

August 22 Ukrainian Village Parade, Art Walk, And Festival

by Stefan P. Stefaniuk

On August 22nd, the Ukrainian Village Committee will hold its 6th annual Ukrainian Independence Day Parade in Parma's Ukrainian Village. The Committee invites all to join them and celebrate this special occasion! The parade procession begins at 11 a.m. on Grantwood Drive, continues north along State Road, and ends at Ukrainian Heritage Park, located across the street from St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral - 5720 State Road, Parma, Ohio.

This year's parade is being coordinated by Zoriana Zob-



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niw of the Ukrainian Village Committee and will showcase more than 25 marching units. George Salo, of State Meats (5338 State Road), will serve

this year as the parade's Grand Marshal. George and his family have been in business in Ukrainian Village for many years and George is an active member of the Ukrainian community.

Parade participants will include Ukrainian church communities, Parma area social clubs, local businesses, the mayor and city council representatives, city school officials, police honor guards, Veterans organizations, floats, and more! Spirited musical numbers will be performed by local high school marching



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bands.

After the parade, at Ukrainian Heritage Park, there will be a flag raising ceremony celebrating Ukrainian Independence Day as well as an art walk sponsored by the Plast Ukrainian Scouting troop, "Orchidei." The art walk will feature art for sale and for viewing. Proceeds will go to the Ukrainian Freedom Fund, a non-governmental organization whose mission is to help create a free, independent, and democratic Ukraine.

There will also be a festi-

val at St. Josaphat's astrodome for all to enjoy! It will run from 12 p.m. to midnight and will offer great prizes, live entertainment, and authentic Ukrainian cuisine.

Questions? Contact Zoriana at (240) 743-7250 or email ukrainianvillageparade@ gmail.com.

To keep up with the latest updates and developments taking place in Parma's Ukrainian Village, follow "Ukrainian Village In Parma Ohio" at Facebook.com/UkrainianVillage.

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A Community Responds To Love



Parma Mayor Tim DeGeeter stops by the lemonade stand to support these wonderful kids.



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Parma Considering Garbage Fee After Years Of State Cuts, **Declining Levy Revenue**

by Jeannie Roberts

Parma is considering a oposed garbage fee after mil- area, leading to diminishing lions of dollars in state cuts and declining levy revenues. Legislation enacting the garbage fee still was pending before Parma City Council at press time. The exact amount of the fee still was being worked on at publication, but officials said they believe the amount will total roughly \$3 per week for most residents.

ment reduced property values in Parma and throughout the

The decision to propose a garbage fee comes after Parma, like other cities, has felt the severe impact of cuts backed by Governor John Kasich and the Republican majority in the Ohio General Assembly. Further, Cuyahoga County's most recent property reassesslevy revenues.

When looking at those two factors, it is estimated the city will lose more than \$5 million for 2015 alone when compared to 2008. Since that year, cumulative losses as a result of state cuts and declining levy revenues are estimated at nearly million. Additionally, \$17 the City still is absorbing the loss of GrafTech's corporate headquarters, a major blow to Parma's coffers.

In the last several years, city leaders have tried to manage the decline in revenue by using one-time money and

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Services Local

by Jeannie Roberts

While the news of the closing of the Ridgewood YMCA is disappointing for Parma residents, there is a silver lining of sorts for members of the Parma Senior Center and hopefully for other residents as well.

The YMCA is exploring several options to continue to provide programs and services in the City of Parma. The organization has announced that the majority of its seniorrelated programming will move to the Parma Senior Center, located at 7001 West

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by Daniel P. McCarthy

When 45 year old Julio Dumeng was diagnosed with undetected terminal stomach cancer and died suddenly, his nieces and nephews were determined to help in some way to raise money in order to help the family pay for funeral expenses and medical bills. They started a lemonade stand with the hopes of producing the needed funds, but it was slow going, until concerned Parma resident Cassie Busta happened to notice them. The situation changed rapidly after that - Cassie contacted local media, including the Parma Observer, and soon the ball was rolling. A tele-

vision news story, Facebook postings, a Go Fund Me page account, word of mouth, and before you know it, many, many people were more than willing to pitch in, including Parma Mayor Tim DeGeeter, who stopped by their lemonade stand on July 23. At last glance, the Go Fund Me drive had exceeded their goal, and included an anonymous \$500 donation. Over \$2,000 was raised at the lemonade stand itself. Our condolences go this family in their time of such a tragic loss, and this story is an uplifting message shining a light on some terrific kids and

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Community News

The President's Corner

by Sean Brennan

çäðàâñòâóéòå (zdravstvuyte) or hello in Russian. This month I return to my series on "Parma's Places of Worship." In that vein, I had the honor of recently meeting with Rev. Fr. Ilia Marzev of St. Sergius of Radonezh Russian Orthodox Cathedral at 6520 Broadview Road. I was drawn to this church due to my college major of International Studies concentrating in Russian and Soviet history and studying the Russian language while attending the University of Dayton as an undergraduate student. Upon entering, under the iconic "onion domes," I found more of the many hidden wonders of Parma.

What struck me first upon entering the beautiful holy place were the plethora of incredible fresco icons of the Holy Family, saints, and martyrs of the Russian Orthodox tradition. It is literally overwhelming and one could spend days studying them and contemplating their symbolism. I



St. Sergius of Radonezh Russian Orthodox Cathedral at 6520 Broadview Road

PSH Alumni Association Holding 3rd Annual "Golden Redmen Reunion" On August 29

by Judy Martins

Calling all alumni of Parma Senior High and Parma Schaaf who have already celebrated their 50th class reunion! The PSH Alumni Association is holding its "Third Annual Golden Redmen Reunion" on Saturday, August 29th for all alumni (and spouses and friends) from Parma Schaaf and Parma Senior High graduating from 1964 back to the 1930s. Don't miss this fun day in the PSH Ballroom (cafeteria) featuring a school tour, light lunch and refreshments, and lots of reuniting with old classmates, hugs, reminiscing and memories. Over 300 attended the second reunion last year, and it's getting better every year! In the 1980s, Lee Bailey '29, George Red Rees '34, and Tony DeMarco '62 worked on a plan to have an annual reunion for PSH alumni who had already had their 50th reunion. Financing and contacting alumni made it impossible to do at the time. It took another 30 years to get the ball rolling-they held their "First Annual Golden Redmen Reunion" in August of 2013 and over 200 alumni happily socialized, mixed, mingled and reminisced, enjoyed snacks, refreshments, pizza and music from the 50s and 60s, and toured the building. Tell your friends who are Parma alumni about the "Third Annual Golden Redmen Reunion" on Saturday, August 29th, to be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the PSH cafeteria, 6285 W. 54th Street in Parma!

(\$8 Advance Tickets, includes a light lunch; \$5 at the door, does not include lunch.)

For more information and a printable Invitation & Reservation Form, go to www.pshalumni.org. Advance Ticket deadline is August 15th. Mark your calendars, spread the word, get your advance tickets, and don't miss it!

"Friends come and go, but with a precious few you should hold on. Work had to bridge the gaps in geography and lifestyle, because the older you get, the more you need the people who knew you when you were young." was also struck by the lack of pews. Father explained that churchgoers stand for their two-hour ceremonies. Clearly, as Christian believers, this is their small way of sharing in the sacrifices and suffering of Jesus.

The building of St. Sergius was completed in 1981, after the parish moved from Cleveland. However, it would take another six years for the interior to be fully completed and ready for consecration. All of the frescoes were the work of Archbishop Alypy "whose mastery of iconography is widely acknowledged by artistic and religious authorities," according to a church brochure.

Among my personal favorite icons at St. Sergius are those of Tsar Nicholas II and his family. Murdered by the Bolsheviks (communists) in the 1917 Russian Revolution, they, and thousands of others who shared their fate, are considered martyrs of the Church. "The Russian Revolution resulted in more Christian martyrs than those of the Roman Empire," Father Ilia mentioned. The members of the royal family were canonized as saints in 1985.

\Currently, about 150 families call St. Sergius their religious home. During services at this conservative Orthodox space, men stand on the right while women stand opposite. The "Royal Doors" separate the Holy Altar and priest from the congregation, representing the gate of heaven. Services are held in the Old Church Slavonic language. No instruments are played in Russian Orthodox tradition, as hymns are sung by a four-part acapella choir. Further, they use the "old calendar," and, thus, celebrate Christmas on January 7, for instance. "We get a good deal on Christmas presents and trees because of this," Father Ilia joked.

"Ten years ago, the Lord called me to Parma and, as I drove down State Road, I was impressed with the religious diversity I found," Fr. Ilia commented. "I knew this was the place for my family and me," he added. Before becoming a parish priest in the Russian Orthodox church, a man must be married. How-

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Sean Brennan, Parma City Council President



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Health/Culture

New Plastic Surgeon At UH Parma Medical Center

by CJ Sheppard

University Hospitals Parma Medical Center welcomes William F. Schleicher, MS, MD, a plastic surgeon in practice with Vasu Pandrangi, MD. In addition to general plastic surgery, Dr. Schleicher specializes in reconstructive breast surgery, surgical and injectable facial rejuvenation, and aesthetic surgery of the breast and body.

Dr. Schleicher received his medical degree from Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine. He completed his residency at Virginia Commonwealth University Health System, where he was the chief resident in the Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, and completed an aesthetic fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic. He also holds a master's degree in physiology from Virginia Commonwealth University. His personal interests include traveling, reading, music, hiking, tennis, football, and spending time with his family. Dr. Schleicher's office is in Medical Arts Center One, 6681 Ridge Road, Suite 303. To make an appointment with Dr. Schleicher, call 440-816-2725.

Veteran OB/GYN Joins UH Parma Medical Center

by CJ Sheppard

Steven Galun, MD, FACOG, a veteran Obstetrician/Gynecologist, has joined the medical staff of University Hospitals Parma Medical Center. The former Director of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Marymount Hospital brings a large, established practice with him to his new office in Medical Arts Center 4, Suite 306. In addition to obstetrics, the board-certified OB/ GYN focuses on minimally invasive surgery and alternatives to hysterectomy.

A graduate of The Ohio State University for both medical school and his undergraduate degree in genetics, Dr.

Galun is a big Buckeyes fan. The native Clevelander returned to practice medicine and completed his residency at St. Luke's Medical Center. Dr. Galun, an avid runner who has participated in many marathons but now prefers half-marathons, advocates for exercise during pregnancy to ease delivery and reduce incidence of Cesarean section. He also enjoys gardening and reading historical fiction. Dr. Galun and his Israeli-born wife, Zehava, have two grown children: a daughter who is a pastry chef in Chagrin Falls, and a son who is an agricultural engineer in Columbus. To make an appointment with Dr. Galun, call 440-743-4780.

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ever, upon taking their vows, they must remove their wedding band, as their "marriage" to the Church takes precedence. Those wishing not to marry may become monks and remain at a monastery. Further, only monks may become bishops.

Following the Revolution, the Russian Orthodox Church outside of Russia became the Russian Church in exile. In fact, not until 2007, following the fall of communism a few years earlier, did the Russian church in Russia and the Russian Church abroad once again link spiritually. They remain administratively separate, however, with the Patriarch of Moscow as the head of the Church in Russia, while the Metropolitan of New York serves as the religious leader of the Russian Church diaspora.

Many Americans know little about Orthodox tradition. Yet, there are over 250 million Orthodox Christians worldwide, with about 1.2 million living in the United States. Although Orthodoxy is quite ethnically diverse, including Russian, Ukrainian, Greek, Romanian, Serbian, and others, all of these denominations belong to one church and are unified theologically and morally. In fact, it is the second largest Christian community, next to Catholicism. To find out more about St. Sergius, visit their website at www. saintsergius.org. A big ñïàñèáî (spasibo; thank you) to Fr. Ilia and the parish of St. St. Sergius for inviting me into your beautiful place of worship. Äî ñâèäàíèÿ (Do svidaniya; goodbye).

UH Parma Hosts 5K On August 22

by CJ Sheppard

Take a late summer morning run through Ridgewood Golf Course and the mostly flat adjacent residential neighborhoods at University Hospitals Parma Medical Center's 5K and One Mile Walk for Wellness on Saturday, Aug. 22.

Runners, walkers, and strollers are all welcome to enjoy this scenic course at the second of three races in the UH Race Series. Entertainment, post-race snacks and beverages, and tours of the MedEvac helicopter are planned for this race, which starts at 9 a.m. at Medical Arts Center 4. UH sports medicine staff will provide tips on staying healthy and injury-free. In this chip-timed race, awards will be presented in overall and age group categories. Register early for a discounted registration fee of \$20 and to guarantee a T-shirt. Race day registration is \$25.

To register, visit hermescleveland.com/UHParma.

Color Me Purple

by Betty Braskie

The carpeting had to go. Daughter, Kathy, was moving upstairs into her sister's previous bedroom. It needed a makeover. Prior preparations would enable us to roll up and dispose of the flattened, purple, shag rug. We can fix that. We're determined! No problem! "Grab that end and let's see if we can get it down the stairs and out the front door," I said, as we struggled with the cumbersome behemoth. The angle of the staircase proved to be our nemesis. We ladies couldn't navigate the turn. "Mom, we gotta get rid of this," Kathy said. "My new rug is coming tomorrow!"

The problem needed a solution, FAST. I thought for a moment, my eyes surveying the seemingly impossible odds of success. Hurrah! I spied our method of disposal. The makeover bedroom window! It opened wide and was conveniently above the breezeway and next to the garage. From there it was just steps to the truck bed for use elsewhere. We both struggled to prop the end of the carpet roll onto the ledge of the open window. "Kathy, run down and slowly guide this beast onto the concrete landing below," I instructed. "If I drop it carefully, I'll just miss you and the breezeway gutter."

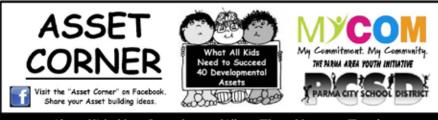
As I prepared to heft this cumbersome spiral to its demise, it objected to my rough handling. "Don't mess with determined women," I mumbled to the discard in my hands. With my muscles screaming for mercy, I aggressively stuffed it through the opening. "Watch out below!" I hollered. "Let this fall wherever it goes. It's too heavy to wrestle." I heard an ominous THUD! Then a TWANG! I hadn't missed the gutter as planned. Instead, it served as a springboard that propelled our wayward rug onto the roof of the garage. The purple pariah was now unrolling itself and covered the shingles from peak to front. For the moment, the impending night sky would hide my transgression. "Mom, you can't let that eyesore up there. What'll I tell the kids tomorrow on the school bus?" "That you're the first kid in the neighborhood with a sundeck," I answered.

The next day, the men bringing the new carpeting were politely puzzled when they saw me on the garage roof in the final stages of the struggle. The purple veins in my neck stood out like corrugated cardboard as I heaved the carpet onto the truck below. My efforts were acknowledged by faint applause from the workmen in the upstairs window. When Kathy came home from school, she was so excited to see her updated bedroom complete with gorgeous, caramel colored, plush floor covering. Just Perfect! Except, now the bedroom door wouldn't close. We can fix that. We're determined. No problem!





Education



Show Kids You Care: Learn What They Have to Teach

Asset Corner #68

by Gene Lovasy

SHOW KIDS YOU CARE: KEEP THE PROMISES YOU MAKE. August's Asset Message: Developmental Assets: A framework that helps guide young people—as well as adults—to a healthy, happy, thriving life. Everyone has the opportunity and ability to help young people succeed

The secret to helping children and youth grow into happy, healthy, and responsible adults isn't really a secret at all. Simply make a point to connect with young people: Get to know them, talk to them, understand them, help them, and build relationships with them. As a caring, trusted adult, you'll be better able to provide the building blocks young people need to succeed and reach their goals. Adult role models, guides, and friends are very important to young people. With your help, young people can begin to understand themselves and the world around them. We all know growing up isn't always easy. That's why young people need adults like you in their lives.

Here are the facts

Research from Search Institute identifies 40 Developmental Assets that have a powerful, positive impact on young people. Children and teenagers who have high levels of these assets get involved in fewer risky behaviors and are much more likely to exhibit the positive values, such as leadership, good health, diversity, and success in school. The bad news is most young people don't have enough assets. About 59 percent of young people, ages 11-18, have 20 or fewer Developmental Assets, according to Search Institute surveys. The good news is we can change this because we all have the power to build assets in young people's lives.

Understanding Developmental

Young people need a sense of the lasting importance of learning and a belief in their own abilities.

Positive Values: Young people need to develop strong guiding values to help them make healthy life choices.

Social Competencies: Young people need the skills to interact effectively with others, to make difficult decisions, and to cope with new situations.

Positive Identity: Young people need to believe in their own self-worth and to feel they have control over the things that happen to them.

Each of these categories involves several specific assets that help young people grow up healthy and many of these assets have been the subject of previous ASSET CORNER columns.

Tips for building assets

In your home and family: Post a list of the 40 Developmental Assets* on your refrigerator door. Each day, do at least one thing to build assets for each family member.

In your neighborhood and com-

munity: Learn the names of the young people who live around you. Find out what interests them, and ask them about those interests.

In your school or youth program: Plan asset-building activities as part of the curriculum or program. For example, engage young people in service-learning projects, social skills training, or reading for pleasure.

• A list of the 40 Developmental Assets is available by visiting the PARENT section of www.parmacityschools.org and clicking on the Developmental Assets link. The list and several other Asset related documents are available to download and/ or print.

ASSET RELATED NEWS The Collab's Mobile Food Pantry is scheduled this month for Thursday, August 13th. This plus a host of other programs/services are always in need of help, particularly with their Summer Youth programming. If you're interested in volunteering, give the Collab a call at 440-887-4873.

The Collab's free Summer Meals program for kids ages 2 - 18, is now underway and will continue through August 21st. Breakfast is served from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and lunch goes from noon to 1:30 p.m. No registration is required – just show up and enjoy. The Collab (Parma Area Family Collaborative) is located in the former Hanna Elementary school building, 11212 Snow Rd. Call 440-887-4873 with any questions.

Our local libraries are already gearing up for the coming school year by setting up free homework help centers for K through 8th Grade students. Register online at the branch nearest you.

From building wheelchair ramps to fixing leaky roofs to painting exteriors to reconstructing saggy porches.... when it was all said and done, an astounding 8,220 service hours were logged by over 300 students and volunteers who rehabbed 33 local area homes during last month's North Coast Mission Connection's Youth Work Camp. Special thanks to Ridgewood United Church of Christ, Mayor DeGeeter, and Parma City Schools for their time and cooperation.

Families eligible for free and/ or reduced lunch may qualify for the School Supply Assistance Program. To apply, visit the Collab's web site at www.familycollaborative.com.

Share your asset building ideas and/or thoughts about the developmental asset concept by visiting the "asset corner" facebook page. I'm looking forward to hearing from you.

Visit www.parmacityschools.org/ character and www.search-institute. org/assets for more information about the 40 Developmental Assets and ideas for helping young people build them. Or go here http://www.parentfurther. com/ for great asset-based parenting tips, tricks, activities, and ideas.

New This Summer, The City Of Seven Hills Farmers' Market!

by Kathy Holland

Make the City of Seven Hills Farmers' Market your Thursday destination. The Market is located on the patio of the Seven Hills Recreation Center, 7777 Summitview Drive, Seven Hills, Ohio. The Farmers' Market is held every Thursday, 4 p.m to 7 p.m., rain or shine. The idea began as a market where local farmers could sell their own produce, local artisans could sell their crafts, and people from Seven Hills would know that they could purchase quality produce and goods at affordable prices. Baubles by Juju, Burning River BBQ Sauces, and Images in Bloom. We will also have performances from local musicians as well as other activities.

Save the date, July 19th at 5:00 p.m.; the Seven Hills Farmers' Market will host a cooking demonstration featuring Chef Joe Matteucci of University Hospitals Geauga Medical Center. Chef Matteucci will create some savory dishes using items he will choose from those available at the Farmers' Market that day.

Market Manager Jo Ann Rencz says, "Visiting our Farmers' Market benefits your well-being in many unexpected ways, including close-tohome convenience, buying local, and encouraging healthy eating habits. What better way to spend a Thursday afternoon than by stopping at the Seven Hills Farmers' Market where our friendly vendors will welcome you to their stands."

Join us every Thursday, through October 8th, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., to support local farmers, entrepreneurs, and our environment, all while enjoying nutritious and flavorful fresh vegetables, fruits, and herbs, or mouthwatering home-baked goods as well as unique, locally handmade, items from ketchup to soap. The list is always changing at the Seven Hills Farmers' Market. We are continuously adding vendors so please, if you know of some good people we need to invite, contact Jen jburger@sevenhillsohio.org or Jo Ann jrencz@sevenhillsohio.org.

Asset

The eight asset categories Search Institute has found crucial in helping young people grow up healthy include:

Support: Young people need to be surrounded by people who love, care for, appreciate, and accept them.

Empowerment: Young people need to feel valued and valuable. This happens when youth feel safe and respected.

Boundaries and Expectations: Young people need clear rules, consistent consequences for breaking rules, and encouragement to do their best.

Constructive Use of Time: Young people need opportunities—outside of school—to learn and develop new skills and interests with other youth and adults.

Commitment to Learning:

The Seven Hills Farmers' Market mission is threefold:

- to foster a connection between local growers and artisans with our residents and consumers;

- to educate our residents and consumers about the benefits of preserving local agriculture;

- to serve our Seven Hills neighborhood by providing fresh, locally grown produce, and high quality artisanal products in an environment that fosters social gathering and interaction.

The Seven Hills Farmers' Market is fully handicap accessible with indoor restroom facilities and plenty of parking. Our August vendors may include; the Fresh Butcher, Luther Farms, Cecelia's Bakery, Pierogies of Cleveland, Chrissie's Kettle Corn, Jimmy's Jams,



Inspiration

I Believe

by Daniel Taddeo

Acknowledge and delight in God's present and future promise.

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness.

Anxiety about "looks" begins at a very early age. Parents should do their best to minimize this.

Being a slave to the opinions of others makes for a less than desirable existence.

Charm is deceptive and beauty is fleeting, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

Contentment is an internal matter that is not at the mercy of external circumstances.

Each of us will give an account of himself or herself to God.

Face the future with joy and anticipation. God has great plans for each of us.

Fill up the crevices of time with the things that matter most.

Forgiving ourselves is just as important as forgiving others.

God has a record of everything.

God opposes the proud and gives grace to the humble.

Grace means God accepts us just as we are.

If we cannot say something positive, silence is the next best alternative.

It is impossible to control and change others. We have our hands full controlling and changing ourselves.

No one has our unique design; therefore, everyone is different but of equal value in God's eyes.

Proud people are seldom grateful because they seldom think they get as much as they deserve.

Rather than expect perfection, settle for daily improvement.

Talk only about what is true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good reports.

The longer we have been exposed to a particular blessing, the more likely we are to take it for granted.

The power of habit causes us to express the negative and ignore the positive.

What we sow in thought, either useful or useless, manifests itself in our behavior.

When people with different values "hang out" together, somebody ultimately changes.

When we change our focus, we change our life.

When we give up the need to be right, we expand our options and experience joy instead of stress.

When we practice compassion, we detach ourselves from the situation and do not over-personalize it.

Worry is when we trust our fears more than we trust God.

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?



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Parma Senior Entertainer's Dream Was To Dance His Way To 100

by Judy Martins

Audiences Northeast across Ohio, young and old alike, will fondly remember Frank "Maurice" Buehner for his smash 16-year run with the Raisin' Canes, senior vaudeville dancers from the Smallwood Senior Center in Parma. With amazing energy, he performed his spot-on Maurice Chevalier solo routine well over 1,000 times, dazzling the ladies with his uncanny resemblance to the French star and his charming smile, dashing demeanor, and warm hugs. He danced and kibitzed his way into their hearts to the song, "I'm Glad I'm not Young Anymore."

Many enter show business at an early age, but NOT many have launched a career on the boards at age 80. In 1999, Frank dropped in at the Smallwood Center in search of a pinochle game, and made a wrong turn into the large mirrored room where the Raisin' Canes were rehearsing. The delighted group handed him a cane, locked the door, and began teaching him their vaudeville dance routines. The rest is history. He'd always loved dancing, but never dreamed he was destined to become be a tap-dancing vaudeville star in his 80s and 90s. He loved to perform. Off stage, he'd often begin chatting with strangers in area restaurants while having supper, and ultimately be on his feet doing "Maurice," leading them in song. The smiling waitresses and diners would break into applause, just loving the fun.

Entertaining with the Raisin' Canes at countless parties, celebrations, city events, stage shows, and facilities over 16 years, he was always especially inspired and gratified during performances at nursing homes by the brightened, smiling faces of the residents. Their delight, grateful appreciation, and hugs were "what he lived for."

Frank was fifth in a family of 10 children, growing up during the Great Depression on Cleveland's east side, near League Park. For entertainment, he and his friends would gather outside with mitts during Indians' games, hoping to catch a long fly or home run ball-and he had a boxful! He remained a loyal and fervent fan of all Cleveland sports teams throughout his lifetime. Immediately after the attack on Pearl Harbor, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He served from 1941 thru 1945 on the Commander's Flagship, LSM 54, in 7 major and 10 minor Pacific campaigns, including the major battle at Leyte Gulf (formerly known as the Second Battle of the Philippine Sea, and generally considered to be the largest naval battle of World War II and, by some criteria, possibly the largest naval battle in history). Frank earned an Accounting Degree from Fenn College, and in 1949 married Arlene Seelye, a lovely nursing graduate from St. Johns College. He started his own business, Con-



Frank "Maurice" Buehner.

sumers Products, which later became Buehner's Office Supplies at West 58th and Detroit. During this time, he served as Director of the National Office Machine Dealers Association and as an Officer of Cleveland Office Machine Dealers.

The couple and their growing family moved to Parma in 1958, becoming active members of St. Francis de Sales Church. Frank held many positions within the parish, including their Holy Name Society, and among other honors was proud to have been voted their "Man of the Year."

Relinquishing the business to his son in 1986, Frank retired at age 69. He welcomed the extra time to play pinochle, bowl on three leagues, and most especially to spend with his wife and 12 children (9 sons and three daughters) and their families; now 23 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. He lost his beloved Arlene in 1997, but treasured their nearly 50 years of love and devotion, happiness, travel, dancing, and especially raising their family together.

Frank said he had a "ticket for the midnight train." He passed away at age 97 on July 22nd, just before midnight at Parma Hospital. He was surrounded by his loving family and a lifetime of outstanding accomplishments and wonderful memories. The lights on our stages will be just a little dimmer.



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by Melanie Clink

My punishment is space and time.

Fear has taken over completely.

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So painful is this lonliness...

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Our Local History

Sad

by Leo Lampeter

There are many things that evoke sadness. There isn't enough room on this page to cover the various situations that fall under this umbrella. One of the areas is that of politics. What is so sad in one instance is that the City of Parma doesn't care about the City of Parma. Neither the Administrators nor the residents, as a whole, want to expend any effort into improving the city. It appears that neither care for anything but their own advancement, whether it is financial or social or anything else.

You say that is not the case. Explain to me, then, why no one seems to be interested in running for a government position, or getting the lackluster performers out of office. At this time, there is only one ward where there is a challenge to the incumbent. Oh yes, people will complain about a variety of shortcomings, but sit and wait for others to take responsibility. There has been grumblings about the representation in some wards, yet there is no response from the people of the ward. There are representatives who have questionable character and yet they keep getting voted in office, again and again, and that is beyond my comprehension. The response is, yes, they are aware of the shortcomings but my vote has always been for the incumbent. How much more ignorant can a voter be? You get what you vote for. There are voters who cast their ballot solely based on gender or familiarity or not knowing about any of the candidates. Instead of being outraged by their lack of performance or in some cases serious character flaws, we sit by and let them continue to get paid for a position that they are

Memorable People Of Parma Heights In The Past 50 Years

by Bob Stilwell

Paul Cassidy - Mayor Louis B. Seltzer -Editor of the Cleveland Press Thomas A. Vanderwyst -Police Chief Johnny Tarr - Owner of the Bit of Budapest Restaurant and Bar Andrea Decapite (Andrea Carroll) -Singer and Entertainer Reverend Howard B. Withers -Pastor

All of these people were leading examples of their chosen professions. They are all remembered for their dedicated contributions to Parma Heights. Their qualities range from leadership, communications, justice, business, entertainment, and religion. They helped make Parma Heights a better place to live in then and now.

To find out more about these intriguing people, come and visit the Parma Heights Historical Society members. We will be at the Toll House in the Greenbrier Commons, between the Parma Heights Library and Police Station. We will be there every Saturday until Labor Day from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

As members of the Parma Heights Historical Society, we want to give a special thank you to the Garden Club members of Parma Heights for the beautification project they did around the Toll House. It really looks nice. Thank you very much. not able to handle, or just collect a paycheck as a part time position.

You must demand performance from your officials, for they are like children. Unless you watch them all the time, they will see what they can get away with. Unless you demand performance out of them, they will do as little as possible. We seem to let them take a position of superiority and our thought is that we should listen to them. The opposite is true. We are the ones paying their salaries. In business, the ones paying the salaries are the ones who demand performance. As a taxpayer, we are the ones paying for services; that makes us the ones who should demand performance. Why is it that we allow our employees to ignore and dismiss our request for service or a response. They can say your request is not a priority, but what is more important than the employer? If your request is not taken care of at that moment, the employee should work to make sure you and all of the taxpayers are properly handled with their concerns. Do you believe you deserve poor treatment? That is what you are getting presently. If you believe you deserve better, then don't rely on the other person to stand up for you, you must stand up for yourself. You have worked your entire life toward a good life, in many instances.

Don't allow your employees to dictate to you, you dictate to them. There are certain parameters where common sense must prevail. However, for the most part, it is incompetence that prevails in governmental positions. Until you make certain you are heard, the powers that be will do their best to ignore you. Now, you must remember this one little nugget. If things aren't properly resolved, no matter how much resistance is encountered, it is your fault for not getting it resolved. You quit, you didn't follow through with letting the proper authorities know you aren't giving up. And if you don't get satisfaction, go above their head all the way to the mayor. You can replace all those who don't resolve your issue, including the mayor. That is what they rely on, you getting frustrated and quitting. If you want a better life, you must continue to strive for a better life. Don't let your employees dictate to you, you dictate to them. If you don't get a proper response, don't blame the city administrators. It is only you who is at fault.

A Community Responds To Love

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their tremendous love for their uncle, as well as caring people from all over who chose to help them. This is a great example of a way that social media can be a real blessing and serve to unite people for kind and compassionate purposes in addition to the way that we are accustomed to see it being used.





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Perspective

Two Major Anniversaries This Summer

by Lee Kamps

This summer celebrates two major anniversaries of events that have had a significant effect on the lives of millions of Americans. Both were controversial when they were enacted, but both have affected most Americans and have changed the entire landscape of the nation.

On August 14, 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed into law the Social Security Act. That Act was and has become the signature Act of his New Deal and administration. The Social Security Act not only established the Social Security system, but also included provisions establishing unemployment compensation and the current federal welfare system that provides direct cash assistance to needy families, the aged, blind, and disabled. The first welfare payments began almost immediately and the first Social Security benefit payments began in 1940.

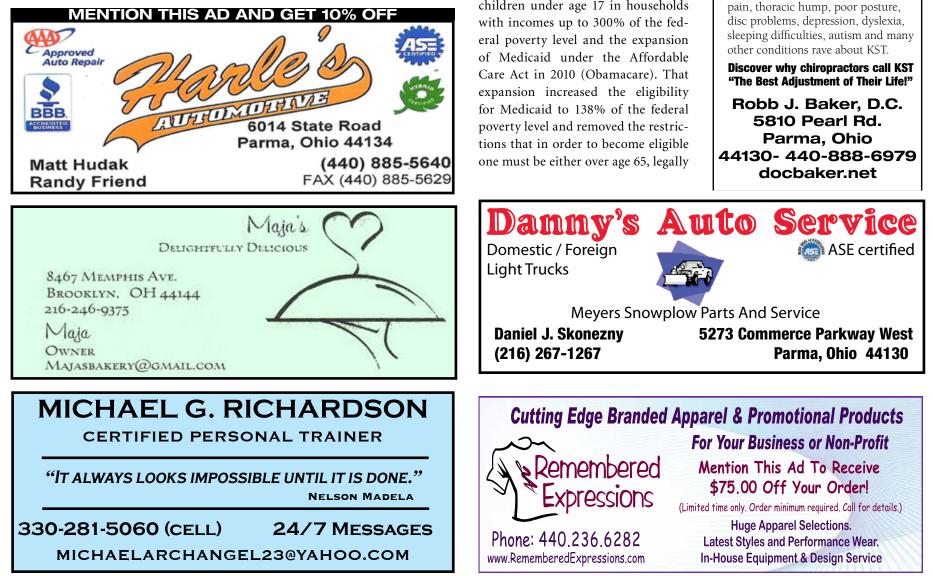


The Social Security pension system, which only covered retirees, widows, and orphans, was based on a successful German system that was established in the 19th century by Otto Von Bismarck where workers paid into a fund that was designed to finance a government pension system for all workers. The German system used age 65 as the age for retirement and that was the age used for Social Security retirement.

Since 1935, the Social Security system has been adjusted several times. In 1951, the fund was established for disabled workers and their dependents. Also, in 1951, the provision for reduced benefits for early retirement at age 62 was established. In 1972, Social Security benefits were indexed to the cost of living so benefits could keep up with inflation. In 1983, the Social Security tax rates were increased to their present levels as a means to build up a reserve for the anticipated retirement of the baby boom generation.

Since the Social Security Act was passed in 1935, no doubt it has become one of the most successful and popular government programs. It provided a floor for those who are the most vulnerable in our country and provided cash assistance to those who have lost their jobs through no fault of their own as well as families and individuals who would have no source of income.

The other major anniversary this summer is the 50th anniversary of Medicare and Medicaid. It was on July 30, 1965, that President Lyndon Johnson signed into law the Act creating Medicare and Medicaid. Both pro-



grams became effective one year later on July 1, 1966. It is difficult to imagine that back in 1965, most seniors and retired people were without any health insurance and dying from preventable diseases simply because they lacked the means to pay for necessary medical care. At the same time, people living in poverty were also dying from preventable causes for the same reason.

Medicare was simple. It was financed through a Medicare tax that was added to the Social Security tax and linked to one's Social Security account. When that person reached age 65 and had enough quarters of coverage under Social Security for retirement benefits, they qualified for Medicare. Since 1965, Medicare has been changed several times. In 1972, Medicare was expanded to cover those who had been receiving Social Security disability benefits for 24 months. In the 1980s, Medicare was expanded to include those with end stage renal disease (kidney failure and dialysis) and ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) regardless of age. In 2003, the Medicare drug benefit was added to the program.

Medicaid was based on one's income and assets. It was designed to be a joint federal and state program with the states establishing their own Medicaid program under federal guidelines. Unlike Medicare, which is an insurance program; Medicaid is a welfare program that is funded through general revenues with no specific tax to finance it.

The greatest changes in Medicaid were the establishment of the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 1997 that covered all children under age 17 in households blind, totally and permanently disabled, or caring for dependent children in the home under age 17. As a result, many single adults, childless couples, and working poor now can qualify for Medicaid.

Despite their critics, both Social Security and Medicare have never missed a payment of benefits since they were established 80 and 50 years ago. Despite the talk of Social Security and Medicare going broke, both programs are sound for the immediate short-term. Only minor fixes to both would keep both Social Security and Medicare solvent and functioning well into the 21st century.

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Perspective

Regional Solution, Or Another Division Of Wild"Death" Loophole To Kill More Deer, Lie To The Public, And Keep The Profits?

by Lucy McKernan

As of the July 6, 2015 Seven Hills council/caucus meetings, it was decided that bow hunting would not be put on the Seven Hills ballot.

But it's not over for Seven Hills, Parma, Parma Heights, Broadview Heights (where the mayor is a hunter), Independence (where the mayor's brother is a hunter and nuisance permit holder, and where the ordinance passed with no public input but a couple of council members for hunting, a Division of Wildlife official, and one resident known for bagging lots of deer), and Strongsville.

The "New Solution." A semiregional plan is underway this summer by the Cuyahoga County Mayors and City Managers Association — presided over by Independence Mayor Kurtz who should be recused due to bias, as should Broadview Heights Mayor Alai who is a hunter, and who wanted to revisit a bow hunting ordinance there after voters already repealed it — to make the Ohio Division of Wild"Death" (ODOW) come up with both lethal and non-lethal "solutions."

It's Not a Safety Issue: My recent analysis of deer-vehicle collisions (DVCs) in North Royalton spanning March 2013 to July 2015, from an Open Public Records request there found a slight decrease in DVCs, consistent with a decline from a previous six-year analysis. Out of 28 months and 218 reports — many avoidable, had adequate hot spot technology been implemented there after being discussed and refused in January 2013, or erroneous/bogus reports or otherwise questionable — there was one very minor human injury for which the driver did not want medical attention. No vehicles had major damage, and most vehicles had either no damage or very minor vehicle damage. Nationwide, approximately 2 to 3 million deer die annually from DVCs; about 200 people do. You are more likely to hit the jackpot super lotto.

Seven Hills has far fewer reported DVCs. Independence's reduction in DVCs is directly and demonstrably correlative with the installation of that city's I-77 tall sound barriers, where previously, most of the reported DVCs occurred, according to our public records check there. The pro-hunting advocates in Independence like to claim it's because of the bow hunting, but since the majority of DVCs occurred on or very near the I-77 corridor, and then dramatically decreased after the barriers were erected, hunting, a lethal method with proven rebounding populations, cannot be the cause of that community's reduction in DVCs. North Royalton has an average of 10 mph higher speed limits, making hot spot technology the preferred recommendation. Strongsville, with its I-71 entrance ramps and other hot spots, would also benefit from effective roadway deterrents.

What's really going on. Because rebound of population is a well-documented fact even the Division of Wild"Death" does not deny, even for short-sighted gardeners who want deer killed, and now, this is akin to having a broken left ankle, deliberately shooting one's self in the right foot, and then attempting to drive one's self to the emergency room to get the left sprained ankle treated.

That is because, as long as the ODOW is involved, the "compromise" means killing for profit, and rebound.

Although it is true that the ODOW admits to deliberately maintaining a high number of live targets for profit and to satisfy the six percent who hunt, and that ODOW effectively "owns" the deer, which is the basis of the Association's argument, we should not allow the Association's members to effectively and indirectly allow lethal methods by shifting the responsibility to the ODOW, who they know will find some way to kill or maim the deer; it's just a loophole, very crafty, very lawyerly, very political.

What the Association Should be Doing Instead. The Association should demand only non-lethal, non-invasive controls and/or working with proven, effective biological carrying capacity concepts. Also proven and effective are Strieter Lites and DeerDeter technologies in PROVEN and DOCUMENTED hot spots. Profit-driven ODOW wants more, not fewer deer, which is why they won't allow birth control, but PZP immuno-contraception is safe, affordable, and effective. PZP is a protein, not a hormone, so the ODOW cannot lie to the public and claim the herd will be "tainted" with hormones. PZP's efficacy boasts 90% the first year, 70% second year, and 50 third year. Since deer live an average of seven years, this can, has, and will reduce numbers very significantly.

But even without the asinine ODOW's authorization to begin birth control, we should at least be talking about roadway technologies and hot spots. It's also possible, with new landscape and gardening techniques, to more affordably and less labor intensively work with nature to allow for even larger herd sizes and more browsing with less loss!

I think the ODOW is scared now, because people are increasingly hip to the facts. Pennsylvania's previous game commissioner resigned a few years back because the rest of that also-mired-in-good-ol-boys-hunt-club board of directors, like Ohio's, refused to work with him on non-lethal solutions. But ODOW's Zehringer keeps, er, passing the buck

Hary Throws Out The First Pitch





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6 year old resident Hary Gilleland throwing out the first pitch at Parma Night at progressive Field, after winning a drawing the Mayor created to give this opportunity to Parma's youth.

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Parma Considering Garbage Fee After Years Of State Cuts, **Declining Levy Revenue**

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program cuts. Further, Parma has reduced its workforce through attrition, unfilled vacancies, and deferred hiring, resulting in a savings of nearly \$1 .7 million. "Parma is at a crossroads," DeGeeter said. "We can no longer rely on one-time money to fill major budget holes and maintain critical services to residents."

Without new revenue, the City likely will need to make major cuts in police and fire, a move that could hurt departments already below recommended staffing levels. For example, at a time when the Parma Police Department is responding to more calls than ever, the City has lowest number of officers per thousand residents in all

of Cuyahoga County and is below state and national averages. "Making major cuts is unacceptable because of the risk it poses to our residents," DeGeeter said. "It is essential to our quality of life that we maintain the vital safety forces that keep our city one of the safest cities our size."

Instead, Parma is considering a garbage fee as a revenue source to maintain its current level of residential services. Officials made the decision after looking at the garbage fees enacted by other cities in Cuyahoga County and across the state.

In Ohio, seven of the top 10 most populous cities have a garbage fee. All but three, including Parma (the seventh-largest city in Ohio), do not. Meanwhile, at least 16 Cuyahoga

County municipalities have a fee. A 17th city in our county is expected to implement one starting in 2016.

While a garbage fee may not be popular, it's consistent with what other cities in our county and across Ohio have done to increase revenue. Currently, Parma contracts with Republic Services to administer its \$4 million automated trash collection program.

The proposed garbage fee is expected to cover most of the overall cost. However, officials caution the fee shouldn't be considered a windfall. Rather, the proposed fee simply would allow the City to maintain current levels of service.

Since transitioning to automated pickup in 2013, Parma has saved more than \$800,000 each year. The reason

for the savings can be explained by the dramatic increase in the city's recycling rate, from 9 percent when the program began to 35 percent today. As a result, Parma is reducing the amount of trash hauled to landfills.

However, next year, the city's 25-year property lease with Republic Services expires in February 2016 - a lease that always has helped to significantly offset the costs of garbage collection. Republic Services entered into a lease agreement with the City for property located on Incinerator Drive because the company had contemplated building a transfer station there, but never did so.

When the lease ends, Parma will lose more than \$700,000 next year, increasing the cost of the City's trash collection program significantly. If Parma had not transitioned to automated trash pickup, the expenses would be even higher.

Parma Economic Development Office Has New Address

by Jeannie Roberts

Parma's office of Community Services and Economic Development has moved! The office, formerly



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located on Broadview Road, has relocated to 5517 State Road and is open on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The move will save the Department more than \$1,000 a month in rental related expenses.

The department is also celebrating a program anniversary of sorts as well. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the City of Parma's annual Sidewalk, Curb, and Catch Basin Program. On average, the city earmarks

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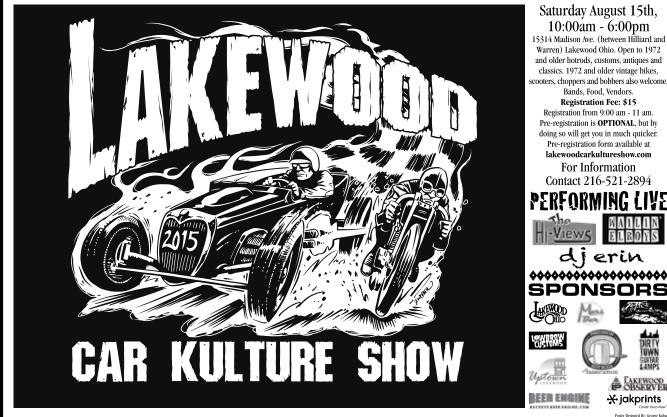
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\$175,000 of its annual Community Development Block Grant award to improve damaged and dangerous sections of public sidewalks, aprons, curbs and storm sewer catch basins. The work is done at no cost to the resident. Each year in the fall, the city invests the same amount of funding with its Streetscape Program to improve Commercial areas. In 2015, nearly 14,000 square feet of concrete at 43 locations was replaced and 60 catch basin repairs are underway.



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Parma And YMCA Partner To Keep **Services Local**



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Ridgewood Drive behind City Hall. Their hope is an August launch of those programs, which will include the Silver Sneakers program.

The YMCA, which has been a part of the Parma community since 1971, will provide the same instructors who have been leading the programs at the Ridgewood branch. "With open arms we welcome back our dear instructor Jeannie Sutak," Senior Center Director Jo Ann Mason said. "Jeannie taught here many years, and we are thrilled to have her back."

Another bright spot in the YMCA's transition of senior programming to the Senior Center is that a room with exercise equipment will be brought in for the senior's use. The room will be staffed with YMCA older adult exercise specialists whenever the Center is open. It is also a possibility that the YMCA will maintain a Parma presence with a "Y Express" facility. Parma Mayor Tim DeGeeter said, "We have suggested to the YMCA that we'd very much like to have a Y Express open for our residents' convenience, and the city's Community Development office has assisted the YMCA with suggestions for that purpose. So, even though the YMCA will be gone from its previous brick-and-mortar home, we are looking forward to assisting the YMCA to have a continued presence here in Parma."

The Parma Art Scene

Artist Of The Month Jo Ann Worsencroft

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 fourteenth in a series which will showcase a Parma area artist and introduce you to many of your talented neighbors.

Jo Ann Worsencroft - Quilter

Jo Ann & Dave Worsencroft have called Parma Heights their home for over 35 years. They were blessed with four sons, and five grandchildren. Jo Ann retired as a Health Center nurse from Baldwin Wallace University. Dave is a wood carver and member of the Great Lakes Wood Carvers.

About 10 or 12 years ago, Jo Ann made it a mission to learn something new each year. She has done cake deco-



Common Threads Display at Smallwood Center.

rating, flower arranging, read books, followed new authors, learned to play the harmonica, and to tap dance, to name a few. While browsing the class schedule for adult evening classes for the Parma City School District, she spotted one on quilting. It was there that she found her passion. Jo Ann said, "I quilt with a happy heart and it is my saving grace. I have met wonderful people with this craft."

Since retirement, she travels with Dave, who attends wood working and carving shows. While Dave attends the lectures, she stays in the hotel room and quilts all day, and finds a quilt shop after dinner to buy more fabric in the evening. Every quilter knows you never have enough fabric.

She joined the Common Threads Quilt Guild many years ago and is in her second year serving as their president. The guild was established in 1986 with 15 quilters. They now have more than 45 active members. The monthly meetings have a speaker, refreshments, and a show 'n' tell portion where members show their recent quilting efforts. Jo Ann said, "I am so proud and thankful of all my friends at the guild, as quilters are people that care – in good and sad times and excuse the pun – keep you in stitches."

Their November 2014 quilt show was a huge success with over 350 quilts on display. Abe and Mrs. Lincoln made an appearance. The quilts were judged, they had door prizes, and close to 800 people visited during the two day show.





Jo Ann Worsencroft With Quilt.

Jo Ann is very proud that the guild came together as a team and worked hard to make this such a successful show.

Community service is a big part of their mission. They make various sized quilts, stuffed bears, and pillow cases for various organizations. These organizations include Providence House, Domestic Violence & Child Advo-

Summer Art News

by Kathryn Mabin

The Flamingo Flock Has Landed This is the third year that Old Word Parma/Polish Village is presenting Flamingo Fever. Flamingo Fever is a public art event. Creative individuals are given a pink plastic flamingo lawn ornament. They use their imagination to create very unique table top sculptures. These creations are placed in establishments throughout the Parma area over the summer. The event culminates in a banquet/auction mid-September. The proceeds from this event benefit the Polish Village area and funds are used for other events throughout the year. You have the opportunity to participate by playing the The Flamingo Match Game over the summer. Details to follow. Cash prizes, Chinese Auction, good food, and lots of laughs are

in store for you at the banquet/auction held mid-September. Banquet tickets can be pre-ordered by emailing kathrynmabin@att.net. Look for photos in this issue for a teaser of what's to come, and check out the Polish Village Facebook page for more. cacy, Guidestone, Cleveland Police Department, Leah House, NICU at Fairview Hospital, Church Street Ministries, Redeemer Crisis Center, Calvary Lutheran Church, and nursing homes, to name a few. They have also donated for auction to animal shelters, youth groups, and more. So far, in 2015, they donated 50 quilts, 200 bears, 150 pillowcases, and "hopefully countless smiles."

This month they joined Parma Area Fine Arts Council as an affiliate organization. Their monthly meetings are now held at the Donna Smallwood Activities Center at 7001 W. Ridgewood Drive, on the evening of the third Monday of the month. Common Threads has also installed a display at the Smallwood Center in the lobby showcase. If you are interested in joining Common Threads or have questions, contact Jo Ann by email at jworsenc@bw.edu.

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.



Filmore Flamingo & His Magic Bus at P Jay's Pizza.

teacher. The center is air-conditoned. Call for details (440) 888-4514.

Adult Art Classes Parma Area Fine Arts Council also offers adult classes, at the Smallwood Center, on Wednesday evenings 6:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Adult watercolor classes are taught by Emery Bogardy. Acrylics and mixed media by Michelle Baran Behal. Beginners are welcome and encouraged. Call for details (440) 888-4514.

Great Lakes Wood Carvers On Thursday, July 23, 2015, the wood carvers met for an afternoon workshop at the Smallwood Center. The regularly scheduled monthly meeting was held afterward at 6:30 p.m., with the Annual Ice Cream Social. About 30 wood carvers attended. The wood carvers hold an Open Carve Night, every Tuesday at the Smallwood Center, which begins at 6:30 p.m. Those interested in learning more about wood carving are welcome to stop in. Mister B's Irish Pub On July 25, 2015, Mister B's Irish Pub held a mini pop-up art event. Local artists were given the opportunity to display their creations for the afternoon, free of charge. Mister B's is located at 6887 W. 130 St. in Parma Heights. If you are interested in participating in the next mini pop-up event, contact Georgia at (440) 884-3211.



9th Annual Side Walk Chalk Event Sunday, August 2nd Parma Area Fine Arts Council, in partnership with Polish Village, will hold the 9th Annual Side Walk Chalk Event at the Local Tavern parking lot, located at 5513 Pearl Road. This is a FREE event. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Prizes will be awarded for age group 2 to 7, and 8 to 14. Additional entertainment will be provided. Registration begins at 1:00 p.m., and the event ends at 3:00 p.m. Youth Art Classes Art Exploration Classes are offered by Parma Area Fine Arts Council on Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., for ages 7 through 17, at the Donna Smallwood Activities Center, at 7001 W. Ridgewood Dr., next to the new library on Powers Blvd. Cost is \$8 for a 2 hour class and supplies are included. The classes are taught by a licensed art



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