



**PHOTO BY CHUCK HOVEN**  
**Saturday, March 15, 2014, Vatican City League Ignatius Basketball Association Championship Game, St. Ignatius of Antioch School Gym, 10205 Lorain Ave: Tim Putka, of the North American College Bulldogs, focuses as he prepares to shoot a foul shot.**

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## Ignatius Basketball Association offers young athletes lessons in teamwork & sportsmanship

At the Ignatius Basketball Association (IBA) Championship Night on March 15, 2014 at St. Ignatius of Antioch School at West Boulevard and Lorain Avenue eight teams faced off in championship games in the IBA's four leagues that serve students from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> grades. Former IBA Athletic Director Rich Wild says the league, which is

open to students from throughout the Greater Cleveland area, had over 260 grade school students from 30-35 parochial, private and public schools participating this year. Wild says the IBA provides a safe environment environment where students can learn teamwork and sportsmanship.

The Knights, coached by Jack

Smith and Mark Ruddy won the Antioch League Championship Game by a score of 23-5 over the Tigers coached by Phil Swinderman. Teams in the Antioch League are made up of third grade boys and third and fourth grade girls. Six teams competed in the Antioch League for the right to go to the championship game.

In the Vatican League, which serves fourth and fifth grade boys, the Gregorian Panthers, coached by Mike Hoag and Jim Gerrick, won a close contest over the North American College Bulldogs coached by Ryan Dackiewicz. The final score was 22-19. Six teams competed in the Vatican League for the right to go to the championship game.

The Holy Cross Lady Crusaders, coached by Michelle Dreamer, Steve Hanigosky and Phil Swinderman, won the Girls Varsity League Championship Game over the Villanova Lady Wildcats, coached by Brian Kilbane, Jen Murphy, Kim Murphy and Maggey Urban. The final score was 37 to 29. Four teams with students from fifth to the eighth grade competed in the Girls Varsity League for the right to go to the championship game.

Holy Cross, coached by Mike Sweeney, won the Boys Varsity Championship game over Marquette, coached by Devon Wood, Mike Murphy and Joe Wadowick. The final score was 47-42. Eight teams made up of sixth, seventh and eighth grade boys competed for the right to play in the Boys Varsity Championship Game.

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**PHOTO BY CHUCK HOVEN**

**Monday, March 17, 2014, St. Colman Church, 2027 W. 65<sup>th</sup> Street: Fife and drum players step out of the church doors after the St. Patrick's Day Mass.**

## Trials For Hope helps to improve quality of life for those in need

Using donations and volunteer labor, for the past four years Trials For Hope has been pursuing its mission "to encourage individuals struggling to get through the day to have a better quality of life... by assisting them with a few basic needs that are often taken for granted."

Trials For Hope founder Jonathan Gray has developed a community of supporters, donors and networked organizations that help with the mission and to whom he provides updates to on a weekly basis via email.

Gray says he started Trials for Hope when an organization he volunteered for lost funding for a program that helped to distribute toiletries to those in need. He took the left over items and helped to distribute them at community meals and shelters. In doing so he discovered a need – and began to solicit donations of personal care items to put in packets to distribute to those in need in Lakewood and on the Near West Side of Cleveland. Gray says food stamps do not cover these personal care items and people on limited budgets were often forced to forgo personal care.

Trials for Hope now distributes up to 700 personal care packs a month. The personal care packs

include: toothbrush, toothpaste, lotion, comb, soap, shampoo and conditioner. Gray says Trials for Hope volunteers gather at an apartment he shares with his father in Lakewood to stuff the personal care packs and get them ready for distribution.

In the course of gathering donations Trials for Hope has developed a network of about 25 community organizations, schools and churches that help with donations and volunteers. Trials for Hope over the course of time become a clearinghouse. It helps to collect excess donations from some organizations and distributing them at other organizations or locations with a need. Trials For Hope in turn, helps recruit volunteers for organizations that donate excess goods to Trials For Hope.

Trials For Hope now rents a truck four days and pays a driver a stipend each week to help pick up and distribute donations. Trials For Hope, now in addition to distributing the personal care packs also is collecting and distributing food, clothing and medical supplies.

The organization now is able to distribute up to 2,500 pounds of continued on page 4



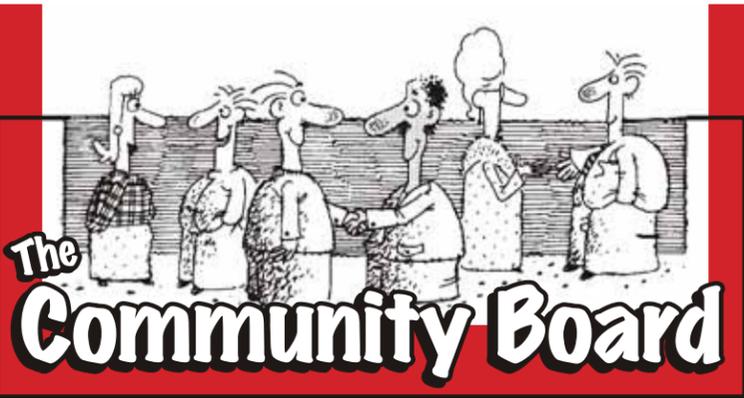
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**Monday, March 17, 2014, St. Colman Church, 2027 W. 65<sup>th</sup> Street: Young members of the West Side Irish American Club play the fife and drum as they emerge from the mass at St. Colman ready to march in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in downtown Cleveland. For many West Side Clevelanders, attending mass at St. Colman Church or St. Patrick's Church on Bridge Avenue prior to the parade, is part of the St. Patrick's day tradition.**



**PHOTO BY CHUCK HOVEN**

**Monday, March 17, 2014, St. Colman Church, 2027 W. 65<sup>th</sup> Street: Ready to march in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on a crisp and cold wintry day, these colorfully dressed young women head down W. 65<sup>th</sup> after attending the St. Patrick's Day Mass at St. Colman Church.**



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**TWO NEW SOLO EXHIBITIONS** that use photography to explore the complexities of narrative and perception are showing at the Transformer Station: Peckerwood: Photographs by Christian Patterson and SUPERBLACK: New Work by Jordan Tate. Tate Artist Dialogue: May 1 at 7 pm. For more information, visit [www.christianpatterson.com](http://www.christianpatterson.com), [www.jordantate.com](http://www.jordantate.com), [www.TransformerStation.org](http://www.TransformerStation.org) or call the Station at 216/938-5429. Always free, Transformer Station is open to the public on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from noon to 5:00 p.m. and Thursdays from noon to 8:00 p.m. at 1460 West 29th St.

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**BELT MAGAZINE EVENTS AT THE HAPPY DOG.** *Hot Dog University* is on the 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 7:30 PM. The topic for April 8 is War Photography and Truth. *Belt Out* is on the 3rd Wednesday of the month @ 7:30 PM in the Underdog. On April 16, the subject will be Dave Giffels book release & signing for *The Hard Way on Purpose: Essays from the Rust Belt*.

**HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE**  
**HEAP APPLICATIONS TO CONTINUE UNTIL APRIL 15** as winter bills are still coming due. To qualify for the Winter Crisis Program a household must be at or below 175 percent of the federal poverty guidelines. For a family of four the annual income must be no more than \$41,212.50. Individuals in Cuyahoga County interested in receiving assistance must have a face-to-face interview with staff at the Council for Economic Opportunities in Greater Cleveland at 216/696-9077 or the Cleveland Housing Network at 216/574-7100. Ohioans can call the toll-free hotline at 800/282-0880, Monday through Friday (hearing impaired customers may dial 800/686-1557 for assistance) or visit [energyhelp.ohio.gov](http://energyhelp.ohio.gov) for more information

## MetroHealth opens Teen Health Clinic at Lincoln West High School

On Thursday, March 20th in its third week of operation, the MetroHealth Teen Health Clinic served a steady stream of students coming in for health care services. Clinic staff said most of the students it has seen in the first few weeks of operation have come to receive physicals required to participate in school sports.

The clinic, housed outside the school in a trailer provided by the City of Cleveland, has four MetroHealth staff members servicing Lincoln West students each Thurs-

day morning. In addition a City of Cleveland staff person helps to escort students to and from the trailer. MetroHealth staff said they expect to have a MetroHealth trailer in place for the start of next school year in August

The Teen Clinic, while accepting insurance if students have it, provides health care at no cost to the students. MetroHealth covers the cost of any insurance copays and helps families to sign up for health care coverage.

The clinic represents a step forward in providing community wraparound services to Lincoln West High School, one of the Cleveland Metropolitan School District's Investment Schools. Speaking at an Investment School meeting in February, Lincoln West High School Principal Dr. Irene G. Javier said she expects the MetroHealth Teen Clinic to help reduce absenteeism at the school by helping students to address both social-emotional and physical health issues.



Thursday, March 20, 2014, MetroHealth System Teen Health Clinic, Lincoln West High School, Mobile Unit in North Parking lot: MetroHealth Teen Health Clinic staff members (L-R) Lisa Ramirez, Phd, Psychologist; Melissa Lohr-Panzer, CNP; Alexandra Caraballo, MPA; and Ana Valez, Hispanic Liaison.

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**SEW LORAIN** classes are available for adults Monday, April 28 at 5pm and for children Monday, April 14 at 4:30pm. Learn how to sew and use a sewing machine at the Lorain Branch of the Cleveland Public Library at 8216 Lorain Ave. To register, stop in or call 216/623-7011.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS AND TWEENS**  
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**SIN TAX DISCUSSION**  
**WARD 15 DEMOCRATIC CLUB AND COUNCILMAN MATT ZONE** will host a Sin Tax (Issue 7) discussion on Saturday, April 5th at 10 a.m. - Noon at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Gym, 6968 Detroit Ave. Speakers for Sin Tax: Tom Yablonsky of Downtown Cleveland Alliance and Marty McGann of Greater Cleveland Partnership. Speakers Against: Alan Glazen, former advertising executive at firm that promoted the first Sin tax campaign, and Peter Parkos, Coalition Against the Sin Tax organizer.

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March 10<sup>th</sup> Food & Water Watch activists stand with Ward 3 Councilman Joe Cimperman, Council President Kevin Kelly, Director Karen Butler of the Cleveland Department of Public Health, and Mayor Jackson at Cleveland City Hall after Councilman Cimperman introduced a resolution calling for federal action on the issue of antibiotic overuse on factory farms. Cleveland City Council passed the resolution a week later at its March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Cleveland is the second city in the nation to pass such a resolution. In introducing the legislation, Cimperman said, "Antibiotic resistant bacteria are a pressing public health issue. It is about time we educate the public and make changes in the regulation of the practices that cause these issues. To slow the growth of antibiotic resistant infections and improve the health of Americans, we must ban the nontherapeutic use of antibiotics on a state and national level." To celebrate the passage of the legislation, Food and Water Watch will be hosting a Town Hall Forum and potluck on Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Trinity Commons, 2230 Euclid Ave.

**LETTERS**

**Clevelanders asked to take a stand against child abuse**  
To the editor:

As of the writing of this letter, the heating situation at Lincoln West is still not resolved. The district claims it is waiting for parts. It has been one month since the board approved the funds to make the repairs. Because of this children are still being subjected to temperatures from 50 to 88 as they move from room to room. This heat situation at LW presents a clear and present danger to the health and education of the children.

For a mere \$24,000, this child abuse could have been avoided. The district knew of this abuse and chose not to it attempted to lessen the abuse by turning the heat on and off which really made the matter worse and by moving classes to the halls, which threatened the stability and security of children's education. It should be noted that because of the extent of the problem many rooms could not move, most

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**ST. PATRICK, BRIDGE  
EASTER SERVICES**

Holy Thursday: 8 p.m.  
Good Friday: 3 p.m.  
Holy Saturday: 9:00 p.m.  
Easter Sunday:  
8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

**Easter Greetings from  
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**• EASTER SERVICES •**

**Holy Thursday - April 17:**  
7:30 PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
after Mass until 10:00 PM  
**Good Friday - April 18:**  
12:00 Noon - Solemn Stations  
of the Cross  
3:00 PM - Commemoration of the  
Lord's Passion with Communion  
**Holy Saturday - April 19:**  
9:15 PM - Easter Vigil Mass  
**Easter Sunday - April 20:**  
Masses:  
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM  
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**Good Friday**  
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3:00 p.m. Passion  
**Easter Vigil**  
Saturday 7:00 p.m.  
**Easter Sunday**  
8:00 a.m.- Traditional Polish  
Mass and Procession  
11:30 a.m. English  
**Food Blessing Saturday**  
11:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon & 1:00 p.m.

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Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Services 8:30 p.m.,*  
*Easter Sunday Mass Schedule:*  
8:00 a.m.; 10:00 a.m. (Italian); 11:30 a.m.; 5:00 p.m.

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**GOOD FRIDAY**, 12:00 noon to 1:00 Penance (Confession)  
3:00 p.m., Solemn Reading of the Passion  
7:00 p.m., Stations of the Cross followed by Confession  
**HOLY SATURDAY**, 1:00 p.m., Blessing of Easter Foods  
9:00 p.m., **EASTER VIGIL MASS**  
**EASTER SUNDAY**, 9:00 a.m. Mass in English  
11:00 a.m. Mass in Polish

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**Holy Week Services**  
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**Holy Thursday**  
6:30 p.m. signed for the Deaf  
**Good Friday**  
Liturgy of Lord's Passion  
6:30 p.m. signed for the Deaf  
**Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Service**  
9:00 p.m. signed for the Deaf  
**Easter Sunday**  
8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (signed) and 12:30 p.m.

  
**St. Colman Church**  
**2027 West 65th Street**  
**(216) 651-0550**  
**Friday, April 4**  
Presentation of "The Gospel of Non Violence"  
By Rev. Emmanuel Charles McCarthy 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm  
\*Fish Fry: 4:30 to 7:00 pm\*  
**Saturday, April 5**  
Presentation of "The Gospel of Non-Violence"  
9:00 am to 12:00 pm/ Lunch / 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm  
Register: 216-651-9559, ext 100  
**Friday, April 11**  
Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm  
\*Fish Fry: 4:30 to 7:00 pm\*  
**Palm Sunday, April 13**  
Vigil Mass at 5:00 pm and Sunday 9:00 am and 11:00 am  
**Wednesday April 16**  
Communal Penance Service at 7:00 pm  
**Thursday, April 17**  
Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper and  
Washing of Feet at 7:00 pm  
**Friday, April 18**  
Veneration of the Holy Cross and Communion at 3:00 pm  
**Saturday, April 19**  
Readings from the Hebrew Scriptures at 8:30 pm  
Blessing of the New Fire, Blessing of Water, Baptisms,  
Easter Mass of the Resurrection at 9:00 pm  
**Sunday, April 20**  
Easter Sunday Masses at 9:00 am and 11:00 am



PHOTO BY CHUCK HOVEN

Friday, January 24, 2014; Trials For Hope fundraiser, Lakewood Christian Church, 12501 Lake Avenue: Trials for Hope volunteers help to cook and serve food at the fundraiser. Funds raised help provide those in need with toiletries, food and medical supplies. Kitchen volunteers shown include Jonathan Gray, Carl Halenar, Mark Kaselak, Dylan Gerboc, Karl P, and Kenny Parks.

### TRIALS FOR HOPE

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vegetables per month to treatment centers, seniors and the homeless; give 70 food bags per month to shut-ins and people in need and distributes donated medical supplies to those with a need.

In the course of its work Trials For Hope is also helping to give back to organizations that have helped its mission. Gray says St. Herman's House of Hospitality has generously donated goods and food when they have more than they can use. In turn, Trials For Hope has helped recruit volunteers from nearby Edna's House to volunteer to serve a meal one day a week at St. Herman's.

Trials For Hope continues to

expand its services in respond to need. It recently started to distribute personal care packs to families with children when the need was discovered among families participating in Denison UCC's programs. Denison UCC is one of the churches that has helped Trials for Hope with volunteers and donations.

Trials For Hope has also collaborated with Restored Paths Ministry to visit homeless camps to distribute personal care packs and other items.

Gray says seniors at the Westernly Apartments have begun donating blankets they make.

To keep its mission going, Trials For Hope is dependent on fundraisers, sponsors and donations. Gray hopes to recruit more sponsors. He

would like to be able to add wash-cloths to the toiletry bags, and offer toilet paper to those who need it. More volunteers are also needed to help with the camp outreach ministry.

Long-term goals for Trials For Hope include securing a space they can call home, getting a secretary, a grant writer, a treasurer and a board of trustees. Currently, the program is a nonprofit program with St. Paul's Community Outreach Center serving as its fiscal agent. For more information about the program, to volunteer, or become a sponsor, call Jonathan Gray at 216-296-3374. You can also visit the program on Facebook at: Trials For Hope, or go to the website at: TrialsForHope.Weebly.com.

### CHILD ABUSE

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notably the special education and medically fragile because of their equipment needs had no option. The administration knew of this in May of 2013 and felt this level of child abuse was acceptable since it would cost \$24,000 to repair.

#### LETTER

The principal, who had \$126,000 in investment school money and to date has a balance of \$60,000, could have used \$24,000 to end the child abuse and chose to protect the money instead. I made the board aware of the abuse on 12-17-2013. The district finally started repairs on only 1 of 3 units, the unit servicing the special education rooms. One could only assume that this unit

was chosen because failure to do so would generate the most indefensible lawsuits. Finally at the board meeting of 2-25-2014 the CEO and board guaranteed that the remaining 2 units would be repaired and the child abuse would stop.

This situation typifies the major problem with education in this city as well as the nation. Why didn't the district resolve this problem? Why did the parents allow this abuse of their children? Why did the teachers allow this abuse? Why didn't the principal use the investment school money to stop the abuse? Why did it take the board over 2 months to intercede? Where were the community groups, child advocates, who are at LW on regular basis? All

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Saturday, March 15, 2014, Vatican City League Ignatius Basketball Association Championship Game, St. Ignatius of Antioch School Gym, 10205 Lorain Ave: Adrian Fallon brings the ball down the court for the Gregorian Panthers. The Panthers won the Vatican City League (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys) Championship Game by a score of 22-19.

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of those, who claim to protect the children, tolerated this abuse of the children. If anyone of these child protectors had stood and refused to allow this abuse to continue the children and their education would still not be suffering.

There are many more cases of abuse, which have occurred and continue to occur, not only at LW, but throughout the district. If you truly want to improve the education of the children then you must never tolerate the systemic abuse of the children. You must stand, be visible, be vocal, and never quit. Just consider what the action of one person standing alone refusing to tolerate child abuse has accomplished.

Which brings me to the best kept secret of child abuse in the city and one of the biggest betrayals of the voters. In 1995, in order to garner voter support for parking, admissions, and motor vehicle leasing taxes to improve, renovate, and maintain the football stadium, the city promised to use a portion of those taxes for the children of Cleveland. At that time, the amount was established to be \$2 million per year. In 2009 the mayor and the district conspired to reduce the promised funds to \$1 million with full approval of city council.

You should note that the \$1 million loss to the children represents an increase for the football stadium. According to the Ordinance (1025-A-95), a joint board of the mayor, the CEO and the council president must

meet to draft a new agreement to generate a new ordinance for council approval. The district must generate a report showing the success of the program. Those reports have stated the great improvement in GPA's and attendance of the students involved in the program.

Instead of restoring and increasing the funds to this promised successful program, all involved choose the needs of the football stadium over the needs of the children. That, my friends, is child abuse. I, as well as the managing editor of this paper, have waited months for a response from city council. Why? You should note that it is fast approaching the time for the joint board to meet to generate a new agreement. It will take a concerted effort by citizens in a short amount of time to restore and increase the funds diverted from the children for the improvement

of the stadium. Demand a response from your council member as to their position. Question the media about why they have not covered this travesty. But

most of all stand against this blatant form of child abuse.

Gene Tracy, Concerned Citizen



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Saturday, March 15, 2014, Antioch League Ignatius Basketball Association Championship Game (3<sup>rd</sup> grade boys and 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade girls), St. Ignatius of Antioch School Gym, 10205 Lorain Ave: Kate Boland of the Knights plays defense as Asia Reese of the Tigers maneuvers to get open.



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Monday, March 17, 2014, St. Colman Church, 2027 W. 65<sup>th</sup> Street: Netta Norcia and her Great Grandson Sammy Cooper, age 5, are celebrating St. Patrick's Day together.

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## Students in Salvation Army's after school program learn science with CWRU & OSU Extension Service

Some of the older students from the Salvation Army's Ohio City Branch's afterschool program on Clark Avenue are participating in a three-part science program this year. In the first part of the school

year before the Christmas holiday the students received instruction in science from Case Western Reserve University staff. In the second half of the school year the students are journeying to the Fulton Branch

of the Cleveland Public Library on Thursdays after school to participate in a weekly program run by the Ohio State University (OSU) Extension Service.

On Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, OSU Extension Service instructor Jacqueline Kowalski engaged students in a lesson about composting. Each student was given three plastic see through plastic bags filled with topsoil. In the first bag they were asked to mash up a small tomato and some spinach into the topsoil. In the second bag students mixed into the topsoil some finely cut up pieces of newspaper and paper towels. In the third bag they placed cut up pieces of a Styrofoam cup.

Instructor Kowalski asked students to speculate on which bag of compost would break down earliest. She asked what material they thought would take the longest to break down. Would the paper towel or newspaper take longer to break down? Would the tomato seeds start to sprout in the compost bag?

Kowalski collected the students' compost projects and promised to bring them back in a week so students could observe how the materials were breaking down.

Students then were asked to check cups on the window seal where they had planted seeds and watered them in previous classes. The students joyfully showed off the sprouts that were beginning to come up through the soil in their cups. Kowalski promised to bring some



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Thursday, March 20, 2014, Fulton Branch, Cleveland Public Library, 3545 Fulton Road: Students from afterschool program of The Salvation Army's Ohio City branch participate in a science program taught by staff of the OSU Extension Service. Jacely Torres, age 12, proudly shows a plant she grew from a seed that is now just starting to sprout.



PHOTO BY CHUCK HOVEN

Thursday, March 20, 2014, Fulton Branch, Cleveland Public Library, 3545 Fulton Road: Students from afterschool program of The Salvation Army's Ohio City branch participate in a science program taught by staff of the OSU Extension Service. Charles Van Leer III, age 9, cuts up pieces of newspaper and paper towel to place in a plastic bag with some topsoil. The students are participating in an experiment to see how well various substances break down when composted.

larger pots and some soil the next week so students can transplant their small plants into larger pots.

Kowalski says science curriculum (designed for ten weekly sessions) the students are studying is from the OSU Extension service. She says another session is planned for

this summer when a retired teacher will teach an Ohio State University Extension science curriculum to the Salvation Army summer program students.

### Tend-R-Lean Steak Co. closes its Lorain Ave Store

Thirty-seven years after he started working at Tend-R-Lean Steak Company, owner Marty Kreinberg has decided to close down the company and sell the building at 7106 Lorain Avenue. Kreinberg said he had been negotiating with a potential buyer for the business, but the sale did not materialize.

Kreinberg will continue to work in the neighborhood selling wholesale meat to restaurants and groceries while working for Shaker Valley Foods on W. 67<sup>th</sup> Place in the Stockyard neighborhood. For over 20 years, Tend-R-Lean Steak Company has advertised on the back page of the Plain Press offering readers prepackaged frozen meat at wholesale prices.

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## Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization celebrates 40<sup>th</sup> annual meeting

On February 27<sup>th</sup>, Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization (DSCDO) celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting.

As is custom, the awards ceremony, was the major focus of the meeting. Councilman Matt Zone presented the Sustainability Award to Michael Webster for his involvement in creating a neighborhood garden at W. 63<sup>rd</sup> and Bridge Avenue. Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization Chairman Joe Tegreene presented the Irene Catlin Award to Barbara Reynolds for leadership and service to the neighborhood. Reynolds is involved with the DSCDO Community Involvement Committee, North Shore Block Club and organizing a Spelling Bee for neighborhood children.

State Senator Michael Skindell and State Representative Nickie Antonio presented the Community Spirit Awards. Earl Moats and Dan Carcioppolo of the Edgewater Hill Block Club were honored for their efforts to control graffiti in the W. 76<sup>th</sup> Street tunnel. Lisa Hawkins was honored for her participation in Friends of Gallagher School. Her efforts included organizing a school cleanup. Jason Bristol was honored for his efforts at nuisance abatement, which resulted in three properties being demolished and one renovated in the area around W. 54<sup>th</sup> and Bridge Avenue. Jessica Serio was honored for her work as a neighborhood ambassador, welcoming people to the neighborhood at special events. Jen-

ny Spencer was honored for her work with the Franklin Blvd/Wakefield Block Club and Friends of Gallagher School. Carolyn Samstag was honored for her volunteer work with the West Clinton Block Club and the Gordon Square Farmers' Market.

Senator Skindell and Rep Antonio also presented a Neighborhood Improvement Award to the owners of Toast for their storefront renovation and opening of a restaurant at W. 65<sup>th</sup> just north of Detroit.

County Council Representative Dale Miller presented a number of Neighborhood Improvement Awards. Westlake Capital Management was honored for their work on properties on W. 67<sup>th</sup> and W. 69<sup>th</sup>. The Roberts family was honored for the rehab of their home for three generations at 7105 Clinton Ave. Daryl Anderson was honored for restoring a property on W. 54<sup>th</sup> and for his help with refugee families; L.A.N.D. Studio was honored for their work on the planning and completion of the W. 76<sup>th</sup> Street Bike/Pedestrian Tunnel. Allyson Fink and Trevor Clatterbuck were honored for their work restoring a house at 6005 Bridge Avenue.

Former DSCDO Executive Director Bill Whitney announced the election of new board members and the passage of some bylaw changes. Following the announcement, Executive Director Jeff Ramsey showed a video celebrating DSCDO's 40 years of service to the neighborhood.



Thursday, February 27, 2014, Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization Annual Meeting, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church Hall, W. 69<sup>th</sup> and Detroit Avenue: (L-R) Ward 15 Councilman Matt Zone congratulates Michael Webster the winner of the Sustainability Award. Webster worked to create a community garden at W. 63<sup>rd</sup> & Bridge Avenue.



Thursday, February 27, 2014, Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization (DSCDO) Annual Meeting, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church Hall, : (L-R): State Senator Michael Skindell (D-23), State Representative Nickie Antonio (D-13), Irene Catlin Leadership Award Recipient Barbara Reynolds, and Ward 15 Councilman Matt Zone. DSCDO honored Reynolds with the Irene Catlin Leadership Award. Reynolds is involved with the Community Involvement Committee, the North Shore Block Club and organizes an annual Spelling Bee for neighborhood children.

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**IGNATIUS BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION**

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runner up teams all received trophies from the IBA. In addition the IBA honored All-Stars, and most valuable players in the Vatican and Boys and Girls Varsity Leagues. There was a three way tie for Most

Valuable Player in the Vatican City League, the three players named were: Malcolm Ruffin of the Eagles, Jamie Peterson of the Bulldogs and Connor Goodall of the Panthers. Jalecia Benz of Villanova was named Most Valuable Player in the Girls Varsity League and Aymin Bahhur

of Holy Cross was named the Most Valuable Player in the Boys Varsity League.

The IBA also honored players for their academic achievement. Over eighty students were listed in the Championship Program Book for achieving Academic First or Second Honors at their respective schools. In congratulating the players for their academic achievement, IBA Athletic Director Patrick McDaniel said, "You have shown that the most important aspect of being a student/athlete is being a student. Keep up the hard work in the classroom and you will go far!"

In addition to honoring the players, the IBA presented awards to several coaches. Coach Alan "Big Al" DeWorth and Coach Stephen E. Hanigosky were both honored with lifetime achievement. Each of the two men, long time parishioners at St. Ignatius Parish, have volunteered as coaches and mentors to the youth of the Saint Ignatius Community for over 50 years.

DeWorth, an Almira Avenue resident, began volunteering as a coach at St. Ignatius parish in the 1960s. He was involved in all the school sports – football, track, basketball, baseball and even volleyball as a player on the Holy Name Society's men's team. DeWorth's three children attended St. Ignatius Elementary School and participated in its sports programs.

Hanigosky, a 1963 graduate of St. Ignatius Elementary School, became involved in the parish sports programs while attending High School at West Tech. Hanigosky, while taking some time out to earn graduate and post graduate degrees on his route to becoming a teacher in the Cleveland schools, continued to be active as a coach and mentor in the league. Hanigosky's three children all played in the parish sports programs.

Two men were also inducted into the St. Ignatius of Antioch Sports Hall of Fame. Peter "Bob" Lungo was honored posthumously for his service as a coach in the parish's intermural leagues in the 1960s and 1970s. Lungo's Niagra teams were powerhouses in the intramural leagues. Raymond Szczepaniak, class of 77, was honored for both his prowess as a player in the IBA league and as a coach. Szczepaniak, who as a "walk-on" at Kent State University earned a basketball scholarship and became a starter on the KSU team.



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Saturday, March 15, 2014, Antioch League Ignatius Basketball Association (IBA) Championship Game (3<sup>rd</sup> grade boys and 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade girls), St. Ignatius of Antioch School Gym, 10205 Lorain Ave: (L-R) Kate Boland and Mary McEwen celebrate the Knights' victory in the Antioch League IBA championship game.



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Saturday, March 15, 2014, Girls Varsity League Ignatius Basketball Association Championship Game, St. Ignatius of Antioch School Gym, 10205 Lorain Ave: Jenine Saba of the Holy Cross Lady Crusaders drives past Villanova Lady Wildcats defender Oceannay Davis on her way to the basket. The Lady Crusaders won the championship game by a score of 37-29.



Saturday, March 15, 2014, Ignatius Basketball Association (IBA) Awards Ceremony (L-R) IBA Coaches Alan E. DeWorth and Stephen E. Hanigosky were honored with Lifetime Achievement Awards.



Saturday, March 15, 2014, Boys Varsity League Ignatius Basketball Association Championship Game: Delshawn Jackson of the Marquette team goes to the line to take a foul shot. The score in the contest was close throughout with Marquette holding a slim lead late in the game when Jackson fouled out. Without his defensive presence, Holy Cross surged ahead to win the championship by a score of 47-42.

PHOTO BOTTOM RIGHT: Saturday, March 15, 2014, Girls Varsity League Ignatius Basketball Association Championship Game, St. Ignatius of Antioch School Gym, 10205 Lorain Ave: Members of the Holy Cross Lady Crusaders with their coaches after receiving their championship trophies. Team members are: Alyssa Dolan, Serena Saba, Jenine Saba, Grace Hoch, Maggie Wagner, Jocelyn Helmick, Alaysha Iwais, Alandia Strong, and Abigail Staniszewski. The coaches are: Michelle Dreamer, Steve Hanigosky and Phil Swinderman.

