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A Culture of Caring at Ss. Robert & William

by Ellen Ivory

Over the past 2+ years, both the Ss. Robert & William School and the Parish School of Religion have been participating in a student "Stewardship Giving Project." Each student receives a box of Children's envelopes at the beginning of each school year and are encouraged to participate by donating funds to help those who are less fortunate and in need.

This project has realized an average of \$3,000 in donations per year. School students bring their envelopes to the weekly school Mass and the PSR students bring their donation to any weekend Mass or to class. The money is combined and then donated to a specific charity (chosen by the students) each month. Monroe states, "Students pay attention in class and at Mass. They learn about the needs that are here locally, as well as those far beyond the walls of this city. Discussions take place in classrooms and an organization is chosen as a result of this dialogue."

The impressive list of recipients include: Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, St. Jude's Hospital, Hospice of the Western Reserve, Food for the Poor, Schools for Water in Africa, Catholic Charities to the Rosemary Center, Akron Children's Hospital, 40 Days for Life, a mission in El Salvador, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Catholic Relief Services, Birthright, the parish's Outreach Program and the Sr. Dorothy Kazel Scholarship Fund, and the Diocese of Cleveland's "Rooted in Faith Campaign." Their giving is rounded out by a donation made in memory of a relative of a faculty member.

"The amount donated is not important," states Monroe. She goes on to say, "What is important is to teach our children - at a young age - to be generous with their many blessings. By doing so, they become "good stewards" of their God-given gifts. We want them to appreciate what they have, and to be able to recognize the needs of those less fortunate."

In the classroom adjacent to Mrs. Monroe, faculty member, Mrs. Karol Pfeifer, is busy organizing a holiday food drive for The Euclid Hunger Center. This is the second year Pfeifer and the 5th and 6th graders involved in the National Elementary Honor society have taken on this project. These stu-

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The Cleveland Browns' "Play 60 Challenge" comes to Forest Park Middle School

by Audrey Holtzman

Cheers echoed through the halls of Forest Park Middle School, as seven Cleveland Browns football players dashed down the aisles of the auditorium. Jabaal Sheard, Johnson Bademosi, Christian Yount, Craig Robertson, Emmanuel Acho, John Hughes, Jordan Cameron and Chomps spent the

afternoon sharing healthy lifestyle tips

and playing with Forest Park students.

Here we go Brownies; here we go!

For the 344 kids who logged over 1.7 million minutes (or 29,213 hours) of physical activity in a four-week period, it was an unbelievable reward. The afternoon was jam-packed with a Browns question and answer session, touchdown dance competition and "ultimate gym class," where 25 students got to show off their skills in the gym with the players. Players and students raised chocolate milk bottles to toast their achievement, an excellent nightcap for all.

Physical Education teacher, John Yuha began the "Play 60" program with his 6th, 7th and 8th grade classes last fall. Forest Park Middle School logged the most hours out of all of the participating schools in Northeast Ohio. With over 25,000 minutes logged, Brianna Roberts (7th grade) was named the topperforming girl. Roberts and Yuha were recognized on the field at the Browns vs. Steelers game in November.

Congratulations to all of the students



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Forest Park students learn from the pros.

and staff at Forest Park Middle School! A special thanks to Fox 8 News, The News-Herald, and News Channel 5 for coming out to support the Euclid City Schools. The Cleveland Browns "Play



Student athletes pose with the players.

60 Challenge" is in partnership with the American Heart Association, Medical Mutual, Cleveland Clinic and the American Dairy Association Mideast and Fuel Up to Play 60.

Euclid residents participate in roller derby charity bout

by Dana Schaffer

Two athletes with Euclid roots will strap on skates December 1 for a wild night of roller derby action, all while helping a local charity.

The Burning River Roller Girls, Cleveland's first flat track roller derby league, will present Black & Blue 7, the group's seventh annual charity bout at the Ohio Nets Sports Complex in Parma.

All of the teams of the Burning River Roller Girls will regroup into Team Black and Team Blue for one of the most popular roller derby events of the year. Among the skaters will be Euclid resident Cyndee Jackson, who skates under the name Action Jackson, representing Team Blue.

But the highlight of night will be the halftime show, in which the new recruits of the Burning River Roller Girls will engage in a battle of full-contact musical chairs—on skates! Euclid High School alumna Dani Reagan will be proving what she's made of as she joins the rest of the first-year skaters in the brutal battle for the last chair.

This year, the league will be donat-



Euclid resident Action Jackson (left) grabs a fallen chair during full-contact musical chairs at last year's Black & Blue charity event.

ing a portion of every ticket sale to Beech Brook, a Northeast Ohio agency designed to provide prevention, intervention and treatment programs for some of the area's most vulnerable children, teens and families. For 160 years, Beech Brook has been providing services ranging from mentoring and counseling to fostering and adoption.

Tickets are available for \$12 in advance for adults at www.brownpa-

pertickets.com/event/292991. Tickets are \$15 at the door for adults. Discounted tickets available for children 12 and younger.

For more information, visit www.burningriverrollergirls.com.

Dana Shaffer is a local writer and editor, covering topics ranging from tires to windows, roller derby to jewelry.

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by Mayor Bill Cervenik Dear Friends:

As the song goes, "It's the most wonderful time of the year." The holiday season is here and for most it is a time to visit with family and friends, enjoy great food, reflect on the past year and exchange gifts. As I get older, I have come to appreciate that one of the most special and lasting gifts cannot be found in a box. It is the gift of spending time with our loved ones. Sharing memories and family stories can be some of the best gifts we can give and receive. Let others know what the season means to you and how much you appreciate having them in your life.

And what about neighbors, co-workers and others who don't have anyone to share the holidays with? We can give them the gift of a visit, a meal or plate of cookies, or simply spend time together sharing conversation or enjoying a card game or movie. The gift of our time is priceless and cherished.

What will you remember most from this holiday season? The stuff you received as gifts, or the time you spent with the people you care about?

Wishing you a Very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year!

Euclid Art Association

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Mayor's Corner Holiday Fire and Life Safety Tips from the Euclid Fire Department

by Will Anderson

Hello, Euclid! The Euclid Fire Department and the State Fire Marshal would like to take a moment of your time to remind you to be safe during this festive season. In order to protect yourself, your family, and your home we'd like to warn you of three factors which pose an increased fire risk during the holidays: decorative lighting, live Christmas trees, and unattended candles.

"Used properly, these can be important family traditions," says Marshal Flowers, "and while Christmas tree fires are not common, when they occur, they often become deadly."

According to the National Fire Protection Association, one third of holiday fires are electrical failures. Never use lights with damaged sockets or wires. Check each strand before putting them up because they may have been damaged in storage. If you find damage to sockets or strands, place them in the garbage. Again, do not use damaged lights. Replace burned-out bulbs with bulbs of the same wattage as indicated on the tag of the light set.

DECORATIVE LIGHTING SAFETY TIPS

- 1. Purchase lights that have an Underwriters Laboratories (UL) label and only use the lights according the manufacturer's instructions.
- 2. Outdoor lights are specifically labeled for outdoor use. Outdoor lights should be fastened securely and placed on a ground fault interrupter circuit.

3. Do not connect too many light sets

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4. Turn off the lights when you go to bed or leave the house.

together and never use extension

cords that are worn or cracked. Do

not run them under rugs or over

CHRISTMAS TREE SAFETY TIPS

sharp objects.

- 1. Live Christmas trees should be as fresh as possible. Make a fresh cut at the base of the trunk, and place the tree in a sturdy stand; water it daily. When the tree becomes dry remember to discard it promptly.
- 2. One in five holiday fires occur because a heat source is too close to the tree. Locate the tree as far away from heat sources as possible. Never place lighted candles on or near the tree. In addition, do not place candles anywhere near the tree; they may fall if knocked over by a pet or
- 3. Do not block your primary or alternative escape routes with a tree, decorations, or presents.

The Euclid Fire Department encourages all citizens to have a working smoke alarm installed on each level of the home. Please remember to have a home fire escape plan and practice it twice a year. We want you and your family to enjoy the holidays. If you need our services, please call. We'll be there! Stay safe, and thanks for your time.

Will Anderson is the Platoon Chief of the Euclid Fire Department.

Christmas services schedules

compiled by Ellen Ivory The Euclid community is blessed with many diverse churches. A few of them have been listed here. The holidays are right around the corner and you are cordially invited to join these church communities in worship. You will be warmly welcomed. You may even find a new

If you have a special story that you would like to share about your church, please contact Ellen Ivory at:slogan01@sbcglobal.net.

Christmas Mass Schedule Churches

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E. 200th & Lake Shore Boulevard; (216) 486-0850 www.ourladyofthelakeoh.org

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431 East 260th Street; (216) 289-7080

18950 Euclid Avenue; (216) 531-3040 **New Life Christian**

24950 Lake Shore Boulevard; (216) 383-0690

Imani 1505 E. 260th Street; (216) 732-8204

367 F. 260th Street: (216) 731-1515 www.srweuclid.co

Mon., December 24; 4, 7 & 10 p.m. (Christmas Eve - Carols begin at 9:30 p.m.) Tues., December 25; 7, 9 & 11 a.m Mon., December 31; 4 p.m. Tues., January 1; 9 & 11 a.m. Solemnity of Mary

Boulevard Presbyterian

24600 Lakeshore Boulevard; (216) 731-8147

Church of the Epiphany 21000 Lake Shore Boulevard; (216) 731-1316

24951 Lakeland Boulevard; (216) 289-6673

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Tues., January 1; 10 a.m. Solemnity of Mary

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by Kari Cunningham

The LameThe annual "Boots and Shoes" community outreach program of the Kiwanis Club of Euclid took place on November 11th and 18th at Payless ShoeSource located at 22388 Lakeshore Boulevard in Euclid, OH.

Over 70 children from Euclid City Schools were selected by school administrators and the Euclid Board of Education to receive a \$25 gift certificate to Payless ShoeSource. For this special event, the staff at Payless Shoe-Source kept the store open outside of

normal business hours to allow the guests of the Kiwanis Club of Euclid to purchase boots and shoes for the winter months. Each family who participated expressed their sincere gratitude for the opportunity to receive boots and shoes in preparation for the winter season.

A special thanks is extended to the Lakeshore Boulevard Payless Shoe-Source team for another successful event. "The Payless staff is so kind and helpful in making sure we get the most out of our gift certificate," said a parent of a child who participated in the Boots and Shoes program. The Kiwanis Club of Euclid would like to recognize Marie Dula, Chairperson, and Sue Micco, Member, of the Youth Services Committee for organizing the entire event and providing the recipients with gloves and a special holiday treat.

The Kiwanis Club of Euclid is part of Kiwanis International – a community service organization aimed at "Serving the Children of the World - One Community at a Time." Euclid Kiwanis has been serving the Euclid community since it was chartered in 1927. For more information about the Kiwanis Club of Euclid, or to join us as a member, please email us at euclidkiwanis@gmail.com or search for Euclid Kiwanis on Facebook.



Dr. Kari Cunningham is the Immediate Past President of the Kiwanis Club of Euclid.



Found house shoes to keep his feet cozy all winter

A Couple of Inspirations: **Dorothy and Sal Calabrese**

by Ellen Ivory

For the past three years, Ss. Robert and William Catholic Parish has presented the "Alleluia Award" given in remembrance of Sr. Dorothy Kazel, an Ursuline Sister, who lived and breathed the Gospel and who was tragically murdered in El Salvador.

The recipients of this year's award are Dorothy and Salvatore Calabrese. They were honored with a plaque and a social on Saturday, December 1, 2012 at the parish.

of this institution since 1967. They have had countless family celebrations at this church including their children's First Holy Communion, Confirmation, weddings of their daughters and one of their sons, and even the Baptism of some of their great grandchildren.

Dorothy and Sal have been members

Forty-five years has not weakened their commitment to the parish. When asked why they continue to make this strong commitment to Ss. Robert and William Parish, Dorothy states, "It



Dorothy & Sal Calabrese

makes us feel good. We feel like we are a part of the parish and parish life." She offers this advice to those who may be shy about becoming involved. "Just start. Find some small thing that you can become involved in."

Thank you, Sal and Dorothy Calabrese. You are two inspirations who also live and breathe the Gospel.

(Mary O'Neill also contributed to



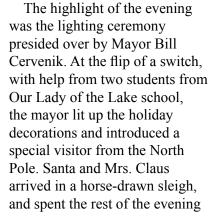
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Second Annual Holiday Celebration Puts Downtown Euclid in the Holiday Spirit

Downtown Euclid came alive with lights and music on November 30 as the second annual of happy diners enjoyed the Euclid Holiday Celebration drew a happy crowd of residents and visitors. Approximately 1,500 adults and children gathered at Shore Cultural Centre for what is quickly becoming a treasured holiday tradition. The festivities began with arts and crafts, a holiday shop and a sing-a-long

concert. Families found lots to do throughout the center. Hundreds internationally themed menu at the Culinary Bistro, where students of Euclid City School's culinary vocational program prepared an array of tasty treats. Carolers from Silhouette Theater Company strolled through the park all evening providing music and a festive touch.



holiday wish lists. The horse and wagon stayed for the evening, too, to provide rides through the park for happy families. With cups of hot cocoa to warm their spirits, visitors enjoyed a magical evening in downtown Euclid and many stayed afterwards to visit downtown eateries. We're already looking forward to next year!















Thanks to the City of Euclid, the Shore Cultural Centre team, Euclid Chamber of Commerce, Our Lady of the Lake, Euclid Public Library, and all the great community groups, volunteers and sponsors who made this holiday celebration possible! (Photos by Dana Heil. See many more on the Photo Gallery page at www.cityofeuclid.com)

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Try Something New in 2013!

Shore Cultural Centre has a slate of new offerings coming for the New Year. We'll host our firstever Chinese New Year dinner, expand our pottery studio lineup, and introduce some fun new classes for the little ones. We'll have more cooking, dancing, music and art than ever before – and we'd love to see you there!

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Coach Bill Gutbrod: Remembering a Viking legend

by Bill Tilton

It was an unseasonably clear and warm Tuesday morning on Dec. 4 at the corner of E. 185th Street and Lakeshore Boulevard.

Perhaps it was a sign from above that even God would never interfere with the honoring of this Viking legend.

Bill Gutbrod, who coached the St. Joseph football team from its founding in 1950 to 1990, died on Nov. 29. He was 87.

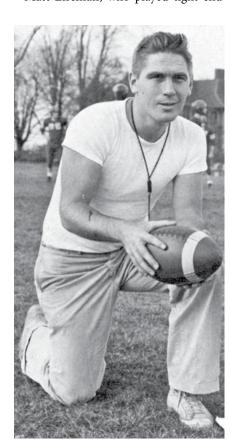
On Tuesday morning, his funeral procession traveled down Lakeshore Boulevard from St. Jerome Church to the high school and was greeted by members of the VASI boys basketball and football teams in front of the building. There was a reception in the gymnasium following the procession where several former players, assistants, colleagues, friends and admirers of Gutbrod gathered to share stories about the man so many consider to be an institution.

Classes were cancelled for the day, a decision that administrators made out of respect for a man who was a pillar of athletics, academics and values at the school for almost half a century.

"When you mention Bill Gutbrod's name, it speaks for itself," VASJ Principal Dave Csank said. "When you think of the hundreds, thousands of young men whose lives were impacted by Coach Gutbrod, it's really incredible. When you have a person of that stature, you have to honor him."

By the time the guests had reached the Viking Village following the services at St. Jerome, the mourning period appeared to be ending and it was now time to celebrate the man who impacted thousands of lives - on and off the football field – during his decades of service at the high school.

Matt Eiseman, who played tight end



Gutbrod coached Viking football from the school's founding in 1950 through the 1990 season.

on the legendary 1987 St. Joseph team, wore a white mesh Vikings football jersey over his shirt and tie. Eiseman's choice of wardrobe was an easy one for all the influence Gutbrod had on him as a student-athlete and as a man moving forward with the rest of his life.

"We were undefeated in our year, and this was the last day we were going to give Bill Gutbrod accolades so I felt very strong about wearing the jersey today," Eiseman said. "He taught us everything about discipline and how to be prepared for life. He brought it 100 percent every day, in school and on the field. I felt I needed to wear the jersey just to give the man some respect back.

"Today is all about the old-time stories. They get better and better every time we talk about them."

Two great storytellers – and great football coaches – stopped at Viking Village after the funeral and were sharing glowing anecdotes about Gutbrod. Former Gutbrod assistant John Gibbons, who went on to win back-to-back state championships as head coach at Lake Catholic in 1991 and 1992, and 1991 VASJ graduate Rick Finotti, who played on the 1989 state championship team for Gutbrod and won his own state title as coach of St. Edward, each spoke more about the man than any Xs and Os they might have borrowed from their time around the legendary Vikings coach.

Finotti, who guided the Eagles to the school's first state championship in football in 2010, grew up in Euclid and always knew where he wanted to go to high school and what coach he wanted to play for.

"There was only one school for me, and Coach Gutbrod always had this almost grandfather-like aura about him that made him so easy to connect with. The way Coach Gutbrod treated everyone in the classroom and on the football field is what made him an institution," Finotti said.

"It's very simple – the man is St. Joseph football," Finotti added. "Myself and other coaches strive to one day have the kind of impact on our players that Coach Gutbrod had on his. When I first got the job at St. Edward, I sat down with my staff and I reflected on the impact Coach Gutbrod had on me and the football families and everyone associated with the program at St. Edward, to take care of the kids on and off the field and success would come.

"To see former teammates here today that I haven't seen in years and other former Vikings come back and to see the impact Coach Gutbrod had moving forward on so many people is very powerful."

Gibbons, who served as Gutbrod's defensive coordinator from 1974-1980, rejoiced in old stories about going to Franklin's to get a sundae with the coach and receiving as many life lessons there as he did in the locker room or coach's office.

"I was a young man, in my 20s, when I came to coach here for Bill and I had lost my father not long before that," Gibbons



Viking football and basketball players form an honor guard as the funeral procession passes the school where Gutbrod established himself as a legend.

said. "Coach Gutbrod really knew what I needed in my life at that time and he filled that void as a father figure. I didn't really have a mentor when I came to coach with him. The slogans and the way I approached things at Lake Catholic was all Bill Gutbrod.

"He was a great motivator and he was so loval to everybody. He loved his family and he loved being a teacher and a coach. He knew what to say at the right time almost all the time. He was very patient with people and let everybody speak their peace. He treated everyone with such love and respect it was hard not to respond to him."

Among the notables at the church services included Desmond Howard, Elvis Grbac and numerous other former players, students and colleagues of Gutbrod, as well as Gutbrod's large family, which includes seven children and many grandchildren.

Howard, a current ESPN college football analyst who played for Gutbrod at St. Joe's and went on to become a Heisman Trophy winner at Michigan and Super Bowl MVP for the Green Bay Packers, remembered his high school coach as one of the most important influences in his life.

"At the age of 15, I was blessed to play for a coach who helped to create a foundation built on hard work, discipline, sacrifice, integrity, selflessness and the true meaning of teamwork," Howard said. "Those core values significantly contributed to my successes - on and off the field. For that, I will forever be grateful to Coach Gutbrod. He is greatly appreciated and deeply missed."

In 41 seasons at St. Joe's, Gutbrod's teams compiled a record of 268-107-17. His teams won seven Crown Conference titles and enjoyed five undefeated seasons. He guided the program to a 25-game unbeaten streak from 1962-1964.

Most notably, Gutbrod led the Vikings to the Division II state championship in 1989.

A charter inductee into the St. Joseph High School Hall of Fame in 1987, Gutbrod was a product of Cleveland's Holy Name High School. He served in the military during World War II. In the postwar era he received an education degree from the University of Dayton. Following the tradition of UD's Marianist educators, he accepted a position at the Marianists' new school, St. Joseph, in the fall of 1950. "I've been blessed to have the opportunity to be associated with a wonderful mentor and learn from an outstanding coach," said VASJ football Coach John Storey, who also assisted Gutbrod for many seasons. "Through both his words and actions, he inspired us as the embodiment of the Viking spirit. Hail red and blue!"

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As a teacher, Gutbrod filled several roles. He taught Health, Physical Education, Biology, Psychology and Social Studies. He also served as Attendance Officer and Alumni and Development

Reverend Roger W. Gries, Auxiliary Bishop of Cleveland, gave a heartfelt homily at St. Jerome Church.

"God uses human beings as his agents. He speaks to us through the human patience and expertise of teachers and coaches like Bill Gutbrod," Bishop Gries said. "Bill Gutbrod lives in the hearts of every young man who ever played for him."

Like so many of Gutbrod's former players, Bishop Gries focused on the man as much as on his vast gridiron knowledge. He spoke of Gutbrod as a devoted family man who deeply loved his wife, children and grandchildren.

"He was even more of a legend in his home," Gries said. "So many of us will miss him because so many of us loved him and were loved by him.

And in a poignant, lighthearted message to the Supreme Coach, the Bishop said: "If you have any openings for coaches on your team up there, you've got a good one."

Tim Gutbrod eulogized his father, telling the story of his life through the special memories tied to each of the four seasons. He told of his father's sweet tooth, and how we would bring home box after box of World's Finest Chocolate, which was sold by St. Joe students as a fundraiser. The kids would raid his stash.

He also recounted how his father, always the coach, would organize neighborhood football games. He said all five sons played football for St. Joe's and the coach's two daughters were both Viking cheerleaders. The coach's late wife, Jean, was responsible for first bringing girl cheerleaders to the school.

"St. Joseph was our family patron saint," Tim Gutbrod said. "He was a great father, but most of all he was our

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Walker is now ready for her next challenge, and there is definitely no backing down as she signed a national letter of intent to continue her volleyball career at Bucknell on Nov. 19 in the Ministry Center at the high school.

"I visited Bucknell and I fell in love," Walker said. "They stressed education and I loved that. I want to push myself because I know it is going to be harder at college than it is here, and while it is hard to leave this school, I am ready for a whole new challenge."

The 6-foot standout has played volleyball since sixth grade and club volleyball since eighth grade. She is interested in studying journalism and traveling abroad after her college career is complete.

"First, I didn't realize how hard it is to get a D-I scholarship, but I realize that I am blessed to have earned this," Walker said. "This program (at VASJ) is very special, and Coach (Mark) Royer really pushed me. Sometimes you do things you never thought you could do. He and all the girls here helped me achieve that."

Royer said Walker has blossomed since arriving at VASJ in the fall of 2009, and has made herself into a Division I studentathlete both on and off the court. He said every coach he knows in Northeast Ohio has raved about Walker's prowess as a player and has earned respect across the area for her performance

"The transformation she has made from freshman year to now, is that she is now that player out on the court that sees things most players don't see," Royer said. "Having four years with her, the overall presence and drive is what separates her. She has the heart of a lion. What she has done for our volleyball team over the past four years is incredible. She will be part of our record books for some time, And she

Walker was selected as a first-team all News-Herald performer and is a fouryear starter for the Vikings.

has worked very hard for it."



Cindy and Scotti Nathanson with daughters McKenna and Jordan Walker. Jordan is wearing her Bucknell cap.

Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson addresses VASJ students

Frank G. Jackson, mayor of Cleveland, fielded a wide variety of questions from students at an all-school assembly at Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School (VASJ) on Thursday, November 29.

Student Council President Dominic Nicholas moderated the assembly. Among numerous special guests were Cleveland Councilman Mike Polensek, who represents the Collinwood community, and Sister Laura Bregar, OSU, principal of Our Lady of the Lake School in Euclid.

In a wide-ranging exchange with students, the mayor spoke of his personal background, the motivating factors that led him to pursue a life of public service, and his philosophy of leadership. Through it all, the mayor stressed the vital importance of education.

"Education is the key to success," the mayor said. "The challenge is to follow the map that will get you where you need to be."

To that end, he spoke of the recently approved levy for the Cleveland Metropolitan School District. The 15-mill tax, the first operating levy for the district to pass since 1996, puts steps in motion to improve the quality of education in Cleveland. The levy was supported by His Excellency Richard Lennon, Bishop of Cleveland.

Pointing out that the levy will expire in four years, the mayor acknowledged that he and school officials will be held accountable because voters will not



Mayor Jackson speaks at VASJ assembly.

renew it if insufficient gains are made

"If there was a recurring them in the mayor's remarks, it was that leaders must take responsibility," said VASJ President Richard Osborne. "He said life is about decisions and following through."

The assembly began with the posting of colors by the Viking Honor Guard, freshmen Liam Staunton, Jacob Stauffer and Jayson Johnson. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Senior Class President Trashay Harris.

The mayor's visit to VASJ followed two recent occasions in which he received VASJ visitors to his City Hall office. Last March, the mayor greeted a group of VASJ students and 12 Japanese visitors from Hachinohe St. Ursula High School in Japan. In October, he met with VASJ visitors along with Roman Kirn, ambassador from the Republic of Slovenia, who spoke at VASJ as part of the school's Our World Today program.

Mayor Jackson lives in Cleveland's Central neighborhood, where he grew up. He graduated from Cleveland Public Schools and served in the U.S. Army. After returning to Cleveland, he earned an associate's degree from Cuyahoga Community College and his bachelor's degree, master's degree and law degree from Cleveland State University.

He began his public service career as an assistant city prosecutor in the Cleveland Municipal Court Clerk's Office. From 1990 through 2005, Jackson represented Cleveland's 5th Ward on Cleveland City Council. From 2002-2005, Jackson also served as president of Cleveland City Council.

Jackson began his tenure as mayor of Cleveland in January 2006.

Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School is a Catholic, comprehensive, co-educational high school committed to academic excellence and the development of student gifts. With a college preparatory curriculum rooted in Ursuline and Marianist core values of education, service, justice and diversity, VASJ strives to bring each student to a deeper commitment to Jesus Christ and Gospel values.

Viking Views

'A great leader and motivator'

by Richard Osborne

My own memories of him are from a bit more distance than the players who knew him best. I sat in his classroom and, of course, in the stands where we cheered our hearts out as he directed the Vikings to victory.

In my senior year, the football season of 1968, we went 10-0-0. I say "we" because his inspiration made all of us feel we were part of the team.

You didn't have to play football for Bill Gutbrod to know that you were in the presence of someone great. And that is why he is a Viking legend whose influence will remain part of who we are forever.

In the days since Coach Gutbrod's death, his players and students have paused to reflect on his influence on their lives. In the touching tribute by writer Bill Tilton on the opposite page, Desmond Howard '88 talks about the core values his beloved coach espoused - "hard work, discipline, sacrifice, integrity, selflessness and the true meaning of teamwork."

Here is what some others have said: Jack Busher '60: "There have been many people who greatly influenced my life, but probably none more than Coach Gutbrod. I was fortunate enough to coach high school athletes for 41 years, and I did my best every day to emulate The Coach."

Ted Haas '60: "Coach Bill Gutbrod has always been and will forever be the ideal model of a great person who made a great contribution to my fondest memories of my high school days at St. Joe's."

Joseph Miheli '68: "A great leader and motivator of men. R.I.P., Coach."

Robert Bobrowski '70: "As we stood in the locker room at our 40th reunion, I could not believe a man who had coached that long and at his age could fire up a passionate plea to his players that made us want to put a helmet on for him and run – try to, at least – out on the field. Thanks, Coach G."

Tom Bresnan '70: "We were blessed to have the opportunity to play football for him. I have a terribly sad heart right now, but I know that is how I should feel when someone who has had a great impact on my life dies. He was the greatest role model ever."

Kevin Flynt '70: "He was a special man. God bless him."

Greg Lieb '70: "I took a lot of life's values from Coach. The man just commanded and deserved respect. If you just listened and observed, there was a

Mark Yezzi '73: "You'll ALWAYS be a Viking. R.I.P., Coach."

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

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Bistro 185: Neighborhood food with big city taste

Bistro 185 lets diners experience the atmosphere of a warm and familiar familyowned establishment while

feasting on well-thought-out dishes. The menu offers a wide variety of starters that aren't your average appetizers. Gourmet choices such as escargot and smoked duck breast are joined with contemporary favorites like Sugar Cane Shrimp Skewers with Thai glaze and Walnut Crusted French Brie. Along with our expertly mixed cocktails, my companion and I had the Medjool Dates stuffed with almonds, snugly wrapped with thick, crisp bacon which paired perfectly with the goat cheese crumbles and balsamic glaze drizzle.

Although there were many tempting salads to choose from, including the Organic Beet and Goat Cheese salad, and the creative Warm Wild Mushroom Salad, I was headed right for a main entree. It was not an easy decision with favorites like the Veal Scallopini Picatta Style and Chicken Schnitzel (served with Potato Peirogi!). The selection had a great variety of classic comfort dishes with modern flare but also offered unexpected dishes like the Sesame Crusted Ahi Tuna and Duck 3 Ways.

After debating about what to order a decision was made. Prior to his leaving with our order, we asked our experienced

and helpful server Richard to pair our entrees with a wine and he was happy to oblige. I had Sauteed Wild Caught Florida Hog Snapper. The perfectly prepared white and mild fish came with a light and buttery Hollandaise Sauce nestled upon a lovely corn (bread) pudding. The two hearty portions of fish were also paired with crunchy tempura style vegetables.

My companion went for an 'old favorite' by selecting the Boeuf Bourgignon. The Angus Short Ribs were slow braised with wine and vegetables that created a wonderful sauce to pair with the mashers. Of course, I had to sample the tender, fall apart ribs and loved every savory bite.

No trip to the Bistro is complete without sampling their signature Key Lime Pie. It was delicious and a very generous portion.

Overall, the atmosphere, food and service were exceptional. Be sure to visit this neighborhood gem soon.



Gutbrod coached Viking football from the school's founding in 1950 through the 1990 season.

Insights on Insurance: Clothes Dryer Fires

by David Carlson

An estimated 2,900 clothes dryer fires in residential buildings are reported to U.S. fire departments each year and cause an estimated \$35 million in property losses, according to a new government report. A report by the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) states that 84 percent of clothes dryer fires took place in residential buildings. Here are some specifics included in the report:

Clothes dryer fire incidence in residential buildings was higher in the fall and winter months, peaking in January at 11 percent.

Failure to clean (34%) was the leading factor contributing to the ignition of clothes dryer fires in residential buildings.

Dust, fiber and lint (28%) and clothing not on a person (27%) were, by far, the leading items first ignited in clothes dryer fires in residential buildings.

Fifty-four percent of clothes dryer fires in residential buildings were confined to the object of origin.

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Damaging fires can occur if clothes dryers are not properly installed or maintained. The report notes that lint, a highly combustible material, can accumulate both in the dryer and in the dryer vent. Accumulated lint leads to reduced airflow and poses a fire hazard. Reduced airflow can also occur when foam-backed rugs or athletic shoes are placed in dryers. Small birds or other animals nesting in dryer exhaust vents are another hazard. A compromised vent will not exhaust properly, possibly resulting in overheating and/or fire.

Take a few minutes to inspect these components in your home to ensure safety for your family and your possessions.

Warning for those with retirement accounts

by Alyce Turner

The Lame Duck Congress has been in session for a couple weeks. They have been trying to pass a bunch of U.N. Treaties that none of us want, since they supersede our Constitution. One is a treaty for the U.N. to take over our Internet and our 1st Amendment of "Freedom of Speech." Another is the Rights of the Child, which will take the power away from the parent of a challenged child and give it to the U.N. (immoral.) There is also the U.N. Gun Treaty, taking away our 2nd Amendment right to "have and bear arms." And the list goes on. Why do we need the U.N. to meddle in our domestic affairs in the United States? Well, this administration also has a U.N. Treaty called Agenda 21 or Regionalism. That word should sound familiar by now. Apparently the U.N wants to create a One World Order and we are a big chunk of that. It states that single family homes are unsustainable, automobiles are unsustainable and things like air conditioning and heat are unsustainable. Poof, and it will all be gone. Look up Agenda 21 and find out

for yourself. Right now I am worried about a "Regulation" that the White House wants to pass. It could affect most of us in a very negative way. It is called the "New National Retirement Sys-

tem." I received this warning from the National Seniors Council and I wanted to pass it on.

According to National Seniors Council, once this is invoked all your retirement funds will be lost to a nationalized retirement system. Here is a link to their message:http://www.wnd. com/2012/11/obama-begins-push-fornew-national-retirement-system.

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Losing Perkins: Shop Local Support Our Own!

by Del Tekieli

Recently Euclid residents and businesses received a copy of the Euclid Guide to the City magazine. This was a joint effort with the City of Euclid, Euclid City Schools, the Euclid Chamber of Commerce and Villa Beach Communications. I had the privilege of working for Villa Beach Communications, a great local business, and being part of the coordination of this publication.

The Euclid Guide represents the best of Euclid, the progress that is being made and a commitment from the business community to be a part of something positive in our community by using their advertising dollars. Today, businesses nationwide are struggling and it is so important, now more than ever, to support our own local businesses.

A couple months ago, Perkins Restaurant closed after more than 25 years of serving our community. What a loss to our city! Joe Foster and Joe, Jr. treated their customers like family and Perkins had good food and good portions. Let's not lose another Euclid business.

Support our local restaurants and shops (save gas too by shopping local). And don't forget about supporting our local charities--including the Shore Cultural Center-- that give so much back to the community, the Euclid Hunger Center that feeds more than 1000 people each month, Pet Pals that saves animals, the Mary Mavec School, the beautiful Henn Mansion and local churches. We are receiving weekly solicitations from organizations asking for donations. Our local organizations need your help just as much as national ones. If you can't donate money, donate your time or canned goods or even newspapers to our local Euclid Hunger Center or Pet Pals.

Shop local when you can, support local and buy USA ...let's think about taking care of our own as much as we

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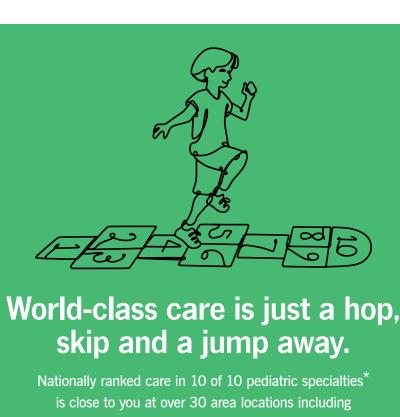
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Faith in Euclid

Our Lady of the Lake School: Families of Faith

by Jennifer Millett and Lauren Zbiegien

The holidays are always a special time of year, especially at Our Lady of the Lake School. The students kicked off the holiday season with a Faith Family gathering on November 9. Faith Families are when the students gather in small communities from kindergarten through eighth grade with a teacher present. The eighth graders in each Faith Family lead the gatherings. All activities center around the Catholic church's social justice teaching of respect. The most recent gathering involved the eighth graders sharing powerpoints of examples on how we

are called to serve one another.

Students will also be participating in several drives for the needy. There was a food drive held the week of November 12-16. Food collected was given to the St. Vincent de Paul Society to provide for people right here in our community. Students are also being asked to participate in a gloves, hats, and scarves drive for those in need. Both of these drives reiterate to the students of Our Lady of the Lake that all people deserve to have their basic human needs met.

Our Lady of the Lake School is fortunate to have such a strong com-

munity that helps to provide a base for these faith-filled experiences. The surrounding area businesses are already getting involved in the school fundraiser, Life on the Lake. Life on the Lake is the major fundraiser held each year in order to keep down the cost of a Catholic education, provide updated technology, and a thriving fine arts program. This year, Life on the Lake will be held on February 2, 2013 at the Croatian Lodge from 6pm-midnight. Please call (216) 481-6824 or visit lifeonthelake.org for ticket information or how to donate to this great event.

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dents are invited to join the Society if they meet certain criteria, e.g., holding a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for three grading periods and providing letters of recommendation. Equally important, is that these students be involved in service, as this organization holds stewardship in high regard.

Pfeifer states, "We plan on doing some type of service project each season. The members are excited about these drives and they encourage other students to participate. I feel it is important to raise awareness of important issues in our community."

This culture of caring at Ss. Robert and William school and parish is flourishing. It seems to have changed the adage, "It takes a village to raise a child," to "It takes a child to raise a village."





Food collection for The Euclid Hunger Center.



Students helping others.

The center of it all

December 2012

by Yolanda Albergottie

All body movement originates at the core or as it's known in Pilates, the powerhouse. The three groups of muscles which make up the powerhouse or core, are the muscles of the pelvic floor, lower back and abs (abdominal muscles). A weak core limits the body's range of motion, muscle strength and also hinders stability and balance. Whether swinging a golf club, pushing a grocery cart or picking up a bag of mulch, a strong core makes these activities more efficient, effective and less likely

The anywhere, anytime no equipment

Most often when we think of abs, we think of the "six pack" or the rectus abdominus muscle. But it is the transverse abdominus, the deep ab muscle, which is the center of the powerhouse. Drawing the navel in and up while tightening the ab area, fires up four of the six abdominal muscles including the transverse abdominus. So daily as often as you think of it, draw your navel in towards your spine and imagine lifting it up through the top of your head while tightening your abs. This exercise is not only much easier than sit-ups but much more effective. The muscles which control the pelvic floor are a part of the deep core and help stabilize the lower back and pelvic area. Kegels are performed by contracting and relaxing the pelvic floor muscles. This can be done throughout the day, anytime, anywhere. To isolate the proper muscles, think about the muscle used to stop the flow of urine. Contract, hold for 10 counts then release.

Full-body moves focus on core strength:

"Plank" is the body holding the upright of the push-up position. Have the wrists lined with the shoulders, the navel drawn in and up, the back flat and level with the butt, while up on the toes. Hold this position for as long as you can. Breathing normally and drawing the navel in a little deeper with each exhalation. As you gain strength, raise one leg and hold for ten counts then switch legs. Planks can also be performed by resting the upper body weight on the forearms rather than the wrists. Keep the elbows lined up with the shoulders. Adding in the side plank variation will also target the obliques. Begin by lying on your side with your elbow lined up with your shoulder. Lift the torso hips and legs up so that only the forearm, elbow and feet touch the floor. Hold this position for as long as you can. Breathing normally, drawing the navel in a little deeper with each exhalation.

Zumba® at Pla-Mor Roller Rink with me. Felecia Wesley is on holiday break until January, 2013.



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Horoscopes

December 2012 The Winter Solstice will be the 21st day of this month. This day represents the 'return of light' bringing more daylight hours than the days before. This is one of many reasons December is a time for celebration and new beginnings, especially if you suffer from the Winter Blues.

Aries (March 21-April 19) After the 13th of the month, you will feel a positive shift in energy, so gear up for new opportunities. The Solstice will cause you to drive home and spend time alone. Fuel up by planning a trip to somewhere sunny in early 2013. Gift to yourself: Pre-paid gas cards.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Lay low this month, dear Taurus... It's Turtle Time. Keeping quiet and to yourself is your best protection from the discord around you. Rest up for the New Year when you can come back out of your shell and celebrate the light of day! Gift to yourself: E-Reader.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) You are the focus of attention this month but the magnification can sometimes burn. Things will cool off later in the month with career and friends, but they may heat up in your love life! It's nobody's business so put your privacy shades down. Gift to yourself: Trench coat and sunglasses.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) This month will feel like a tug-of-war with all decisions. You will want things you can't have and be offered things you may not want. Only you can center yourself by letting go of both ends and taking time to figure out what you want. Gift to yourself: Meditation CD.

Leo (July 23- August 22) As much as you may roar, no one seems to hear you. It's best to keep your inner voice focused on what's working and what's not. Take a road trip with a good friend, they will listen. What you have to say to your love can wait until after the New Year. Gift to yourself:

Virgo (August 23-September 23) You are putting in more time at work than you need to and it

may be making those around you crazy. It's time to find the balance between work and relaxation. The time off you have in December should be spent doing things that make you happy. Gift to yourself:

Libra (September 24–October 23) You are quite a busy bee this month! Projects, errands, shopping, and work projects are completed with ease and a smile. You will long to find more to do so you should find ways to raise funds for a special holiday cause. Gift to yourself: Treadmill.

Scorpio (October 24-November 22) This may be the month you cash in on hard work or a good investment. Don't spend your earnings all at once, save some for a rainy day. A romantic gift for that special person in your life will help ease their insecurity about how you feel. Gift to yourself: Piggy bank.

Sagittarius (November 23-December 21) The Sun in your sign brings good things and warm feelings in December. Your relationships in love, career and family are all going smoothly. The holiday season even brings new resolution to old arguments. Gift to yourself: Sunscreen.

Capricorn (December 22-January 20) You are full of energy and passion this month but try to focus that in a mature and positive way. The child inside of you can cause you to be impulsive so be careful what you say and do or you might end up in a proverbial 'time out.' Gift to yourself: Big boy pants.

Aquarius (January 21-February 19) December's social activities and parties can boost your career. The period near the New Moon will bring both professional and personal opportunities at these events so stay away from the bar and off the dance floor. Gift to yourself: A new party outfit.

Pisces (February 20-March 20) You seem to be a leader this month and head up great projects at home and at work. Your charm will attract a team willing to follow you and help you complete your tasks. Consider yourself the Santa Claus of December! Gift to yourself: A sleigh ride.



by John Copic

Buckeye Charity Poker located in Marc's Plaza (just to the right of Marc's) is the world's first PokerTek certified room. Buckeye benefits local charities and is a vital part of the charitable community in the area. It is state of the art electronic LIVE poker on equipment used in Casinos and cruise ships all over the world. Also Buckeye features real Las Vegas Rules Blackjack with \$2-\$50 betting range. Unlike past versions of Charity rooms in the region, Buckeye is an entertainment center and gathering place perfect for corporate events, meetings and a fun night out with coworkers. Nightly Buckeye provides players with FREE food and soft drinks and \$2 to \$3 domestic beer. They have the NFL Sunday Ticket and a huge projection screen as well as flat screens in every conceivable place, so it is a great place to bring your friends to play some cards.

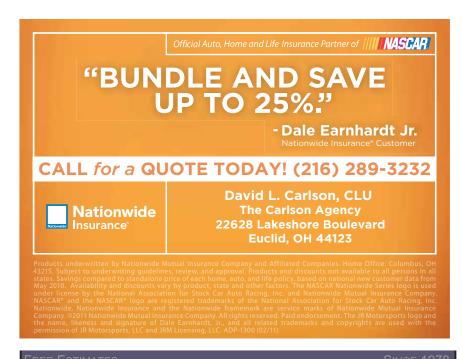
PokerTek Co-Founder Lou White said, "Buckeye Charity Poker appears to be the natural evolution of Charity Poker Festivals in Northeast Ohio. From the early days of Charity Festivals run by various organizations at dozens of locations to a central location at Nautica to Buckeye, Ohio charity gaming is in good hands. The problem with the original festivals is they were hard to regulate and make sure all was fair for the player and charity. Nautica was certainly fair to the player and charity, but very difficult for all but the largest charities to provide dozens of dealers. The PokerPro $^{\text{\tiny TM}}$ tables are the perfect solution. Now even smaller charities can become involved, and since PokerTek and PokerPro is licensed and certified by the largest and most prestigious

gaming jurisdictions in the world, players know they are getting a fair deal as well. We are proud to be involved with the team at Buckeye and the local charities and be part of the poker scene in NorthEast Ohio".

On the poker side of things, Buckeye Charity Poker offers extraordinary value to the player. First of all, the max rake is \$4 which is half of the downtown casino when you consider the bad beat and promotional funds. Secondly, players can play the game they want including private games with just friends. So if you have a group of friends interested in learning Pot Limit Omaha - you can come in and get a FREE private table and play a .10/.25 PLO game just to learn with friends. Not only that, in the cash games, the table can set the buy-in, blind levels and play the game they desire. Finally, at BCP players can play in heads up, 6 max or full ring games - all things you will not find in a casino environment

Buckeye Charity Poker offers Nightly tournaments at 7PM which you can find on their website at www.buckeycharitypoker. com If your charity is a registered 501(c)(3) organization, call Gina at 440.347.9565 or stop in and see for yourself the potential opportunity that Buckeye has for raising money for your organization.

Publisher's Note: I have attended a number of tournaments held at the facility and give them my highest recommendation. The tables are easy to use, the staff is competent and efficient, and the players are a fun group. If you enjoy playing poker at any level you should give Buckeye Poker a try.





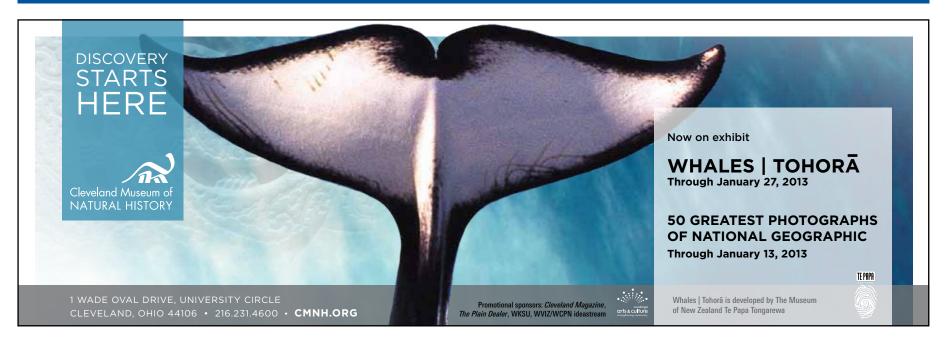


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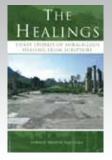
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The Healings-Three Stories of Miraculous Healing from Scripture by Lonnie Sharon Williams

I have always wondered why the Bible does not give names to many of the characters who were healed. This fictional book gives a bit of history and the future events of three men in the Bible who were healed; hence, there are three stories in "The Healings." The first story concerns Naaman, the Syrian leper in II Kings 5:1-20. The second gives an account of the Samaritan leper who, with nine others, was healed by Jesus, but only he returned to say thanks in Luke 17:11-17. The third story gives insight into the character of the man healed by Jesus at the Pool of Bethesda in John 5:1-14. What occurred in each of their lives after they received their healings? You'll find out in this book. It is softbound with large print and is listed on Amazon.com, Barnes & Noble, and on other eBook websites. Available at bookstores and libraries.

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