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Carol Vanek Inducted Into Ohio Senior Citizens Hall Of Fame

by Jeannie Roberts

Carol Vanek changed many lives in her 31 years working at the Donna Smallwood Activities Center. Her co-workers saw it every day. Now everybody knows it. Vanek has been inducted into the Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame for contributions toward the benefit of humankind after age 60, or for a continuation of efforts begun before that age.

This year, there were 144 nominations; Carol was one of 12 inducted. In that honor, she joins some great Ohioans - Bob Hope, Paul Newman,



Councilman Allan Divis and Mayor Tim DeGeeter honor Carol Vanek

Erma Bombeck, Phyllis Diller, Dorothy and Lillian Gish, Alice Weston, and Parma's own

Donna Smallwood.

Vanek was recently honored by Parma City Council, Law Director Tim Dobeck, City Treasurer Tom Mastroianni and Mayor Tim DeGeeter. During the reading and presentations of her proclamations, she was given multiple standing ovations from the crowd, which was made up largely of people who came to honor her.

"That's an impressive group that Carol joins in the Hall of Fame," said Mayor Tim DeGeeter. "And that's only fitting because she is an impressive woman."

Carol began her career as an escort driver at Parma's Senior Center in 1983. After 31 years, she can be proud of starting two programs that touch many people in numerous ways. She started a program called AMRAP for those older adults who are legally blind and severely handicapped. And also before her retirement in 2011, she began the popular 'Healing Hearts' support group. This group is open to anyone who is in need of sharing something pressing on their hearts. Her kind heart and gentle nature was the perfect mix to assist so many that were in despair. Three years after her retirement the group is still going strong.

When her health permits she comes in as often as possible to lead the group.

To keep older adults active, Vanek often taught craft classes and other groups, always finding new and exciting activities to stimulate students' interest, their creativity and their well being, including senior exercise and walking groups.

As a bonus, Vanek was able to train all new Center employees in their position, because she had held every position.

Said Jo Ann Mason, Director of the Smallwood center: "Carol's loving nature and warm smile, her delightful humor, kindness and cheery **continued on page 2**

Polish Village Is #1

by Kathryn Mabin

The votes are in and Polish Village in Parma, Ohio was voted #1 in Channel 5's Building Better Neighborhoods. The Building Better Neighborhoods program began in the spring of this year, when Channel 5 chose 25 cities at random in the 5 counties in their viewing area. A Community Safety Forum, sponsored by Channel 5, was presented in each community. Five neighborhoods or streets were chosen within each to compete. Residents from the viewing area were given the opportunity to vote their choice on NewsNet5.com. The winner is featured on a Channel 5 news segment. Polish Village won by a slight margin over Ukrainian



Leon Bibb during presentation to Polish Village.

Village for the number one slot in Parma.

On Friday, June 13th, newscaster Leon Bibb met with representatives of Polish Village to present the Building Better Neighborhood's sign. The festivities commenced in the parking lot adjacent to St. Charles Church. Accepting on behalf of Polish Village was Ward 2 Councilwoman Debbie Lime. On hand were many residents of Polish Village, Boy Scout Troop 221 from St. Charles Church, Miss Pre-Teen Ohio, Mika Smith, as well as Detective Sergeant Kevin Riley, Public Information Officer for the Parma Police Department, Ward 4 Councilman Brian Day, Parma City Treasurer Tom Mastroianni with wife Kelly Schurdell Mastroianni, City Director of Communications Jeannie Roberts, as well as a group from the upcoming 2014 Flamingo Fever committee, and others too numerous to list.

To complete the celebration, two Polish Village businesses - Colozza's Bakery and P. Jay's Pizza - donated pizza and cake for the festivities that followed.

Polish Village is in Parma's Ward 2 and runs along Ridge Road between Pearl Road and Thornton Avenue. It is the heart of Parma's historic downtown, which encompasses the business district on Ridge Road, where shops offers a variety of international food delights, as well as a large number of medical offices.

Did you know that the City of Parma recently ranked 3rd in the 2014 Neighborhood Scout's Top 100 Safest Cities in America for cities with a population of over 25,000? This is based on statistics collected by the FBI. Parma is safer than 90% of the cities in the U.S. Movoto Real

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June's Citizen And Business Of The Month Honored



Cyndee Bratz is congratulated by Councilman Allan Divis and Mayor Tim DeGeeter after being named Citizen of the Month. **Read the full story on page 10!**

Seven Hills And Universtiy Hospitals Announce Opening Of Therapy Services At Recreation Center

by Kathy Holland

The City of Seven Hills held a June 10, 2014 ribbon cutting ceremony to announce the opening of the new University Hospitals (UH) Parma Medical Center Therapy Services unit at the city's Recreation Center. In attendance were a number of representatives of the hospital, the local business community and the city.

After thanking everyone for what he called the "team effort" in finally bringing the program to fruition after years of work, Mayor Richard Dell'Aquila cited for special recognition the city's

two hospital board members, Eric Moore and Nino Seritti for keeping the proposal alive while the Parma Community General Hospital was contemplating a merger with UH. He also thanked Council President Mike Barth and former Ward 4 Councilman Pete Draganic, stating that the concept of a hospital physical therapy unit within the Recreation Center stemmed from a conversation the three of them began in 2011 while they served together on City Council.

The Mayor said the new facility will open many more possibilities for future wellness **continued on page 4**



Pictured from Left to Right are: Seven Hills City Council President Mike Barth, Parma Hospital VP-Operations Kathi O'Connor, Parma Hospital President and CEO Terry Deis, Seven Hills Mayor Richard Dell'Aquila, Parma Chamber of Commerce CEO and President Dave Nedrich

Community News

The President's Corner

by Sean Brennan,

The 2014-2015 school year will be my 20th year as a schoolteacher. After teaching middle social studies for 14 years and high school American government and world history for five years, going on six, my love of working with our youth is as strong as ever. I am very blessed by the fact that almost every day when I get up, I look forward to going to school and being with my students. This is why I was so happy that Mayor Timothy DeGeeter asked me earlier this year to lead up the City of Parma Youth Commission.

The Youth Commission was created in order to give young residents, in grades 9 through 12, the opportunity to take a more active role in and learn more about our community. For instance, students will be given opportunities to participate in local government, network with community business and non-profit leaders, plan and implement community service projects, etc. However, where the program goes from its inception is really up

to the volunteer participants who want to make Parma an even better place for young people to live.

I am pleased to report that the Youth Commission held its first meeting last month at City Hall. The impressive members range in age from 14 through 17 and hail from Padua Franciscan, Parma Senior and Valley Forge High Schools. Our meeting began with introductions and visits from the Mayor, Treasurer Tom Mastroianni, Tax Commissioner Michael Mason, Law Director Timothy Dobeck and Ward Four Councilman Brian Day. Next, we toured the various departments at City Hall, including the City Council office and chambers, Purchasing and Personnel, Service and Safety 9

At the end of our meeting, the members held a "power lunch," in which they reflected on what they learned and began planning the direction of the Commission. Unanimously, the members agreed that they would like to tour University Hospitals Parma Medical

Center (formerly Parma Hospital). The members are also interested in touring the Shoppes at Parma and finding out more about the renovation project, as well as the Parma General Motors Plant, among others. They also wish to pursue shadowing opportunities. In fact, one member is already in the process of setting up a shadow of Sari Feldman, Executive Director of the Cuyahoga County Public Library System, which is based in Parma on Snow Road. The members of the Commission have also committed to working on community service projects.

The ultimate hope of the Youth Commission is to ensure that city leaders from government to business to non-profits become more in touch with the city's youth and to build a corps of youth leaders. "Our youth are important members of our community – its future. However, often they do not feel that they are valued. The Youth Commission will give our youth a stake in the community to help make them realize that they are important residents and have a responsibility to get involved and to make a difference," states Mayor DeGeeter. I wholeheartedly agree with the Mayor's vision for our youth. By giving young men and women a voice and empowering them, the potential new ideas, opportunities and positive results

for the community as a whole are endless.

Let me take this opportunity to say how impressed I am with the members of the Youth Commission already and how I look forward to working with them in the future. You will, no doubt, see us out and about in the community. In closing, as always, if you have suggestions for future columns, please feel free to contact me at (440) 885-8091 or councilmanbrennan@sbcglobal.net. Best wishes for a wonderful and fun-filled summer!



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Members of the City of Parma Youth Commission with Councilman Brian Day, Mayor Timothy DeGeeter, and Council President and Advisor Sean Brennan.

Parma Police Department Joined By Newest K-9 Officer, Coney

by Brian Furda

Parma's newest K-9 Officer, Coney, was sworn into the Parma police force by Parma Mayor Tim DeGeeter on June 7th at Veterans Memorial Park. Coney was accompanied by his handler, Patrolman Nick Schuld. Citizens of Parma joined at the park to watch as Coney, Parma's third K-9 officer, was sworn in. The ceremony concluded with taking Coney's paw print and stamping it on the official paperwork. Coney joins K-9 Officers Felix and Tyson on the force. Shortly after this, Mayor DeGeeter was joined by Officer Schuld, Coney, Police Chief Robert Miller, as well as other residents and their dogs, on a walk around the park which kicked off the Adopt-A-Thon at the Parma Animal Shelter. Just two short weeks after Coney's swearing in, he was involved in his first arrest. Saturday morning, June 21, Coney had his first taste of success, defending his city. A bank robbery suspect—fled from the scene, being pursued by the Parma Police Department. The suspect fled to the woods by foot shortly before being thwarted by K-9 Officers Coney and Felix.



Patrolman Nick Schuld, K-9 Officer Coney, and Parma Mayor Tim DeGeeter at Coney's swearing in ceremony

Mayor Tim DeGeeter expressed his pride in the Parma Police Department and the K-9 Officers, "We are very proud of our police force, and now we have three fine K-9 officers for the first time in our history," he said. "Coney has already proven to be a great asset and addition to that team. Just two weeks after he was sworn in, he was in on his first felony arrest." The arrest of the bank robbery suspect came one day after Parma Police apprehended three suspects in an armed robbery at a Parma bar the week before.

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disposition, was shared with everyone who came through the Center's front door. Her challenge was to put a smile on the most difficult person's face. And her success rate is still 99.9%

"Even when she was dealing with her husband's bout with cancer and eventual passing, her tireless dedication to our Center and our seniors never faltered," Mason continued. "This unique gift and rare quality will be embedded in the hearts and minds of so many older adults. This remarkable person never turned away an opportunity to make someone's life better."

In addressing the assembled crowd at City Council, Vanek gave credit to her parents for teaching her to live by the Golden Rule. "I treat people the way I'd like to be treated," she said. "If you lead with your heart, your head will follow."

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Health/Culture

UH Plans New ED, Health Center In Broadview Heights

by CJ Sheppard

University Hospitals plans to break ground on a \$28 million state-of-the-art outpatient health center and freestanding emergency department in Broadview Heights later this year with a projected completion date in fall of 2016. The proposed 52,000-square-foot ambulatory health center and freestanding emergency department will sit on more than six acres of land highly visible from I-77 and easily accessed from the Route 82 interchange.

"The new health center will allow us to meet the increased demand for outpatient services and provide primary and specialty care in the communities surrounding University Hospitals Parma Medical Center," said Eric Bieber, MD, President of UH Community Hospitals-West. "The planned new construction exemplifies our commitment to improving access to the highest quality care in an efficient patient-centered environment."

The new health center will complement the services at UH Parma Medical Center. The design is being finalized and initial plans include a freestanding emergency department, outpatient laboratory services, and physical therapy,

primary and specialty care physician services. Services will be provided to meet an entire family's medical needs, including UH Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital pediatric services, women's health, orthopedics, pain management, general surgery, allergy and immunology, and cardiology.

"We welcome University Hospitals. This is an exciting opportunity for significant and positive investments that will keep our community vibrant and healthy," said Broadview Heights Mayor Samuel Alai. "As one of the most forward-thinking health care systems in the country, University Hospitals will provide extraordinary benefits to our community for years to come."

A major component of the new facility, a freestanding emergency department will be operational 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. The ED will be fully integrated medically and operationally with UH Parma Medical Center and provide leading-edge technology and imaging.

"Residents in the Brecksville and Broadview Heights region and beyond will have immediate access to life-saving technology and medical treatment," adds Dr. Bieber. "We will

respond to heart and stroke emergencies with remote EKG monitoring and the latest clot-busting medications. In addition, we can provide critical care transport for patients needing a higher level of care, such as interventional catheterization and hospitalization if necessary at UH Parma or UH Case Medical Center."

Parma Community General Hospital became part the UH health system in January of this year after a rigorous process to evaluate the benefits to patients and the six founding communities.

"Meeting our community's health care needs has been an unwavering commitment of Parma Hospital," said Board Chairman, David Nedrich.

"We are pleased that UH continues to build upon that commitment and to strengthen and improve the health of our communities for years to come."

The parcel of land is owned by the Dalad Group, an independent commercial real estate developer based in Independence, Ohio.

"We are honored to have an opportunity to work with University Hospitals on this project that will benefit so many residents throughout western Cuyahoga County," said Neil Viny, Principal of the Dalad Group. "We look forward to assisting them in the land development and join the excitement in overseeing new construction in Broadview Heights."

Hummingbird Pointe And Infinity Healthcare Present A Free Health And Senior Resource Fair July 10

by Kim Helsel

The community is invited to a free Health & Senior Resource Fair on Thurs., July 10 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Hummingbird Pointe Apartments Grand Room, 6871 Ames Road, Parma. A variety of local health and senior service vendors will offer information about the services and programs available for the community. Highlights include blood pressure and blood sugar screenings by Parma Hospital, massages from Gold-in-Touch

Massage and the Parma Heights Fire and Rescue ambulance.

Door prizes, raffles, and lunch donated by Save-A-Lot will take place from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Infinity Healthcare has been providing home healthcare in Northeastern Ohio since 1997 and is committed to helping the residents of Hummingbird Pointe and Forest City campus remain safely in their homes by offering nursing care, therapy, and other services on site.

Volunteers Needed To Tend To Patients' Spiritual Needs

by CJ Sheppard

Recruiting is underway for volunteers to address the spiritual needs of University Hospitals Parma Medical Center patients and families. Now in their 20th year at UH Parma Medical Center, spiritual care aides work in the Emergency Department and the Surgery Waiting Room, providing comfort to patients and their families. They also visit patients in their rooms, provide directions and information to visitors and stand in for clergy when the family's priest or minister is unavailable.

Volunteers must attend special train-

ing sessions. Training covers techniques of communication, professionalism, confidentiality and medical ethics. Volunteers will become familiarized with UH Parma Medical Center and its programs and will gain a greater understanding of the emotional and spiritual needs of patients and their families during hospitalization. Volunteers generally work two four-hour shifts per month, including time for a meal provided by the hospital.

Please contact Jim Mayer at (440) 845-1856 to register by August 1. The 12-week training begins September 4 for those accepted to the program.

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services at the Recreation Center, especially since UH has now taken over. "This will allow us to continue our efforts to bring the Recreation Center to profitability after 12 years of struggles, and to make it what was originally promised to the voters who approved building and funding it," he said.

"I see it also as an opportunity for more dialogue with UH to explore expanding our new relationship into other areas of wellness planning, per-

haps even a future brick and mortar addition." He went on to also thank UH for its \$50,000 grant to be used for wellness programs in Seven Hills.

Mayor Dell'Aquila concluded, "This is another example of finding innovative means to collaborate with our business and community partners in the region. We welcome the University Hospitals Parma Medical Center Therapy Services program to Seven Hills and we look forward to sharing an exciting future together."

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Show Kids You Care: Answer Their Questions.

Asset Corner #55

by Gene Lovasy

All work and no play can be boring and stressful. The pace of everyday life varies depending on the activities young people participate in. These fluctuations are normal, even healthy. As long as young people don't consistently have too much to do or not enough to do, they're right on track. Problems arise when the balance begins to tip too far to one side or the other. Too much involvement can lead to stress or anxiety. Too little involvement can be a sign of depression or isolation. Ensure that young people constructively use their time for both fun and learning.

This column's focus will be on.....
Asset #17 Creative Activities

The arts for fun and learning
 Whether it's Mozart or the Rolling Stones, Picasso or graffiti, most people like some type of music or art. Being creative—singing, playing the piano, drawing, or acting—can be fun, and helps young people improve basic and advanced thinking skills. Performing and creating works of art helps young people develop cognition (intellectual comprehension), cultural understanding, communication, and creativity. Learning that's fun and worthwhile—what could be better?

Here are the facts Research shows that young people who spend three hours or more a week in music, theater, or other arts are more likely to grow

up healthy. Only 21 percent of young people, ages 11–18, do so, according to Search Institute surveys. It's important to help young people find creative outlets that are fun, teach them about themselves, and provide a way to relieve the stresses of everyday life.

Tips for building this asset
 Everyone is an artist in some way. Think of how you may create a new way to surprise someone on her or his birthday, hum along to the radio, or dance when you're in a good mood. These small bursts of artistic expression are important ways people communicate individuality. By bringing more art and music into young people's lives, caring adults can help to develop another side of their personalities, talents, and skills.

Also try this
In your home and family: Play magnet art. Here's how: Visit an art museum as a family. Have each person walk toward the first painting that catches her or his eye (drawing you to it like a magnet). Let each family member explain what he or she likes about the painting he or she chose.

In your neighborhood and community: Encourage the creative energies of everyone in the community by supporting your local community theater.

In your school or youth program: Integrate music into your regular cur-

riculum. Start with a short piece of classical music, followed at lunch by rock and roll or jazz, and end the day with opera. Discuss everyone's preferences and invite students and participants to help select songs for the next day.

- ASSET RELATED NEWS**
- If your kids are still looking for something to do give the Collab a call – 440.847.4873. Summer Dayz is up and running at Hanna & Walter's Grove Park, the Summer Café has all sorts of things going on and don't forget about the Summer Meal Program, which, by the way, needs volunteers.
 - There's still some plots available at the Collab's Community Garden. It's never too late....give it a try. Call the above number for details. And, don't forget about the Collab's monthly Mobile Food Pantry scheduled for Thursday, July 10th. Mark your calendar now – volunteers are always needed for the Pantry as well as the other programs.
 - It's Backpacks/School Supplies For Kids time again. Unfortunately, however,

this year, outside funding has been practically eliminated so donations of any amount are absolutely essential for the program to be successful. Please make your check payable to Parma Area Collaborative & drop it off or mail to Parma Area Family Collaborative 11212 Snow Rd, Parma OH 44130. Or, if you'd rather support the school's Education Foundation/KIKS Office Backpack drive make your check payable to Parma City Schools Foundation & mail to Parma City School Foundation – Backpack Drive, 5311 Longwood Ave. Parma OH 44134. Note also that a number of area churches & various other organizations are holding their own events to support this cause. Call the Collab at 440.887.4873 for more information on how your group can help.

• If you or if you know of anyone who's circumstances have changed, i.e.: gotten married/divorced, had a baby, moved, lost coverage you had through your job, turned 26 & lost & lost your parents coverage, & who needs help, is confused about the federal health insurance program (Obamacare) or has questions about Ohio Medicaid, visit Parma Health Ministry's web site at www.parmahealthministry.org or phone: 440.843.8087. Their Health Care Navigator should be able to help.

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Now That's Funny? by Julia Cindric



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Inspiration

I Believe

by Daniel Taddeo

"A new commandment I give you: Love one another as I have loved you." Each of us is called to follow the example of Jesus.

Beauty in our culture is in major transition. It is moving from an internal, invisible beauty, such as heart-felt concern, mannerly conduct, and spiritually directed, to a physical, visible, and external beauty, such as extreme body decorations, indiscreet dress, and arrogant presentation. This "beauty-battle" rages between self-centeredness and God-centeredness.

Because of the culture, a small minority of us consider ourselves as beautiful or handsome. The large majority of us are considered plain, unattractive, or ugly. God views us all as being beautiful and handsome.

Each day we live is a priceless gift of God, loaded with possibilities to learn something new and to gain fresh insight.

Either people believe in Jesus for salvation or they do not. There is no middle ground between heaven and hell.

Five major warnings from God's Word are the following: do not be deceived by culture proclamations; believers will suffer persecution of some kind; be aware of false prophets; do not believe those who say when Christ will return; and avoid becoming overly occupied with the cares of the world.

No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him.

There is nothing hidden that will not be disclosed, and nothing concealed that will not be known or brought out in the open.

We would not invite a thief into

our house, so why would we allow thoughts that steal our joy to make them at home in our house.

Where we have been, what we have done, and where we are now matters far less than where we are headed.

With God's help we have the power to encourage or discourage, to motivate or deflate, to generate joy or repel it. These are very realistic possibilities.

Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewelry and fine clothes (acceptable in good taste but not required); instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight.

Self-reflection is always a good exercise. What I believe is a work in progress, not limited to these statements and subject to change. What do YOU believe?

The Month of July Is A Firecracker Month

by Ruth Revecky

On the 1st of July, we observe National Postal Worker Day; and on the 4th of July, we celebrate Independence Day, Which began in the year 1776, the day We separated from British rule and Created our own new nation.

Throughout our 50 states, many Families gather to celebrate this day By enjoying outdoor picnics. Grills are hot—hamburgers, chicken And hot dogs are sizzling, just Waiting to be eaten.

Children run and play, dad and the Boys have a game of baseball, and The girls play a game of volley ball. Grandparents sit in the shade and Talk about the good old days.

After eating a delicious meal, almost Everyone just relaxes; no one wants To eat another morsel of food!

When the evening drops its curtain, Families go to nearby parks to watch The fireworks—colorful explosions in The darkened sky; after the sky has Dimmed and everybody has climbed Into their van or four-door car—homeward

Bound--children fall fast asleep in the Backseat, only to be carried upstairs to Their tiny beds; then they get a kiss, a Good-night and pleasant dreams, Parents then tiptoeing back down the Stairs!

On July 27th, the Korean war ended. We fly our flag to honor those Veterans.

July, as you can see, is a Red, White And Blue firecracker month! HAVE FUN!

Tales From The Tollgate House

by Kenneth Lavelle

The Tollgate House is a replica of the one operated by the Brooklyn & Parma Plank Toll Road Company from 1876 to 1907. It was originally located at the intersection of Olde York and Pearl Road. Horses, local farm wagons, and stagecoaches rode on the wooden planks to avoid the mud. The wooden planks that were secured to the ground along the route were replaced by brick pavers and the Tollgate was no longer necessary as the cost and maintenance went from private investors to local county government control. Several interurban electrical train routes were proposed along the Wooster Pike and Olde York Rd. starting in 1897 to 1915. None were ever built. The Tollgate House replica was built in 1980 with donated supplies and labor from the members of the Historical Society of Parma Heights. During the 2011 Centennial celebration held for the establishment of Parma Heights Village from the Parma Township in 1911, bricks were purchased by residents. Each brick had the purchaser's name inscribed in it and placed in a walkway created leading to the wooden planks securely laid in front of the replica of the tollgate house in the Greenbrier Commons. The Parma Morning Kiwanis took care of the tollgate house between



Tollgate House at York Road (Olde York Road, today) and Pearl Road sometime in the late 19th century. Photo courtesy of the Parma Heights Historical Society.

2004 and 2009. The new Parma Heights Historical Society has been maintaining the tollgate house since 2013.

A 14-foot tall cement rural road street sign monument from Stumph and Huffman Rd at G. Huffman's farm was relocated near wooden planks at the tollgate house replica June 28, 2013. Our walking tour handout includes a local 2002 Cuyahoga County road map of existing county highway road numbers and a 1953 U.S.G.S. map. The rural county highway boundary marker O.M. 0695 is the last remaining original one in area whose use dates back to 1908 at local township boundary points and crossroads. The tall rural road obelisk marker was a horizontal control point on a 1953 U.S.G.S. map



Tollgate House Replica in Greenbrier Commons with 14 ft. obelisk street marker formerly located at the corner of Huffman Road and Old Stumph Road.

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Our Neighborhoods

The Gannett Woods And Herbst Corners

by Irene Toth

The Gannett Woods comprise a large part of West Creek Reservation. Prior to the ownership by Gannett, the hilltop area was a plant nursery. But even earlier the area was called Herbst Hill and the intersection at Broadview and Ridgewood was called Herbst Corners. It was named for the original settler, John Herbst. John Herbst came

to this area from Germany in 1795. His land extended up Broadview Road, then known as Town Line Road, and along Ridgewood Drive. He was the first tavern keeper at Herbst Corners. According to legend, John moved his tavern from Whiskey Island, carting it on his wagon. Its true "salt box" construction indicates an early origin. And it was known that many early settlers

rejected owning land along the lake. They preferred the stability of land farther inland.

The tavern became a rural center with picnic grounds and a dance area. It was a meeting place for early settlers and hunters. There was also a small lake according to many who have lived in this area. The lake area is now a wetland, and probably is the result of runoff from the hillside, especially after the development of the area to the south with its many homes and businesses.

John Herbst died in 1856. His son, Henry, took over the tavern. His mother helped him run the tavern until her death. Henry continued to operate the tavern until prohibition laws were passed, forbidding the sale of alcohol. When prohibition ended, a nephew, Eddie Herbst reopened the tavern.

Conrad Herbst, another son of John Herbst, had a blacksmith shop across from the tavern. The tavern and

blacksmith shop were located at the base of Herbst Hill. The blacksmith shop is gone, but the tavern is still there. For many years it was known as Tommy's Tavern but now it is called Nice Place Cafe.

These historical facts came from A History of Seven Hills prepared by the students and teachers of Hillside Junior High School in 1980. We at West Creek Conservancy are grateful to have access to the history of this area.

The mission of West Creek Conservancy is to enrich the lives of people in Greater Cleveland by conserving natural habitats, restoring the ecological value and sustainability of urban lands, and expanding neighborhood opportunities to experience nature. WCC is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. For more information about WCC and its projects, check on line at www.westcreek.org or call 216-749-3720.

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Parma Mayor Tim DeGeeter was joined on June 17th at the newly opened Dunkin Donuts ribbon cutting ceremony by (from left to right): Kathy Stoikis of Parma Area Chamber of Commerce; Kathy O'Connor, UH Parma Medical Center; Shelly Cullins, Economic Development Officer; Barry Axelrod, Chairman of the Board of PACC; Nick, Manager; Dave Nedrich, President of PACC; Ken Blum, owner; Bob Blum, owner; Tom Mastroianni, City Treasurer; Scott Tuma, Ward 8 Councilman; Sean Brennan, Parma City Council President; Gerry Blum, owner. The store is located at 6919 Ridge Road placing it in the Town Center development. BY Brian Furda

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Perspective

Conservatives Usually On The Wrong Side Of History

by Lee Kamps

Health care reform, increasing the minimum wage, reducing carbon emissions and global warming, reducing interest rates for college student loans; the list of current issues goes on and on where the conservatives in congress have blocked legislation from being passed. But throughout history, conservatives have usually been on the wrong side of history.

In 1776, conservatives were called loyalists. They opposed making a break from England and believed that the colonist's grievances against King George III could be addressed peacefully without resorting to rebellion. When war broke out some even supported the British and even fought against their neighbors. Of course we all know how that turned out. Today we call their descendants Canadians.

In 1861, southern conservatives saw the election of an anti slavery president as a threat to their way of life that was based on slavery. The truth was that Lincoln, at first, was only against the expansion of

slavery into new territories in the west. But they believed that northern abolitionists were treasonous and trying to destroy their way of life. Led by South Carolina, they seceded and began a four year bloody civil war that devastated their whole region and economy. Eventually the 13th amendment was passed abolishing slavery in the United States.

Even earlier, conservatives were on the wrong side of history. In the 16th century, Galileo had used the telescope, a recent invention, to discover the moons of Jupiter and postulate the theory (now proven) that the earth revolves around the sun. This went against the conventional thought that the universe was earth centered and the sun, moon and stars all revolved around the earth. For saying that, Galileo was threatened with being burned at the stake as a heretic unless he recanted. To save his life, he recanted. But his writings were smuggled out of Italy to England where they were published and changed our concept of the universe.

One hundred years ago, suffragettes marched in the streets demanding that women be granted the right to vote. Conservatives believed that only men should have the right to vote, that women could not make wise decisions on whom to elect to run the government. "Give women the right to vote and we will soon have them actually running for office and working, deserting their home and family!" said one conservative senator. But eventually the 19th amendment to the constitution was ratified and now women vote in greater proportions than men with many holding office.

Almost eighty years ago, FDR proposed a radical new idea that a government program can be established that could provide pensions for the aged and those widowed as well as help to the poor. Conservatives in congress railed against the "dole" saying that it would reward laziness. But the Social Security Act passed and today is an important part of our economy as well as a lifeline for many.

During the 1950s and early 1960s, African Americans marched in the streets demanding that they be treated the same as whites; that they be allowed to sit anywhere on the bus, dine at the same lunch counters, use the same bathrooms and drinking fountains. The conservatives in the United States believed that this was a threat to the "order of things" and resisted, sometimes violently. But fifty years ago this month, the Civil Rights Bill was signed into law guaranteeing equal treatment and rights under the law.

Medicare was signed into law on July 30 1965. At the time, conservatives railed against Medicare, calling it "socialized medicine". Future president Ronald Reagan made a speech against Medicare, saying that "in the future we would tell our grandchildren about how we were once free men and women". Hear this at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fRdLpemAAs>. Today Medicare has become a life line for those over age 65 or disabled and Medicaid has become a life line for many people with low income.

Today, the ACA is the law of the land and is firmly established. It is working as intended and no doubt will become a fixture in the United States. Eventually, the minimum wage will be increased and indexed to the cost of living. Something will be done about the college student loan crisis. No doubt, conservatives will be ranting and railing against these all the way. But as history has often shown, conservatives will again be on the wrong side of history.

When Is This Going To Stop?

by Ken Ehlert

I turned the TV on today, and again I see another shooting, this time at an Oregon school. Yesterday, a couple in Las Vegas went crazy and killed three innocent people, including two police officers. When is this going to stop? When will our country, states, and cities impose laws to keep power-

ful weapons off our streets and out of the hands of people who are not stable enough to have them?

In schools alone since 2000 there have been over 190 deaths, and over 230 injuries. In most of these cases a young student was doing the shooting. Why and how did they get a gun? Why don't we have more security in

our nation's schools? These kids who were killed or injured are our future; we need to protect them!

My wife and I are retired, but I am really scared for not only our families but everyone in our world. If we don't put a stop to weapons that are so powerful, or people that should not have weapons, it will be a bleak future for our society.

Polish Village Is #1

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Estate also ranked Parma as America's 3rd Safest Suburb, based on statistics from 120 suburbs surrounding 50 of the U.S.'s largest cities. That is a pretty big accomplishment for the second largest city in Cuyahoga County.

Building Better Neighborhoods: Keeping You Safe Where You Live, is not just about safety, but also about getting involved in the community where you live. Neighborhoods thrive when residents are active within their communities. Take an active role within the community where you live. Volunteer for a cause, make your voice heard, be it

soft or loud. Participate for an hour or a day. The rewards are great for you, your neighbors, and your community. The cost is your time. You can make a difference while having lots of fun.

Councilwoman Lime attributes Polish Village's success to the community volunteers who have worked so hard within this community through the efforts of Polish Village's Community Development Corporation, the Annual Polish Constitution Day Parade, Friends of Parma Theater, Flamingo Fever, Treat & Greet, and other sponsored events like the First Ever Annual Garage Sale with Wards 1 and

2, or the upcoming pocket park on Ridge Road.

BE PARMA PROUD! Thank you residents of Polish Village for Building Better Neighborhoods!

To view a clip of parts of the celebration for Building Better Neighborhood's Polish Village presentation go to NewsNet5.com, under the Building Better Neighborhood's tab, or on the City of Parma, Parma Observer, or Polish Village Facebook pages. For information on getting involved with Polish Village, or information on upcoming events, go to PolishVillageParma.com, Facebook.com/PolishVillage, and Twitter.com/PolishVillage.

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Perspective

Be Responsible When Walking Your Dog

by Leo Lampeter

One of the most wonderful creatures ever domesticated has to be the dog. Why else would there be such a proliferation of them? They come in such a variety of sizes colors attitudes and dispositions, similar to man. Nothing can be as warming as when you come home and there, at the door, is the dog wagging its tail so hard its entire body is wagging along with the tail, saying "I'm so glad to see you." How can anyone not be filled with joy to have that type of reception?

The dog owner has a responsibility, then, to protect the dog just as the dog would protect the owner. You feed the dog daily, take the dog to the vet with some regularity, and show the dog a similar affection as the dog has shown you. This is a wonderful relationship for both the dog and the owner.

Surely, the owner provides exercise for the animal at some point mostly by taking the dog for a walk, for city dwellers. People who see you on the street have no concept of the relationship that exists

between the owner and the dog. They also have no idea of the disposition of either. How could they if they have never seen either before. The people don't know if either owner or dog has a specific movement, odor, or word that may trigger an unexpected reaction.

With this in mind, it would be responsible for the dog owner to shorten the leash so as not to risk any negative occurrence. Dog owners often reply that the dog is friendly and never does anything negative. How many stories are there of friendly animals that never bit before?

Let's be responsible dog owners and shorten the leash when approaching a stranger. After all, there is no way the stranger can know that your dog never bites. And remember, it is the dog that may be euthanized for something the owner could have prevented. We are euthanizing the dog who doesn't know any other way because the dog hasn't been instructed. Possibly we are punishing the wrong creature. Let's keep our dogs alive and happy.

Mayor Tim DeGeeter Treated To Tour Of Basista Furniture

by Brian Furda

Basista Furniture has been a hidden gem in Parma for almost 60 years. Parma Mayor Tim DeGeeter was recently invited to tour the store, along with Ann Marie Powers and Randy Carpenter of COSE, and President of the Parma Area Chamber of Commerce, Dave Nedrich. Basista Furniture got its start in 1941 when Stan Basista Sr. bought out West Park Appliances. In 1957, he started selling furniture rather than appliances. After Basista had moved the business to 5296 State Road, its current location, he changed the name from West Park Appliances to Basista Furniture.

In his sophomore year of college, Stan Jr. was certain he wanted to become a stockbroker or a CPA, he joined his father's business after graduating college in 1973. A few years after, his brother Tom joined him. To add to their business success, an exit ramp from I-480 was finished in 1987 which made it easier to draw in more business. "We were very fortunate to have the I-480 exit ramp at State Road open in 1987," Tom explained. "Once that exit opened it took our business to a new level."

Stan and Tom pride themselves on selling a majority of USA-made furniture while many chain furniture store competitors use furniture made in China. Tom explained, "We carry a lot of



Mayor Tim DeGeeter presenting Basista brothers, Stan Jr. and Tom, with a Proclamation honoring their business.

Amish-made furniture that is only about an hour and a half away from here."

Basista will also deliver furniture and pick up old furniture. What do they do with old furniture? Take it to Cleveland's Furniture Bank. The Basistas donate old furniture to the Furniture Bank as well as other charities.

Mayor DeGeeter presented the Basista brothers with a Proclamation honoring them for their services in their business as well as their work with the City of Parma. "Basista is one of the cornerstones of Parma's small business community," he said. "This place is the ultimate customer-oriented business. I'm proud their business calls Parma home."

Both Stan Jr. and Tom say they will continue serving the citizens of Parma and beyond until the day their predecessors take over.

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Citizen Viewpoint

June's Citizen And Business Of The Month Honored

by Jeannie Roberts

June's choices for Citizen of the Month and Business of the Month were honored at City Council's June 16 meeting. Cyndee Bratz was nomi-

nated by Dianna Kall to receive Citizen of the Month because of her long and extensive community involvement. For more than 30 years, Bratz has been active in community and school

events. She has served in various officer and chairman positions in the PTA and for several years on the Board of Directors of the Ohio PTA. Bratz is the creator of the Community Scholarship Fund – sometimes known as the “loose change” fund - in which anyone can donate money throughout the year. That money is then given to a deserving graduating senior of the Parma City School District.

Kall said in her nomination of Bratz: “It's the smile that accompanies her passion for helping others that's so endearing. If you are recognizing someone who embraces community spirit, community engagement and civic pride, then Cyndee Bratz is the one.” Mayor Tim DeGeeter agrees. “Cyndee is one of those residents any mayor would love to have. She is active and engaged, and her enthusiasm for her projects is infectious. She is a well-deserving Citizen of the Month.”

The Business of the Month was claimed by Rich's Valero & Mini Mart, a 35-year-old business located on West Pleasant Valley Road. Run by husband and wife team Rich and Sue Eid, it is a business that offers itself for school organizations to hold car washes and fundraisers. The business recently upgraded its pumps and expanded the Mini Mart. “We love having businesses like this in our city,” Mayor DeGeeter

said. “The owners are involved in community events, and it's very satisfying to see them growing and expanding.”

To nominate a Citizen of the Month or a Business of the Month, please visit www.CityofParma-oh.gov and find the nomination forms on the Home Page under Community Highlights.



Mayor DeGeeter congratulates Rich Eid, who owns Rich's Valero Mini Mart, the Business of the Month. Also congratulating Eid is Councilman Brian Brochetti.

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Tales From The Tollgate House

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the 1950s, a modern metal street sign was attached atop of marker erected 1939 at County Rds. No. 266 and 239. BM survey brass plate moved in 1964. Cuyahoga County widened Stumph Rd. from two lanes to four lanes in 1964 and rebuilt it during 2011-2012. The obelisk cement monument was a corner point of the legal political boundary for Parma, Parma Heights. When the cement monument was moved, the cement monument iron box that it sat in was broken. In 2013, another cement county road monument was rediscov-

ered in North Royalton at Bennett and Edgerton. Photos of a cement monuments at Bennett Rd (1908) and State Rd (1968) seen in 1818-1968 Sesqui-centennial North Royalton Booklet pages 14,48. Similar to 1939 Stumph Rd cement obelisk monument Another cement obelisk was found at (S.R. 252) Columbia and (C.R. 211) No Bottom Road in Olmsted Falls Twp.

Watch for more interesting historical stories of our area in the next issue. This year, the Tollgate House will be open to the public in the Greenbrier Commons in Parma Heights on July 4, 5, and 6, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.



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Artist Of The Month

by Kathryn Mabin

Parma is home to a great many talented individuals, artists and craftsmen, both professional and amateur, who specialize in a variety of mediums. This article is the first in a series which will showcase a Parma area artist and introduce you to many of your talented neighbors.

Terri Snider

Terri Snider and her husband relocated from Pennsylvania in the 1990s. Her husband works for an IT firm in downtown Cleveland. They immediately fell in love with the Parma area. They enjoyed the small home town feel of the city and the sense of community. They felt it was a great place to live and raise a family. Their daughter attends school in the Parma City School District.

Oil painting was her first love, but while pregnant with her daughter she migrated to acrylics. Terri strives to invoke an emotional response to the viewer through her use of bold saturated color and contrast. Much like Terri herself, her pieces are upbeat and humorous.

Her work has been displayed in numerous galleries and competitions throughout the Eastern and Midwestern states, including the cities of Denver, Chicago, Pittsburgh, Cleveland and New York. She was included in a group show at the Agora gallery in Soho, New York. Photos of her work were also in



Terri Snider with Ed - 2014 Year of the Horse Asian Zodiac entry.

the Artists Spectrum Magazine. She has shown in the Womanmade Art Gallery in Chicago. Her oil on canvas titled "A Dish Served Cold" can be seen on the digital MOMA gallery on-line. For a time she was part owner of Vivid Gallery in the Arcade in Downtown Cleveland. She has also completed numerous commissioned works, and continues to do commissions today.

Terri states, "I like surrealism and my favorite artist is Salvador Dali. I think his compositions are both brave and bizarre, and he wasn't concerned if the public would like them or not."

In 2004 her focus began to shift to public art, beginning with the "Art Fur Animals", an annual event which benefits the Cleveland Kennel Club. Also in 2004, House of Blues sponsored her guitar "Homemade" for Guitar Mania. In 2006, she participated in the

St Clair/Superior's Asian Zodiac Sculpture event, with her entry for the Year of the Dog. She continues to participate annually in both the Cleveland Kennel Club and the Asian Zodiac event. She also donates her time to numerous causes that promote arts and culture in the area. "I think that modern society is changing and artists have more of a role to play in that change than ever before. Everyone needs to get involved with their community, no matter what their talents; we can all improve where we live, each in our own way. There is an artist in all of us; you just have to find your medium."

In the spring of 2013, while brainstorming fund raising ideas for Parma's Polish Village Community Development Corporation, Flamingo Fever was born. With Terri's love of the Parma community and her love of public art, she was a natural to co-chair the first ever public art exhibition in Parma. Flamingo Fever was so well received by the Parma community that it took on a life of its own last year. In addition to the articles printed in the local press, Cleveland Magazine did a feature story on Flamingo Fever in May of

2013. Look for more information on Flamingo Fever in the coming months.

If you are an amateur or professional artist, living in the Parma area, or know of someone who is, and would like to be featured as an artist of the month, please contact me by email at kathrynmabin@att.net.



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