

“They’re trying to build a computerized community, but they’ll never make a zombie out of me”- Ray Davies

Triumphant Return Of The Parma Safety Fair

by Daniel P. McCarthy

Parma has one of the best safety records for a city of 80,000 people. One popular innovation over the years has been the Annual Safety Fair, presented at the Parma Justice Center by the Parma Police Department. Featuring hands on demonstrations by uniformed safety forces, fire-fighters, medical rescue units, Life Flight helicopter, SWAT, Bomb Unit, K-9 teams, Citizens Emergency Response Teams (CERT), Auxiliary

Police, and many other community oriented associations. The Safety Fair was cancelled in 2020 after the Covid 10 Pandemic swept over the nation. Usually held in the Spring, this year it was scheduled for the end of August. Because of current Covid restrictions, unfortunately the event was completely outside, meaning that tours of the courtrooms, jail facilities, Police Museum and other indoor activities were absent. Nevertheless, just being able

to experience all of the activities with cooperative weather, albeit steamy, made up for anything else. As always, the landing of the UH Medical helicopter in the parking lot drew a big crowd, and people eagerly lined up to inspect the craft and learn from the crew about the important functions of this life saving service. The live demonstration presented by the Parma Fire Department of a grease fire in a kitchen setting and just how dangerous it can be when someone tries to



UH Parma Medical Center helicopter landing in the designated landing area in front of the Parma Justice Center.

put out the fire with water was a real eye opener, literally! The ever popular K-9 demonstration, where the training and prowess of our 5 Police Dogs is evident as they easily take

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UH Parma Medical Center Wins National Award For Environmental Excellence

by CJ Sheppard

Even during a global pandemic, UH Parma Medical Center was among the top hospitals in the country honored for environmental excellence from Practice Greenhealth, the nation’s leading organization dedicated to environmental sustainability in health care. The Practice Greenhealth Environmental Excellence Award was presented to UH Parma Medical Center for exemplary efforts toward sustainability, encompassing aspects of waste stream management, food service, utility consumption, procurement practices, and greenhouse gas minimization. Food composting has been a notable recent addition to UH Parma Medical Center’s sustainability initiatives. The Lean Path program facilitated composting across the system, preventing an average of 143 pounds of food per week from reaching a landfill. These Environmental Excellence Award winners are among the top tier of 1,100 hospitals and health care organizations around the country. Winners range from large urban medical centers like UH Cleveland Medical Center to suburban community hospitals like UH Parma Medical Center and rural, critical-access hospitals. Each



facility is addressing the link between the environment and human health, with data to detail its success. These health care institutions are committed to reducing the impact of climate change, avoiding chemicals of concern in purchasing and investing in energy-smart solutions. Award-winning hospitals also are engaging staff to support sustainability efforts. Each year, members of UH Parma’s Sustainability Committee fashion scarves and capes out of green recycling bags and red hazardous waste bags and don them for a Trashionista Tour of the hospital, alerting staff to the importance and cost of disposing of recycling and waste properly. In a fun and light-

Pete Seneff of UH Parma handling composting, which has contributed to the hospital’s environmental sustainability.



During the Ukrainian Village Constitution Day Festival, a moving ceremony was presided over by Parma native Federal Judge Chris Boyko where immigrants from many countries were sworn in as New Americans. It was very significant that the ceremony was held here at this time, since many people in Ukrainian Village are indeed immigrants as well. Positive proof that immigration is a key factor in keeping the fabric of our country strong with new people and a future of unlimited possibility.

Script Parma Photo Of The Month



This month’s script Parma picture of the month was submitted by Alyssa Bower. The picture includes members of the Homestead Hoofers 4-H Club based at Stearn’s Homestead. They took the photo after the Independence Day parade with their animals. She will receive a gift card courtesy of Rookies Sports Bar and Grill, as well as a free car wash courtesy of Sgt. Clean’s Car Wash. Pictures can be emailed for the monthly contest to Parma City Council President Sean Brennan at councilmanbrennan@msn.com. Be sure to include your name and address.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The President's Corner

by Sean Brennan, Parma City Council President

Back in July I directed the Parma Run-Walk for Pierogies for the tenth year. We hosted 499 runners and walkers at Parma's own Cuyahoga Community College's Western Campus. Thanks to the success of the event, once again we were able to raise thousands of dollars to benefit local charities and projects. Part of our success was due to the generous sponsorship of former Parma mayor Dean DePiero.

Having worked with Dean as a member of Parma City Council during the eight years of his tenure as mayor, I can attest to his commitment to giving back to the community. In his continuing mission to do so, he is directing the Bubble Blast Kathleen DePiero Memorial 5k. In its fourth year, the event will take place on Saturday, September 18 at 8:00 am at the North Royalton YMCA located at 11409 State Road, North Royalton.

The race is dedicated to the memory of Kathleen DePiero, Dean's beloved late wife and former board member of the YMCA who is credited with the inception of the Bubble Blast in 2016. She is also credited as being a tremendous



advocate for youth and families in the greater community. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Y's Annual Campaign, granting low income area youth and families the opportunity to access Y programs and services, such as swim lessons, youth sports leagues, and before and after school childcare they otherwise could not afford.

Since 2018, the event has helped subsidize nearly \$18,000 in programs, or the equivalent of 110 weeks of summer camp. In 2019 and 2020, the North Royalton Y supported almost



\$140,000 in scholarships for membership and programs. Throughout the 2020 COVID-19 crisis, the branch remained open for Pandemic Childcare for first responders, provided virtual programming and activities, implemented Y-Cares, a school age program to assist working parents during remote learning, and so much more. The Y is committed to strengthening the foundation of the community through programs that promote youth development, social responsibility, and healthy living, none of which would be possible without the support of community partners. In fact, they continue to have a strong partnership with the City of Parma Senior Center.

Participants in the Bubble Blast may run or walk in the 5k (3.1 miles)

or the 1 mile course. 5K awards will be given to the top three male and female runners in the following age groups: 9 & Under, 10-14, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60 & over. For \$25 all participants will receive a t-shirt, finisher medal, and post-event refreshments. To find out more and to sign up visit: runsignup.com/Race/OH/NorthRoyalton/BubbleBlast.



WWII At Stearns Homestead

by Kathryn Mabin

You are invited on Sunday, September 26, 2021 11:00 am to 4:00 pm, Stearns Homestead, located at 6975 Ridge Road, will be showing us how life was on the farm during the WWII years. WWII re-enactors and historical interpreters will be stationed around the farm where you, the visitor, can speak with them to

learn about the roles they played during the war era. The American Red Cross, Women's Army Corps, Rosie the Riveter, Victory gardens, rationing, US Crop Corps and Books for Victory will be represented. Also on display will be farm equipment from the 1940's in the historic 100 year old Gibbs House. Of course the farm animals will also be there to greet you. It

will be a free, fun, educational event for adults and children alike. Stop by and learn about how people lived in the 1940's.

Cliff And Joanne Plants Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

by Joanne Plants

Cliff and Joanne Plants of Strongsville, Ohio are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on September 4, 2021. The couple was married in Divinity Lutheran Church in Parma Heights, Ohio on September 4, 1971. Cliff had a successful career in Industrial Sales. Joanne was in Information Technology sales. She sold Computer Solutions. The couple has been living in Strongsville, Ohio for the past 35 years. They will be celebrating this occasion with family and friends.



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HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Two New Board Members Appointed At UH Parma Medical Center

by CJ Sheppard

Leaders in business and medicine are the two newest members of the Board of Directors at University Hospitals Parma Medical Center.

Kareem Maine serves as Plant Director for the Parma manufacturing plant of General Motors, one of the city’s major employers. He has been responsible for quality, safety and productivity while overseeing operations for more than 1,000 employees. An engineer by training, Mr. Maine holds a bachelor’s degree in engineering from University of Detroit Mercy and a master’s degree in manufacturing operations from Kettering University. Over nearly two decades, he has held a wide range of roles at GM, from senior manufacturing engineer through various production management roles. Mr. Maine resides in Twinsburg.

Michael Debs, MD, appointed as the physician representative to the Board, is an independent primary care

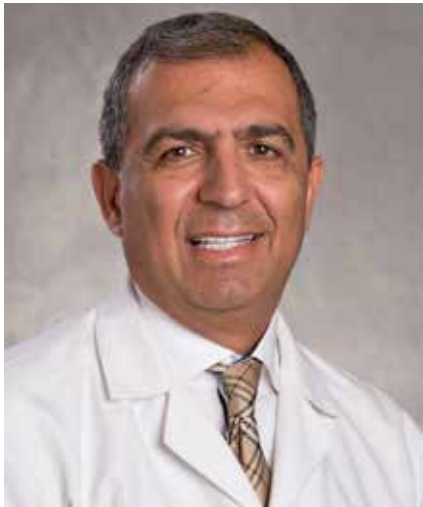
physician who has been an instrumental member of the medical staff at UH Parma for more than two decades. He has held numerous leadership roles, including Chairman of the Department of Medicine and 15 years overseeing the hospital’s quality initiatives. He has been the Program Director for UH Parma Medical Center’s Internal Medicine Residency Program since the hospital began training medical residents in 2015. Dr. Debs earned his medical degree from the Medical University of Sofia in Bulgaria’s capital city. He resides in Brecksville.

“We welcome the valuable addition of two new Board Members,” says Tim Boyko, Chairman of UH Parma’s Board of Directors. “Kareem brings a wealth of business and managerial experience to the Board. Dr. Debs brings leadership experience and the unique perspective as a primary care physician.”

UH Parma’s Board of Directors is comprised of members recommended



Kareem Maine



Dr. Michael Debs

for appointment by the mayors of the six communities that founded the hospital in 1961 – Parma, Parma Heights, Brooklyn, Brooklyn Heights, North Royalton and Seven Hills – as well as

the mayor of Broadview Heights. The Board also includes a nurse representative and two members who are in senior leadership positions at University Hospitals.

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hearted manner, they educate staff on knowing where to throw items, distribute bins and bags, and award prizes for those who retain this important information.

“UH Parma Medical Center stands as a health care leader in its dedication to recycling and composting, choosing local and sustainable food options,

reducing electricity and water usage and selecting green cleaning alternatives,” says Jay Loughner, Manager of Food & Nutrition Services and long-time leader of the Sustainability Committee at UH Parma. “We are devoted to remaining at the forefront of sustainably practices in health care for the betterment of our organization and our planet.”



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GLIMPSES OF THE THE TRI-CITY AREA



Walter's Grove Pool Dog Swim held on August 15. Annual event that is all too much fun to watch and take part in. Also the closest thing right now to a dog park experience in Parma. Wonderful time was had by all, especially our four legged friends.



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Orange Peels And Skunks

by Susan Banks - Yurik

“Hey YOU!” “Hey YOU back!” I shouted. As I turned to see who was calling out with such a loud voice, there appeared an adorable little girl. She came barreling up the sidewalk on her two wheeler bicycle headed right to my driveway. Apparently, my drive had become the official turn around point and “that's as far as you are allowed to travel” location. It had been some-time since I saw children playing in the neighborhood. Children who are now older and heading off to college. It was good to see little ones once again.

“You sure can ride that bicycle pretty good for such a little girl. May I ask how old are you?” “I'm SIXZZZ,” enunciating as precisely as she could in spite of missing four of her front teeth. “I'm going into kindergarten this year.” “Are you starting kindergarten at Thoreau Park School?” I smiled. “YESZZZ,” she said with a huge smile. “Well, I went to Thoreau Park School when I was your age and my children went there too.” Her eyes got big as saucers as she began to look around. “Well! Where are they? Your kids. Where's your kids?” “Oh, they are adults now with children of their own, and I am a grandmother!”

She was trying not to laugh. I wasn't quite sure why until she announced, “OHHH, I'm not old enough to be a gramma! NOT for a LONG time! I'm not as old like you are!” No longer could I hold my laughter back and neither could she. We both ended up laughing together for reasons quiet different from one another! It felt good to laugh. With the constant unsettling news in today's world, this child's conversation was refreshing to my spirit and soul. She was carefree, hopeful, eager, and just down-right pleasing in a world that seems to be turned upside down.

In my hand, I had a few orange skin slices, which I was placing around my flowerbed to keep the skunks away. “What's that in your hand?” she stood on her tiptoes trying to see. “Orange peels!” The look on her face priceless.

“WHY?” she frowned. “Did you eat the oranges? My mom says you should throw them away in the trash NOT on the ground.” I squeezed one of the orange peels releasing the fragrance of orange blossoms. “Would you like to smell the orange peel?” The



fragrance of citrus lingered between us in the hot humid air. “OH-H, that smells good! Skunks like oranges. I have a skunk, but I can hold her and it's OK for me to pet her!” she told me while nodding her head up and down confirming this was true! I was quite sure she saw my concerned expression when she announced that she had a pet skunk. “A real alive skunk,” I questioned. “Yup, real! She doesn't bite though. So you don't have to be afraid! I will bring her with me next time.” Perhaps her skunk, who also liked oranges, is a toy? I'm HOPING!! Just then she heard her friends calling her name. Quickly, she turned her bike around to ride away. She shouted out with a voice that could be heard several streets away, “Bye, I'll come back and help you, but NOT today, okay!” Her laughter, excitement, and smiles were contagious. If only for a few moments in time, I joined in her innocence and love of life, completely free from the cares of the day.

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Here are some details about the Clambake and ticket prices:

- Clambake with grilled chicken - \$35.00
- Clambake with 12 oz. strip steak - \$40.00
- Bowl of New England clam chowder - \$5.00

- Extra dozen clams - \$12.00
- A cash bar will be available with beer - \$3.00, wine - \$3.00 & hard seltzer - \$3.00
- Carryout is available

The Clambake is being catered by Catering by Verba's. All dinners include one dozen clams, sweet corn, sweet potato, bread and butter, clam broth, Honey Hut ice cream, cookies from the Culinary Arts Program at Normandy High School, pop, water, and coffee.

There will also be sideboards, basket raffles, and a 50/50 raffle. All proceeds benefit the Parma City Schools Foundation.

Only 350 tickets are being sold, so get yours early!

To purchase tickets online and pay with a credit card, please visit www.eventbrite.com. Under "Search Events," please type in Parma City Schools Foundation Clambake. The deadline for ticket sales is Friday, September 10, 2021.

Questions: Please contact Craig Phillips at (440) 241-2673 or ctphillips1978@gmail.com; or Barbara Filipow at (440) 487-2863 or filipowb@yahoo.com.



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Inspiration

Frontline Workers....Our Everyday Heroes

by Tony Kessler

Welcome to my first of a monthly column where I will bring you stories and reflections about our past and present hometown heroes. There are many definitions of a Hero....even one that describes a type of sandwich. But the one definition I find most encompassing says a Hero is: "A person noted for

feats of courage or nobility of purpose, especially one who has risked or sacrificed his or her life." Many people fall under this definition just in the performance of their everyday occupational related duties, such as our Military, Fire Fighters, Law enforcement officers, Nurses, doctors, nursing home and hospital workers. Acts of heroism are also



Service Of Remembrance During The Time Of Covid

by Daniel Stinson

Covid 19 has touched us all in a variety of ways. One of the most difficult of those was the loss of loved ones who either died from Covid 19 or that were unable to fully celebrate their lives due to the restrictions in gathering for a service. The Ridgewood United Methodist Church , 6330 Ridge Rd., Parma, would like to invite you to a Service of Life, Death, and Resurrection for your loved ones. It will be a time to remember them, and to light a candle in their honor. Everyone who has lost a loved one to death (either from Covid or other causes) are invited to be part of this service.

In order to prepare for the event, you are asked to make your reservations by September 5th, either by calling the church at 440-885-1360, or email office@ridgewoodumc.org. When making your reservation you will be asked to give the full name, date of birth and date of death of the person you wish to remember. Feel free to invite your family and friends to attend with you. As of now, the only restriction is that everyone is asked to wear a mask to protect one another. A time of fellowship and light refreshments will follow the service. There is no charge for this event. It is a gift to the community from the people of the Ridgewood United Methodist Church, Rev. Karen Wolcott, Pastor.

reported everyday by regular citizens and yes even on occasion a four-legged fur friend will perform a heroic act. Veterans will be recognized with past acts of heroism while serving, or after serving in the military.

Each Month this column will focus on heroes who are current Parma residents, past residents or those who have specific ties to the city. With the pandemic, 2020 and 2021 have seen enough acts of heroism to fill this column for many issues. So, for this inaugural article, I would like to pay a general tribute and honor to those front-line workers who stood fast in their performance of duty in caring for those contracting Covid 19 and continue to this day while caring for those with the new Delta Variant.

Let's take a minute and pay tribute and give recognition to those who have made extraordinary sacrifices. The first responders, nurses, doctors, and caretakers who were constantly in harm's way while just performing their everyday work duties. Imagine going to work each day with the fear that each person you come in contact could result in your being a victim and being admitted to ICU, or worse. Not being able to hug your loved ones and having to sleep in a separate room of your house or not even going home for fear of exposure to your own family.

News articles daily of nurses, doctors and first responders reaching the breaking point to where they were on the brink of giving up on their career or even taking their own life, only to banish the thoughts and continue day after day with their life saving and comforting duties despite the risks.

Thank You All for Your Unselfish and Dedicated Service. You are all Heroes.

(If you have a person or organization you would like to see recognized as a hero, please submit to: tonyk.parmaproud@yahoo.com please include your contact information)



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Neighborhoods

Disappearance Of Beverly Potts



by Kevin Kelly

The 70th anniversary of the mysterious disappearance of 10 year old native Clevelander Beverly Potts’ is coming up in August.. On August 24, 1951, Beverly went missing from Halloran Park which is on the west side of Cleveland. The park is located on West 117 Street north of Lorain Road. She was last seen attending the annual talent show event called the Show Wagon. The case stands alone because despite being one of the largest police investigations in Cleveland history, nothing has ever been discovered as far as the little girl’s fate is concerned.

What many people are unaware of

is that some of the investigation leads caused authorities to search surrounding metropolitan areas. These areas included the city of Parma and Brookpark and the Big Creek Metro Parks near Brookpark and Teideman Road. At one time during the investigation, it was reported that a little girl was struck by an automobile at Halloran Park the day of the Show Wagon. Additionally, it was reported that her body was disposed of somewhere in a wooded area in Parma between Snow Road, West 130, Stumph Road and Huffman Road. This 3 quarter of a square mile area was still underdeveloped back in 1951 and

was considered lovers lane for teenagers and a place for gangs to race their jalopies. Back in 1951, due to a lack of manpower, the Cleveland Police Department not only recruited Parma Police Officers, but also boy scouts from Cleveland and Fairview Park to conduct the searches in that area. Other major searches were conducted in Big Creek Parkway near Brookpark and Hauserman Road.

Up until that time, parents were very cordial about their children's whereabouts, but afterwards, they would regularly warn their kids about talking to strangers or they too would end up like Beverly Potts. To this day, the disappearance remains a cold case. Even now, every now and then, an upwardly mobile promising new detective will attempt to solve the mystery of what happened to the missing child.

A 2021 documentary about the disappearance of Beverly Potts titled “Vanishing of Beverly Potts” is coming out in August. The documentary is produced by Shocker Enterprises and is based on news coverage and interviews of ones who lived near where Beverly disappeared. The video is in post production and is expected to be completed by the end of July, which will then be sent out to on COX Cable Channel 45 and other local Ohio networks for showing.

Please contact me if you need more information at:ckelly62@gmail.com



2ND Fridays Parma Heights- -Let's Go There!

by Emery Pinter

An event like 2ND Fridays is long overdue for Parma Heights and is a welcome addition to the city's entertainment offerings. Consider it a block party along Pearl road to help promote and maintain an economically vital business district that is attractive and accessible to people of all ages. After a soft opening last month, Friday September 10th highlights a Scavenger Hunt along Pearl road. One will explore Parma Heights like never before. Work

by yourself or with a team to answer trivia questions and complete photo challenges. Forms will be available the day before on the Facebook page of Parma Heights 2ND Fridays. Admission: FREE Skill Level: Competitive Fun Travel Method: Walking

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No More Excuses

by Lee Kamps

Before I started writing this column, I received the news that the Phizer COVID vaccine has received the full approval from the FDA. No doubt that the other COVID vaccines will also receive the full approval from the FDA soon. As soon as the FDA gave approval of the Phizer vaccine, the Pentagon has ordered that all active duty and reserve troops must be vaccinated against COVID as soon as possible or face disciplinary action. At the same time I also saw that the city of New York has mandated vaccines for all public and school employees.

It wouldn't surprise me one bit if the President issues an executive order requiring proof of vaccination in order to pass through TSA security at airports now that the COVID vaccines will have full FDA approval. With all the problems of unruly passengers and mask wearing on airplanes, this is a welcome solution to air travel. I have been very reluctant to fly because I do not want to spend as much as six hours wearing a

face mask not only on the plane but in the airport as well. I also would expect many employers will be mandating vaccinations for their employees or at least weekly COVID tests as a condition of their employment.

Another thing that I read is that perhaps the insurance companies will stop waiving all deductibles and copayments for COVID treatment for patients who are not vaccinated. Since the beginning of the pandemic, health insurance companies and Medicare have been waiving all deductibles and copayments for treatment of COVID patients. But now that the COVID vaccines will have full FDA approval, there is no reason to waive cost sharing for COVID treatment. COVID vaccines have always been and will continue to be at no cost to all Americans because it is a preventative service and a matter of public health.

More than anything else, making the individual responsible for all deductibles and copayments associated with treatment of COVID would

force even the most reluctant person to get vaccinated since people usually listen when money talks. There is no such thing as "free" health care anywhere. Someone is always picking up the tab for anyone's medical care. For most Americans it is their health insurance, Medicare or Medicaid.

Even in the case where the government was picking up the tab for treating COVID patients and the cost for the vaccines, ultimately the cost of that will fall to the taxpayers. That is an important function of any government; to ensure the well being of its citizens. Regardless of political party or belief, this is a primary function of any government.

That is another reason why vaccination is so vitally important. Besides saving lives, vaccines also significantly reduce the cost of health care. Despite the billions of dollars spent in developing, producing and distributing a vaccine; that cost pales in comparison of paying for the care and treatment of those who become infected with the disease

Besides the economic costs of the business shutdowns during the pandemic, the cost is also the lost productivity to any business when an employee or worker is sick with COVID. When a worker is sick, they are either not working or are not working at their best and in the case of COVID, one infected employee could infect the entire workplace making more people sick.

That is why companies began

covering employees with health insurance in the first place. That goes back to the Second World War when there was a real shortage of labor with most young men off fighting the war. Their spots in the work force were filled by women and men too old to serve in the war. Companies making war material couldn't afford to have any workers miss work because of sickness and it was in their best interest to have a healthy and productive work force.

Because women often had children at home, a sick child often meant that a mother couldn't work since she was needed to care for her sick child. That is one reason why companies also covered family members and dependents. Some big employers established clinics at their plants so workers could easily see a doctor or a working mother could leave a sick child for care so she could work.

Kaiser Shipbuilding was the largest ship building company on the west coast in the 1940s and they were given the contract by the Navy to rebuild the Pacific fleet after the Japanese destroyed it at Pearl Harbor. They established a clinic at their Long Beach California plant for their workers and their families. That clinic eventually became the Kaiser Permanente Health System that still exists today.

So, now there is absolutely no excuse not get vaccinated against COVID 19. Vaccines save lives. There is nothing sadder than dying from a preventable disease.

Triumphant Return Of The Parma Safety Fair

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down "perpetrators" wearing super padded suits while vainly struggling to resist.

Even though people of all ages come to the Safety Fair, it is a very kid oriented function, and indeed many children come with their parents and not only learn about the job our police, fire and medical personnel perform, but they also learn why we value these people and their professions. They understand more completely that their safety and that of their loved ones depends on relentless training and solid support from the cities where they live, including the resident. Above all else, they are taught that far from being afraid to interact, instead the safety forces are approachable and necessary for them to feel secure in their daily lives. Certainly in the crowd are more than a few young people who will one day choose to pursue the same career path and join our safety forces, some day also demonstrating their abilities at a Safety Fair in the future. That makes this one in 2021 seem more important than ever.





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Rock/Art Legend Floyd Longworth In Parma



Floyd Band in Parma. Not that Floyd band, the band fronted by artist Floyd Longworth, at an unplugged show at Prama Artspace and Gallery in the cozy space outside on August 14. Exceptional and interesting show- if you missed it then too bad for you.



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Linked To Hunting

by Lucy McKernan

Hunting is inextricably tied to feelings of inferiority and atrocities against humans.

Hunters first learn to objectify, even sexualize the animals they kill, then transfer their pathology onto women and outside social groups. It's clear there's something sinister lurking in the brains of those who intentionally maim (bow hunting results in at least a 54% or higher wound rate) and slaughter nonhuman animals, particularly deer whose beauty, disposition, and comparable size are virtually unmatched in the natural world. In the foreword of Jim Robertson's *Exposing the Big Game*, the illustrious Captain Paul Watson states: "hunters can be described quite adequately as sadistic perverts and social deviants." Watson adds, "there is nothing to be admired from those who kill for pleasure, sport and short term gratification due to frustrated sexual inadequacies."

Feelings of insecurity know no bounds. Before last year's election, a former presidential candidate-turned-Biden-staffer -a gay man with the right to freely express his sexuality -tried to convince the public he's man enough for the job by going on a deer hunting trip in Michigan with his partner's father. And what about women who hunt? Their numbers may be increasing, but mounting evidence shows women also hunt to deal with feelings of inadequacy.

Our society's attitude toward female species is one of disposability. Female deer bear the burden of birthing and raising fawns. Yet, does are slaughtered up to 10 times more than their male counterparts, including in our park systems, which directly benefit from excise tax money collected from hunting and gun/ammo sales.

Likewise, human females and children overwhelmingly account for victims of domestic violence. It's the dominion mentality. Men who hunt are more likely to engage in violence against those they denigrate. According to public records, the former Cleveland police officer who killed a 12-year-old child but was later fired for lying on his application about failing ballistics training has since been

permitted to bow hunt in Parma. His hunting partner, a Parma cop, also has a violent public record.

Men -and most hunters are white men - who inflict terror on those outside their social circles lurk in countless, nameless hate groups, not excepting law enforcement. Now, we all know this since Jan. 6. But more often, they're out in the open. Seemingly benign providers of meat for the family, they also claim to provide a public service, ridding us of demon deer. Perhaps that is what Cindy Hunnicutt thought. In a New York Times article, Hunnicutt -- pastor at an Atlanta church near the massage facility where Asian-American and other female workers were killed and injured by sociopath Robert Aaron Long, pointed out the shooter and his father "enjoyed" hunting deer. Hunnicutt said, "Mr. Long practic[ed] with his crossbow in the backyard." Dylan Klebold, one of the shooters in the Columbine, CO, school shootings whose 18-year-old girlfriend Robyn Anderson purchased a rifle for him because he was under 18, admitted lying to her about it. Klebold told Anderson he and his mass murdering partner meant no harm, just wanted to have fun "shooting or hunting deer."

Criminologists now profile suspects based on the connection between killing animals and crimes against humans. Since a disproportionate number of these shootings are clearly perpetuated by hunters, the FBI should move them to the top of the list. According to the FBI, Chai Soua Vang, an Asian-American, shot at hunters in a wooded area near Meteor, WI, when other hunters found him on their private land. After the shootout, six people were killed, two wounded. Were property owners targeting Chai Soua Vang because of race or ethnicity? At least we can say hunting ended in the violent deaths of humans on both sides attempting to exploit animals.

In Northeast Ohio, John Zayac's notorious band of poachers killed many hundreds of deer in Cuyahoga County's southwest suburbs for years. They profited by tens of thousands off deer "jerky" sales. But good ole boys at Ohio Division of Wildlife dragged out

the sting, so they could collect mounting fines. Ironically, from the moment women stand up to trespassing, menacing hunters, they're criminalized by law enforcement and corrupt judges.

A friend who lives in rural southeast South Carolina hears deer hunters' bullets scream past her house, sees collateral victims of hunting - disposable hunting dogs crushed by semis on a nearby road - and was arrested for gathering evidence hunters had trespassed on her own property. To paraphrase her: Think about what being a Black woman terrorized by good ole boys with guns and hunting dogs in a rural area of a southern state harkens back to.

Persecution against women who stand up to hunters in northern states like New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio is marginally less-bad. One PA woman lost her law license while fighting that state's blatantly unconstitutional law. She was falsely arrested on her own property, but appealed and won. That twisted PA law protecting hunters is no

more. This writer also won, on appeal - a false arrest charge and equally bogus sentencing - for allegedly harassing a hunter while peacefully enjoying private property. Ohio needs to follow suit.

We should all say no to a dying "sport" that has seen a sharp decline from seven to four percent, results in frequent maiming and untracked deer, is the springboard for other forms of hate, keeps the wrong kind of people in power, and is a root cause of gun violence. Know the enfranchised enemies: Overreaching, biased law enforcement; self-serving game agencies whose boards, officials and employees are recruited hunters and trappers, particularly in red states like Ohio; and the gun sales and hunting permit industries that charge an 11% excise tax which only fuels hunting and "culling," a polite euphemism for slaughter in our public parks. Hunting can be accurately described as institutional speciesism. It's the original sin that gives rise to all other atrocities.

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News You Can Use (And Where To Find It)

by Gene Lovasy

RAISING AWARENESS: Human Trafficking/Abuse:

From The Greater Cleveland Coordinated Response to Human Trafficking (GCCR2HT):

Know who to call....If you believe someone may be a victim of human trafficking call the Cuyahoga County Regional Human Trafficking Task Force Hotline at 216-443-6085 or 911 in the case of an emergency.

Learn more about how the issue of Human Trafficking is being effectively addressed locally. Follow the Collab on Facebook To stay current in regards to HT-related events and activities sign up for their E-newsletter

Read some recent Human Trafficking-related awareness posts. They're important, relatively short and worth the read.

If you haven't yet, consider joining one of these upcoming hour-long, "Human Trafficking 101" classes: Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 4:00 pm, and Thursday, Oct. 21 at 7:00 pm.

Coming up in September - Mark your calendar....For the International Human Trafficking & Social Justice Virtual Conference presented by the University of Toledo, Sept 22 – 24, 2021. Details and FAQ's can be found by clicking: <https://www.trafficking-conference.com/>

From The Polaris Project..."What We Know About How Child Sex Trafficking Happens".

LOCAL EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

From Education Service Center of NE Ohio... to help mitigate your child's back-to-school uncertainty & set him/her on the road to success.

From MetroHealth:
MetroHealth has a wealth of resources to help anyone who may need assistance with the breastfeeding process or who want to support breastfeeding parents. Did you know any amount of breastfeeding can reduce a baby's risk of SIDS? Learn more about these and other resources.

Mammograms in 15 minutes or less will be available via their 3D Mammography Coach at Discount Drug Mart locations in Avon Lake, Brunswick Hills, Highland Heights, Independence, Lakewood, Lorain, Mentor and Strongsville in August and September. Registration is required. Learn more about this Mobile 3D Mammography Coach service.

From Parma Area Chamber of Commerce....Click below to get details of this upcoming community event:

Parma City Schools Foundation Clambake – September 17, 2021
SAVE THE DATE - The Pride Award Celebration, 6:30pm - 8:00pm: Dinner and Awards Presentation,

Wednesday September 29th , Holiday Inn Independence, 6001 Rockside Rd., Independence, Ohio

From Bellfaire JCB – Social Advocates for Youth (SAY) Program... Check out this short PDF Booklet, designed by the Mental Health Foundation Scotland, to help start conversations that assist you and your teen understand how different people are feeling, how each individual copes best, & how you can support each other in managing some of the stresses you may all be facing. It's a clever approach & worth a look-see. <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/sites/default/files/MHF-Scotland-Parents-Pack.pdf>

From Ridgewood United Methodist Church...Check out their non-denominational LOGOS Community Youth Program designed for all kids (and their families) grades K – 12. The group meets from 5:30 to 8:10 pm, the 1st & 3rd Wednesday starting in September & goes through mid-March.

Cleveland's Singing Angels... This famed group of young singers will be holding in-person auditions on Wed, Sept 1st from 4:30 – 7:00 pm and Sat., Sept 4th from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at their studio, 3600 Biddulph Ave., Suite A in Cleveland (corner of State Rd & Biddulph). A trained voice is not necessary; aspiring Angels, from 4th grade through age 16, need a pleasant voice, love of music, and commitment to discipline. Learn more here: <http://singingangels.org/auditions.php>

National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) of Greater Cleveland...A great resource for those (and/or their families) dealing w/a mental health issue of any kind. to view a list of local community resources and for a relatively new, unique program right in our own backyard – the "BreakThru" Medical Withdrawal Management Service at SW General Hospital.

From Achievement Center for Children/Camp Cheerful:
Openings are still available for the fall session of PONY PALS, a unique equestrian opportunity offered to typically developing children ages 4

- 14. Our Therapeutic Horsemanship Program is also available for children with special needs. Each class is 1 hour and includes a 30-minute beginner horseback riding lesson and a 30-minute hands-on ground lesson to include topics such as safety, grooming, stable care, and more! Check out the attached flyer for more details and to register.

The "Cheers to Camp Cheerful" fundraising event is back & will be held on Saturday, Sept. 18th, from 5:30 - 8:30 pm at Camp Cheerful, located on Rt. 82 about ¼ mile east of the I-71/Royalton Rd interchange. Learn more about this special event & how you can help by visiting <https://achievementcenters.org/events/cheers-to-campcheerful/>

From Ohio Board of education: Social Emotional Learning Resource...CET and Think TV have produced a four-part Social Emotional Learning Series in collaboration with the Department. This resource was created to share with parents and caregivers. Learn how you can help support SEL at home. Visit <https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL6Lk9agZRfrD3-mWQrz1XOmYFtBPVGnQN>

INFOhio has licensed, high-quality, digital, teaching and learning content for the 2021-2022 school year that all Ohio PreK-12 students, their parents, and their teachers can use at school, at home, and on the go. The digital resources are freely available to Ohio's families and educators on the INFOhio website. This service is particularly helpful if you're home-schooling – click on the "PARENTS" graphic for a well-put-together list of FAQ's.

Carpooling...If you're having problems getting your kid/s to school, join the PCSD Area Carpool Group on FB. Click on this link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/334757700282719/>

From The Literacy Cooperative... If you were not aware, the Parma Area Kiwanis has teamed up w/the Cooperative to help facilitate enrollment in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library for folks living in Cuyahoga County & Wickliffe. Once a child, from newborn to 4 ½, is enrolled he/she will receive each month an age-appropri-

ate, personally addressed book in the mail until aging out at age five. There is no cost to enroll. Learn more about the work of the Cooperative, the Dolly Parton Imagination Library initiative & enroll you child now.

Parma Council of PTA's (PCPTA):

Is gearing up for the start of the 2021 – 2022 school year with, among many other things, a T-Shirt, Hoodie & Tote Bag sale.

Check out their webpage for details regarding upcoming programs/events, etc. i.e.: a Candidates Night for BOE candidates, the Reflections Program, PTA's cornerstone student art program.

From Parma City Schools:
some of the details behind the just completed, very successful Summer Academy of Learning & Enrichment (SALE) program, providing math and reading interventions as well as enrichment opportunities for about 475 students in grades K – 8. Students from across the district participated in this five-week program, which was completely free to attend.

Visit www.parmacityschools.org for the most current information regarding Extended Day Care Enrollment, Orientations, Open Houses and more.

From Southwest Community Based Svcs (SWCBS)/University Settlement & Starting Point:

A special thank you to Volunteers of America , Ohio Savings Bank, Ridge Rd United Church of Christ, Young Professionals of Parma, and Parma Council of PTA's for their donations of backpacks and schools supplies So far almost 350 students have benefited. If you know a student in need of a backpack or supplies, please call SWCBS at 440.887.4873.

>> SWCBS has begun planning their programming for the upcoming holiday season and will be needing volunteers. Call Evy Ash at 440.887.4873 if you're interested.

From Cuyahoga County Public Library (CCPL):

Consistent w/current CDC guidelines all CCPL branches have returned to requiring masks of all customers aged 2 and older upon entry. If a visitor does not have a mask, the Library will provide one.

All branches will be closed Sunday, September 5 & Monday, September 6, in observance of Labor Day. Branches will re-open Tuesday, September 7th.

The Parma Branch has updated its schedule w/a whole host of new programming for kids to include their popular Baby Club & Story Time sessions.

See the entire list online with hot links at: parmaobserver.com



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PARMA’S ART SCENE

Parma Art Scene

by Kathryn Mabin

Prama Artspace Gallery & Boutique, 5411 Pearl Rd., is now showing an exhibit titled “#naming Emilys Show; The Art of Emily Szalkowski”. Emily says “Welcome to the Little World Inside my Head.” Emily’s work is a whimsical characterization of the mischievous monsters she imagines. They are sure to bring a smile to your face. This exhibit is on display until September 12th.

On September 24th, starting at 6:00 pm, Prama will be hosting the Keen Magazine Release Party. This magazine features art from underground artists. Free magazines to the first 200 attendees.

Prama Gallery owner, Sean Mabin states, “I love that the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame induction ceremonies are in Cleveland. I also love Halloween. So what’s a poor boy to do? Rock

and Horror have walked hand in hand since before Screamin Jay Hawkins and Nervous Norvus. Rock and Roll Nightmare has it all!!! Rock, shock, noise, horror, it’s all here.” Watch Prama’s Facebook page for details on the upcoming “Rock and Roll Nightmare.”. The show runs from October 22nd to November 21st.

Music at Prama:

Sunday Sept 12, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Open mic Sundays returns to Prama Artspace and Gallery! This week we have the multi talented The multi talented Tim Joyce is the guest host on September 12th! If you are a poet, musician, storyteller or just want to watch come on by!

Saturday 9/18/21 at 7:30 pm

Sept le Charme, French for "7 the spell" is the brainchild of Randy Roscoe

(voc). Influenced by the 19th century romantic movement and vintage b&w horror movies rather than rock, Randy sounds like no other. Sept Le Charme is poetic, goth, doomy, avante and at other times unclassifiable. The band is named after it’s signature song, much like Black Sabbath or Mephisto Waltz.

Sunday September 26, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Open Mic Night once again welcomes the sound of Aunt Dee Deprator.

Friday Oct 22 7:30

Duo Decibel System will perform at our opening for "Rock and Roll Nightmare". Come early and check out the art. Then enjoy the sounds of one of Cleveland’s best!

Witchy Wednesday’s at Prama continues with Card Reading with Mary Ford, September 22nd, starting at 3:00 pm.

Robert Pohm, board member of Parma Area Fine Arts Council was accepted into the Ohio Watercolor



1921 - A Hundred Years Ago In Parma

by Kathryn Mabin

The township of Parma was formed in 1826. In 1912, a portion of Parma broke off to form Parma Heights. Parma didn’t become a city until 1931. The U.S. Census from 1920 lists the Parma Heights population at 310, and Parma at 2,345, but by 1930 the population of Parma was over 13,000. Today Parma has a population of over 77,000 people. Parma was mostly farmland, but it was growing fast in 1921. By 1927 Parma was considered Cleveland’s fastest growing suburb.

In the 1920’s Parma had a street car called “dinkey”. It was the major mode of transportation and ran on State Road from Brookpark to Bean Road, now W Ridgewood. The “dinkey” started in 1915 and ran until buses replaced them. The “dinkey” ran every 30 minutes and during rush hour a second “dinkey” was used so that it picked up passengers every 15 minutes. The RTA #51 bus now runs a similar route every 30 minutes down State Road to the Parma Transit Center.

Historically the year 1921 started off on a particularity morbid note, when Principal Louise Wolf and teacher Mabel Foote, who taught at Parma Center school were murdered on February 16th. The two women were beaten to death by a fence rail. They were found by three students on their way to school the next morning. The two educators left school around 5:00 PM on February 16th and walked 2 miles down Bean Road (W Ridgewood) from Ridge to State to catch the “dinkey” home. Teachers earned about \$30 a month and were offered an extra \$3 if they cleaned the schoolroom, which was why it was thought they didn’t leave when school closed at 3:30. The brutal murders have never been solved. For more information on these murders see the February 2021 issue of the Parma Observer.

In October 1921, the new Parma High School Ridge Road opened it’s




doors. Because this was farm country school ended in May and began in October, so students could help out on the farm. At that time the Spanish Flu was running rampant throughout the world, much like Covid-19 is now. This school was located by Byers Field, and later served as the board office for a period. There is a historical marker on the site. The first graduation class had 6 students. Since than the district has graduated over 43,000 students in it’s 100 years. In 1932 Parma Schaaf opened as a junior high and later became Parma Schaaf High School in 1936. In 1936 after a moving speech by a California Indian Chief extolling the honorable ways of the American Indian, the mascot was changed from the Gray Hounds to the Redmen, and the motto Once a Redmen Always a Redman was born. In 1941, 80 years ago the Parma Alumni Association was formed. Schaaf continued as a high school until 1953 when the current Parma High was built. Schaaf reverted back to a junior high in 1953, when the new (current) Parma High opened. At that time the new Parma High was called the Queen of High Schools. It was built to house 2,000 students but in 1962 it had an enrollment of 3,500, in 3 grades. Today it has 1,500 students in 5 grades.

Also in 1921, State Road School, Pearl Road School and Ridge Road School also was built and opened. All three schools were designed in a similar style. Ridge Road closed in 1962. State Road was demolished in 2016. Schaaf and Pearl Road are now Constellation schools.

As you can see 1921 was an important year in Parma’s history. Our history is important. Knowledge of historical events and trends enables us to better understand and appreciate today. Robert A. Heinlein said “A generation which ignores history has no past and no future.”


Society Annual Juried Show with his painting “Dance of Love”. The exhibit ends September 3, 2021 at The Gallery at Lakeland Community College before traveling to various venues throughout the state through May 2022.

Sean Mabin, board member of Parma Area Fine Arts Council and owner/operator of Prama Artspace Gallery, photo titled “Reflective Beads” was accepted into the Walk All Over juried exhibition on display through September 18th. He is also one of over 150 artists that contributed to “Mouse House Party” an exhibit at Current located at 78th Street Studio, 1300 W. 78th Street. Artists were asked to fill the hole. The hole resembling a mouse hole.



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