, and individuals. Join us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube.

## State of the City Recap ( continued from front page )

Trail, we may have missed some great events and development within our 10sq mile home!

Have you noticed the:

- Repairs to Infrastructure – East 222 St has been completely redone along with new sidewalks and driveway aprons! The Mayor spoke about the increase in the gas tax that will provide funds to focus on side streets!
- Sound Fiscal Management – Many of you may know we’ve joined the Ohio Checkbook Initiative so residents can view our financials at any time! We also received the Auditor’s Award of Excellence for work well done in the finance department!
- Beautification of Euclid – Over 1,000 trees have been planted since Mayor Gail took office! Her commitment to maintaining and growing our tree canopy is recognized locally and regionally! Keep Euclid Beautiful continues to support any business or resident group that would like to join in community clean-ups! The Annual Big Clean planning is underway for this year’s event on April 25th!
- Improvement in Housing –Housingvalues increased again for the 8th year in a row! Permits for both residential and commercial projects continue to trend upwards and we’re now seeing new housing being built! There will be a Community Open House for one of our newest builds at 18930 Pasnow on March 27th! Stop by to check out this open floor plan and see the pos-

sibilities!

- Strong and Effective Safety Forces – The Euclid Police Department and the Euclid Fire Department responded to a record number of calls for 2019. The Mayor’s Office continues to receive positive feedback from residents on the level of service and new community partnerships. Engagement opportunities were expanded so residents can learn more about our safety forces and our men and women in uniform can learn more about our residents.

Growth in the Euclid Economy – The aforementioned growth in the number of commercial permits have been a result of new businesses choosing Euclid as their home and significant expansions for companies that have been the backbone of Euclid for a number of years. The choice of this investment by our businesses shows confidence in this economy and our mayor and her administration.

Glance through these photos. Do you see something or someone you recognize? Are there things you’re proud of as a Euclid resident? Now that you’ve read our story, let us know yours. Email the Mayor at khgail@cityofeuclid.com. I was honored to talk about the future in Euclid. Looking out over the diverse crowd of young and old, black and white, male and female, I couldn’t help but smile seeing an example of what should be everywhere. The respect and affection that people felt towards each

other was palpable in the sanctuary. The event is called Unity in the Community and that’s exactly what it felt like. People ventured out in a snowstorm to not only pay tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



## Welcome New Euclid Shade Tree Commissioners



by Linda Beck

The Euclid Shade Tree Commission welcomed two new commissioners, Roy Larick and Taneika Hill, for 2020 at their February Meeting. Mayor Gail was present to swear in the new commissioners. Roy brings extensive experience regarding environmental education and Taneika brings exceptional community relations experience to the commission. Taneika has already had a role with Shade Tree since 2017. Mayor Gail also swore in current Chairperson, Greg Lawrence and Treasurer, Andrea Peters for new terms.

The Shade Tree Commission works to promote and educate residents of the importance of shade trees and maintenance of Euclid’s tree canopy. Shade Tree plans and implements Euclid’s annual Arbor Day celebration and Pond and Garden Tour. Be sure to save the date of Friday, April 24th for Euclid’s Arbor Day Celebration and July 18th & 19th for Euclid’s Pond and Garden Tour. Look for more information on these celebrations in the next few editions of the Euclid Observer and on the City of Euclid’s website at [www.cityofeuclid.com](http://www.cityofeuclid.com).



Join the Discussion at: [www.euclidobserver.com](http://www.euclidobserver.com)

## You Gotta Have Faith!



by Brian Moore

I love Euclid. That’s no secret. I participated in an event on Saturday, February 22nd that reminded me of some of the reasons why.

On that day, Lake Shore Christian Church, the church that I pastor, hosted a Faith in the City meeting initiated by Mayor Gail. The meeting was attended by more than 20 people representing a dozen different churches. It was so encouraging to see everyone around the table on a Saturday morning when we all had other things that we could be doing. This meeting was a priority.

The group that convened that morning was diverse in every way. There were different religions, genders, ages, sexual orientations and ethnicities. Some around the table were ministers, others were not. Some churches had been in Euclid for almost a hundred years and some were much newer. The differences represented around that table were not nearly as remarkable as

the common dedication all felt to be involved in positive transformation within the city.

I couldn’t help but think about how fortunate we are to live in a city where the Mayor values the contributions of the faith community and encourages us to work together with her to effect positive change. Our conversation that morning revolved not only around our individual congregations but also on what we all experience as common issues and how we might work together on these and other matters in the future.

One of the topics that we discussed was the absence of or decrease in the number of young people in many of our congregations. Where are they? Why aren’t they in the pews? What can we do to attract and engage them? The issue of engaging young people in positive activities is also an issue for the schools and the city. This is certainly an issue we can all work on together and we will continue this conversation in

Faith is taking the first step even when you don’t see the whole staircase.  
*Martin Luther King Jr.*

## Rep. Kent Smith Shares Census Information



by State Representative Kent Smith  
Spring is coming, Euclid Observer readers--and so is the US

Census! While I am not sure any of us can help with the changing of the seasons, all of us can help get everyone counted.

Starting in mid-March, information on completing the census will be mailed out to every address in Ohio’s 8th House District (and the rest of the country). 95 percent of households will receive their Census info in the mail and the remaining 5 percent of households will have the form dropped off by a Census taker. The 2020 US Census is only ten questions long. To help non-English speaking residents, the Census Bureau has guides in 59 languages, American Sign Language and braille.

April 1, 2020 is the designated Census Day. That is the day the snapshot of America will take place. Everyone needs to “count” themselves where they are on that day. In 2020, you will be able to complete the Census on-line. You will also be able to do it by phone and mail. In May and June, door-to-door Census takers will attempt to reach those who have not yet returned a completed form.

The first Census of the nation was taking in 1790 and it is the largest peacetime federal activity every ten years. The US

the future.

We also had a conversation about religion vs. the teachings of Jesus. Are we more concerned about rules than thinking about WWJD? Are we judgmental about who prays with us or do we welcome everyone, even those different than us? Are the doors of our churches cracked just a little bit or flung open wide?

And how do we serve those in the city? Do we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, comfort the sick, etc.? It’s hard to pray when you’re hungry. It’s hard to get involved if you have no place to live. How could the way we serve affect the way that our churches grow?

Everyone that attended the meeting agreed that we wanted to continue to work together and that this group could accomplish some really meaningful things in the future. We will continue to do the events that we have in the past as well as consider how we can work together to bring the community together as we model that unity in our relationships as faith leaders.

This brings me back to my opening statement about my affection for the city of Euclid. With all of it’s problems Euclid is always trying to move forward in creative new ways. Our city leadership encourages it. Our faith leaders are willing to step out of their churches, out of their comfort zones to accept the challenge and be a part of the solution.

As a councilman, I am grateful for the Mayor’s vision. As a pastor I am grateful for my fellow pastors for their support as we journey together. As a resident, I continue to be excited about what the future holds.

Census provides the basis for the number of Electoral College votes each state has, the apportionment of the 435 US Congress seats, the 33 Ohio State Senate districts and the 99 Ohio House of Representative boundaries. But beyond that, the Census determines where over \$1.5 trillion of federal funds on 300+ federal programs get spent every year for the next ten years.

A couple of other important Census details:

- The Census is 100% confidential.
- The US Census Bureau will NEVER ask for your Social Security number or bank information or money / payment.
- Public libraries will be prepared to assist on-line Census takers.

So do your part and spread the word about how important and easy the Census is and remember to send your form in.

Speaking of things to remember – PLEASE remember that the 2020 Primary Election is on March 17th this year – That’s Right - St. Patrick’s Day. People are going to miss it unless we remind them.

If you want to check your voter registration, the County Board of Elections phone number is 216-443-VOTE (8683). You can always contact my office at 614-466-5441 or at Rep08@OhioHouse.Gov with questions about the Census, voting or other topics.

State Representative Kent Smith represents Ohio’s 8th House District which includes Euclid, South Euclid, Beachwood, Richmond Heights, East Cleveland, Woodmere Village and a little bit of the City of Cleveland.

Join the Discussion at: [www.euclidobserver.com](http://www.euclidobserver.com)

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Euclid–Elinore Ave. Custom built brick ranch offers plenty of total living space 3 bedroom, 2 full baths, with oversized yard and attached two car garage. \$124,900



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Mount St. Joseph Rehab Center Event:

The Shroud of Turin: Where Faith and Science Meet  
A presentation by David Onysko, a specialist in the Shroud of Turin since the late 1980s



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Euclid Ohio  
www.mountstjoseph.net

FREE and Open to the Public  
Sunday, March 29th, 1:00 pm  
Light Refreshments  
RSVP to 216-531-7426

EUCLID REC

Euclid Recreation Programs

by Hannah Zavorek

Start Smart Spring Sports  
Start Smart is an introductory program designed to teach young children healthy habits and fitness along with the basic fundamental skills of sports, as well as teamwork, motor skills, and social development. Sports included will be soccer, T-ball, tennis, and track.  
Residents \$15 | Non- Residents \$30  
Ages: 4-6  
Wednesdays  
April 8th-April 29th  
6:45-7:30

March 17, 19, 24, 26  
7:30-8:30

2020 Pool Passes  
Season Passes Available  
(Picture ID) – Purchased at City Hall  
January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020  
Individuals  
Residents \$30 | Non- Resident \$60  
Families up to 6  
Residents \$120 | Non- Resident \$200  
Each additional family member  
Residents \$30 | Non- Resident \$60

Spring Basketball Clinic  
The clinic will focus on health and fitness along with the fundamentals of shooting, ball handling, and passing. The clinic will take place at the NEO Sports Plant.  
Residents \$25 | Non- Residents \$50  
Ages: 5-7  
March 17, 19, 24, 26  
6:30-7:30  
Ages: 8-12

Registration  
All-City of Euclid Recreation Programs can be registered for at the Euclid Municipal Center located at 585 E. 222nd St. For more information, call 216-289-8114

Euclid residents are required to bring their two (2) proofs of residency into the Recreation Department once annually to receive the resident rate for the current year.



EUCLID RECREATION PRESENTS

# TRACK

AGES 8U - 12U  
MAY - JULY

RESIDENTS \$50 | NON-RESIDENTS \$75

WE WILL HAVE PARTICIPANTS IN SPRINT, DISTANCE, AND RELAY EVENTS. PARTICIPANTS WILL PRACTICE UP TO TWO OR THREE TIMES A WEEK DURING THE EVENING HOURS. PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMPETE AGAINST OTHER LOCAL COMMUNITIES.

FOR REGISTRATION & DETAILS VISIT OUR WEBSITE  
CITYOFEUCLID.COM/RECREATION/PROGRAMS

# SOFTBALL

## REGISTRATION

2019 Softball League Season  
April - Mid July  
Resident \$75 | Non-Resident \$112  
Age Groups  
8U 10U 12U 14U 16U

Euclid will participate in the Willoughby Baseball League. Games will be played in Euclid, Wickliffe, Willowick, Eastlake, Willoughby and Willoughby Hills depending on the division on weekday evenings. This is a competitive recreation league.

**Volunteer Coaches are welcome!**

Register Today - April 7th

Register online or at Euclid City Hall  
Online Registration Directions  
Go to [cityofeuclid.com](http://cityofeuclid.com)

Click Recreation  
Click Programs/Registration Forms  
Click Fastpitch

## EUCLID HIGH SCHOOL Competition Pool Schedule

*Adult Lap Swim season pass required for admission*

**SPRING SEASON**  
Through Friday, May 24, 2019

MAY  
**24**

SEPT  
**3**

**FALL SEASON**  
begins Tuesday, September 3, 2019

### SESSIONS

SUN

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

Early Bird Lap Swim

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6AM-8AM

6AM-8AM

6AM-8AM

6AM-8AM

6AM-8AM

8AM-10AM

Afternoon Lap Swim

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1:30PM-3PM

1:30PM-3PM

1:30PM-3PM

1:30PM-3PM

1:30PM-3PM

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*Subject to change. In the event of Euclid City Schools closing, Euclid Recreation Aquatics Programs are cancelled.*

National Congress of Black Women-GCC Scholarship Opportunities

by Pamela Gray-Mason

NATIONAL CONGRESS OF BLACK WOMEN-GREATER CLEVELAND COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS 2020 OPPORTUNITIES

Two or more college scholarships in the amount of \$500 each will be awarded to a high-school senior(female) from the greater Cleveland area. Applications can be obtained by request [ncbwccleveland@gmail.com](mailto:ncbwccleveland@gmail.com). or calling Pamela Gray-Mason 216.268.9658 Late applications will not be reviewed(Deadline: April 30, 2020 at mid-

night). Award luncheon will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2020.

Primary eligibility requirements: Students must receive their diploma during the academic year(2020) and continue their education.

Students who have a minimum GPA of 2.5; Students who can demonstrate community service and involvement and must have applied to and/accepted into a college or university.

Honey Bell-Bey, Scholarship Chair  
Lauretta Amanor, 3rd VP-Youth

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## Our Lady of the Lake Microloan Program Helps Small Businesses in the Community



The Microloan participants at a Holiday gathering.



Microloan cohort members and Fr. Joe receiving the Harry Fagan Organizational award.



A microloan recipient signing her loan agreement with Fr. Joe

by Bev Caldwell

Most new small businesses take a leap of faith and some much needed resources to make a go of a great idea. But many lack the necessary resources. Our Lady of the Lake Parish's Microloan Program may be able to help!

The Microloan program provides recipients with small loans of up to \$2000 that are repaid in monthly installments over a one-year period. Recipients also work and meet with a cohort of parishioners and other loan recipients who mentor and support them over the period of their loan.

The result can be a perfect union for both the recipient and the community as we are all better off supporting small community businesses.

To be eligible for a microloan, applicants must:

\*Be 18 years of age or older

\*Live or do business in Euclid or North Collinwood

\*Have a specific idea for starting or growing a small business

\*Commit to participating in the program, which includes attending monthly cohort meetings.

The Microloan Program began in 2016 with a mission of providing modest financial assistance to people who want to start or grow a small business, but are without traditional sources of capital. Since then, 12 loans have been made to a wide range of businesses. These include retailers, a thrift shop, urban clothier, grocery, health and beauty store- as well as businesses offering varied services such as commercial cleaning, alterations, children's entertainment and parties and hair extensions and wig cleaning.

The Microloan Program of Our Lady of

the Lake and Fr. Joe Fortuna won the Harry Fagan Organizational Award from the Catholic Commission of Cuyahoga County and was presented the Award at the Peace and Justice Awards Luncheon on June 13, 2019 for demonstrating a strong and active commitment for social justice and for being a positive force for systematic change in the community.

To learn more about the program or begin the application process, contact Fr. Joe Fortuna at 216-486-0850 or joe@olleuclid.org.

## Our Lady of the Lake School Registration



by Bev Caldwell

We are now accepting registrations for Pre-K through 8th grade!

Your child deserves a quality education. We invite you to call us to schedule a tour: contact Jenny Millett, Principal at 216-481-6824 or email jmillett@OLLEuclid.org.

OLL School has:

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- \*Nationally recognized math curriculum
- \*Full range of enrichment, including sports, arts and languages
- \*Flexible full and half-day preschool options

Visit our Website:  
www.OLLEuclidSchool.org

EdChoice Scholarship Accepted

## What Would You Give to be Principal for the Day?



Principal Brown and Asst. Principal Zgela having breakfast at Bagel Buddies.

by Bev Caldwell

Each year at Our Lady of the Lake, Life on the Lake has a silent auction for a very distinguished prize: Principal for the Day!

The winner gets to appoint his Assistant Principal for the day and together the pair have a wonderful adventure! This year was no different as Principal Brown and Assistant Principal Zgela enjoyed a breakfast meeting at Bagel Buddies, visited classrooms, organized a game of Knock Out, then were chauffeured to lunch at Chik-fil-a and dessert at Dairy Queen before ending the day supervising a student favorite - school relay races in the gym.

## Ecumenical Prayer (continued from front page)



Laying on of Hands Blessing of Students and Assembly



Rev. Wayne Dawson reads the Opening Prayer

churches con-celebrated with Fr. Joe and the OLL Student Assembly.

The Ecumenical Prayer Service included an Opening Prayer, a Reading, and Gospel followed by a Homily and then a Laying on of Hands Blessing from all five of the pastors. Celebrating with Fr. Joe were: Rev. Wayne Dawson of Grace Tabernacle Baptist Church; Fr. Gary Chmura of St. Adalbert;

Pastor Steven Hackmann of Shore Haven Lutheran; Fr. Bill Jerse of St. Jerome and Rev. Rosalind Hughes of Church of the Epiphany. The prayer service was very well received and prompted the question "Can we do this again?" as many in the parish and school community look forward to joining together again in prayer.

## Join Us For Lent and Easter!



by Bev Caldwell

All are welcome to Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Parish. Come and see!

Join us for the following:

Lenten Evening Prayer: Sundays during Lent 6:30p

Five on Fridays: Fridays during Lent 5p-Ministry Center

Palm Sunday Weekend: April 4-5

Tenebrae: 7pm - Wednesday - April 8

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm - April 9

Good Friday: Community Stations of the Cross 12 Noon/The Lord's Passion 7pm - April 10

Holy Saturday: Blessing of Food 12 Noon/Easter Vigil 8pm - April 11

Easter Sunday: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord 8am, 10am, 12 Noon- April 12



## Poster Contest Winners



Imagine Bella Character Poster contest included participation from all students in grades K-2. Congrats to all the winners!

## Digital Learning Day



Kahoot is a fun digital learning activity!

Imagine Bella students love using technology everyday and celebrated Digital Learning Day this year!

## Black History Month Live Wax Museum

Imagine Bella Academy of Excellence held its annual Black History Month Live Wax Museum. Students research during class and at home about their important figure. The students prepared reports, speeches and presentation posters. During the event students

visited the classrooms of other students and parents came in to hear their speeches. Many students wore outfits, hairstyles, and props to match their person. With just a press of a "button", our wax figures came to life! Check out the awesome pictures from our event.



Congratulations to our leaders of the month for showing perseverance! These students were voted by their class!





STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT. FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY. CREDIBILITY.

## Euclid senior athletes recognized on National Signing Day

Nine Euclid High School seniors signed letters of intent as the high school observed National Signing Day in February.

National Signing Day honors students who sign letters of intent to play sports at the college level. Mark "Munch" Bishop, a sports commentator on FOX Sports 1350, served as the keynote speaker for Euclid's ceremony.

Students who signed include:

- Kristan Ross, Murray State University
- John Brown, West Liberty University
- Le'Juan Bryant, Vermillion Community College
- Mark'quise Duck-

worth, Vermillion Community College

• Steve Hall, University of Charleston

• Jaabir Mujihad, Ohio Dominican University

• Aric Hodnett, West Virginia Wesleyan College

• Jay'Quawon Phillips, West Liberty University

• Mamadou M'Baye, West Virginia Wesleyan College

"Congratulations to our star student-athletes," Euclid City Schools Superintendent Christopher Papouras said.

"I wish them all the very best as they take their next steps in their education and life's journey."



## EHS Student Art Exhibit



Euclid Public Library and Euclid High School are collaborating to present our 1st Annual EHS Student Art Exhibit to be displayed in the library's gallery.

On display at the  
Euclid Public Library  
throughout March

Opening Reception  
EPL Gallery  
March 5, 6-7:30 pm  
Free and open to the public



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[euclidschools.org/EuclidSchoolsFAQ.aspx](http://euclidschools.org/EuclidSchoolsFAQ.aspx)



EUCLID HIGH SCHOOL  
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Thursday March 26 at 7:30 pm

Friday March 27 at 7:30 pm

Saturday, March 28 at 2 pm & 7:30 pm

Sunday, March 29 at 2 pm

PERFORMANCES AT EUCLID HIGH SCHOOL

Tickets \$12 adults/\$8 students & seniors

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Tickets may also be ordered online through [Showtix4u.com](http://Showtix4u.com) under Euclid High School.

FAME is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. [www.MTIShows.com](http://www.MTIShows.com)



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT. FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY. CREDIBILITY.

## Euclid HS receives CPR training kit donation Cleveland Browns cornerback's foundation honors his father

Cleveland Browns cornerback Denzel Ward and his mother, Nicole Ward, paid a visit to Euclid High School this month.

The Make Them Know Your Name Foundation, started by the Wards after Denzel's father Paul Ward, Jr. died of cardiac arrest, donated a CPR in Schools training kit to the high school. Nicole Ward talked about how her husband suffered cardiac arrest at a gym where no one used the automated external defibrillator (AED) machine, because they were not familiar with how to use it.

"Time is of the essence when you are faced with the cardiac arrest," she said. "Every moment - no, every

second - counts."

"We just appreciate you guys for taking the initiative," Denzel Ward said about students learning CPR.

The state passed a bill in 2016 requiring public high schools and charter schools to give students CPR and AED-hands-on instruction. The training kit includes 10 CPR Annie training mannequins and 10 AED training kits.

Euclid Schools would like to thank the Make Them Know Your Name Foundation for your donation and to the American Heart Association for your assistance and participation in the assembly held at the high school.



## Celebrating Black History Month at Euclid Schools



The Early Learning Village and Bluestone Elementary invited the community in February to help celebrate Black History Month.

Parents and community members volunteered to read to our students during the schools' African-American Read-Ins. The guest readers read books written by African-American authors. Other schools also held celebrations throughout the month.

[www.euclidschools.org](http://www.euclidschools.org)

## Chardon Hills students 'dress for success'

Chardon Hills Magnet School students are learning what it means to "dress for success."

The Chardon Hills Family School Partnership Committee implemented a weekly Dress for Success Day to kick off the new year. Every Thursday, students have the opportunity to dress in their best attire. Students who participate receive a raffle ticket each week. Multiple tickets are drawn at the end of each quarter and participating students have an opportunity to win various prizes.

Research shows that people present the best version of themselves when they are "dressed for success." If students feel good on the outside, they are more likely to feel good on the inside. This initiative presents a climate that boosts students' attitudes and confidence, leading them to try their best.

The Family-School Partnership Committee allows administrators, teachers and family members to collaborate on school initiatives.

This story is part of The



Weekly Callout, a weekly e-newsletter launched by Euclid City Schools Superintendent Christopher Papouras to celebrate the school district's successes and keep the public in-

formed. It is sent out to parents and guardians and shared on the district website, [www.euclidschools.org](http://www.euclidschools.org). It is also shared on the district's Facebook and Twitter accounts.





## Summer Programs



by Nathan Raddell  
Our Summer Programs have substantially grown and come in a variety of options to fit all your childcare needs. These teacher-run programs will be provided throughout the summer, please check the dates and times associated with each program. To learn more, go to <https://srweuclid.cc/> summer-camps from our list of programs  
Summer Sessions Home Away From Home Monday Friday, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

(A summer camp series with weekly to full summer rate options.)  
Sports Camps Tuesday- Thursday, 9:00 am-12:00 pm (A sports camp with 8 weeks of options)  
Guardian Angels Early Learning Center Child care available for Children entering Toddler through Kindergarten classes in Fall 2020.  
Contact Molly Lorek, at 216-731-3060 ext 256 for more information.

## Scholarship Winners

by Nathan Raddell  
Each year, as part of the Catholic Schools' Week Opening Liturgy, Endowment Scholarships are distributed. All students are eligible to apply for these scholarships and winners are chosen by a committee of teachers and Endowment Board members. Here are the 2019-2020 scholarship winners:

The St. William Pastor/Principal Scholarship for \$500 is given to a student in grades K-2. According to her letters of recommendation, this year's awardee is a good leader that helps bring out the best in others. She is calm and respectful and displays great character. This year's Pastor/Principal Scholarship is awarded to Fahari Wagaba.

The St. William Parish Endowment Founder's Scholarship for \$500 is awarded to a student in grades 3-5. According to her letters of recommendation, this year's awardee is a role model for her classmates. She guides others through her actions, kind words, and her positive attitude. This year's Founder's Scholarship is awarded to Lilah Stachnik.

The St. William Parish Endowment Benefactor's Scholarship for \$500 is given to a student in grades 6 or 7. According to his letters of recommendation, this year's awardee is a student whose hard work and faith are reflected daily in his words and actions. He is a shining example of how a Catholic education and Catholic values can cultivate great character in a person. This year's Benefactor's Scholarship is awarded to Lorenzo Oriani.

The Sr. Dorothy Kazel High School Scholarship is a \$500 scholarship awarded to an eighth-grader who is a registered and active parishioner of Ss. Robert and William Catholic Parish. This year's winner writes that one of the benefits of attending a Catholic High School is, the opportunity to continue the life path that being in a Catho-

lic school since Kindergarten has provided me. This year's Dorothy Kazel Scholarship winner is Katrina Erich-Lukans. The Sr. Helen Marie Davidson, OSU, Scholarship, is awarded to 2 boys and 2 girls entering 7th or 8th grade. The winners this year are:  
• McKenna Murphy, who says, It is important that I go to a Catholic school because I get to learn more about my faith and attend Mass every Tuesday, which helps me grow closer to God.  
• Sophia Stachnik, who wrote in her essay, I encompass a lot of what it means to be a good Catholic school student. I attend Mass on a regular basis and look to God to help me to be a good person and find the good in all people.  
• Frankie Oriani, who says, I love Ss. Robert and William because it is more like a home than a school. I work hard and do my best to be a leader.  
• Noah Stachnik, who wrote in his essay, I truly understand how special it is to receive a Catholic school education because I started my education in a public school. Though I learned a lot, I know that adding Jesus to my daily school life has been a game-changer. I have learned the importance of service to God, my family, my friends, and the community.  
Edward J. Czyzycki Annual Service Award, This \$1,000 annual scholarship is given to a 7th-grade student who exhibits the outstanding practice of the Catholic Faith through charitable deeds. Grace Cooke has been chosen by her teachers for this honor. Her teachers write that Grace is a most-worthy recipient of the Ed Czyzycki Scholarship because she is an outstanding example of someone who practices her faith through her charitable acts and compassion toward others. Grace is a Christian model for her peers, showing kindness and understanding toward all.  
Congratulations to all our winners!!

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

by Nathan Raddell  
Parish Confessions - Every Saturday 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm  
An evening of Confession - Wednesday, March 11, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Communal Reconciliation Monday, March 30, 6:30 pm  
At SJC (includes Individual Confessions)

Holy Week Confessions - Monday, April 6, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Tuesday, April 7, 10:00 am - 11:00 am, Wednesday, April 8, 10:00 am - 11:00 am, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
There will be no Confessions on Good Friday or Holy Saturday

## Spring Fling



by Nathan Raddell  
Our second annual Spring Fling is March 28th and we are so excited! The event kicks off at 6:00 pm in the Irish American Club on Lakeshore Blvd. We want to thank all of the generous sponsors of this event. Thank you also to everyone who has already bought



tickets. You will not be disappointed! It is not too late for you to purchase tickets if you are able to join us. You won't want to miss out on the fun! If you have any questions or for information email [mcosgriff@srwschool.cc](mailto:mcosgriff@srwschool.cc). For tickets, visit <https://srweuclid.cc/spring-fling>.

## Holy Week Schedule

by Nathan Raddell  
Palm Sunday, April 5  
Vigil Mass 4:00 pm  
Sunday Masses 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 6:00 pm

Tenebrae April 8  
Service of Lights 8:00 pm

Holy Thursday, April 9  
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00 pm (Ursuline Chapel)

Good Friday, April 10  
Stations of the Cross 12:00 noon  
Passion Service 3:00 pm  
Living Stations 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday, April 11  
Blessing of the Easter Food 1:00 pm  
Easter Vigil 7:30 pm  
(No 4:00 pm Mass on this day)

Easter Sunday, April 12  
Masses 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am  
(No 6:00 pm Mass on this day)



# V Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School

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## VASJ basketball hosts Broadmoor Bobcats

by Kristen Mott '09  
Photos by Lisa Lowe '21

You could feel the love at Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School on Valentine's Day when the Broadmoor Bobcats traveled to the school to take on the VASJ Vikings basketball team.

When the Bobcats entered the school gym, they received enthusiastic cheers from VASJ students, faculty and staff dressed in green and white to show their support for Broadmoor.

The game has become a much-loved annual event for both schools. The Broadmoor Bobcats are made up of a group of students from the Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities/

Deepwood. The VASJ Vikings put up a good fight, but the undefeated Bobcats ultimately maintained their winning streak, defeating the Vikings 73-64. VASJ presented the Bobcats with a trophy following the game, and students joined the Bobcats on the court for a post-game group photo.

The basketball game at VASJ is a great example of the mission of the Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities/Deepwood, which is to empower people with developmental disabilities to engage in activities that enrich their lives and contribute to their community.



## Join us for VASJ Night at Progressive Field May 29



by Kristen Mott '09

Show off your school spirit at the ballpark and come support our Cleveland Indians during VASJ Night at Progressive Field on Friday, May 29! The game starts at 7:10 p.m. against the Kansas City Royals.

The first 250 ticket purchasers will receive a co-branded Cleveland Indians and Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School ball cap. These caps are

limited edition, so once they're sold out, they're gone! Even if you miss out on a hat, join us for Sugardale Dollar Dog Night, \$2 Pregame in the District and post-game fireworks. Help us get to 500 tickets sold and we'll be able to nominate an individual to throw out the first pitch!

Tickets are open for anyone to purchase. Ticket sales through VASJ end Friday, April 24, 2020, per Indians group sales agreement. After April

24, tickets must be purchased through general ticket sales. Guests who require a wheelchair can request assistance at the gates.

For more information about our big night with the Indians or to purchase tickets to the game, visit [vasj.com/indians](http://vasj.com/indians). For assistance purchasing ADA-compliant tickets or general questions, contact Cheryl Stashinko '03 at [alumni@vasj.com](mailto:alumni@vasj.com) or 216-481-8414 ext. 254.

## Save the date: Continue the Dream gala May 16

by Kristen Mott '09

Join Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School for its biggest fundraising event of the year, the Continue the Dream gala, on Saturday, May 16 in the VASJ Gym. The gala supports the school's effort in providing quality, Catholic education in the traditions of Ursuline and Marianist values. This year will also recognize the 30th anniversary of VASJ and its ongoing legacy present and thriving today.

Attendees will enjoy live and silent auctions, games, raffles, dinner and drinks, and programming to commemorate this special anniversary year.

Support the gala as a Presenting, Platinum, Gold, Silver, or Bronze sponsor. Each tax-deductible sponsorship includes seating and advertising on specified promotional material and media



platforms. Sponsorship deadline for inclusion in the event program is Friday, March 17.

The Advancement Office has created an Amazon Wish List of items to be included in silent and live auctions and raffles. In addition to the items on our Amazon Wish List, the Advancement Office welcomes other gifts to be used at auction or giveaway, such as vacation homes, special event tickets, memorabilia, experience packages and more. Please drop off donations in the Main Office of VASJ between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

For more information about the Continue the Dream gala, please visit [vasj.com/continuedream](http://vasj.com/continuedream).

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SJN Celebrates Black History Month



by David Peck  
Several times each year, the faculty and families of St. John Nottingham Lutheran School gather together to share a meal, fellowship, and see the work the SJN students are doing. This February, we celebrated Black History Month with a wonderful soul food meal provided by Mr. Paul Walton, a respected member of the St. John Nottingham School Commission. The students displayed research and art projects in which they explored the many, many contributions African-Americans have made (and continue to make) to our great society, told parents and visitors about the accomplish-

ments of a wide variety of black inventors, entrepreneurs, athletes, artists, politicians, and authors, and just had a lot of fun.  
We call these meetings FACT Nights, which stands for "Families All Come Together," and that's exactly what happens. The families that make up SJN all come together to join as one in celebration and community. Prospective and curious families considering SJN as a school are, of course, always welcome at these events. If you are interested in attending, simply contact the SJN office to find out when the next one is happening!



Substitute Opportunities Available at SJN

by David Peck  
There are opportunities for Substitute Teachers at SJN for the upcoming and the current school year. Subs must have a minimum of a 4 year BA or BS degree from an accredited university (Education major preferred) and must have a clear FBI/BCI background check. SJN administration is currently interviewing potential substitutes for grades K through 8. Contact the SJN office at (216) 531-8204 if you are interested in exploring this opportunity.

SJN Student of the Month: Samuel Boone



by David Peck  
SJN's March Student of the Month is Samuel Boone! Sam is a 4th grader in Mrs. Maynard's class. His favorite subjects are Math, because he likes how he gets to learn something new every day, and reading because, well, because in his words he just "likes to read." He loves playing basketball, soccer, and football, and hopes to play on the SJN team next year (as long as his mom says it's OK, that is). He's really into Roblox, a videogame, but in the summer, likes to get outside to play as much as he can. His favorite show is the anime "My Hero Aca-

damia," which he likes to watch in the original Japanese while reading the subtitles (although he did once type some words into an online translator, and found out that the subtitles aren't always accurate).  
Sam was chosen to be the Student of the Month by the SJN faculty for Sam's kindness, love of learning, and his true Christian attitude towards others. Sam is just a nice kid! Congratulations to Samuel Boone, SJN's March Student of the Month!

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Lake Erie Folk Fest a Hit! (continued from front page)



DistGentClose: Distinguished Gentlemen of the Spoken Word gave a powerful performance at the fest's evening concert. Credit: Aaron Parker



Harmonia: Harmonia brought the dance and sounds of Eastern Europe to the Lake Erie Folk Fest. Credit: Aaron Parker

School Board and City Council Consider TIF support of proposed Hillandale development (continued from front page)

TIF is a public financing method that subsidizes development projects by utilizing the increase (or increment) in property taxes to finance a portion of the overall project costs. As a result of the TIF, the County, Euclid schools or the City would not see an increase in taxes beyond what it receives from the undeveloped or underdeveloped piece of property through the duration of the TIF. The property targeted for Celebration Village is the 68 acres south of Euclid Avenue between Hillandale Park and Euclid Medical Office Building.  
Controversy surrounding the financing plan centered on its impact to Euclid Public Schools. While the City and Schools would collect the same amount of property tax revenue as it does now, they would forego the increase in tax revenue due to increased property value of the development.  
"I fully support the Celebration Village project. It will bring a major investment to Euclid Avenue, new modern housing options for seniors, new jobs and income tax, and help to attract additional development and investment along Euclid Avenue," said Mayor Kirsten Holzheimer Gail who supports the development project and the TIF plan. She emphasized that in today's market, "every project that gets done has some type of public involvement" in terms of supportive public financing. She referenced several Euclid projects that used TIF support to make the private projects happen.  
"This would bring new jobs, temporary

construction jobs and would be transformative and serve as an economic stimulus to the Euclid corridor," added Holzheimer Gail.  
The fate of the development is now in the hands of the Euclid School Board and City Council who need to determine if they back the TIF. Financing packages can vary in their level of support and length. One of the concerns with the TIF is that it is 100% and runs for 30 years. "We have to give a response by March 20," said Donna Sudar, President of the Euclid School Board.  
In the public comment part of the meeting, citizens were equally divided between supporters and opponents of the TIF. During a question and answer session from both City Council and School Board members, questions focused on the inflexibility of the developer to negotiate the amount of public financing support the developer would receive.  
According to Active Senior Concepts President, Paul Aase, without the support of the TIF plan, the project will not go forward. "It has to be a 100% TIF. Any cut would make this economically unfeasible," said Aase. While \$120 million will be financed through private investment and bank debt, the \$45 million in TIF funds are seen as critical by the development team.  
If built, Celebration Village will target 55+ age seniors. The active living retirement resort will be the first of its kind in the area. With walkable main street style streetscape,

a 'public' square and ample green space, the development would include 124 town home lofts, 250 apartment homes, 195 independent living villas, 60 assisted living and 30 memory care homes. With a wellness center, aquatic center, outdoor recreation and social club, the community would be gated to ensure privacy. The developer would also acquire the Euclid Medical Building and intends to invest \$2 million into this building.  
Aase said his partners have successfully launched similar projects in Georgia and saw development spread from the surrounding area to support the resident's needs. It's a vision the Mayor believes can work.  
The property has been the center of controversy in the past. Purchased by Providence Baptist Church in 2003, the Church planned to build a new church with surrounding senior living homes. While a drawn out and contentious fight ultimately led to a legal settlement that allowed Providence to move forward with their plan, the property remains unchanged as the development never happened. The plan was so controversial at the time that a citizen's group attempted a recall of then Mayor Bill Cervenik who reached the settlement with Providence. Since that time, Providence continues to pay an approximately \$60,000 a year tax bill on the undeveloped land.  
"We've been trying to sell it for years," said Rodney Maiden, Senior Pastor at Providence Church. He said that proceeds would

help renovate the Church's current home at the Manor Center in Euclid.  
Trying to break a rare four-game losing skid, VASJ needed a win in the worst way as the Vikings traveled to Gates Mills to play Hawken on Jan. 25.  
A pair of unsung heroes provided the exact prescription for what the basketball doctor ordered as VASJ snapped its losing streak with a big second half in a 62-44 win over the Hawks.  
The Vikings improved to 6-8 on the season and won for the first time since returning from a holiday trip to Missouri.  
"Vasilios Capuozzo and Noah Clark are two JV kids that came in the second half and saved us. They have earned the right to get that opportunity and they made the most of it," VASJ coach Babe Kwasniak said.  
"Our JV team is such a vital part of our program, this night was a prime example of how important it is to get that game experience. I love these kids because all they care about is winning. Here's two of my favorite kids in the program. Let's face it, our schedule is brutal - we will take any win whatever way we can."  
Capuozzo hit three 3s in the second half and Clarke played a vital role as VASJ was held to 18 points in the first half, but scored 44 over the final 16 minutes to pull away for the win.  
Jaden Hameed scored 14 of his team-high 21 points in the third quarter. Jonah Waag finished with 13 for the Vikings.



Drumline: Euclid High School's Drumline were a hit with the crowd. Credit: Aaron Parker



Kids Drumming: Musicians of all ages had fun and learned new skills. Credit: Nick Canciliere

What’s Good About Euclid Schools: Ten things I’ve been impressed by this year

by Pam Turos

One of the greatest challenges of being a parent in the Euclid school system has nothing to do with state test scores or other external measures of educational success. Our biggest challenge is that very few people get to hear about all the amazing people, programs and opportunities that Euclid students benefit from on a regular basis.

To help counteract this unfortunate truth, I’ve put together a list of the things that have reaffirmed our family’s commitment to supporting Euclid schools.

Top-quality teachers. I am impressed again and again by the depth of knowledge, creativity, and dedication that represents a standard level of performance for the teachers and staff I have interacted with this year.

Coaches who expect high levels of academic commitment and are persistent in monitoring. For the first time ever, my son expressed pride in being recognized as a “top student athlete” for his grades.

Guidance counselors who respond quickly to questions and concerns, while also helping my son register for college testing and readiness programs without any guidance, encouragement or participation on my part.

Parents who volunteer at the Early Learning Village during lunch hour so it’s less hectic for the youngest students and helps staff establish new school routines and systems.

Alumni who are now experienced professionals, some not even living in the city of Euclid, attending weekly planning meetings to rally support for the upcoming levy. A music teacher who organizes an annu-

al “career day” bringing dozens of parents, community members, and volunteers from all over the city to talk with her elementary school students about what’s possible for their future.

Parents, teachers, staff, coaches, police officers and school board members who show up at community events (over 3,000 per year in our schools) and organize a profitable, volunteer-led concession stand that rivals any public or private group in Northeast Ohio.

Teachers who hold my son accountable for looking at his phone too much during the day but also recognized that he was bored in class and needed to be more challenged.

A very simple school registration process that can be completed online and followed up with a personal appointment — also pretty easy to reschedule a few times, if you’re like me.

Students from other districts who came to recent Euclid community meetings to tell our residents how much they appreciate the partnership programs they attend that are unique to Euclid schools.

“Euclid schools have changed my life.” Those aren’t my son’s words. They are the words of a young lady from Wickliffe who participates in the Euclid High School welding program. But I said it last month, and I’ll say it again. Our choice to return to Euclid public schools this year has been a blessing for my son and our family. Please support Issue 27 on the ballot March 17 so we can keep making progress as a school system and a community.

Visit [citizensforeuclidschools.org](http://citizensforeuclidschools.org) for more information.

Euclid Needs to Approve Issue 27

by Citizens for Euclid Schools Committee

Issue 27 is an 8.7 mill operating issue on the March 17, 2020 ballot. Its passage is essential for the Euclid City School district to continue providing the academics, the career-technical education, and the arts and extracurricular activities needed for college and careers. Passage will also ensure the retention of quality faculty and administrators, as well as sustain and maintain our neighborhoods through improved property values. Here are the facts worth knowing.

**1. Issue 27 allows the District to continue its academic progress.**

Euclid’s High School’s 4-year graduation rate has increased by five percent. More than 93% of our third graders met the Third Grade Reading Guarantee requirements. The State reports that our students’ academic performance has improved for each of the last four years. Students needing academic help are closing the gap and catching up rapidly, Shoreview Elementary and Arbor Elementary have been designated as High Progress Schools of Honor.

Euclid City Schools increased one full letter grade on last year’s State Report Card. And although we’re proud of this accomplishment, those who fully understand this grading system believe it is flawed as it penalizes communities with lower median household incomes. Communities such as ours. Knowing this, Cleveland.com looked at the Report Card from a different perspective with the intent to highlight the districts that were beating the economic trends. According to their findings, Euclid schools ranked ahead of South Euclid-Lyndhurst, Cleveland Heights-University Heights, Shaker Heights, Richmond Heights, Berea, Bedford, Willoughby-Eastlake, Garfield Heights, Mentor, Maple Heights, Kirtland and Strongsville. And are ranked just behind the districts of Independence, Hudson, Kenston and Orange.

**2. The District’s administration is fiscally responsible and transparent.**

The District has received Ohio Auditor of State Award with Distinction for financial management three years in a row (2017, 2018, 2019). All Monthly and Annual Financial Reports as well as financial and performance audit reports and forecasts are available for viewing on the District’s website (<http://www.euclidschools.org/Finance1.aspx>). Due to the levy failures in November 2018 and November 2019, the administration has made significant cuts, including busing, teachers and administrators. Failure to pass Issue 27 on March 17 will lead to even more cuts that will negatively affect our students’ academic growth and progress. Those will include cuts to faculty and administration personnel, and athletics, music and arts programs.

**3. Issue 27 is fair to taxpayers.**

Issue 27 will not replace all the dollars lost with the defeat of the renewal levy in 2018 (the District has been operating with less funding, while inflation continues to rise). Issue 27 will cost property owners a little more than \$4 per week for a \$75,000 home. In 2016, voters approved Issue 111, a bond issue to rebuild our high school and middle schools and create an Early Learning Village for pre-K and Kindergarten learners. By law, school districts can only use bond issue funds for school construction. Issue 27 is an operating issue and will provide our schools with the day-to-day funds and resources needed to continue academic growth and fully utilize the new buildings provided by the bond issue.

The passage of Issue 27 allows our District to continue its academic progress, keeps Euclid’s property values improving, and sustains and maintains our neighborhoods. Let’s build a stronger community for all of us by voting YES on Issue 27 on or before March 17, 2020. [www.citizensforeuclidschools.org](http://www.citizensforeuclidschools.org)

“Cut Corners? Yes. Cut Education? No” says this Euclid voter on a fixed income

by Bernadette Walsh

*Euclid Senior High Graduate/Class of ‘63* The forthcoming Euclid School Levy, Issue 27, has so many comments either “for” or “against” its passage. I wanted to take a moment to put forth my thoughts as to why I support the levy.

I understand the limits of a fixed income all too well, but I also understand the limits of the future for students who do not receive a solid education. The choice is not a simple one. Heaven knows those of us with limited incomes have to cut corners daily, shop wisely and buy less. But this is not about limited income, it is about limited education or no education at all.

To instill in children the learning process, the appreciation for classroom activities, the desire to go to a new facility, to be a part of things is what our goals should now be. When we started the journey in 2016, that began with new school construction, the conversations around the “pros” and “cons” were loud and boisterous. Now, when we look around our community, we

see centers of learning that all of us can be proud of, that makes our city stand out.

Now, it is the time to make sure that what happens inside of those walls is equal to the outside beauty, that teachers have the tools to educate, that class sizes are appropriate and that courses leading to careers are available to all Euclid children. Not just paths to college, but courses that teach skills for daily productivity. We also need arts and sports to continue as avenues of teaching.

Perhaps my opinion differs from others because I took the time to volunteer at Euclid High School. I saw students who are good students, and that is because I went to the other side of the walls. I saw and I listened — something the naysayers should do for an awakening to the real importance of good education. So here I am willing, to cut corners but not education for these children. These young adults are the future. Cut corners? Yes. Cut education? No. Vote FOR Issue 27 on March 17.

**Publisher Note: The Euclid Observer has printed every single submission we received concerning Issue 27. No submissions opposing Issue 27 were received. John Copic Owner and Publisher**

Strategies for Managing Your Credit Card Debt

by Dave Godek

Managing credit card debt

Credit card debt in Ohio households is the lowest in the United States but is one of the fastest-growing forms of debt among American consumers.

ValuePenguin recently found an average Ohio household carries \$5,446 in credit card debt, the least of any state, while the typical household in Alaska carries the highest average at \$13,048.

“Though credit card debt varies widely by state and region,” said Mike Losneck, CEO of Eaton Family Credit Union, “it’s clear there is a crisis in America with debt approaching \$14 trillion. Credit cards are a big contributor, making up over a quarter of that amount.”

According to Debt.org, more than 189 million Americans have credit cards. The average household has at least four cards and carries roughly \$8,400 in credit card debt.

Credit card debt has been on a steady climb since 2015 becoming the second-fastest-growing type of debt behind personal loans, Experian reported.

This comes at a cost, Losneck explains. The average interest rate for new credit

cards is 17.3%, down three quarters of a percentage point since the Federal Reserve cut rates in Fall 2019, CreditCards.com reported. Even with this drop, the annual percentage rate still is at a near-record high, up from 16.8% in 2018.

“Credit cards certainly have their advantages if used responsibly, especially if you’re able to pay off the balance in full every month by the due date,” Losneck said.

Losneck recommends consumers should look to a local credit union for a credit card.

Credit unions are not-for-profit financial institutions owned and democratically-controlled by their members, Losneck said. We’re built on the philosophy of “people helping people” and focus on better serving our Members by providing great financial benefits, including making life more affordable when dealing with credit card debt.

“If you do find yourself struggling with credit card debt, you’re not alone,” Losneck said. “We, or your local credit union, may be able to help you get back on top of your finances.”

The Ohio Credit Union League offers these tips for managing credit card debt:

Assess your financial situation. Come up with a list of everything you owe, including monthly bills, credit card balances and the annual percentage rate (APR) for each card. Then, compare expenses with income. Prioritize your spending. Before tackling credit card debt, be sure to cover the basics first, such as food, housing and clothing. Next, pay the minimum amount on all secured debts, like your home and car loans. Then, start working on paying down credit card debt with useful tools like the Credit Karma Debt Repayment Calculator, followed by student loans. Try to use cash or debit cards only while paying down debt. Above all else, pay at least the minimum balance on all outstanding debt to avoid hefty late fees.

- Establish a budget. Once your debts have been prioritized, it’s important to come up with a budget to track spending and minimize credit card debt. Use online tools like YNAB (You Need a Budget) to get started.
- Try to adhere strictly to your newly established budget.

- Secure a better rate. Negotiate a lower interest rate on your credit cards. According to CreditCards.com, sometimes all it takes is a simple phone call to (politely) request

a better rate. Shaving off even a percent or two could save you hundreds of dollars while repaying your debt.

- Decide on a strategy. When paying down credit card debt, it’s important to settle on an action plan. There are two main ways to do this. One is to focus on paying down the card with the highest interest rate first, while making minimum payments on the other cards. This is the fastest way to decrease credit card debt, eventually freeing up more cash to pay toward the lower interest rate cards and creating a snowball effect. The other strategy is to pay the lowest balance first, while paying minimums on the others. Though not as cost-effective, this is the fastest way to get rid of debt on a single card.

Stay focused by creating concrete goals and staying motivated. Keep your eye on the prize! Perhaps getting rid of credit card debt will afford you a down payment on a house, new car or dream vacation. CreditCards.com suggests writing your goals down and keeping them in your wallet or purse. When tempted to overspend, take a peek at them for a big picture reminder.

Help Foundation’s Helping Lives Bloom Spring Gala Welcomes Arcadia Glasshouse As Presenting Sponsor.



The Helping Lives Bloom Gala will benefit the construction of a state-of-the-art greenhouse for individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities. The greenhouse will provide access to an adaptive environment with year-round growing capabilities. Producing “farm-to-table” organic fruits and vegetables, the greenhouse will serve as a vocational habilitation program that will teach individuals necessary skills to gain meaningful community employment.

Euclid, OH (March 2020) - HELP Foundation, Inc. proudly announces Arcadia GlassHouse, as a presenting sponsor of their 2nd Annual Helping Lives Bloom Spring Gala to be held at the elegant Stillwater Place at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo on Saturday, May 2, 2020.

Jeff Kenyon, President of Arcadia GlassHouse explains, “HELP does a great job providing life-changing services for valued members of our community. This new greenhouse will enable them to expand by offering organic gardening skills to grow their own food source year-round with hydroponics and other modern growing technologies. Arcadia GlassHouse is proud to be part of this HELPFul mission.”

Arcadia GlassHouse was founded by a horticulturist from The Ohio State University who started designing and building commercial propagation greenhouses in 1980. The demand for very precise temperature and humidity controlled environments for propagation of woody ornamentals led to innovative engineering designs for high quality, reliable greenhouses that were air tight and energy efficient. These design innovations are what makes Arcadia GlassHouse unique in providing exceptional growing environments with strong extruded aluminum frames. Arcadia now has its sales and service headquarters with a 10,000 sq. ft. state-of-the-art manufacturing operation in Madison, Ohio.

HELP’s CEO, Tamara Honkala, stated “I am thrilled to have Jeff Kenyon and Arcadia GlassHouse returning as Presenting Sponsor for our 2020 Helping Lives Bloom Gala! This generous sponsorship is such an exciting validation of the work we are doing together to create the a greenhouse for year-round urban agriculture training in downtown Euclid. Our landmark building will grow a new path along which we can guide individuals who have disabilities into the workforce. With Jeff and Arcadia we are looking forward to a wonderful event in May, and a remarkable year ahead for HELP Foundation!”

Guests will enter via red carpet, savor chef prepared hors d’oeuvres and plated meals as well as sip cocktails throughout the evening. Musical entertainment will be provided by Ensemble Mercury from Cleveland Institute of Music. Activities will include a wine pull, sought after silent auction items and a live auction that boasts exotic trips around the globe. All monies raise will directly benefit the greenhouse project.

For more information on Helping Lives Bloom Gala or to purchase tickets, please visit [www.helpfoundationinc.org/events](http://www.helpfoundationinc.org/events) or call Monica Cox at 216-432-4810 ex 331. A limited amount of tickets remain available for the event.

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- Euclid schools are making progress.
- 93% of third graders meet state of Ohio reading requirements.
- Issue 27 is essential to continue academic, career-technical education, arts and extracurricular activities needed to succeed.
- Improved schools are critical to the revival of our community.

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# EVENTS

## It’s Pancake Breakfast time with Greater Euclid Kiwanis!

by *Chris Cipriani*  
Join us for the Greater Euclid Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 15th, at the Church of the Epiphany, located at 21000 Lakeshore Blvd. in Euclid. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 children 3-12 years of age (2 and under are free), and the delicious breakfast will take place 11am to 2pm.  
This year the Greater Euclid Kiwanis is excited to announce they will be offering two \$1000.00 scholarships to Euclid High School students. It is through fundraising events such as the pancake breakfast the

Kiwanis looks forward to presenting more ways to give back to the community.  
The next Euclid Kiwanis meeting in on Tuesday, March 10th, 6:30 pm at Shore Cultural Centre in room 152. The 4th Monday of the month is a luncheon meeting, location to be determined. Everyone is welcome to attend meetings and learn more about all the good things this organization has planned for the upcoming year.  
For information about the Pancake Breakfast, or about the Greater Euclid Kiwanis, email [greaterEuclidkiwanis@gmail.com](mailto:greaterEuclidkiwanis@gmail.com).

## Fish Dinners at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine

by *Irene Kazmierczak*  
Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine in Euclid will be offering their annual fish dinners during lent.  
The dinners will be offered on Ash Wednesday, February 26th, Friday, March 13th and Friday, March 27th. The St. Ann's dining room will be serving from 4:30pm until 6:45pm on those dates.  
Tickets are \$10 for adults. The menu includes two pieces of fish (battered or light butter sauce), choice of french fries or hash browns, pasta fagioli (bean soup), apple sauce or coleslaw, bread and butter, and coffee or hot tea. All fish and potatoes are baked.  
On Ash Wednesday, mass will be held at 5pm.  
Our project this year is the rennovation

and major repair to the inside and outside of St. Ann's Dining Room as well as other areas in the shrine. Donors are needed to help with these efforts. Please help support the Shrine through participation in their fundraising dinners or through donation toward the renovations.  
Don't forget the gift shop is available for all your religious purchases. During the winter season it is open from Monday - Friday from 10:00am - 4:30pm; Saturday 10:00am - 3:30pm, and Sunday 10:00am - 4:30pm.  
The shrine is owned and operated by the Sisters of the Most Holy Trinity. It is located at 21281 Chardon Road in Euclid. Contact 216-481-8232 for more information. Their website is [www.srstrinity.com](http://www.srstrinity.com).

## Free Talk: The Shroud of Turin



by *Annemarie Donnelly*  
Attend a free community talk and learn about the Shroud of Turin: Where Faith and Science Meet. Local expert David

Onysko will present contemporary reflections on this ancient mystery. You'll learn the historical, medical and biblical background of the Shroud. Mr. Onysko will discuss scientific evidence and its correlation with the scriptural account of Jesus' suffering and death. The talk will be held on Sunday, March 29th at 1:00 PM at Mount St. Joseph Rehab Center, 21800 Chardon Road in Euclid. To RSVP, please call 216-531-7426. Light refreshments will be provided.

## Raise the Roof Fundraiser at Recher Hall

by *John Copic*  
On Friday March 28, at Recher Hall there will be a fundraiser to help raise money to

repair the roof.  
Donation is \$50.00 a ticket. Grand prize \$2000.00. Music by Sumrada.

## Recher Slovenian Home expands Fish Fry to Lower Hall for Lent



by *John Copic*  
The fabulous fish fry that you already know and love will be expanded into the lower hall for Lent. The Slovenian home will be serving from 2:00 pm to 9:00 pm every Friday including Good Friday. In addition to the fish fry there is also baked fish, a shrimp basket, and Pat's famous crab cakes. You can also order cabbage and noodles, piero-



gies, and mac & cheese as side dishes.  
The Recher Slovenian home is located at the end of Lindberg Street off East 200 street. The address is 20713 Recher Ave, Euclid, OH 44119. The hall and fish fry are open to the public. The food is excellent, the service is great, and the hall will be packed with all your neighbors, so come on in!

## 2nd Annual Kid’s Maker Fair

by *lamie Zagar*  
Join student entrepreneurs on Saturday, March 14th at Ss. Robert and William Parish Center from 1pm - 3pm. The vendors will be children from Ss. Robert and William and Our Lady of the Lake Schools who will be showcasing their entrepreneurial skills with homemade art, crafts, beauty products, cupcakes, treats and more!  
The proceeds from the vendor fees, door admission and concessions will be donated to local charities - Euclid Hunger Center and Euclid Animal Shelter. Admission is \$1 or a canned good. Concessions will be available for purchase. Come support our local youth!

## Esoteric Classes Offered at Rishis Institute

Two of our teachers, Tom Juhasz and James Page, will offer their esoteric classes at the Cleveland Besant Branch, Theosophical Society, 2215 Brookpark Road, Cleveland. (just west of Broadview Road). All are invited to join others at these gatherings. Dr. Crary and Elbert Crary were associates of the Theosophical Society in the understanding of world brotherhood. Be refreshed or gain new insights at these events. Meet others on the path to greater awareness. 216 741-2082  
**TOM JUHASZ**  
February 22, 2020. (Saturday). 1:00 to 5:00 PM. Beginning to Intermediate NUMEROLOGY  
Develop greater awareness of the unseen influences. Please bring a notebook and pencil. Fee for Rishis students is \$20. No reservation necessary. Beverages provided.  
James will be starting a new Astrology 12 week class from March 23 to June 15th. If you missed this exciting study... mark your calendar to align with others to understanding an astrological chart. Then do your own and others in your family



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## Euclid Youth Soccer Spring Registration



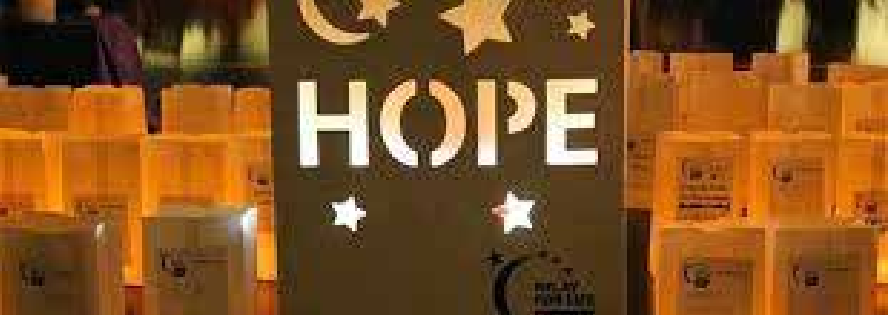
by *Nathan Johnson*  
Euclid Youth Soccer is looking forward to the spring portion of our season which will start up in mid-April and will run until June. All players who participated in the fall are automatically signed up for spring. For new players age 3-15 looking to play this spring, online registration is available now through April 5 at [euclidsoccer.com](http://euclidsoccer.com).  
The Soccer Academy program (ages 3-6;

born in 2014 or later) is \$50 for the spring, and the Recreational program (ages 7-15; born in 2005-2013) is \$70. This covers a 7-week season and includes a uniform (jersey, shorts, and socks).  
Euclid Youth Soccer has been providing competitive and recreational soccer programs for kids aged 3-15 since our founding in 1976. Our player-centered developmental focus makes Euclid Youth Soccer a

great place to start your child's experience with youth sports or to explore an interest in "the beautiful game" of soccer. We currently have over 200 wonderful players at all skill levels; some just beginning and others playing competitive matches against clubs from across northeast Ohio.  
Stop by at the Babbitt Road soccer fields (at Babbitt and Milton roads) on Saturday mornings this spring to see some of the

fun! An all-volunteer, non-profit organization, Euclid Youth Soccer continues to be successful because of generous support from sponsors and the dedication of volunteers. If you wish to get involved as a business sponsor or adult volunteer please contact Nate Johnson at [president@euclid-soccer.com](mailto:president@euclid-soccer.com). If you have questions about registration contact Laura Bower at [registrar@euclidsoccer.com](mailto:registrar@euclidsoccer.com).

## Euclid Relay for Life, Calling all SURVIVORS



by *Emily Holody*  
Join us for the Relay for Life of Euclid Friday, May 1, 2020, 6 pm to 12 am indoors at Euclid Central Middle School  
This is a free community event! Lots of family fun! Food trucks, games, prizes, bounce houses, face painting, and more!  
We are looking for survivors. We want to honor and recognize Cancer survivors at

the relay event. Join us for a special dinner and survivor's lap.  
If you have any questions or would like to register as a survivor please contact Kristina Hewis at [khewis@euclidschools.org](mailto:khewis@euclidschools.org). You can also visit [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org) for more information.  
We look forward to seeing you in May!

## Tee it up with the First Tee of Cleveland’s Youth Golf Programs at Briardale Greens




by *Mary Patton*  
The First Tee of Cleveland launches its 2020 program season on April 7th at Briardale Greens Golf Course in Euclid. Kids and teens are encouraged to join in for fun and friendship on the fairways.  
The mission of the local non-profit organization is to positively impact the lives of young people ages 6 to 18 by providing educational programs that build character, instill life-enhancing values and promote healthy choices through the game of golf.  
If your son or daughter is interested in making friends, being outside, learning about golf, improving golf skills, or having fun, then the First Tee of Cleveland is the program for you.  
Participants will receive the First Tee's Core Values, Life Skills and Healthy Habits curriculum seamlessly through golf lessons. No equipment is needed. Participants receive a golf shirt and hat.  
The First Tee of Cleveland's program seasons at Briardale are as follows: Spring Session: April 7-May 22; Summer Session: June 2-August 1; and, Fall Session: September 8-October 24.  
Classes take place once a week on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. The season cost is \$40 for the Mighty Mites class (ages 6-7) and \$55 for PLAYer, Teen PLAYer (entry level, ages 13-18) and Par level classes. For the complete schedule, visit: [www.firstteeleveland.org/programs/tftc-briardale-greens](http://www.firstteeleveland.org/programs/tftc-briardale-greens)  
The First Tee of Cleveland is one of 150 chapters of 'The First Tee', a national initiative begun in 1997. A five-year independent research study shows that the programs positively impacts grades, self-confidence and social responsibility.  
To register or for more information, visit [www.firstteeleveland.org](http://www.firstteeleveland.org) or call 216.641.7799.

## Celebrate the Accordion at Euclid’s 38th Super Button Box Bash, Sunday, April 5




Join the squeezebox celebration at the Polka Hall of Fame's 38th Annual Super Button Box Bash at the Slovenian Society Home in Euclid, Sunday, April 5, 2020.

by *Joe Valencic*  
Join the squeezebox celebration at the 38th annual Super Button Box Bash on Sunday, April 5, 2020. Dance to the sounds of sixty accordions on two stages, plus jam sessions all day. The Slovenian Society Home in Euclid, Ohio, becomes the Woodstock of Polka Music just for the occasion, from 12:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
Enjoy the grandest festival of button accordion music in North America. Bring your own box and play along. Indulge in nationality treats, such as smoked Slovenian sausage, savory roast beef and strudel. Pick up a souvenir tee-shirt, sweatshirt, babushka or polka CD at the Polka Hall of Fame pop-up shop.  
Fourteen button box groups and artists appear in two dance halls, plus polka jamming in the annex. At 3:00, meet the winners of the Polka Hall of Fame button box awards, Joe Grkman Jr. and Ron Likovic and Friends. They'll appear on the main stage, followed by an All-Star show of Cleveland-Style Polka entertainers. Featured performers include:  
Canada's Mary Lou Downs  
Magic Buttons  
Patty C and the Guys  
The Hoboes  
The Fairport Jammers  
Kathy Hlad  
Frank and Darryl Valencic  
Joe Godina  
Ray Kovac  
Anthony Culkar  
Rob DeBlander  
Your hosts are the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame and the Slovenian Society Home, 20713 Recher Avenue, in Euclid, Ohio. Take I-90 to the East 200th exit; go north on East 200th one-half mile and turn right on Lindbergh Avenue to the Hall.  
Admission is \$10. Dinners, sandwiches, side dishes, desserts and beverages are available. Advance tickets recommended. Order from the Polka Hall of Fame, 605 E. 222nd Street, Euclid, OH 44123. (Open Wed., Fri., and Sat.: 11 to 4) For more information, contact the Polka Hall of Fame, (216) 261-3263, or [Polkashop@aol.com](mailto:Polkashop@aol.com). ###



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# HEALTH & WELLNESS

## Let’s Get Really Honest



by Natalie-Jo Flynn

I am Natalie-Jo Flynn Founder and CEO of Move That Mountain Health & Life Coaching. It is my mission to spark curiosity towards wellness in our community and inspire you to become the CEO of your health and wellness.

Lets Get Really Honest, In case you haven't noticed, this country is in a health crisis, Who is in charge of your healthcare?

You are doing everything to eat a low-fat diet, working out, and still not losing weight? Still stressed, tired and moody!

It is possible that you are merely burning off sugar and not burning your fat? Now you're saying, "But I don't eat sugar"! Then what ARE you eating?

Most people will say what they think I want to hear and that doesn't do us any good.

Honesty with health and wellness is not always easy.

We are afraid to show we are not doing what we planned or what we said we would, or we will say we don't not care to hide that we feel like we have failed, when in fact we really didn't try!

We want to believe that we will change miraculously by wanting, waiting and wishing. Sound familiar?

To truly have great results in your health journey you must do the work.

1. Be honest about what you are eating, hiding it does not mean it did not go down the hatch!
2. Keep a Food diary.
3. Learn where your sugar, Fiber, fat, and protein are and get the right amounts in your meals.
4. MOVE YO SELF! don't let Siri or Google home or Alexa do the work, YOU GOTTA get up and turn off that light! MOVE it Or LOSE IT!
5. Stop eating those foods you already know make you bloated, tired and give you indigestion.

## Takahata Talk



by Takahata

God promises everything we need for life so that our joy may overflow! Practicing Christians cling to this thought. I especially cling to this truth every time I must

6. Stop skipping breakfast
7. Drink more water except with meals
8. Calorie counting causes stress, just eat more of the fresh veggies and fruits, nuts and good fats.
9. Weening off sugars, cold turkey is not sustainable for most people.
10. Take advantage of a free consultation with Me, Natalie, a Health Coach and Wellness advocate, to help you see how you will get unstuck.

You got nothing to lose but time by not getting Really Honest with the number one person in your life, YOU!

As a local Health Professional and Transformational Health Coach, I work with people seeking to understand their current health issues and actively participate in their care. I am able to tap into their self-awareness, provide support, accountability, develop and follow action plans for healthier behaviors. I use an integrative wellness model, which incorporates evidence-based conventional medical care with complementary medicine, and lifestyle modification to achieve sought after wellness goals.

I work with people from all over the globe, different lifestyles, variety of wants and needs in life.

The one thing we all have in common is the desire to continually improve our health and relationships with food, family, workplace whatever it is, we want more and we want better.

Gain the courage to take charge of your Health and Wellness.

Text, call or email for your free easy, fun discussion session about your health goals and see if working with me as your coach is your next best step, if not thats OK, you get a great discussion with some simple action steps.

email or text questions about this or any of the comments I have posted.

Feedback is appreciated

I provide one-one or group sessions, workshops, as well as educational wellness talks for any size groups and company Lunch N Learns.

It's Time for you to get really honest. Let's Move That Mountain! One push is all it takes.

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be in a group setting with family members who are "unequally yoked."

Only one determination gets me out my door. And, it's never about the joy I need to receive.

My simple determination (prayer) is to take them my joy! So, with this delightful challenge of service to others leading the way, it is effortless to smile my goofy smile as intense hope hugs me along the way.

Now, can you guess who comes home radiant with even more joy, every time?

*Publishers note: This is the first in a series by a wonderful local author. She is an American of Japanese descent born in Hawaii during World War II.*

## March Happy Hippy Mama



Heidi and I after shaving our heads in the summer of 2015.

by Emily Holody

Hi All-

February 18th, 2020 was my best friend Heidi's fortieth birthday. March 9, 2020, will be the three year anniversary of her death. This month I am going to stray from my normal column a bit and share with you something I wrote about how life feels today, and what it has felt like getting to this place. Next month, I will return to my normal column but this one is for my sweet friend. Forty would have looked good on her.

A love letter to Heidi, and loss

My best friend Heidi was an amazing soul. Her sparkly blue eyes and signature toothy smile could light up a room. Her sense of humor and strong work ethic made her an unforgettable wife, sister, daughter, friend, teacher, mother, and more. Heidi was a woman of many titles and excelled at all of them.

In October of 2015, our whole world fell apart. Heidi was diagnosed with a softball size tumor from a rare childhood cancer called Synovial Sarcoma. She was in the prime of her life, working as a Special Education teacher, and flourishing as a mother and wife.

In an attempt to get ahead of this very aggressive Cancer Heidi had her left lung removed. The surgery was considered a success and within a few months, she had adjusted her activities and gained enough strength to return to work. But, sadly this wasn't the end.

Cancer returned two more times, and Heidi was forced to consume the only cocktail she didn't like. A cocktail of chemotherapy. It was strong and wiped out Heidi's heart and kidneys. Eventually, the Cancer grew too large and stole my sweet friend's physical body.

In the months and now years that have passed since Heidi left us after just thirty-seven sweet years here on earth. My heart has ebbed and flowed in ways I didn't know possible and I have learned so much about loss, life, and all the in-betweens.

In the immediate months, I floated through the fog of loss detached from my true self. I survived and stayed as present as possible for my four daughters. But as my therapist put it, I thought I was moving forward..but I wasn't. Too often my eyes were in the rearview mirror.

I realized as I approached the second year my feelings were starting to come to the surface. I was truly feeling things, the numb fog that had once encompassed me was lifting. My feelings felt like raw nerve

endings begging to be helped.

Over the last year, as I left the numbing wine, sugar, and late-night binge TV watching behind. I realized I had to feel these feelings to move through them. Trying to snub them out with alcohol or the entire 20 seasons of Grays Anatomy wasn't working.

Keeping myself busy with my kid's schedules wasn't working. Trying to live my life forward while still being stuck in the past, wasn't working. I wasn't the wife I could have been at that time. In fact, it was through that realization that I found I actually wasn't the me I wanted to be.

Slowing down, moving, and writing helped to bring my soul back to my heart. Finding ways to honor Heidi has given me purpose and peace. We have a scholarship at our high school set up in her memory, and I raise funds for the American Cancer Society each year in her memory. I run road races, and each time I do I whisper her name. Because she can't run these races and because each mundane little bit of this tragically beautiful life is a blessing.

As I approach the third anniversary of her death I am more aware of the passing of time and feel the weight of her loss lifting. At the same time, the memory of how heavy it was is ingrained in my heart forever. I am focused on mothering my girls with Heidi in my heart. I will never return to the young care-free thirty-six year old who thought we would live forever. But, today, I can see the beauty in the scars of what life has thrown my way.

Feeling my way through this tragic loss without numbing the pain, has saved me. Writing stories like this one has healed me in a way I didn't think possible. Being a mother while also trying to juggle all of life's titles and losses is hard.

Feeling feelings is easy if you give yourself the space to be flawed. Allowing happiness and sadness to co-exist in my heart the last three years has grown my soul. I will never get over the loss of my sweet friend. Rather, losing her has changed me, and because she lived I am the person you see today.

The tired nearly forty-year-old eyes that stare back at me from my reflection show strength and courage. I see my friend's sparkly blue eyes in the sunsets and soft snow. It is not the same, it never will be, but today I feel my friend's beauty in the present moment and for that I am thankful. Moving forward is hard, but it has a beautiful view.

Have you experienced loss, or can you relate to this? I would love to hear your stories. Continue this conversation on Facebook at Happy Hippy Mama or shoot me an email at happyhippymama@yahoo.com.

This month's mantra:

Life is short. In a blink, it tends to pass us by. Don't waste yours. Fill your life with authenticity, happiness, and love. Until next time...  
Namaste

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# HEALTH & WELLNESS

## Cleveland Clinic Euclid Hospital Cares for the Community



by Ellie Westerburg

Cleveland Clinic Euclid Hospital has been part of the Euclid and Collinwood communities since 1952 when it moved from Glenville to its current location. The hospital has a strong history of caring for the community, which is a tradition that continues today. Nationally renowned specialties include sub-acute (skilled nursing) care, neuro-rehabilitation, emergency medicine, senior behavioral health, geriatric assessment, orthopaedics and outpatient rehabilitation. The hospital continues to invest in improving the services offered for patients. In fall of 2019, Euclid Hospital opened a new Senior Behavioral Medicine Unit. The \$3.1 million investment created increased living space for Euclid Hospital behavioral medicine patients with rooms, dining and common areas. Currently, a \$1 million inpatient pharmacy upgrade is underway, to be completed in April, and a

\$600,000 renovation to the aquatic therapy pool is scheduled to begin this spring.

Euclid Hospital is committed to providing quality healthcare to the community. The hospital was awarded an A in the Fall 2019 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade. The total hip and knee program received the Anthem Blue Distinction Center designation for excellence in hip and knee replacement, and the Sub-acute Care Center, or skilled nursing unit, recently earned U.S. News & World Report's 2019-2020 Best Nursing Homes designation, with an overall rating of 5 out of 5. Euclid Hospital has also been designated by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) as a health facility on the Journey to Magnet Excellence® designation. This designation recognizes a health care organization's commitment to creating and sustaining a culture of excellence in nursing.

Euclid Hospital's commitment extends into the community as well. For six years, the hospital has received the Practice Green Health Emerald Award, recognizing health care facilities for their commitment to environmental stewardship. The hospital also recently launched a free eight-week health challenge for the Euclid/Collinwood communities, part of the Healthy Communities Initiative, a collaborative effort between Cleveland Clinic and community partners to promote optimal health and wellness.

## Cleveland Clinic Launches Eight-Week Health Challenge in Euclid / Collinwood

by Ellie Westerburg

Cleveland Clinic is offering a free eight-week health challenge for the Euclid / Collinwood communities. This fun competition will build on the success of the 2019 health challenge, which saw participants lower their blood pressure, lose weight and learn how to lead a healthy lifestyle. The next challenge kicks off on March 4, 2020 with an event from 5:30-8:30pm at Euclid Hospital Waltz Auditorium, 18901 Lake Shore Boulevard in Euclid. The kick-off event will include an introduction to the program, initial health screenings, educational information and light refreshments. The eight-week program includes group exercise sessions and health talks with Cleve-

land Clinic caregivers and other lifestyle management professionals in the community. Pre - and post-challenge health screenings are performed to help participants track their progress and celebrate their success. The program is free, but registration is required. To register or for more information, visit [clevelandclinic.org/HCI](http://clevelandclinic.org/HCI), call 216.692.8969, or email [acoughli@ccf.org](mailto:acoughli@ccf.org) or [mmack@ccf.org](mailto:mmack@ccf.org).

The "Euclid Collinwood" 8-Week Health Challenge is part of the Healthy Communities Initiative (HCI) - a collaborative effort between Cleveland Clinic and community partners to promote optimal health and wellness.

## Coronavirus: How to Build Your Immune System

by Barbara Liddell

The onset of the Coronavirus and its rapid spread has caused much concern. What everyone needs to realize is that your immune system must be strengthened to protect yourself.

Good health care is recommended. Build up your immune system by drinking green tea with its high levels of antioxidants daily. Honey used as a sweetener also has anti inflammatory properties to help prevent inflammation in response to a virus attacking your immune system. The use of lemons in your tea with its Vitamin C properties helps to build your immune system as well.

Drinking green tea with honey and lemon is very effective in helping you ward off problems of inflammation due to any virus. Help yourself and your family by drinking a warm cup of tea with honey and lemon.

It is important to note that we are what we put in our body, since our body is more than 60% water. It should be recognized our bodies heal when it is alkaline. Your water should be alkaline. Spring water is more alkaline than your purified water and therefore better for your body.

Be Blessed!  
B. Liddell  
Bari Beauty & Health Plus

## How to Cut your Prescription Costs Down to Size



Laura Mutsko.  
Owner and Agent.  
Mutsko Insurance Services.

by Laura

Mutsko

The costs for many prescription medications keep going up every day. Even those who have good insurance coverage are seeing

their costs on the upswing. Without insurance, many people find themselves unable to keep up and must do without.

Fortunately, there are a number of legitimate resources designed to help you cut the cost of your prescriptions down to size. Not every one of these resources will work in every situation, but you may find one or more that can help you.

**“Is this really the best price you can offer?”**

Don't be shy about questioning your pharmacist about the price you are being charged. Ask him or her if you can save money by paying for the prescription instead of going through your insurance plan. You may be surprised at the savings. Also, ask your doctor whether there is a generic version of your drug or if he or she can give you free samples or a discount card.

**Use an App to Comparison Shop**

Prescription costs vary widely between pharmacies. Get a quick idea of what your prescription will cost through any of the growing list of apps and websites that provide comparative pricing at pharmacies near you. Examples of these apps and website include GoodRx, RetailMeNot Rx Saver and SingleCare.com to name a few. Their

## Children’s Grief Support Camps Offer Hope and Healing



by Laurie Henriksen

The beauty of nature provides the healing backdrop for two unique summer camps for children who have experienced the death of a loved one. Both are led by trained grief support specialists from Western Reserve Grief Services.

Riding Through Grief, a day camp offered June 22-26, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, in collaboration with Fieldstone Farm Therapeutic Riding Center, 16497 Snyder Road, Chagrin Falls, is for children ages 8-12. Through riding and working with horses on a 45-acre farm, children explore their feelings in a supported environment. The gentle, nurturing feedback of therapy horses in a tranquil environment has a healing effect. Registration for Riding Through Grief is due by May 31. The camp fills quickly, so early registration is recommended.

Together We Can takes place August 4-6, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at scenic Red Oak Camp, 9057 Kirtland-Chardon Road, Willoughby. Designed for ages 6-13, the camp encourages self-expression through art, music and sharing with other kids who have also experienced the death of someone they love. The environment creates a “safe zone”

comparative pricing service is provided free of charge. They may have coupons and discount offers to help lower the final cost of your prescription, too.

**Assistance for Life-Saving Medications**

The Assistance Fund provides assistance that can make the difference between life and death for some patients. This non-profit helps pay for some medications by footing a significant amount of the out-of-pocket costs — including copayments, coinsurance, deductibles and other health-related expenses — for insured patients. The Assistance Fund tries to approve people for assistance within 24 hours because they know time is of the essence in many cases. You can see a list of diseases that are covered by The Assistance Fund at <https://tafcares.org>. **Check Manufacturer Websites for Rebates** Manufacturers of brand-name drugs often offer rebates or other assistance to get people to try their medications at deep discounts or for free. You will need to visit the drug manufacturer's website to learn whether any coupons, rebates or introductory offers available.

Always talk to your physician if you cannot afford your prescription. He or she may be able to recommend other resources to help you. Skipping your prescriptions is never a good choice.

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where kids can feel comfortable sharing emotions and asking questions. Registration for Together We Can at Red Oak is due by July 8.

“The children engage in activities to express feelings, support coping skills, and honor their special person,” said Karen Hatfield, Team Leader. “We have done drum circles, yoga and karate activities through the years that the kids and counselors enjoy. They also have time to enjoy the gorgeous outdoor setting and have fun with other children. There is swimming, rock climbing, archery and kayaking in the afternoon. There is comfort in being with other kids. They learn they are not alone, they are not going crazy and other children their age are coping with some of the same kinds of feelings.”

The children's grief support camps are one of many community grief support services offered by Hospice of the Western Reserve made possible through charitable gifts from the community. To request a registration packet for one of the camps, call 216.486.6838. More information is available at [hospicewr.org/camps](http://hospicewr.org/camps).

# HEALTH & WELLNESS

## Heroin Epidemic: It won’t happen to my kid

by Lorie Hannan VanTilburg

There is a Heroin Epidemic that is killing our kids, and it isn't going away, it's only getting worse. No one wants to talk about it and everyone thinks it won't affect them. I used to think that way until 2012 when I found out my daughter was using and less than 9 months later we lost her to an overdose. Back then it was just the beginning of Heroin taking a hold in cities all across our country, and I knew nothing about the drug much less how to help my daughter. Now you have Fentanyl mixed with Heroin and the deaths are increasing.

You probably think "It won't happen to my kid", and I pray it doesn't because the loss is devastating. But odds are the life of someone you love or know will be changed because of Heroin. So what can you do to help them? You can start by not being ashamed because of their addiction. If you are ashamed or afraid to talk about it how can you expect an addict to feel comfortable enough to ask you for help.

Education and Awareness. These two things are the first steps in combating this Epidemic. Educate yourself about this drug, know how to recognize the signs of someone using. Not just the physical signs like nodding out, pinpoint sized pupils, track marks (between toes, back of hands, wrists and inside the elbow). But the changes in their personality (separation from family, stealing, drastic change in appearance or personal hygiene, urgent need for money with no explanation). Do not be afraid to trust your instincts, if you see drastic changes and behaviors say something. I know you may not want to con-

front them because you are afraid you may be wrong. But it's better to speak up and be wrong than to keep quiet and do nothing and have regrets when they overdose and die.

There are so many resources available to help, whether you are the one struggling with addiction or a loved one of an addict. You can contact SAMHSA's National Helpline, 1-800-662-HELP(4357).

There is also Casey's Law. Ohio enacted Casey's Law in 2012. The law allows the parents, relatives or friends of an addicted person to lawfully intervene and request involuntary, court ordered addiction treatment for their loved one. Contact Cuyahoga County Probate Court for information on filing.

If your loved one is not receptive to getting help or treatment I strongly recommend you looking into NARCAN/ NALOXONE. Having this on hand can save their life. You can contact your local Health Department or Harm Reduction Ohio provides it through this link. <https://www.harmreductionohio.org/>.

You don't have to do this alone, there is support out there you just need to know where to look. There is an amazing non-profit organization that is dedicated to helping addicts, their friends and family find safe judgement free support groups to talk with others going through the same thing. They also offer a support group for families needing support in their grief. <https://www.heroinsupport.org/>.

Please don't let the stigma of addiction keep you from reaching out for help.

## Whole30 Chicken Pot Pie Soup



by Emily Holody

I first made this when I did my January Whole30, but it has quickly become a member of our regular meal rotation. I envision eating it on cold wet spring days. I hope you all enjoy it too! If you make it please send me a picture of yours to happyhippymama@yahoo.com. I changed the recipe slightly but mostly followed <https://www.realfoodwithjessica.com/2017/09/04/paleo-whole30-chicken-pot-pie-soup/> recipe.

Happy eating! :)

### Ingredients:

Soup Mixture:

1 pound organic Yukon gold potatoes chopped

1 cup of water

1 1/2 cups unsweetened almond milk

Soup:

3 tablespoons oil/fat of choice (olive, coconut, ghee, avocado)

1 1/2 cup chopped carrots about 3 medium  
1 1/2 cups chopped celery  
1 cup diced green onion or yellow onion  
1 pound diced organic Yukon gold potatoes  
3-4 cups broth or water  
1 tablespoon fresh thyme  
1 tablespoon fresh rosemary  
1 1/2 cups frozen french green beans  
1 teaspoon salt or to taste  
2 pounds cooked chicken pulled or chopped

### Instructions:

In a small saucepan, combine potatoes with 1 cup of water. Cover and cook on medium heat for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Once cooked, turn the heat off, drain, add almond milk, and blend using an immersion blender. Leave it in the pan as you finish making the soup.

While the potatoes are cooking, start the soup. In a large pot or dutch oven, combine garlic oil, fat, carrots, celery, green onions, and potatoes. Sauté for about 5 minutes.

Add 3-4 cups broth or water, thyme, rosemary, green beans, and salt. Cover and cook 10 minutes, stirring regularly.

Add the potato puree to the soup, stir in chicken and cook for 10 more minutes uncovered.

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Looking for a summer camp to support a grieving child? Consider one of our **Together We Can** bereavement day camps for children who have experienced the death of a loved one. Campers will share stories, laugh together, shed some tears and celebrate the life of their special person.

**Five-day Riding Through Grief**  
Fieldstone Farm  
16497 Snyder Road, Chagrin Falls  
June 22 - 26, 9 a.m. - noon  
This camp is offered in collaboration with Fieldstone Farm Therapeutic Riding Center and is for children ages 8-12 who have experienced the death of a loved one. Through riding and working with horses, campers explore grief issues supported by trained counselors.

**Three-day Red Oak**  
Red Oak Camp  
9057 Kirtland Chardon Road, Willoughby  
August 4 - 6, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
A three-day bereavement day camp for children ages 6-13 who have experienced the death of a loved one. Transportation available from two locations.

For more information and to register, visit [hospicewr.org/camps](http://hospicewr.org/camps) or Call 216.486.6838.

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	JACK'S CASINO		BOB'S BREAKFAST WATERFORD	
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## Bob's Corner



by Bob Payne

Houses and cars don't mean much to me. I'm not a guy who puts a lot of value on physical things, but a few months ago I wrote about losing my silver ring. It was special. In the shape of flames, it represented all the difficult times I've survived. I searched high and low for it. No luck. I came to the conclusion it was time to let go of the past. It took a while, but I accepted the loss.

Then, I received a package in the mail. Inside was a brand new ring. It's the exact ring I lost, but shinier and a size larger. It was sent anonymously. To the person or people who sent it, thank you! I absolutely love it. You are clearly thoughtful and compassionate (and maybe even a little sneaky).

So, what do I do with the whole idea that the ring represents past pain? And, what do I make of it disappearing and reappearing?

As with much of life, a lot depends on how you choose to view it. You apply meaning and significance to events.

It's easy to get stuck wallowing in the garbage of life when your thoughts are consumed with remembering how this person hurt you or that horrible event happened. When you dwell on the negative, you suffer more in thought than in reality. I know it's hard to see beyond when you are going through tough times, but if I've learned anything from this experience it is this. Every problem, every pain, every trouble you go through will somehow lead you to a place where you are stronger and better than before. You cannot bypass difficulties, but please remember you are so much more than any troubling situation you may face.

The old ring represented anxiety, depression, leukemia, and an incurable blood cancer. Those old hurts and struggles were certainly real and helped make me who I am today, but they are not the whole story. The new ring represents much more. The symbol of my suffering is now a sign of compassion, thoughtfulness, and the difference a kindness can make in someone's life.

Never overestimate your difficulties. They will pass. Never underestimate the power of kindness. It can change someone's outlook on life.

Our human compassion binds us the one to the other - not in pity or patronizingly, but as human beings who have learnt how to turn our common suffering into hope for the future.

*Nelson Mandela*

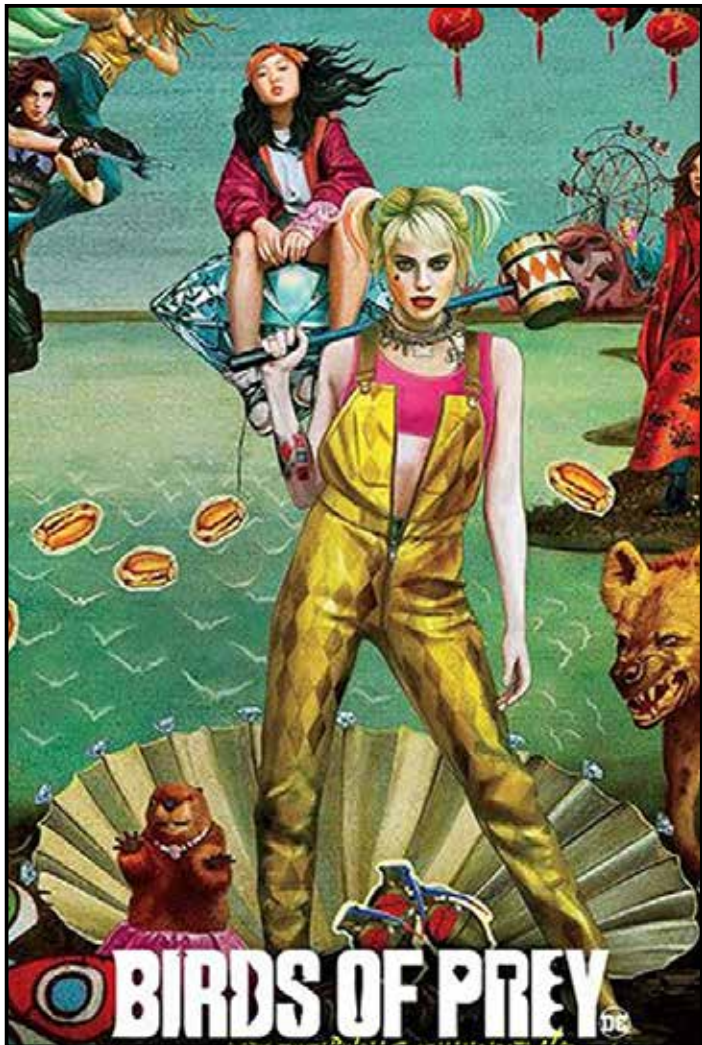
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## Birds of Prey Movie Review



by Brian Friedman

Going in with no expectations, I was surprised with this movie's humor, writing, and action scenes. An incredibly fun performance by Ewan McGregor is barely out-shined by Margot Robbie's beaming eyes, smile and strong comedic timing. My quips are small with the film including a weird casting for Cassandra Cain and that too many scenes are day lit for a movie taking place in Gotham. Those are minor so I am as shocked as you are that I give this film a B plus.

## To All The Boys 2: PS I Still Love You Movie Review



by Brian Friedman

This unnecessary sequel has barely a plot that justifies the 101 minute running time. Almost nothing happens and the boy vying for the lead's attention creates no chemistry and is anchored by some painful dialogue. The movie is well directed with some truly great camera angles and Noah Centineo remains a rising star. Grade? D

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by John Copic

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