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Monday, August 31, 2015; Max S. Hayes High School Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, 2211 W. 65th Street: Musician Austin Walkin' Cane plays a guitar designed, built and painted by Max Hayes students.

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New program hopes to engage community in new approaches to healthy housing

by Chuck Hoven

Residents and stakeholders in the Stockyard, Clark Fulton, and Brooklyn Centre (SCFBC) neighborhoods will soon have an opportunity to participate in a pilot program called Engaging the Community in New Approaches to Healthy Housing (ECNAHH). The program, which just received a BUILD Health Challenge Grant from a group of national funders,

hopes to have an impact on both local and national policies and practices to help assure healthier home environments. The ECNAHH aims to reduce unhealthy and unsafe conditions in housing that cause or contribute to lead poisoning, asthma, and chronic obstructive pulmonary (heart) disease (COPD). ECNAHH is one of only 18 recipients nationally of BUILD Health Challenge Grants and

one of only seven to receive implementation grants (the eleven other organizations received planning grants). According to the BUILD Health Challenge website, the grants are designed to improve the well being of community residents by encouraging partnerships among local nonprofit organizations, hospitals and health systems and health departments. To that end local nonprofit organization Environmental Health Watch partnered with MetroHealth Medical Center and the City of Cleveland Department of Public Health to apply for the BUILD Health Challenge Grant. Environmental Health Watch Executive Director Kim Foreman says other key partners that will be involved in the implementation of the program include: Stockyard, Clark Fulton, Brooklyn Centre Neighborhood Development Office; the City of Cleveland Department of Building and Housing, Hispanic Alliance, the Spanish American Committee and Cuyahoga PlaceMatters. Other partners offering assistance to the effort include: the City of Cleveland Planning Department, Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority, continued on page 4



PHOTO BY DEBBIE SADLON
Saturday, September 12, 2015; La Gran Fiesta, last La Placita Cleveland of the summer series of open air markets, US Bank Parking Lot, W. 25th and Clark Avenue: Mason Still, age 3, helps the cleanup crew at the last festival.



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Saturday, September 12, 2015; NEOCycle, Edgewater Park: A cyclist, participating in one of the weekend bike races, pedals through the park.

Neighborhood Family Practice to expand services with new funding from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Neighborhood Family Practice (NFP), a federally qualified non-profit community health center serving patients from five office locations on Cleveland's near west side, was recently awarded more than \$1 million in Affordable Care Act funding from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HSS). "The HHS funds go hand in hand with what NFP has been doing for more than 30 years, which is providing quality primary health care services to those who need it most on Cleveland's near west side," says Jean Polster, president and CEO of NFP. "We'll now be able provide expanded services to even more patients, including many who have become insured through the Affordable Care Act." In Spring 2014, NFP received an initial grant for operational funds to open an office in the Bellaire-Puritas neighborhood in Puritas Park Plaza (at 14037 Puritas Ave., next to

Family Dollar). New funds just awarded in the amount of \$1 million will be used to renovate a stand-alone building that will house a new and expanded NFP Puritas health center, located within a half-mile of the current office. Once complete, the new location will allow NFP to serve a larger volume of patients with a larger staff, more exam rooms and behavioral health offices. The planned renovations and floor plan will ensure that NFP creates a Puritas health center facility that supports team-based care and implementation of a patient centered medical home model. NFP will continue to serve patients from its current Puritas location, with a goal of having the new building up and running within two years. NFP also received additional funding of nearly \$277,000 to be used to expand nurse midwifery continued on page 5

Max Hayes High School offers pre-apprenticeship program in building and construction trades

(CMSD News Bureau) Max S. Hayes High School will offer a pre-apprenticeship program that puts students on a fast track to jobs in the construction trades. State approval of the Building and Property Maintenance and Construction Technologies program was announced Aug. 31 at a grand-opening celebration for the career and technical school's new building near West 65th Street and Clark Avenue. At the grand opening ceremony, Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) Chief Executive Officer Eric Gordon, Max Hayes Principal Kelly Wittman and Cleveland Building and Construction Trades Council Executive Secretary David Wondolowski signed a document formalizing the agreement. The program begins this school year. continued on page 7



PHOTO BY DEBBIE SADLON
Monday, August 31, 2015; Max S. Hayes High School Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, 2211 W. 65th Street: (L-R) United States Senator Rob Portman, Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson, Max Hayes Principal Kelly Wittman, Max Hayes Student Malik Mims, and Cleveland Ward 15 Councilman Matt Zone listen as speakers talk about the opening of the new Max Hayes, and the opportunities it will offer for students.



PHOTO BY DEBBIE SADLON
Saturday, September 12, 2015; the Bridge Beats and Treats Festival, West Side Community House, 9300 Lorain Avenue: A group of children demonstrate their dance skills on stage.



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ADULT EDUCATION
ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES is sponsored by Parma City Schools Adult Education Services. FREE. Students must attend orientation to register for class. Orientations begin promptly at the time listed, and students must attend the entire session. Cleveland Public Library (CPL) Fulton Library Branch (3545 Fulton Rd.) Orientation will be held October 1 from 1 – 3:30 pm, then classes meet T/Th from 1 – 3:30 p.m. CMSD Multilingual Welcome Center at Thomas Jefferson (3145 West 46th St.) Orientation

will be held October 6 from 9 – 11:30 am, then classes meet T/Th from 9 – 11:30 a.m. Spanish American Committee (4407 Lorain Ave.) Orientation will be held October 12 from 10 am - 12:30 pm, then classes meet M/W from 10 am -12:30 pm, another orientation session will be held October 12 from 5 – 7:30 pm, then classes meet M/W from 5:30 – 7:30 pm. Visit Parmacityschools.org. Call 440-885-8797 to confirm days and times.
GED/SKILLS ENRICHMENT CLASSES are available from Parma City Schools Adult Education

Services. FREE. Students must attend orientation to register for class. Orientations begin promptly at the time listed, and students must attend the entire session. CPL Fulton Library Branch (3545 Fulton Rd.) Orientation will be held October 6 from 10 am – 12:30 pm, then classes meet T/Th from 10 am – 12:30 pm. CPL Walz Branch (7910 Detroit Ave.) Orientation is scheduled for October 12 from 10 am – 12:30 pm and then classes meet on M/Th from 10 am – 2 pm. Merrick House (1050 Starkweather Ave.) in Tremont. Orientation is at 9 am on the first Friday of each month - October 2, November 6 and December 4 - and then classes meet on M/Th from 9 am – 12 pm, or 12 pm – 3 pm, or T/Th 6 pm – 8 pm). Seeds of Literacy (3104 West 25th St. 3rd floor.) Orientation is every Monday and Tuesday at 12:30 or 4:30 p.m. and classes are every M/Th at 9 am – 11 am, 1 pm – 3 pm or 6 – 8 pm. Visit Parmacityschools.org. Call 440-885-8797 to confirm days and times.

AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURE
COLORED BOY BLUES, a dramatic reading by William Clarence Marshall, will be presented at the West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church at 20401 Hilliard Blvd in Rocky River on Sunday, October 11th at 11:30 am. Three young men, a warrior-spiritual mother and an off-again-on-again incarcerated father

in a coming of age saga in the face of unsettling tragedy.

ARTS
TRANSFORMER STATION presents Choice: Contemporary Art from the Akron Art Museum through 12/6 at 1460 West 29th. Free. Call 216/938-5429 or visit <http://www.transformerstation.org/> for hours.

CHILDREN
MOMMY AND ME PLAYGROUP starts in October at The Salvation Army West Park, 12645 Lorain Ave. on Fridays at 10 am. Play, learn and grow together. Sign-up ASAP: spots are limited. Call Captain Candy Fritsch at 216/252-3593. See **FISHING** below.

CAREGIVERS
CAREGIVER'S SUPPORT GROUP is held every 1st and 3rd Tuesday Monthly from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm in Room T-65 at MetroHealth Old Brooklyn Health Center at 4229 Pearl Rd. Join the free, open group at any time. Peer support and information and resources for individuals providing care for a friend or loved one. Topics will rotate on a 12-week cycle. For more information, call 216/778-5779 or visit metrohealth.org.

CUYAHOGA VALLEY NATIONAL PARK (CVNP)
VOLUNTEER opportunities. To learn about CVNP's diverse seasonal and long-term positions, visit nps.gov/cuva and click on Volunteer, or call 330/657-2299. A Volunteer Orientation is scheduled for Saturday, October 31 from 10 am – noon. Register online under Volunteer/ Training and Enrichment.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS TO PREPARE FOR DISASTER, visit "Make a plan" at <http://www.ready.gov/family-communications>, a website sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

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FISHING
FALL FAMILY FISHING FEST will be on Saturday, October 10 from 9 am to 1 pm at the Ohio and Erie Canal Reservation. Children and families can catch rainbow trout and catfish while learning fishing skills. Call 216/206-1010.
STEELHEAD EXPO is scheduled for Saturday, October 3 from 9 am to 4 pm at Rocky River Nature Center in the Rocky River Reservation. Learn about this sport fish, how to

read the river, new fly casting techniques, and about the latest gear. Call 440/734-6660.

GORDON SQUARE FALL FEST:FLIGHT TEST will be held on Saturday, October 17 from 4-9 pm to celebrate the arts and culture of the near west side, with local artists infusing area storefronts, live music and performance, ticketed shows at the theaters, and a late-night after party. FREE

GRANT OPPORTUNITY ORGANIZERS AND ALLIES: ROLLING AND RESPONSIVE GRANT OPPORTUNITY can give support if you have a community project that needs an extra push. Please contact Keisha for more information at 216/961-9073 x204 or KGonzalez@dscdo.org.

HALLOWEEN STOCKYARDS CONNECTIONS HAUNTED GARDEN, TRUNK OR TREAT & HAUNTED HAYRIDE: October 31 at 7 p.m. at POPCE Community Garden, 54th & Storer Ave. Please join us for Haunted Garden Paint Balloon Arena (ages 11 up) , Haunted Hayride, and Trunk or Treat, plus Hotel Transylvania Movie! Volunteers needed for: Trunk or Treat Participation, Scare Actors for Haunted Hayride, Paint Balloon Officials and Create a Monster days, October 18 & 25. RSVP and Volunteer Contact: Mia Gregg at 216-278-5515.

HEALTH
GROCERY STORE TOUR: Join Neighborhood Family Practice for a tour through the Dave's Mercado grocery store! Explore reading read food labels, simple nutrition tips you can use every day and shopping healthy on a budget. All participants will receive a free goody bag and information to take home! Participate in the Healthy Shopping Challenge for a great prize! Friday, October 2, 2015, 1 – 2 p.m. Meet at: The Education Center at Neighborhood Family Practice - 3569 Ridge Rd., Cleveland, OH 44102

LEARN ABOUT MIDWIFERY: Celebrate National Midwifery Week with NFP on Wednesday, October 7th from 6-8pm at The Education Center at Neighborhood Family Practice - 3569 Ridge Rd., Cleveland, OH 44102. View the documentary, *The Mama Sherpas*, which follows nurse midwives, the doctors they work with, and their patients. The documentary provides an intimate glance into what midwives can bring into the birthing process in the hospital system. THIS FREE EVENT INCLUDES: Screening of *The Mama Sherpas* documentary; Q & A with the nurse midwives from Neighborhood Family Practice (following the screening) and refreshments.

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Environmental activists trade notes on current fights

by Randy Cunningham

Social media has become an important part of activism, regardless of the issue. But when all is said and done there is no substitute for activists getting together in the flesh to trade notes and war stories about their current organizing. They did just that on Sunday, September 20 at a forum sponsored by the Cleveland Environmental Action Network (CLEAN) at St. Paul's Community Church on Franklin Ave. After a Puerto Rican vegetarian rice and beans lunch that sent this reporter into new realms of gourmet delight, those in attendance heard reports from four speakers.

Kathie Jones from Sustainablemedinacounty.com reported on the effort to stop the

NEXUS pipeline that will blast its way on a southwesterly route from Toledo through Medina County and points south. Its purpose is to transport natural gas from fracking fields in Ohio to Canada where it will be used to process Tar Sands crude into a form it can be transported through pipelines. Jones described the assorted roadblocks put before activists by local politicians who approve of the pipeline. Sustainable Medina County has attempted to put on the fall ballot, a county charter change to stop pipeline activity. Petitioners in Athens and Fulton counties joined in Sustainable Median County's effort. Secretary of State of Husted vetoed the charter language. A recent Supreme

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MetroHealth opens Cleveland students' eyes to health careers

CMSD NEWS BUREAU New vistas opened on September 15th for some Cleveland Metropolitan School District high school students – all they had to do was cut through the MetroHealth System cafeteria, pass the cash registers and turn right.

Nearly 50 ninth-graders from Lincoln-West and James F. Rhodes high schools gathered in a hospital dining room for the first session in the MetroHealth Scholars program.

The eight-part series will bring the students to MetroHealth's West Side campus once a month in hopes of opening their eyes to medical and other career opportunities in health care. It grew from President and Chief Executive Officer Akram Boutros' desire to expand the system's partnership with the Cleveland Metropolitan School District.

Dr. Boutros kicked off the program by retracing his journey from a youth flirting with trouble to top hospital executive. Chief Medical Officer Dr. Al Connors then walked the students

through MetroHealth's 178-year history of battling infections, burns and trauma.

After that, three living examples of opportunity took the floor: community outreach coordinator Camille Garcia, family medicine resident Dr. Addy Adedipe and environmental services supervisor Anthony Williams.

Garcia graduated from Lincoln-West and Williams graduated from CMSD's Max Hayes High School. Connors introduced Williams, 28, as "the next CEO", and Williams served notice that the remark should not be taken lightly.

"Be very adamant about what you want to do. Stick to it," said Williams, who joined MetroHealth as a porter scrubbing floors. "If I'm not the CEO, I'll be very, very close. It's imperative that I be successful."

Rita Andolsen, MetroHealth's chief communications officer, advised the students to take advantage of the hospital system's resources and not to be shy about approaching

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State Representative Nickie Antonio honored with Ursuline Piazza Red Ribbon Award

Sister Susan Zion, executive director of Ursuline Piazza at St. Augustine Manor announced that Ohio House District 13 State Representative Nickie J. Antonio is the recipient of the 2015 Ursuline Piazza Red Ribbon Award. Representative Antonio will receive the award on September 26th at the organization's A Cause for Clams fundraiser.

The Ursuline Piazza Red Ribbon is awarded each year to those who have gone above and beyond and have made a significant difference in the HIV/AIDS services and resources community.

"Nickie has done so much for the community at large, going beyond her role as State Representative. She finds time to meet with me regularly to discuss issues related to Ursuline Piazza, the St. Augustine Health Ministries, our clients, and how to best make a difference in supporting the HIV-infected community," says Sr. Zion.

Antonio is a founding member and past Chair of the NorthCoast HIV/

AIDS Coalition. She helped plan for the comprehensive delivery of HIV/AIDS services and allocation of resources for the Transitional Grant Area. She was responsible for helping the Coalition to identify HIV positive individuals, see that they are linked into care and stay in care.

Representative Antonio is ranking member of the Ohio House Health and Aging Committee. Ohio House District 123 covers the City of Lakewood in its entirety and parts of western Cleveland including Detroit Shoreway, Stockyard, West Boulevard, and Cudell neighborhoods and part of the Ohio City neighborhood.

Founded in 2007, the Ursuline Piazza program is a ministry of the Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland. Ursuline Piazza addresses gaps in services for those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS. Services provided include counseling, social services, transportation and educational programming.

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Saturday, September 12, 2015; the Bridge Beats and Treats Festival, West Side Community House, 9300 Lorain Avenue: Volunteers (L-R) Mirakale Anthony, Karla Lux and Pennie Gray serve hot dogs to those attending the festival.

Ohio City and Lakeview Terrace Residents take ODOT, City of Cleveland, and Trucking Industry to Task

To the Editor:

At the Lakefront West Shoreway Public Meeting -- held at St. Malachi Parrish on Tuesday, September 8 -- residents of Lakeview Terrace and Ohio City took a critical step beyond speaking truth to power. Turning out in large numbers, the two communities laid the groundwork for working together in the future. While the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) shamelessly kowtowed to the trucking industry, residents from both sides of Detroit Avenue pounded away at quality of life issues with a laser-like focus.

The move to close the eastbound entrance ramp on West 28th street -- which would significantly increase the amount of traffic through Ohio City -- has been billed as a response to years of complaints driven by concern for the safety of Lakeview Terrace school children. This, laughably, begs the question: When did ODOT and the city of Cleveland develop an iota of concern about the safety of the children of Lakeview Terrace? Their reluctance to provide

additional police protection, fill potholes, put in sidewalks, repave roads and put up stoplights at dangerous intersections borders on criminal.

LETTER

Fortunately, the trucking industry's divide-and-conquer strategy hit a snag when residents of Ohio City began echoing variations of *Black Lives Matters*. Rather than falling into the trap of intensified racial division, residents on both sides astutely focused their attention on the cozy relationship between the city of Cleveland, ODOT and the lucrative trucking industry operating out of the Flats. The trucking industry is the primary beneficiary of the

Lakefront West Shoreway Plan. The rest of the plan, including the popular *Multi-Use Trail*, is little more than smoke and mirrors.

The question remains, however; will the two communities begin coordinating their efforts in a manner that could send shock waves through Cleveland's legislative-industrial complex?

Jeff Mixon, Precinct Committeeperson Lakeview Terrace

Editor's Note: The next Lakefront West Shoreway public meeting will be held on September 29th at 5 p.m. at Lakeview Terrace Community Center.

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Saturday, September 12, 2015; Carnegie West Library's Family Learning & Literacy Play Space, 1900 Fulton Road: A new mural by Cleveland artist Jamilla Naji now adorns the wall in the library's toy room.

HEALTHY HOUSING PROGRAM

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Greater University Circle, the Cuyahoga County Board of Health, Cleveland Housing Court and the Health Improvement Partnership-Cuyahoga.

Foreman says the BUILD Health Challenge grant of \$250,000 over two years required a local match from a hospital of cash or in-kind services. MetroHealth Medical Center agreed to provide the local match with a combination of cash and in-kind services. Stockyard Clark Fulton Brooklyn Centre and Environmental Health Watch are also providing in-kind match.

The funders supporting the BUILD Health Challenge grant are The Advisory Board Company, the de Beaumont Foundation, The Kresge Foundation and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. On their website, the funders described the award recipients as “18 groundbreaking projects that aim to improve health in low-income communities. The projects were recognized on the strengths of their BOLD, UPSTREAM, INTEGRATED, LOCAL and DATA DRIVEN approaches to address the social and environmental factors that have the greatest impact on health.”

Environmental Health Watch Executive Director Foreman cites the goals of the BUILD Challenge

Grant as she emphasizes data will be used to inform where the resources from the grant will be used. She said the partners involved in the grant would decide together as a team how to roll out the program. Foreman hopes to work with the partners in the project toward “a team approach to solutions.” She emphasized that “the people most impacted need to be part of the approach and the solutions.”

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-- Kim Foreman
Executive Director
Environmental
Health Watch

In choosing the Stockyard, Clark Fulton, Brooklyn Centre neighborhoods as the target for the Engaging the Community in New Approaches to Healthy Housing, Foreman emphasized, “Residents have to be involved in how we roll this out,” she said. She then noted a number of assets in the Stockyard, Clark Fulton and Brooklyn Centre neighborhoods that will help with

community engagement. SCFBC is already involved in housing issues, has a housing committee on which local residents participate, and a relationship with the City of Cleveland Building and Housing Department. MetroHealth Medical

Center has been engaging the community around their Transition Plan. The Hispanic Alliance and the Spanish American Committee are also engaged in leadership development in the neighborhood, she said.

The pilot program hopes to engage the community in implementing two approaches to healthier homes, says Foreman. One is to use referrals from health care providers of asthma patients to provide home visits to 25 homes. The goal of the two or more home visits would be to reduce asthma triggers in the homes. Foreman says Environmental Health Watch has worked with Dr. Dorr Dearborn of the Swetland Center for Environmental Health at University Hospitals on the Case Healthy Homes and Patients Project to develop a model for home visits that provides a standard of care to asthma patients while reducing health care costs and hospitalizations by 58%.

The second approach involves selection of twenty-five homes for a proactive home visit that will lead to preventive measures that create healthier homes. This effort will involve the SCFBC Housing Committee, SCFBC Housing Specialist Kris Harsh, and the City of Cleveland Building and Housing Department. This effort will also look at housing policies in other cities in hopes of coming up with a

local housing policy that can help create Healthy Home Zones. The intent is that these Healthy Home Zones will eventually be replicated in neighborhoods throughout the region.

Foreman says some of the conditions that create unhealthy homes include: roaches, mice, pests, mold, water intrusion, dust, deteriorating lead paint, contaminated carpet and polluted indoor environments.. Some of the health issues related to unhealthy homes include asthma, lead poisoning, and unintentional accidents.

Foreman says one of the goals of the pilot project is to work with the partners and neighborhood residents to create a model that can be replicated in other neighborhoods both locally and nationally. She said there would also be an effort to ensure equity among various groups during the implementation of the program. Sandra Byrd Chappelle of Strategic Solutions Partners, a member of Cuyahoga PlaceMatters, will work with the partners to evaluate the overall process and help assure health equity principles are included in the project implementation.

Editor's Note: For more information about BUILDHealth, contact Environmental Health Watch at 216-961-4646.



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Saturday, September 12, 2015; Carnegie West Library's Family Learning & Literacy Play Space, 1900 Fulton Road: The Farmer's Market Truck with open boxes awaiting vegetables harvested from the garden.

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Farmer’s Market Family Early Learning & Literacy Play Space opens at Carnegie West Branch of Cleveland Public Library

The Cleveland Public Library and the Friends of the Cleveland Public Library held a ribbon cutting on August 14th for “Farmer’s Market: Carnegie West Family Early Learning & Literacy Play Space” at the Carnegie West Library, 1900 Fulton Road. The new exhibit was made possible through a donation from Ohio Savings Bank, a division of New York Community Bank.

The Farmer’s Market features a farmer’s truck going to market, a chicken coop, and a planting field, preparing youngsters for identifying, sorting and counting produce. These permanent tools are embedded with elements that get kids ready to read and allow for experiential learning through play. Along the way, children will increase their vocabulary, reading, problem solving, counting and storytelling skills.

In addition to the Farmer’s Market, the Carnegie West Branch Library also redesigned its toy room. Murals in the toy room designed by Cleveland artist Jamilla Naji are designed to connect children to

literacy and learning. The interactive play space is especially designed for infants and toddlers.

A visit to the Carnegie West Branch on September 12th found four-year-old Oscar Fraunfelder fully engaged in using the Farmer’s Market exhibit. While his mother Brooke King explained where the various vegetables should be planted, Oscar piled them in his basket and put vegetables in the proper rows next to their names in the planting field. King also explained to her son that the eggs from the chicken coop do not get planted in the ground.

Oscar had also made use of the toy room. He showed *Plain Press* reporters some of the toys he made – a space ship, a skateboard, and a robot.

Editor’s Note: The Carnegie West Branch of the Cleveland Public Library is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.



PHOTO BY DEBBIE SADLON

Saturday, September 12, 2015; Carnegie West Library’s Family Learning & Literacy Play Space, 1900 Fulton Road: Brooke King points out some of vegetables in the farmers’ market truck to her son Oscar Fraunfelder, age 4. Oscar, spent the morning planting and harvesting the plastic vegetables in the Farmers’ Market Garden and retrieving eggs from the chicken coop.



PHOTO BY DEBBIE SADLON

Saturday, September 12, 2015; Carnegie West Library’s Family Learning & Literacy Play Space, 1900 Fulton Road: The chicken coop is one of the farm stations where children can gather eggs and take them to the farmers market.

NEIGHBORHOOD FAMILY PRACTICE

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services. “Infant mortality is a priority public health issue in Ohio and rates for Cleveland’s neighborhoods are dramatically high, with poor health status, high rates of prematurity and smoking among pregnant women contributing to these poor outcomes,” says Julie Kellon, CNM, MSN, an NFP certified nurse midwife. “Women’s health services are a core component of NFPs services, including a growing midwifery program utilizing a CenteringPregnancy® program along with family planning, well woman care and gynecology.”

In 2014, NFP served 440 perinatal (the weeks just before and after birth) patients and more than 4,600

women age 18-44. A strategic plan developed in 2015 includes plans to expand the midwifery program to provide more access and choice for women. “The expanded services award from HHS will accelerate our ability to implement this plan,” says Kellon.

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Saturday, September 12, 2015; Great Lake Erie Boat Float, Edgewater Park: Jurassic Ark II won the award for the “Most Artistic” boat. Judges liked the “creative” and “colorful” design. Venture Crew 575 members Adam Corrao, age 18 of Independence, Ohio; Madeline Connelly, age 16 of Hudson, Ohio; and Hope Austin, age 16, of Nordonia, Ohio created the craft.

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVISTS

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Court decision rejected most of his arguments but invalidated the petitions because of a technicality. Activists from all three counties will try again next year.

Tish O'Dell, Ohio organizer for the Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund (CELDF) and founder of MADION (Mothers Against Drilling in Our Neighbors) in Broadview Heights was blunt in her view of the status of communities being fracked (hydraulic fracturing for natural gas) in Ohio. The communities are resource colonies of the oil and gas industries and they have no rights under the state laws enacted by bought and paid for politicians at the State House in Columbus. They have rights on the other hand – the right to be poisoned by fracking operations and the right to have their local democratic right to self-governance repealed with fracking exemptions to home rule. O'Dell discussed the fate of their local charter before the courts and their determination to continue to fight for it in a movement that has been described as a campaign of civil disobedience by communities instead of individuals.

Gerald Strothers from East Cleveland described the campaign to remove a construction materials recycling dump from a neighborhood on Noble Road that has destroyed the quality of life in the neighborhood with dust, odors and emissions that

have harmed the health of local residents. Strothers is one of the principals of 44112news.com – a web site that is the bane of the powers that be in East Cleveland. He discussed the power of using grass roots social media for local activists and ended his presentation with a video of local kids holding their own demonstration against the dump that was a hit of the forum.

Mike Foley, former Democratic State Representative from District 14, described the passage of Senate Bill 310 last year that for all effects and purposes repealed the renewable energy and efficiency standards that were passed before the Tea Party sweep of the 2010 elections. He said that the fight against SB 310 was hard fought, but did not have the needed rage to take it over the top. Foley described what happens in party caucus meetings before votes – a process that has been called sausage making in political lore. He ended his presentation by reporting on the billions of dollars in wind energy projects that have left the state, and the destruction of a promising solar energy industry that was starting to develop.

The panelists, CLEAN and those in attendance considered the event a success and CLEAN hopes to repeat it again in the coming year. *Randy Cunningham is a Cleveland chronicler of activism and an organizer for CLEAN.*

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prospective mentors.

“There are a lot of folks here at the hospital, myself included, who are very interested in your future,” she said. “Ninety-nine percent of the time, when you ask someone to be your mentor or to coach you, they’re going to say yes.”

MetroHealth Scholars adds to a mentoring program started last year for juniors at Lincoln-West and medical services the hospital provides at a growing number of

CMSD schools.

The new program quickly filled to capacity after recruiting began last month. Lincoln-West ninth-grader Endina Reynolds is thinking about a career in sports medicine but said the series could “open up opportunities for my future.”

Another Lincoln-West freshman, Modesto Matos, said he saw the program as a chance to “experience something new” in life but already has an idea of the direction he would like to go.

“I really want to learn surgery and be a doctor,” he said.

The program educated and supports HIV-positive people to live better and healthier lives. It promotes the wellbeing of those affected and infected with HIV/AIDS regardless of the individual's race, ethnicity, sexual orientation or religious affiliation.

The term “Piazza” was specifically chosen for the name of the program. A piazza is an open, public area found in many Italian cities. Born in Brescia, Italy, Ursuline founder Saint Angela Merici directed her followers to be “Living Piazzas” where all are welcome.

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Participation in the Ursuline Piazza program increases the likelihood that the HIV-positive client will remain compliant with their care regimens. The Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland partnered with St. Augustine Manor in 2007 to serve HIV-positive adults from Cuyahoga County who are low-income (at or below the poverty level), chemically dependent, minority, from emerging sub-populations and suffering from mental health issues.

Great Lake Erie Boat Float tackles plastic pollution

On Saturday, September 12, teams participating in the Great Lake Erie Boat Float's 2015 competition brought their boats, made from recycled materials, to Edgewater Beach hoping to see if they would float and win a race with other similarly constructed water craft. However, the water proved too rough that morning for the small craft to venture out.

The Cleveland Metroparks, the Cleveland Museum of Natural History and Sustainable Cleveland 2019 hosted the Great Lake Erie Boat Float. Sponsors supporting the event were the Cleveland Lakefront Parks Conservancy and RES Polyflow.

Judges in the contest – Jennifer Fay, President of Retap North America, Stephen Love team leader of the Euclid Beach Adopt-A-Beach program, and Jan Rybka, District Administrator of the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District -- proved creative and added a

new category to replace that of the Fastest Boat – Most Enthusiastic team.

The winning team in the new, Most Enthusiastic category was a family that attended the Great Lake Erie Boat Float last year and decided then that they would participate this year in the competition. They spent the year collecting large plastic Coke bottles and built their boat, naming it Hausenfeffer. Members of the team are: Al Demor, Julie Demor, Joe Adams, age 10, Cameron Adams, age 7, and Colton Krafcheck, age 5.

Two other categories judged in the competition each year are Most Artistic Style and Best Use of Recyclable Materials.

Winners in the competition for Most Artistic Style were the creators of Jurassic Ark II. Three members of the Venture Crew 575 out of Northfield, Ohio designed and built the boat: Adam Corrao, age 18

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Saturday, September 12, 2015; Edgewater Beach Cleanup, Edgewater Park: Marji Lightbody of Lakewood, Michael Williams of Canton, and Sherry Parker of Lakewood volunteer to help with the cleanup sponsored by Drink Local/Drink Tap, Barefoot Wine and Bubbly and the Adopt a Beach Program.

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MAX HAYES HIGH SCHOOL

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Max Hayes and the Miami Valley Career Technology Center, which serves 27 districts in the Dayton area, are the only high schools in the state with in-house pre-apprenticeship programs, according to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. But the CMSD program is unique because the Cleveland Building and Construction Trades Council has provided a core curriculum and a council representative, John Nesta, on staff at the school to help fine tune the curriculum to match student skills with what the trade unions expect from apprentices. Students will have a chance to explore all the industry's trades in all eighteen of the member unions, not just focus on one.

"This is a model for success," David Wondolowski, executive secretary of the trades council, said before the celebration. "This is going to be a premier program. It's really going to drive a lot of students into the building trades."

Mayor Frank G. Jackson and CMSD Chief Executive Officer Eric Gordon announced in March that they were close to fulfilling the long-held dream of a pre-apprenticeship program at Max Hayes. The breakthrough followed years of discussion with employers and unions on how to help students gain a foothold in the industry. For the past eleven years community activists, Don and Norma Freeman, regularly attended school board meetings, met with Mayor Frank Jackson and Cleveland Municipal School District leaders to advocate for the program and keep the focus on the task of creating a clear path for Max Hayes students to attain apprenticeships in the union trades.

Workers typically get on the path to apprenticeship in one of two ways, depending on the specialty: They persuade employers to sign "intent to hire" letters or they take exams and are placed on hiring lists in order of their scores. Completing the Max Hayes program will provide Cleveland students with credentials that proponents hope will open doors.

"It's very competitive to get the slots," said John Nesta, a career sheet-metal worker who represents

the council and was hired in March to serve as a curriculum specialist at Max Hayes. "This will give them an advantage and something tangible to give an employer. And it shows their commitment."

Students may apply for the pre-apprenticeship program after 10th grade if they have at least a 2.5-point cumulative grade average, 93 percent attendance and passing grades in all the classes they are taking at the time. They also must have passed a majority of their state graduation exams, including reading and math.

The pre-apprenticeship students must continue to meet academic criteria during the program while taking coursework and safety training specified in the agreement between CMSD and the trades council.

The students must take unit and quarterly exams, according to the agreement. An advisory committee with representatives from the industry will review the curriculum and monitor student progress.

Junior Devin Long is eager to apply for the apprenticeship program. He aspires to work as a bricklayer or carpenter and eventually supervise others in his craft.

"I'd like to be able to manage a worksite," said Devin, who will turn 17 in October. "That would be a great experience for me."

The signing topped off a celebration of the new Max Hayes, where 800 students began the school year Aug. 18.

The \$48 million school combines state-of-the-art facilities with programs that the trades council, manufacturing advocacy group WIRE-Net and other industry partners are helping to shape. Students can train in one of four career paths: construction, automotive technologies, information technology and manufacturing and engineering.

CMSD is working with the business community to overhaul all five of the District's career-tech schools – now known collectively as the Academies of Cleveland -- and better align courses with the needs of the modern workforce. Ford Next Generation Learning, a nationwide education initiative sponsored by



Monday, August 31, 2015; Max S. Hayes High School Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, 2211 W. 65th Street: Max Hayes students serve as witnesses as Max Hayes Principal Kelly Wittman signs a historic agreement between the Cleveland Metropolitan School District and the Cleveland Building and Construction Trades Council outlining their collaboration in forming a pre-apprenticeship program at the school. Cleveland Metropolitan School District Chief Executive Officer Eric Gordon (left) and Cleveland Building and Trades Council Executive Secretary Dave Wondolowski (right) also signed the document.

the Ford Motor Company Fund, is assisting.

U.S. Sen. Rob Portman was among the government, community and business leaders who gathered Monday to mark the building's opening and join in the school's mantra: "New day, new way, Max Hayes." He said the school can help fill a "skills gap" that is evident when he travels across the state.

"One thing I hear is that companies have a hard time finding workers," he said. "A lot of it is that our young people don't have the skills to get the jobs that do exist."

Bill Graham, vice president at the B&R Machine Co., located across West 65th Street from the school, also was on the agenda. He urged students to take advantage of the opportunity they will find at Max Hayes.

"Ask yourself, 'Am I just looking for a job, or am I looking for a career that's going to take me someplace?'" Graham said. He closed by telling the students, "See you across the street."

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Winners in the competition for Best Use of Recycled Materials were the creators of A Watershed Moment. The group's design included plastic kitty litter jugs held together with rope woven from plastic bags to help float their boat. The oars were made from the round lids of plastic tubs. A Watershed Moment's design team included: Erin Tesny, Maggie Kane, Carrie Hansen, David Saja, Megan Smith, Leila Jackson and Ellen Brown-Armstrung.

The Great Lake Erie Boat Float

also features fun for youths under age 12. Those entering the Li'l Sailor category were observed with domes on their heads representing their Domes entry in the competition. The youths had fun sitting on and examining some of the other entries in the competition such as the large craft designed by the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District staff members, What a Waste, But Sewerly Missed, made using 55 gallon sample buckets to add buoyancy to their craft.

Prior to the awards ceremony, Cathi Lehn, Sustainable Cleveland Coordinator from the City of Cleveland's Office of Sustainability, talked about the importance of tackling plastic pollution in Lake

Erie. She added another word to the mantra "Reduce, Reuse and Recycle" – "Re-Think." She urged those in attendance not to buy facial scrubs containing polyethylene micro beads. She said facial scrubs as well as some toothpaste contain these plastic micro beads, which are polluting the lake. She urged the use of natural facial scrubs such as Burt's Bees and toothpaste without micro beads as alternatives. She also urged people to purchase products with less packaging to help reduce waste. Boat teams were also offered the option to donate the plastic from their boats to RES Polyflow, which converts petroleum-based materials like plastic into crude oil. Representatives of the company were on hand to take the plastic materials.

Following the awards ceremony those present were asked to join with Drink Local. Drink Tap, Barefoot Wine and Bubbly and the Adopt A Beach Program to clean up debris from Edgewater Beach. A large bucket of plastic cigar tips, which had washed up on the beach, was on display for volunteers to view one of the problem items afflicting Lake Erie.

Editor's Note: Check the Great Lake Erie Boat Float website at www.lakeerieboatfloat.org for information on cutting down on plastic pollution in the lake and to keep informed about how to sign up for next fall's event. Entry is free – start building your boat now.



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Saturday, September 12, 2015; Great Lake Erie Boat Float, Edgewater Park: Judges gave the award for the "most enthusiastic" team to the builders of the Hausenfeffer, a craft built largely of empty plastic coke bottles. Team members are: Al Demor, Julie Demor, Joe Adams, age 10, Cameron Adams, age 7, and Colton Krafchek, age 5. The team was formed after the family attended last year's Great Lake Erie Boat Float.



PHOTO BY DEBBIE SADLON
Saturday, September 12, 2015; Great Lake Erie Boat Float, Edgewater Park: The award for best use of recycled and repurposed materials went to the builders of A Watershed Moment. The team used plastic kitty litter bottles held together with braded plastic bag rope to help float a pallet. Their oars were made from the lids of large plastic tubs. Team members are: (Front row): Carrie Hansen and David Saja. (Rear): Erin Tesny, Maggie Kane, Leila Jackson and Megan Smith. Not shown: Ellen Brown-Armstrong.

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