

“In youth we learn, in age we understand.”- Marie van Ebner Eschenbach

Parma Observer Is 15 Years Old

by Daniel P. McCarthy

As we journey through this life, we all have only so many trips around the sun, and no one knows just how many that is. So 15 trips so far for the Parma Observer is no small amount of years. When we printed the first issue in October 2009, I was in

my late 40's and wondering what my 50's would be like. Now I'm 63 and wondering where my 50's went. Considering that I've spent nearly a quarter of my life devoted to the Parma Observer, I am made to reflect on just how much has happened during that time- in my life, that of everyone

else, and the world in general.

Most of all, what has been proven after 15 years of the Parma Observer so far is that independent media is perhaps one of the few places where average people can have their voices heard. Also where average people can hear what their neighbors think, and the ideas they are willing to share with each other in order to make the community a better place to live in. Recently I experienced something that was very rewarding and somewhat affirming, when I was at the library charging my phone during the 3 day power outage after our tornado incident. A woman was sitting near me, and I noticed that she had picked up a copy of the Parma Observer and was reading it while she also charged her phone. I didn't want to appear like a stalker, but I did watch her a bit, as she read page after page. After 15 years it was good to see that what we brought to life in 2009 is more relevant than ever, and seems to have a life of its own. which is all any parent can ever ask for, right?

So many thanks to so many people who have been involved from the very beginning to the present day. All too many who are no longer living, but added parts of their lives to this project and will be forever remembered and chronicled in the pages of this publication. Our advertisers, from before the paper was ever printed, have made it possible for us to exist since 2009 and provide a virtual public square for Parma, which was our mission. Our citizen journalists have told the story of our communities better than anyone else could ever. Our readers continue to delight us, amaze us, and entertain even the one who called me at 6:20 am on Christmas morning one time; you know who you are! Let's continue to use the Parma Observer as an instrument of positive change, a place to reflect on the never ending possibilities of the Tri-City Area of Parma, Parma Heights and Seven Hills. Life is here only for the taking, and there are plenty of opportunities wherever you look.

Together We Are Stronger

by Tony Biasiotta

As always, I want to encourage everyone to vote in this general election. Your vote helps us ensure we are represented at our greatest potential. Please be sure to complete an absentee ballot or vote in person on November 5th. The ability to work with multiple government agencies continues to be a source of pride among my team. I think our success in these endeavors is a testament of our team not settling for the status quo or resting on any laurels. Recently, as part of the State of Ohio one-time infrastructure bill (HB 2) we were awarded \$500,000 of improvements to our fire station. The primary focus of the award will be to add proper living quarters and roof repairs to our station.

Next, as part of the State Capital Budget we were awarded \$72,000 for automated locks for Seven Hills' new park facilities located at John Glenn Park, Meijer Park,

Summitview Park, North Park and Calvin Park. These new locks will enable us to lock or unlock our new amenities from our recreation center as opposed to sending staff each morning and evening to lock and unlock the doors.

Also, we are proud to announce that the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has awarded Seven Hills and Parma funds to cover 80% of the cost to resurface Broadview Rd. from Ridgewood Dr. all the way to Sprague Rd. This project is estimated to cost \$2,175,000. ODOT's contribution to this project is \$1,740,000, Parma's \$222,500 and Seven Hills \$212,500. This work is tentatively scheduled for 2026.

Two more grants will help us fund one of our water task force goals: \$275,000 Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant \$250,000 Northeast Ohio Regional

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Inaugural Parma Heights Frights Promises To Delight!

by Jackie Baraona

For the first time, Young Professionals of Parma is bringing Parma area residents and neighbors an event like no other. Presented in part with partners Nick Battilana State Farm and Unity Catholic Federal Credit Union, Parma Heights Frights will take place Saturday, November 2nd at Greenbrier Commons at 6200 Pearl Road in Parma Heights.

The evening will kick off at 4 p.m. with the 5K Fright Run. This portion of the event requires registration, however, the festival to follow is completely free and open to the



public. Runners will receive a custom t-shirt and have a chance to win a medal.

At 5 p.m., the family-friendly fall festival will begin and feature something for everyone. Explore the Touch a Truck experience, perfect for kids of

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It's Back, Parma's Spooky Showdown Decorating Contest

by Jackie Baraona

Get ready for spine-chilling thrills and hauntingly creative displays as Parma's neighborhoods become a battleground of Halloween décor! The Spooky Showdown invites all brave and imaginative City of Parma residents to join in this epic Halloween house decorating extravaganza! Get ready for a hair-raising event like no other — the Spooky Showdown Halloween House Decorating Contest!

In partnership with We Are Parma Proud and the City of Parma, the Spooky Showdown is presented by Young Professionals of Parma (YPOP). With more than eight years of experience hosting these types of decorating contests, YPOP feels qualified to put on a fair and fun competition for Parma residents. They have hosted the Christmas-focused Holiday Lights Contest since 2016 and introduced Spooky Showdown last year.

In its second year, YPOP is making a few improvements to the contest. They have decided to narrow the applicants down to a top 8 rather than a top 10 to buy more time for judging in person. YPOP judges will get off the bus this year and interact with the displays. Last year, some of the

displays wrapped around to backyards and had walk-through and interactive elements that couldn't be effectively judged from inside the bus. YPOP feels that getting off the bus will be a fairer way to judge the displays, and having a top 8 will allow enough time to do so. Additionally, YPOP has simplified the winner's categories to first, second, and third place as opposed to last year's theme categories. They have also added a People's Choice award that will be decided based on the number of Facebook "Likes."

Judges will use the following scoring criteria when judging homes on October 24th. Homes will be judged on coverage, showmanship, and aesthetics.

Prizes: 1st Place: \$100 Gift Card & Plaque, **2nd Place:** \$75 Gift Card & Plaque, **3rd Place:** \$50 Gift Card & Plaque, **People's Choice** (Based on Facebook Likes): \$25 Gift Card

How do you apply?

Entries are due by Sunday, October 20th by submitting an online form that can be found on the YPOP website (www.ParmaYPs.com). Participation is open to all City of Parma residents.

For questions, contact YPOP at hello@ParmaYPs.com.

Happy Decorating!

Script Parma Picture Of The Month



This month's script Parma photo of the month contest winner is Parma's Michelle Eck - with her daughter Melissa and grandchildren Peyton and Xavier. If you have a creative photo of the sign that you would like to have published, email it, along with your address and phone number, to Sean Patrick Brennan at piereg5k@gmail.com. You could win a great prize if yours is selected.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Representative's Corner

by Sean Brennan, State Representative, Ohio's 14th District

As your state representative, I view one of my main jobs as bringing home dollars from Columbus to our local community to positively impact our quality of life. I am very happy to report that, after a lot of hard work, I recently successfully negotiated and secured \$700,000 in funding for University Hospitals Parma Medical Center's Breast Cancer Center.

My dear mom succumbed to breast cancer a decade ago, and, like many others, I have so many friends who have and continue to grapple with it. I know the great work that University Hospitals does for the Parma area and all of northeast Ohio. For these reasons, I was a fierce advocate for the large allocation of funds for UH Parma's Breast Cancer Center.

This funding will enhance services



From left, UH Parma Medical Center Director of Operations Mary Beth Talarico, Chief Operating Officer Dr. James Hill, State Rep. Sean P. Brennan, Chief Nursing Officer Yvonne Moon and Chief Medical Officer Dr. Chris Dussel.

that are provided to patients by increased screenings and ultimately resulting in earlier treatment and intervention. In

fact, the new center will offer:

- Walk-in screenings and extended hours with option for same-day diagnostic workup and surgery consultation
- Same day screening results
- Upgraded advanced imaging equipment
- Expanded access to specialized breast radiologists and surgeons
- Increased annual mammogram volume

Together We Are Stronger

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Sewer District (NEORS) grant. With the purchase of a home located at 7358 Hickory Lane we will be able to re-establish the natural flood plain for the creek that flows in that area, so it is not turning at right angles. In the event it does overflow, it will flow into a natural flood plain area with a small retention basin. In addition, we will remove a culvert that we have identified as being undersized. The project is estimated at \$905,050, and the balance of the project will be funded by NEORS community cost share funds.

Wrapping up i want to mention that there is so much to be proud of. From neighbors helping neighbors after the tornado, to the great clean up job our service departments in multiple cities, with help from our partners at the county and our state, to the very generous donation from Meijer and our volunteers who stepped up to help those that lost food during the power outage, to a very moving day of remembrance for those that lost their lives at Abbey Gate, Afghanistan, on August 26, 2021, to the new city events, and last but not least, city parks that are constantly being enjoyed by all who visit. I can tell you that northern Ohio is taking notice as a new era is ushered in.

One favor to ask, this time of year, please remember we are one community and we are stronger when working together to accomplish goals. What unites us is far greater than what divides us.

Upon hearing the news, my good friend Chief Operating Officer of UH Parma Dr. James Hill said, "The enhanced UH Parma Breast Health Center will help increase screenings and ultimately save lives. We are thrilled that State Representative Brennan helped secure funding to bring innovative and personal patient care close to home. It will allow our caregivers additional resources to prevent, diagnose, and treat breast disease and help our patients live healthier lives."

The Center will serve patients from the Parma community and beyond, providing quality healthcare to the entire region. Know that I remain committed to serving you honorably and to the best of my ability.



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Rep. Brennan Secures \$28,000 For Parma VFW Post



State Rep. Sean Patrick Brennan recently secured over \$28,000 from the state capital budget for Parma VFW Post 1974 to repair the roof of the lodge.

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Sunday- Open Mic Night-Patio

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

UH Parma Partners With Parma Police To Save ILves In Opioid Overdoses

by CJ Sheppard

A partnership between University Hospitals Parma Medical Center and the Parma Police Department has saved hundreds of lives and helped people struggling with opioid addiction get a second chance.

The pharmacy at UH Parma Medical Center has made the drug Naloxone – which reverses the effects of heroin and fentanyl, reviving people who have overdosed – available to Parma officers around the clock.

“It’s a relief to know that our officers can go into the UH pharmacy at any time of the day or night, 365 days a year, and restock on Naloxone,” Parma Police Capt. Thomas Siedlecki said. “It’s an incredible service to the community, and it has saved lives.”

The program began in 2017, when Ohio was among the hardest hit states in an opioid overdose epidemic that kills more than 100,000 people in the United States every year. Paid for by a federal grant, the pharmacy keeps a steady stream of Naloxone (also known by its commercial name, Narcan) on hand.

“We make up small kits for the patrolmen and our EMS coordinators train them on how to use it,” said Kevin Zupancic, Manager of Pharmacy Services at UH Parma Medical Center. “We’re ready to go with replacements whenever they are needed.”

Parma police officers or firefighters

dispense the drug through a nasal spray when they are called to an overdose scene. With the hospital and police department located on the same street, officers simply get more Naloxone as needed.

Parma police have on average responded to an overdose every other day since 2017 – the first full year when fentanyl emerged as a threat in Northeast Ohio, according to a recent Case Western Reserve University study.

Keep Drugs Off Our Streets

by Max Miller

This past year in Ohio, over 3,500 people died from fentanyl-related overdoses. This tragic drug crisis has continued to rip apart families and communities in our state and around the country. I have been working hard in Congress to advocate for common-sense border security measures to stop the flow of drugs, like fentanyl, at the Southern border.

In May of last year, I voted for H.R. 2 - The Secure the Border Act - to provide relief to Border Patrol Agents and Homeland Security staff who have been struggling to maintain order at our border. This bill resumes the construction of the border wall, provides 22,000 more border patrol agents, and grants local law enforcement jurisdiction to enforce federal immigration law. When I meet with business own-

About 10% of those are fatal.

The vast majority of people who overdose and survive are taken to UH Parma Medical Center for treatment, Siedlecki said.

Providing Narcan and fentanyl test strips is just one part of a comprehensive approach UH takes with other community partners to combat the opioid epidemic, which now claims about 100,000 lives a year across America. A



Congressman Max Miller represents Ohio’s Seventh District

ers, farmers, and families from the district, the safety and well-being of our community is a top priority for almost everyone. The crisis at our Southern border has persisted for far too long. H.R. 2 will secure the border and stop the flow of drugs, criminals,

large area of focus – across Northeast Ohio and across the UH System – is educating students and the community at large about the risks, and encouraging them to remain drug free.

Those who overdose meet with counselors at various UH locations, who encourage them to enter drug treatment – and arrange treatment for those who are interested.

and terrorists into the United States.

Additionally, the House passed the HALT Fentanyl Act. This bill recognizes how destructive fentanyl is by permanently rescheduling fentanyl as a Schedule 1 drug under the Controlled Substances Act. Placing fentanyl under Schedule 1 ensures law enforcement agencies have the tools they need to keep this dangerous drug off our streets and impose harsher penalties for drug dealers who are bringing fentanyl into our communities. In order to bring this relief faster, I authored an amendment that was included in the bill to shorten the rulemaking process from one year to six months. The HALT Fentanyl Act will go a long way in stopping the proliferation of fentanyl and will be the first step towards

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GLIMPSES OF THE TRI-CITY AREA

Trick or Treat Season

by Kathryn Mabin

Lots of treats in Polish Village in October! A drive down the main streets in Polish Village is a treat for the eyes. You'll see spooky ghosts, witches and fall decorations in the large flower pot planters. It's the introduction to fall in Polish Village, getting ready for the big event, Treat & Greet!

Saturday, October 26th, 2024, Polish Village will hold their 14th Annual Treat & Greet from 11 am to 2 pm. Treat & Greet is an extremely popular community event. Each year it attracts more and more participants from our area and the surrounding communities. This is a great, safe, free, fun family event.

The children, accompanied by an adult, trick-or-treat the businesses located in the Polish Village business district along Ridge Rd., from Pearl & Ridge to Ridge & Thornton. In addition to the treats at businesses, each family will receive a Passport with the names and addresses of the participating businesses. As the family trick-or-treats the businesses they receive a stamp at each of the participating business. When the children are finished, or the adults become exhausted, the Passports are turned into the headquarters, located this year at 5767 Ridge Rd. For each 10 businesses visited and passport stamped, the adult



receives one ticket for entry in a raffle for an array of prizes, like gift baskets and gift certificates from local merchants.

This event is held during daylight hours. The upside for businesses is they receive foot traffic from people who don't normally shop their stores. This gives businesses the opportunity to introduce themselves to new potential customers. Many of the merchants supplement the candy with coupons, or other treats for both children and the adults. Some shops also dress in costume.

Last year Polish Village Parma, a qualified 501(c)3, purchased and disbursed over 100,000 pieces of candy for this event from funds received through donations, or fund raising. This event is free and open to the public, residency is not required. It is a great way for families to herald the fall season in a safe friendly environment, and a great way to celebrate the community with your friends, neighbors and shop keepers.

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all ages. Don't miss out on the Trunk or Treat, where costumes and candy collide in the most delightful way! Shop local at Small Business Pop-ups and learn more about valuable Community Resources. Hungry? Enjoy a variety of flavors from our Food Trucks and wash it down with a refreshing beer from Schnitz Ale Brewery.

Looking for more fall fun? Join in the Treat Walk, paint the perfect pumpkin at our Pumpkin Painting sta-

tion, or check out the amazing reptiles on display. There's no better way to celebrate the season!

Come for the fun, stay for the memories — Parma Heights Frights is the place to be this fall!

To register for the 5K, visit: <https://www.gcxcrcing.com/parma-frights>

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Magistrate Kira Krivosh with State Representative Sean Brennan at Ukrainian Festival. Kira is running for Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Judge.

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A Message from County Executive Chris Ronayne

Congratulations, Cuyahoga Reads participants! You not only reached our reading goal, you exceeded it! To celebrate, we invite you to a special FREE culminating event on Saturday, October 19 from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the Children's Museum of Cleveland. Families can enjoy the museum exhibits, receive a free book, and help us celebrate Cuyahoga Reads! Participants must register to attend.

Cuyahoga Reads Culmination Celebration
Children's Museum of Cleveland
Saturday, October 19
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

FREE ADMISSION!
Only the first 1000 people will be admitted.

Reading with Beanstack
by Cuyahoga Reads Committee

Although we've reached our reading goal for Cuyahoga County, you can still track your personal reading goals with Beanstack! Join more community challenges, run your own reading competition between family and friends, or simply read in order to earn prizes and rewards! Visit beanstack.com for more information.

Let's Keep It Going, Cuyahoga County!

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PARMA HEIGHTS

Parma Heights Events

by Bridget Lavelle

Putting Your Garden To Bed

The Parma Heights Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library will host Putting Your Garden to Bed on Monday, October 7th, 2024 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in Meeting Room A. Noelle Akin of Petitti Garden Centers will talk about preparing and putting your garden to bed for Fall. Registration required. To register, please visit www.cuyahogalibrary.org or call the Parma Heights Branch at 440.884.2313.

America's Electoral College

The Parma Heights Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library will host America's Electoral College on Thursday, October 10th, 2024 from 7:00– 7:45 p.m. in Meeting Room C. Learn about the Electoral College, why it was created, and how it works in the voting system to choose the President of the United States. Registration required. To register, please visit www.cuyahogalibrary.org or call the Parma Heights Branch at 440.884.2313.

AARP Downsizing & Decluttering: You Can't Take It With You

The Parma Heights Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library will host AARP Downsizing & Decluttering: You Can't Take it with You on Thursday, October 24th, 2024 from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in Meeting Room A. Trying to discard unwanted stuff at home? Need a streamlining plan to own less stuff that may improve your productivity and boost your happiness? AARP will offer organizational tips for downsizing and decluttering. Why is stuff important to people and how does owning too much stuff prevent people from having a positive outlook on their lives? AARP will talk about the answers to these questions.

Registration required through AARP.

Please note that AARP requires an email address to create an AARP account to register for this program. AARP membership is not required.

To register through AARP, use this link to AARP. <https://events.aarp.org/YZGN0q>
For program information, use this link through AARP.

<https://local.aarp.org/aarp-event/downsizing-and-decluttering-jmn6c-4g9px5.html>

Mobile Food Distribution

The Parma Heights Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library, partnering with The Greater Cleveland Food Bank, will offer a monthly Mobile Food Distribution on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at the Parma Heights Branch Library, 6206 Pearl Road, on Wednesday, October 16th from 10:00 a.m. - 12 Noon for customers who are in need. Please visit www.cuyahogalibrary.org or call the Parma Heights Branch Library at 440.884.2313 for additional information.

Please note: Outside event. Enter the Greenbrier Commons parking lot towards the Parma Heights Branch Library. Follow the Mobile Food Distribution signs and traffic pattern.

Big Success!
Parma Heights Move With The Mayor



One of many groups that joined with "Move With The Mayor" See more online.

October Is National Pizza Month

by Emery Pinter

Mmm...pizza. Nothing unites quite like a piping hot pizza pie with bubbly cheese and a perfectly charred crust. Looking for a quick and easy dinner, a game day fan favorite feast, or the perfect party meal? Order up a hot and fresh pizza because October is National Pizza Month! The best way to observe National Pizza Month is by eating pizza. No matter what your favorite pizza is, Parma Heights local pizzerias has you covered and smothered with toppings, crusts, and styles to satisfy all pizza lovers.

There's pan, there's stuffed, and there's the Grand Deluxe at Godmother's Pizza (6508 York Road). A blend of Provolone cheese, pepperoni, sausage, mushrooms, green peppers and onions that gives the pizza a sharp and deep flavor profile unlike any other pizza! Each dish is a thoughtful concoction of balanced ingredients which may consist of bacon, ham, anchovies, sliced onions, green peppers, and heaps of black olives or jalapenos. Godmother's Pizza draws crowds and stack up lines at the door at prime time, making itself a meeting place. Fratello's at 7021 W. 130th prides

themselves in making each homemade pizza just the way you like. New renovated, the inside is spacious and they have an outdoor patio! Their new Margherita pizza has dollops of melted mozzarella, tomato, and basil! You can't go wrong with the margherita, but there are more elaborate options too, like the Stracciatella Pizza: mozzarella cheese, sund-dried tomatoes, arugula, and Stracciatella cheese.

The screaming hot pizza oven at Paisano's Pizza, 6230 Stumph Rd., makes for delightful, crisp-edged pizzas. The three topping pizza has long chewy threads of cheese and the toppings all mingle together in a messy harmony. You can smell the pizza from the doorway. Pick up a slice, and the scent will linger on your fingers for an hour. This is everything a neighborhood pizza shop needs to be.

Parma Heights pizza artisans have you covered and then some. Every location has its own special qualities one should try. And this much is clear: every neighborhood deserves a great pizza place, and that's exactly what Parma Heights is: a great pizza place!

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Game Day Fundraiser

by Kathryn Mabin

Join in for a Funday Sunday Game Day with the We Are Parma Proud non-profit on Sunday October 6, 2024 at Bleachers Sports Grill, 6855 Ridge Road, 12:30 to 3:30 pm. \$25 entry includes a build your own, all you can eat, at the taco bar. Drinks include draft beer, wine and soda. Side boards, lots of great raffle baskets too!

We Are Parma Proud is the orga-

nization that has brought to the community Parma's first ever Visitor's Guide, December's Frosty's Fest, August's Picnic in the Park, Pet Parade, trash crawls to clean up our city, and the fireworks display at the Rib 'n Rock. Help to support them by attending this event so they can continue to bring you great family events.

Have a Funday Sunday, than kick back and enjoy the game.

Halloween Special

by Kevin Kelly

The month of October is here again, and you know what that means. Monsters and goblins roaming our neighborhoods, late-night horror movies, wild parties, etc... The local Production Company, Shocker Enterprises, has put together a collection of Ohio's Halloween footage to be viewed on Cox Cable, Channel 45, Sundays at 9pm. Some of the footage that will be shown will not only be Halloween footage from Ohio but also from here in Parma. The video will also air footage of the Ghoulardi Fest, which use to be held across from Chevrolet Blvd., on Brookpark Road. There will also be included in the video past scary commercials and other Halloween events that took place in our city. This will include some of the best decorated homes in past seasons. The show will also contain information about true

horror stories that have taken place in Ohio that may give you nightmares. Who knows, you may even spot your own uniquely decorated house on "Halloween in Ohio".

What also has contributed to the Halloween atmosphere, were the Creature Features and late-night Horror Hosts. Here in the City of Parma and surrounding cities, we have had some of our own horror host celebrities. Late-night shows like "Shock Theater", which aired Friday Nights on WJW TV8, which had horror host "Ghoulardi" played by Ernie Anderson. Ron Sweed hosted "Nightmare Theater", which aired on WKBF Channel 61 on Saturday nights as "The Ghoul". An hour collection of these past shows will also air on Saturday at 6pm, on Cox Cable, Channel 45. For more information, you can contact Kevin at: 440-888-8327 or Email: Kevin@ShockerEnterprises.com

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PERSPECTIVE

Ending Poverty In The United States

by Lee Kamps

It was sixty years ago this past spring that then President Lyndon Johnson declared “war on poverty in the United States”. Later that spring when he spoke to the graduates at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, he unveiled his outline for his “great society” where poverty in the United States would be eliminated. He backed his vision with several programs that he said would attack poverty at the roots.

The first was the food stamp program. He became aware of hunger in the United States during a visit to the southern Appalachians where people were going hungry because they couldn’t afford to buy food and lacked the resources to grow their own food. At the same time, farmers in the Midwest were complaining about low crop prices causing them to dump milk and kill some livestock because they were losing money. This contrast with farmers dumping milk and killing livestock and people in some parts of the United States going hungry reminded him of growing up during the great depression in Texas where there was widespread poverty.

His idea was for the government to provide food coupons to individuals and families to buy food items so they could feed themselves adequately and that this could also have the effect of increasing demand for agricultural products and thus increase crop prices to farmers. To LBJ, this idea was the perfect win - win solution. To get the food stamp program through a reluctant congress where southern white Democrats held key leadership positions, this food stamp program was

put under the Department of Agriculture. It worked and even to this day the food stamp program is still under the Department of Agriculture. It has gone on to be perhaps one of the most successful welfare programs in the country’s history.

The other cornerstones of LBJ’s war on poverty were education, health care and children. To those ends, he created the Head Start program to assist children from poor families to get ready for school. The first Head Start program was established near his ranch in Johnson City Texas in a church. That church has been moved to the LBJ Ranch and Historic Site near Stonewall Texas. He also started programs for education and a particular focus on early childhood education and literacy. I have a long time lady friend who is now retired who was a reading teacher in that program that LBJ started in the 1960s. LBJ’s other program was to provide federal money toward education all the way from early childhood through college. Pell Grants were a part of that program.

Regarding health care, in 1965, LBJ was able to sign into law the act that created both Medicare and Medicaid. Of course, Medicare went on to cover Americans over age 65 and later those on disability. Medicaid was the program that was to cover families with dependent children, the elderly, blind and disabled. When the ACA was enacted in 2010, Medicaid was to be expanded to cover everyone whose income was below the standard. However, the Supreme Court ruled that states could accept or reject the expansion of Medicaid. To this day, ten states have yet to accept this expansion of Medicaid for purely political reasons.

But a lot of LBJ’s “war on poverty” was derailed by the escalation of the real war in Vietnam. With the election of Republican Richard Nixon in 1968, the Republican party began chipping away at many of LBJ’s programs. Funding was cut and some programs stalled.

So, now the focus still needs to be where LBJ wanted it to be sixty years ago; focusing on children, families, education and health care. As a former teacher, I know that education is the way out of poverty and really opens the door to the “American Dream”. In the 1960s a lot of focus was on higher education, but now it needs to be to have a wider focus on the skills necessary for the 21st century. Educated people earn more money and that improves the economy. Health care is a no brainer. People cannot be productive when they are in poor health. Now, there desperately needs to be more money and resources spent on dealing with mental health. We talk a lot about that, but little is done.

We know how to literally end poverty in the United States. What we lack is the will to do something about it. Politicians now find it easier to demagogue about the poor and blame it on “poor personal choices”. That is pure BS! I spent four years working at a county welfare office in Ohio during the mid-1970s where my major job was to determine eligibility for Medicaid. I was the gatekeeper. Most poor then as well as now are poor because they lost in the “birth lottery” by being born into a poor family. It is not unusual to find families with five generations, all on public welfare. No doubt if I could go through the welfare files in that county where I worked fifty years ago, I would find the same families on welfare today.

I left that job in the welfare office in 1977 and made my career in the business world where I now have had my own business for several years. Again, we know how to end poverty in the United States. We had a President who made it his goal to end poverty in the United States, but he got sidetracked in Vietnam. LBJ was on to something sixty years ago. All we lack in 2024 is the political will and courage to do something about it. It can be done and doesn’t involve punitive taxes on the wealthy as some advocate or having the government run everything.

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PARMA ARTS DISTRICT

Arts In Parma

by Kathryn Mabin

MINI MONSTER WORKSHOP!
Just in time for Halloween! Create your own Mini Monster using clay. For ages 9 through adult, on Saturday, October 12, 2024, at the Parma Art Center, located in the Parma Parks & Rec Building, 7335 Ridge Rd. Cost is \$10 a person and includes all supplies needed. Local artist is Bili Kribbs is the instructor teaching basic sculpting techniques using polymer clay. To register, email kathrynmabin@att.net. Class size is limited so don't hesitate.

FREE Figure Drawing at The Parma Art Center, 7335 Ridge Rd (inside City of Parma Parks & Recreation Center). Ongoing FREE figure drawing the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, 6:30 to 8:30 PM. October 14th and the 28th. No instructor, just a gathering of artists. Welcome beginning or experienced artists to draw or paint. Live models, fully clothed. Each session a different volunteer model from the community will pose in exchange for a drawing/painting from each artist present. This is a body-positive group, all shapes, sizes, and ages are welcome to pose. Great way for artists to hone your figure drawing skills, meet other artists, in a relaxing atmosphere. For more information, or if you want to volunteer to model, email Lynne Shayko at Lshayko@kent.edu.

FREE Needlework Network at

Parma Art Center, 7335 Ridge Rd, beginning Monday, October 14th, 11 am to 2 pm and ongoing weekly throughout the year. Bring your idea, supplies, projects, and share with other needleworkers. Knit, crochet, embroidery, beading, sewing, quilting, doll making, ribbon work, etc. Bring your lunch, coffee, tea, and water provided.

Michelle Behal, President of Parma Arts, and owner/operator of Bear Tracks Art, will be appearing at the Marblehead Lighthouse Festival on Saturday, October 12, 2024, 9 to 6 pm. This event features over 100 arts & crafts vendors, tours of the lighthouse and keeper's house as well as children's activities. On October 26, 2024 from 9 to 7 pm Michelle will be at the Hal-



loween Festival at The Rift Shop, 8125 Columbia Rd in Olmsted Falls. There'll be vendors, food trucks, discounts on merchandise, and prizes.

Gary Nass, Parma resident and Parma Arts member is on display at Frontdoor Gallery, 3838 Brecksville Rd in Richfield.

Anthony DeMarco – A flock of bird sculptures has migrated from Hudson, to Cuyahoga Falls, and now to Akron. Birdsong is a unique art installation of over 150 bird sculptures hand painted by local artists, one of which is Anthony DeMarco, and has been making the rounds to various communities. This installation will be on view through the end of 2024 at the Akron Art Museum located at 1 South Main Street.

Sue Hoilck-Bade – is one of 50 artists donating works to The Gathering Place fundraiser held October 4, 2024, 5:30 to 7:30 pm at Hudson Fine Art, 160 N Main St. in Hudson. All proceeds support current and former cancer patients and their families. Her mixed media work "Any Landing", which meshes 3D printed elements with organic components, was awarded an honorable mention in the Peninsula Art Academy's "Art Through Digital Expression" exhibit running through October 6, 2024. Sue's watercolor and faux stained-glass creations are on display in the Women's Art League "3-Media Exhibition through October 31, 2024 at St. Paul's in Akron. Twenty-two photographs were selected to challenge three W.A.L. members to create original work

in paint, clay or fiber.

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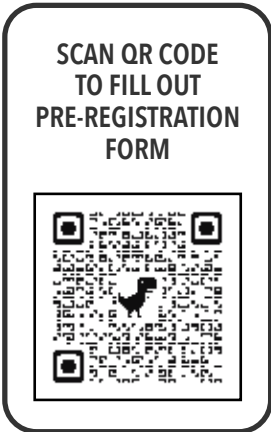
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