

PHOTO BY CHUCK HOVEN
Saturday, October 17, 2015; Northeast Ohio LaborFest, Max Hayes High School, 2211 W. 65th Street: David Goldberg, Professor Emeritus, Cleveland State University gives a speech titled *Max Hayes: Forgotten Hero of the Labor Movement*.

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Labor Education & Arts Project honors memory of Max Hayes

In honor of Max Hayes, a 20th Century champion of labor, democracy and social welfare, the

Labor Education and Arts Project sponsored a commemoration in his memory on October 17th at the

newly opened Max Hayes High School. North Shore Federation of Labor endorsed the event, the 2nd Northeast Ohio LaborFest 2015.

2nd Northeast Ohio LaborFest 2015 featured a number of speakers on labor history as well as a discussion of how the 1912 campaign to expand and strengthen democracy in Ohio, championed by Max Hayes through the *Cleveland Citizen* labor newspaper, has lessons for a modern day political strategy.

The Labor Education and Arts Project, organizers of the LaborFest, noted the important role that Max Hayes, editor and founder of the labor newspaper, the *Cleveland Citizen*, played in the history of the City of Cleveland and the State of Ohio. In promoting the event the Labor Education and Arts Project said, "With a mission to 'advance the cause of a politically active, aggressive labor movement,' the *Citizen* was in the forefront of a statewide campaign to amend the 1912 Ohio State Constitution. This landmark campaign proposed that Ohio voters consider 42 labor-endorsed issues for amendment to the Constitution including, a minimum wage, women's suffrage, child labor laws, workman's compensation, eight-hour day, continued on page 6



PHOTO BY CHUCK HOVEN
Friday, October 16, 2015; Building Construction room, Max Hayes High School, 2211 W. 65th Street: Max Hayes Building Construction Instructors Jim MacDowell and Jim Mulgrew, Construction Curriculum Specialist John Nesta, and Max Hayes Building Construction students serve as hosts to guests from Olmsted Falls Cub Scout Pack 102. Max Hayes staff and students engaged their guests in building toolboxes. Here instructor Jim MacDowell shows Cub Scout Rafy Lofton, age 12, how to cut boards for the toolbox with a power saw while still keeping all ten fingers for future use.

Max Hayes students get a taste of teaching as cub scouts visit Building Construction Program

by Chuck Hoven

Max Hayes High School's Building Construction Program served as host to some young guests from Cub Scout Pack 102 from Olmsted Falls on October 16th. The Cub Scouts were put right to work making toolboxes in the Max Hayes Construction Programs new state of the art facility.

Max Hayes Instructor Jim Mulgrew, who invited the eight Cub Scouts, their Pack Leader Jennifer Seward and several parents to Max Hayes, introduced his fellow instructor Jim MacDowell as someone who had achieved the highest rank in scouting – Eagle Scout.

MacDowell then talked to the young scouts about the importance of safety when working with power tools. He showed them his ten fingers and told them he would like to have use of them all when he goes home in the evening.

John Nesta, Construction Curriculum Specialist from the

Cleveland Construction and Building Trades Council, and Max Hayes High School construction students joined MacDowell and Mulgrew in the construction room to offer assistance to the cub scouts. The cub scouts, ages 7 to 12, then donned safety glasses and split into smaller groups working under the direction of Max Hayes students and staff to each build their own tool box.

Rafy Lofton, age 9, watched carefully as Instructor MacDowell measured and cut a board for the toolbox using a power saw. Lofton was soon able to begin measuring and cutting a board for his own toolbox with the assistance of Max Hayes seniors David Jimenez, Alfonzo Wilhoite and Dominique Brown.

At a nearby table Max Hayes eleventh grade students Nathan Bostic and Jeffrey Meredith help Cub Scout Adam Harwood, age 12, to use a hand saw to cut a board for his toolbox.

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Saturday, October 17, 2015; Coat Giveaway, Thomas Jefferson International Newcomers Academy, 3145 W. 46th Street: Lindsay Pavlich, Executive Agent of Agent Outwear, passes out coats to children from the Thomas Jefferson Newcomers Academy. Pavlich says her company, based in the city of Detroit, donates one coat to charity for every coat it sells. She says Continuum Energy, a natural gas supplier, helped to sponsor the coat giveaway. The Newcomers Academy at Thomas Jefferson has many students new to Cleveland that arrived here from countries all over the world. Many of the students have never lived in a cold climate.

Medicaid Education Workshop helps explain program

by Chuck Hoven

A panel of four people at a Medicaid Education Workshop held on October 20th offered answers to questions about Medicaid eligibility and what it covers; explained the

various types of Medicaid programs; and offered an update about what is happening with Medicaid expansion in Ohio. Northern Ohioans for Budget Legislation Equality (NOBLE) and Community Partners for Affordable

Accessible Health Care sponsored the workshop.

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Thursday, September 24, 2015; Stockyard Clark Fulton Brooklyn Centre Safety Committee and International Village Neighborhood Cookout with the Cops: Zachary Fiocco, age 11; Amon Tucker, age 11; and Bobby Roark, age 7; take a break from a touch football game with Second District Police Officer Hubert Kidd.



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Thursday, September 24, 2015; International Village Neighborhood’s Cookout with the Cops: Second District Police Officer Hubert Kidd plays quarterback, joining neighborhood residents in a game of touch football.

ADVOCACY FOR CHILDREN LEARN THE BASICS OF ADVOCACY, legislative process, and legislative research; engage in interactive advocacy training exercises; and hear from advocacy experts and policy makers. The Cleveland session will be on November 9 from 1 – 4 PM at the Greater Cleveland Food Bank at 15500 South Waterloo Rd. To register, log onto <https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/VoicesforOhiosChildren/advocacy-trainingregistration.html>.

AGING IN PLACE THE DETROIT SHOREWAY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION is researching the concept of aging in place and what it would look like for seniors in the community. If you are a senior, complete the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DSCDO-AIP> (English) or <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DSCDO-AIP-SPANISH> (Spanish).

Correction

A reader pointed out a number of errors in an article that appeared in the October issue of the *Plain Press* titled *Environmental activists trade notes on current fights*. The direction of the NEXUS pipeline from Toledo to Medina County should have been southeasterly. The correct name of a group mentioned in the article is Mothers Against Drilling in Our Neighborhoods and the website for Sustainable Medina County should be www.sustainablemedinacounty.org.

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“THE CLEVELAND ATROCITY”

THE KILLING OF MALISSA WILLIAMS AND TIMOTHY RUSSELL by Police Officers on November 29, 2012 will be discussed at the Empowerment Church at 15837 Euclid Ave. on Thursday, November 12 at 6:30 PM.

CLEVELAND SCHOOLS THE HALLE/H. BARBARA BOOKER New Building Advisory Committee (NBAC) will help design the new school scheduled to open in 2017. The November 18 Meeting will focus on Comments on the Site Plan and Traffic Flow. A light dinner will be provided at 5:30 PM and the meeting will begin promptly at 6:00 PM at Clark Recreation Center at 5706 Clark Ave.

THE SCHOOL PARENT ORGANIZATION (SPO) actively supports the academic achievement of all students. A west-side meeting will be held on Thursday, November 12 from 6 – 8 PM at Paul L. Dunbar School at 2159 West 29th St. For more information, visit ClevelandMetroSchools.org.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT **WARD 3 COUNCILMAN JOE CIMP**ERMAN AND **WARD 14 COUNCILMAN BRIAN CUMMINS** are hosting dinner and discussion about 3 community projects: The Dream Neighborhood, La Villa Hispana and the West 25th Street Corridor Initiative. Wednesday, November 4th at Lincoln West High School, 3202 West 30th St.: Registration, Dinner and Networking from 6 – 7 PM, and Presentations and Q and A from 7 – 9 PM. RSVP to Keisha Gonzalez at 216/961-9073 x204 or Kgonzalez@dscdo.org

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MEDICARE’S ANNUAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD runs through Dec. 7. Individuals eligible for Medicare with enrollment questions or needing financial assistance may call OSHIP at 800/686-1578 (Monday-Friday from 7:30 AM to 5 PM) or Medicare at 800/633-4227 (24 hours a day. 7 days a week) or log onto <http://www.insurance.ohio.gov/Consumer/Pages/MedicareToolkit.aspx> or www.Medicare.gov.

NATURAL ITSTORY

THE PEOPLE’S MUSEUM OF REVISIONIST NATURAL ITSTORY will challenge popular science as we know it. Opening reception at Spaces at 2220 Superior Viaduct on November 20 from 6 -9 PM. The show will continue through January 15. Gallery hours are Tuesday-Sunday from 12-5 PM and until 8 PM on Thursdays. Free and open to the public. For more information, call 216/621-2314, email contact@SPACESgallery.org, or visit www.SPACESgallery.org

POETRY

OHIO POETRY OUT LOUD Announces Semifinals, Upcoming Workshops, and Opens Registration for schools. Registration for the 2015-16 Ohio Poetry Out Loud (POL) year is now open until December 1. Beginning this year, Ohio POL will add three regional semifinal contests in addition to regular school contests and the State Finals. Teacher-training workshops are currently planned in Cleveland and Columbus. (1) Schools must be registered for the program for their school champions to compete beyond the school level. All competitions, workshops, and POL curriculum materials are free to contestants and schools. (2) Semifinals will be held in Cleveland, Columbus, and Dayton during the first week of March 2016. The State Finals in Columbus will now be a half-day event on Saturday, March 19, 2016. (3) Additional program updates include: offering Continuing Education Unit

(CEU) credit for teacher workshops, extending workshop opportunities, archiving workshop videos online, offering an early-winter webinar, and providing semi-final contestants with composite score reports Contact Hannah Brokenshire at hannah.brokenshire@oac.state.oh.us or 614/728-4463.

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RECIPE SWAP & POTLUCK **BRING YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY DISH** and swap recipes. All recipes will be submitted to the Stockyard, Clark-Fulton, and Brooklyn Centre Cookbook. On Saturday, November 7th from 12 PM to 2 PM at 3167 Fulton Rd. Atrium. If you are interested in participating, contact Laura at 216/961-9073 x204 or lzeck@dscdo.org.

SEWER SYSTEM

LEARN ABOUT THE HISTORY OF SEWERS AND THE FUTURE OF CLEAN WATER IN GREATER CLEVELAND on Tuesday, November 10 from 9 AM to 12 Noon at 4747 East 49th in Cuyahoga Heights. Reserve your space by logging onto neorsd.org/SewerU.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

THE SOCIAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE at Case Western Reserve University will hold its 3rd Biennial Intergenerational Think Tank: “Educating for Struggle: Social Justice, Empathy, and Social Transformation,” on November 12th-14th 2015. The three-day event will be held on the CWRU campus and feature an Opening Keynote lecture and dialogue with activist and scholar Angela Y. Davis on Friday evening. Thursday night, the film “*Finding the Gold Within*” will be shown, followed by a Q & A session with two speakers whose stories are featured in the film. Saturday will feature local and national thought leaders on three consecutive plenary sessions -- “**Social Justice**,” “Empathy,” and “Social Transformation.” Discussion: What is empathy, and why is it critical to achieve social justice and transformation? What are some of the most pressing social justice issues of our day? How are people fighting to challenge inequality in the present day? The plenaries will feature presentations on faith, community-based research, and activism; business ethics, economic systems, and justice; and contemporary campaigns focused on labor, LGBTQ rights, immigration, and the criminal justice system. The Think Tank will close with a performance-talk as a way to showcase the ways in which the arts can play an important role in bridging communities and understanding the critical issues of our time. Free and open to the public, but registration required. To register go to: <https://case.edu/socialjustice>. For more information,

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Thanksgiving Dinner

There will be a delicious Thanksgiving dinner served at St. Augustine Church, 2486 West 14 Street, on Thursday, November 26, 2015, from 11:00 - 1:00 p.m.

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those making presentations at the workshop. Panelists for the workshop were: Jacque Ward, Deputy Administrator of the Cuyahoga County Department of Job and Family Services; Trina Morgan, a mother of seven, a Medicaid Consumer, a member of Northern Ohioans for Budget Legislation Equality and United Clevelanders Against Poverty; John Corlett, Chief Executive Officer of Community Solutions; and Toshima Mathis, an application manager at the Free Clinic.

Medicaid Overview
Deputy Administrator of the Cuyahoga County Department of Job and Family Services Jacque Ward brought a handout offering an overview of the Medicaid program which explains Medicaid eligibility under the new system in place in Ohio. She noted that, since Medicaid expansion in Ohio was approved under the Affordable Care Act, qualified individuals, ages 19 – 64, (those with income less than 138% of the federal poverty line, currently \$1,305 per month) are now part of the expansion group. While single individuals now qualify for Medicaid under the expansion, they only receive basic Medicaid unlike families with children their coverage does not include vision and dental, said Ward.

Ward says her department is working to bring people who qualify under the new eligibility system into Medicaid. In addition to those that are newly qualified for Medicaid, due to expansion of the program, Ward says Medicaid health coverage for those that are income eligible includes coverage for parents, children and pregnant women; coverage for 19 & 20 year olds; coverage for families; and coverage for the elderly, blind and disabled.

Ward provided a handout titled *Medicaid Overview*, which indicates there are three new main categories of Medicaid: MAGI (modified adjusted gross income; Non-MAGI (primarily Aged, Blind and Disabled); and Special Medicaid Programs and Services. The handout describes the various amounts of income allowed for different situations.

For example, parents and caretaker relatives of children under age 19 can qualify for Medicaid insurance if their modified adjusted gross income is less than 90% of the federal poverty level; 19 and 20 year olds must have an income below 44% of the federal poverty threshold to qualify; and pregnant women with incomes up to 200% of the federal poverty line can receive assistance.

Non-MAGI ABD Medicaid for the aged, blind and disabled is available for those age 65 and older, the legally blind and persons who are determined disabled by the Social Security Administration. There are resource limits for this program of \$1,500 for individuals and \$2,250 for couples. Income for individuals should be less than \$643 per month and for couples the income should be less than \$1,100 per month. The handout indicates that certain deductions for medical costs may apply).

Ohio currently has a Spend-Down Program for persons eligible for ABD Medicaid with the exception that they are over the income limit. Under the Spend Down program, those individuals can spend down their income each month through medical expenses or purchasing coverage. They qualify for Medicaid when the amount of income left after subtracting their medical expenses is less than \$643 for an individual or \$1,100 for a couple.

The handout indicates that Medicaid also has a program to help people cover the cost of Medicare premiums and allows workers with disabilities to buy-in to the program. Workers with disabilities with incomes less than 150% of the federal poverty line are not charged a

premium for this service. Those with incomes above that level must pay a premium.

Some of the Special Medicaid Programs and Services described in the handout provided by Ward include: Reinstatement of Medicaid for Public Institution Recipients; Family Planning Services (available until December 31, 2015); Long-Term Care Medicaid; Medical Coverage for Non-Citizens; and the Breast & Cervical Cancer Project.

There is also a program that provides temporary access to health services to people that appear eligible for Medicaid but have not yet completed the application process.

Ward noted Medicaid has a citizenship requirement – it is available to United States citizens and qualified non-citizens. Everyone in the program in Cuyahoga County must be a resident of the county and have a social security card. The packet Ward provided explained the various income requirements and resource requirements for the different types of Medicaid.

Ward said those who want to apply for Medicaid could get an application online at www.benefits.ohio.gov or call 1-800-324-8680. They can also come into an agency in person or mail in a paper application. Neighborhood Family Service Center locations include: Old Brooklyn, 4261 Fulton Parkway, 216-635-2918; Westshore, 9830 Lorain Avenue, 216-939-2523; and Virgil Brown, 1641 Payne Ave, 216-987-6968.

Medicaid Consumer Perspective
Trina Morgan, a Medicaid consumer, a mother of seven and a member of both Northern Ohioans for Budget Legislation Equality (NOBLE) and United Clevelanders Against Poverty offered some advice and comments about Medicaid. She recommended going in person to apply or get information about Medicaid. She says using the phone you end up waiting a long time.

Morgan praised the Medicaid health coverage for 19 & 20 year olds, which she called a “beautiful thing” which have helped her two daughters while they attend college. She says Medicaid coverage helps so they don’t have to choose between food and health care while attending college.

Morgan noted many low-income working people don’t realize that they qualify for Medicaid. She noted a number of services, which Medicaid had helped her family including paying for prescriptions and home visits by nurses.

Morgan also urged residents of Cuyahoga County to get rated at MetroHealth, which she called “a beautiful program” which helps reduce the cost of medical care. She noted that single individuals on Medicaid that don’t get dental and vision care could go to Care Alliance and a number of other programs for those services.

State budget concerns
John Corlett, Executive Director of Community Solutions, talked about a proposal being considered by the Ohio Legislature that concerns the Medicaid program. He said one provision in the State of Ohio Budget would require nearly every adult receiving Medicaid to enroll in a health savings account. Corlett says the proposal by the legislature requires the Ohio Medicaid director to seek a federal waiver that would allow Ohio to require all non-disabled adults enrolled in Medicaid to have a Health Savings Account. Corlett said the Medicaid recipients would be required to deposit 2% of their family income into the account up to a \$99 annual limit. The proposal calls for those not making payment to lose their Medicaid.

Corlett says there is a dangerous trend that is trying to equate Medicaid with welfare and requiring work to get Medicaid. He said Medicaid is not a welfare program; it is a health care program and a work support program that allows individuals to maintain their health so they can work.

While Corlett believes the Obama Administration would not grant the waiver to Ohio, he is concerned about the time



PHOTO COURTESY OF NEIGHBORHOOD FAMILY PRACTICE
Tuesday, October 13, 2015; Ribbon Cutting for Neighborhood Family Practice’s new W. 117th community health center, 11709 Lorain Avenue: Cutting the Ribbon are: (Left to Right) Shanna Gnew, RN, NFP W 117th Community Health Center; Cameron Helmick, NFP Patient and Community Partner; Melanie Golembiewski, MD, NFP W. 117th Community Health Center; Jean Polster, CEO, Neighborhood Family Practice; Councilwoman Dona Brady, Ward 11; Toinette Parrilla, Director, Department of Public Health; Rose Zitiello, Executive Director, Westown Community Development Corporation; Tom Gill, Board President, Neighborhood Family Practice; and Erick Kauffman, MD, CMO, Neighborhood Family Practice.

line. He believes that it will take the State of Ohio Medicaid Department 9-12 months to submit the waiver application. This would mean it would be submitted from April to July of next year. There would then be a public comment period, which may mean the approval could be done by a new federal administration, said Corlett, stressing the importance of the next federal election.

Corlett says his experience has been that when you require co-pay, many low-income people will drop out of health care programs. He also noted that the state legislature talked about doing electronic transfer of funds to make the 2% payments. Corlett questioned whether most people with incomes below the poverty line even had bank accounts.

While six states have expanded waivers, Corlett said Ohio’s proposal is unique. He says Indiana has a proposal for Health Savings Accounts, only in the Indiana proposal people who don’t pay still get basic Medicaid (without vision and dental). “They don’t get cut off altogether like Ohio’s proposal,” he said. Corlett said Arkansas tried copay with cost sharing and eliminated the requirement because the cost to collect the money was more than what they collected.

Corlett said, “In Ohio we are a state that has already expanded Medicaid and we see that it is working. We are seeing health benefits. Why make it more cumbersome?” Corlett noted

that currently the state of Ohio now gets reimbursed for 100% for the cost of expanded Medicaid. He said with the waiver, the state would only get reimbursed for 50% of the administrative cost, costing the state more than it is likely to take in.

Corlett said he believes both providers and Medicaid consumers will be hurt if the waiver proposed by the State Legislature is approved. “It makes sense to pay attention and testify as to what it will mean to Medicaid consumers,” he said. He noted that the waiver application is a public document and will have to be posted online. They will be required to make predictions as to what it will mean for coverage and they will have to take

public comments.

Health Care Provider Perspective
Toshima Mathis, an application counselor at the Free Clinic, said the State of Ohio’s decisions about Medicaid would impact the Free Clinic as to the ratio of its patients with health insurance coverage. She said since Medicaid expansion in Ohio a number of working families now eligible for Medicaid have signed up. Mathis said the percentage of uninsured patients at the Free Clinic has gone down from 89% to 40%. She says the Free Clinic has helped 3,069 patients to apply for health care assistance and 2,153 applicants have successfully enrolled.

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John Marshall High School ribbon cutting celebrates new school and academic programs



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Thursday, September 24, 2015; John Marshall High School Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, 3952 W. 140th Street: Cleveland Metropolitan School District Chief Executive Officer Eric Gordon joins with 12th grade students Da’Jzhanae Smith and Kevin Gramajo to cut the ribbon.

Governor fails to request work exemption for Cuyahoga County SNAP recipients

As an October deadline looms, Ohio Governor John Kasich has failed to ask the federal government for a waiver that would allow people living in urban areas with high unemployment to receive food assistance from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). If the waiver is not requested, people in Cuyahoga County will not be able to receive full SNAP benefits 2016 unless they can find 20 hours of work per week.

As the *Plain Press* goes to print in late October, no action on the governor’s part has occurred. In late September, Congresswoman Marcia Fudge urged Governor Kasich to apply for the waiver for the urban counties in Ohio that qualify

because of their high unemployment level. Kasich applied for the waiver for some rural counties. Cleveland City Council also weighed in on September 21st passing a resolution asking the governor to apply for the waiver.

According to a report by Policy Matters Ohio, titled *Ohio deprives thousands of eligible residents of federal food aid*, “Federal rules allow states to waive time limits in areas where working-poor adults cannot find enough work hours (without a waiver, recipients are restricted to food aid for three out of 36 months unless they work at least 20 hours per week). A statewide waiver isn’t allowed in 2016, but may cities and counties remain eligible.”



PHOTO BY DEBBIE SADLON

Thursday, September 24, 2015; John Marshall High School Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, 3952 W. 140th Street: State Senator Michael Skindell (Left) presents a proclamation from the State Senate to the school’s four principals in honor of the opening of the new John Marshall High School. The principals are: (L-R) Principal Tiffany James, Comprehensive; Principal Timothy Primus, Engineering; Principal Chelsey Cook, Information Technology; and Principal Sara Kidner, Civic and Business Leadership.

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by Chuck Hoven

The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on September 24th at John Marshall High School not only celebrated the opening of the new school building but also the creation of new academic programs for John Marshall. Students greeted guests and offered them programs as they entered the building. The ceremony included the schools ROTC Color Guard carrying out the flags, the singing of the Star Spangled Banner by John Marshall Senior Da’Jzhanae Smith, and music by the band and choir.

State Representative Martin J. Sweeney (D-14), the former Cleveland City Council Representative for the area, celebrated the new school and noted the path chosen to build new rather than renovate the old school. He talked about the difficult and controversial decision he made to have the former historic John Marshall High School Building de-landmarked so it could be demolished to make way for the new high school.

Ward 16 Councilman Brian Kazy talked about the new schools at John Marshall and its partnership with St. Edward High School. Kazy also offered two words of hope for the future expansion of the John Marshall campus “Football Field.”

Cleveland Metropolitan School Board Member Stephanie Morales, a John Marshall alumnus, praised community members that worked to help plan the new curriculum for John Marshall saying, “The fresh academic programs would not be possible without the community’s support.”

Speaker Ann Mullin, a senior program officer at the George Gund Foundation and a member of the Cleveland Transformation Alliance Board of Directors, spoke highly of the Advisory Committee made up of alumni, teachers, parents, students, business leaders, staff of non profit organizations and community members that worked for 18 months to create new academic goals for John Marshall. She said they even helped to change the

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design of the building to align with the academic programs. Mullin says the new academies at John Marshall are designed to help prepare students for high wage growth need jobs in Cleveland. She noted the goal of the Cleveland Plan is to create schools that are “places where we all would like to send our children.” She cited the large size of the student population at John Marshall as the first experience of the Transformation Alliance of being involved in the in building a new building for so many students. She said 1,400 students had enrolled at John Marshall for this school year.

Ward 17 Councilman Martin J. Keane also heaped praise on the Advisory Committee, saying their input was invaluable in creating an educational program that will help students be workforce ready. Keane said he believed the new school would aid in “the attraction and retention of students and families in the neighborhood.”

David J. Wondolowski, Executive Secretary of the Cleveland Building and Construction Trades Council, noted that through a partnership with the Cleveland Metropolitan School District men and women from

the John Marshall neighborhood were hired to help build the school. Wondolowski urged students “to get into the habit of applying yourself every day. Come to compete every single day. Compete with classmates and friends. Apply yourself. Come to school every day – come early – stay late.”

In introducing David Chovan, Interim Executive Director of the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission, Representative Sweeney took the opportunity to comment on the Football Field and the Track and Field tradition at John Marshall High School. He noted that the Ohio School Facilities Commission contributed 2/3 of the cost of construction of the new school building, but the State of Ohio would not allow funds to go toward a football field or track. He said that Cleveland Metropolitan School District Chief Executive Officer Eric Gordon was supportive of the idea of the community raising the funds for the stadium and track. Sweeney urged his successor, Councilman Kazy, and Mayor Frank Jackson to work with him to help find corporate sponsors and other funds to pay for the project. Sweeney, making a veiled reference to Satinder P. S.

Puri, who held a hunger strike to protest the Sweeney led demolition of the old historic John Marshall building, said of the football field and track, “if it is not done in a year, I will hold a hunger strike with a stick in my hand.”

Chovan referred to the building of the new John Marshall and praised, “the partnership and support of so many people that made this a successful project.”

The newly opened John Marshall High School now houses four separate schools. Eleventh and Twelfth Grade students will continue their academic careers in John Marshall Comprehensive. Ninth and Tenth Grade students this year entered one of three academies at John Marshall: Civic and Business Leadership, Engineering and Information Technology.

At the ceremony students introduced the principals of each of the academic programs. Each student said a few words, while the principals just stood and nodded to the crowd.

Tenth grade student Jessica Whitmer introduced Principal Sara Kidner of the John Marshall Civic and Business Leadership Academy.

Ninth Grade Student Terrell Redding introduced Principal Timothy Primus of the John Marshall



PHOTO BY DEBBIE SADLON
Thursday, September 24, 2015; John Marshall High School Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, 3952 W. 140th Street: 12th grade student Da’Jzhanae Smith sings the Star Spangled Banner.



PHOTO BY DEBBIE SADLON
Thursday, September 24, 2015; John Marshall High School Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, 3952 W. 140th Street: Members of the John Marshall Choir add their voices to the celebration of the opening of their new school.

School of Engineering. Redding said he liked the idea that the school was full of technology and “offered the opportunity for all students to be successful.”

Tenth Grade Student Rochell Bradley introduced Principal Chelsey Cook of the John Marsahll Information Technology Academy. Bradley says her favorite part of the new school is that it is quiet and orderly, “I can learn in the classroom without any interruption,” she said.

John Marshall 12th Grade Student Kevin Gramajo introduced Principal Tiffany James of the John Marshall Comprehensive High School. Gramajo made reference to the saying “home is where the heart is” and followed with “John Marshall is where the heart is.”

Just prior to the ribbon cutting, CEO Eric Gordon, thanked all those from the CMSD staff, John Marshall

alumni and members of the staff of Bellaire-Puritas Community Development who had not yet been mentioned by previous speakers. He also thanked the choir, band, ROTC students and students that served as hosts for the event.

Gordon noted the construction of the new 208,000 square foot John Marshall High School cost \$42 million, 2/3 of which was paid for by the State of Ohio, 1/3 from locally raised tax dollars. He thanked local taxpayers for their contribution. He noted the building is a LEAD certified facility and the new building has recycled some elements from the old building to help carry the tradition into the future.

Gordon then invited several students to assist him in cutting the ribbon at the culmination of the ceremony.

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Thursday, October 15, 2015; West Tech Alumni Association Museum, First Floor Auditorium, 2201 W. 93rd: Hall Passes and other items made in the West Tech foundry are on display. Museum Curator Bonnie Dangler, Class of 1964, says alumni, often not wishing to reveal their names, brought the wayward passes to the museum. While the alumni may feel guilty for having kept their own get out of class free pass, Dangler says she is glad to obtain these precious pieces of West Tech history.

LABOR EDUCATION AND ARTS PROJECT

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recall of elected officials, and the direct democracy of the initiative and referendum. Thirty-four of the forty-two proposed amendments were ratified by Ohio voters and incorporated into the Constitution.”

Featured speakers include Professor Michael Pierce, author of *Striking with the Ballot: Ohio Labor and the Populist Party*; Mary Triece, Professor of Communications at the University of Akron, Steven Steinglass, Dean Emeritus, Cleveland-Marshall College of

Law; and David Goldberg, Professor Emeritus, Cleveland State University.

Michael Pierce talked about the role that Martin Foran, a cooper (barrel maker) by trade, played in the birth of the Cleveland labor movement. Pierce explained that Foran, a journeyman cooper, helped lead a strike against the master coopers in 1869 when they tried to lower the wages of the journeymen that worked for them. Following the initial organizing efforts it became apparent that Cleveland coopers would be competing with coopers

with lower wages in Akron and Western Pennsylvania – this led to the organizing of an international union of coopers.

Pierce also described Foran venture into organizing Labor as a political force in Ohio. Foran was elected to serve on the 1872 State Constitutional Convention and used that platform to amend the Ohio constitution to ban child labor – restricting companies with more than eight employees from hiring youths under the age of 16. Pierce says that labor had good representation in the State Legislature with 3

Plans underway for construction of new West Side High School, Waverly & H. Barbara Booker

Plans are going forward to build three new Cleveland Metropolitan Schools District (CMSD) schools in the *Plain Press* readership area -- the West Side High School, Waverly and H. Barbara Booker. According to an August 3rd report by the Bond Accountability Commission, pending successful completion of price negotiations, the Cleveland Metropolitan School District and the Ohio School Facilities Construction Commission have selected architects for Segment 7 of the CMSD’s 10-segment construction program which includes these three schools.

The new West Side High School (the replacement High School for West Tech closed in 1995) will be located at the old Max Hayes site, 4600 Detroit Avenue. The architect selected for the new high school is Then Design. The new West Side High School is projected to house 600 students and will be 99,984 square feet. The total project budget, which includes the demolition of the old Max Hayes, is \$26,804,916. The construction cost for the new school is estimated at \$23,100,000.

Then Design is also the architectural firm selected for the new Waverly (K-8) School. The school will be built on the site of the old Waverly school at 1818 W. 54th Street. The CMSD hopes to be able to accommodate most of the students from both Waverly and nearby Watterson Lake into one school at the new Waverly site. In the 2013-14 School year the State

of Ohio listed the enrollment at Watterson Lake as 265 students and the enrollment at Waverly at 278 students.

The district plans to build the new Waverly to accommodate 450 students. According to the Bond Accountability Commission report the State of Ohio School Facilities Construction Commission has only agreed to provide its 2/3 matching funds for a facility serving 350 students. The CMSD has decided to

use its LFI (Locally Funded Initiative) funds to cover the additional space for the remaining 100 students it hopes will come to the new school. The Bond Accountability Report indicated the projected size of the building at 62,849 square feet (10,000 square feet of that will be funded solely using LFI). The total budget for demolition and new construction is \$15,814,782 (including \$2 million from LFI).

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Thursday, October 15, 2015; West Tech Alumni Association Museum, Auditorium Balcony, 2201 W. 93rd: The portrait of legendary West Tech Principal Charles Cecil Tuck looks down on the museum from the balcony. Tuck, who arrived at West Tech in 1924, served as the high school’s principal for 34 ½ years.

or 4 union members serving in the 1870s and into the 1880s. He said they were successful in passing legislation such as the 8-hour day and inspection laws for workplace safety. However, Pierce noted that Cleveland Labor movement was decimated by the six-year depression that followed the Panic of 1873. The unions lost their bargaining power with so many people out of work in the depression.

Mary Triece, Professor of Communications at the University of Akron, talked about the role of women in the labor movement in the early 1900s. She talked about organizing women in the garment industry in New York City and the efforts of women to work as conductorettes from 1917 to 1919 during World War I on the Cleveland street car lines. She noted that part of the movement to gain the vote for women was an effort to end sweatshops for women.

Steven Steinglass, Dean Emeritus of the Cleveland Marshall College of Law, offered a history of Constitutional Conventions in Ohio which led up to the Constitutional Convention of 1912 and labor’s historic role in getting 34 of their 42 proposed constitutional amendments approved by voters in a statewide vote. Steinglass noted that some of the amendments passed have to do with direct democracy in Ohio such as the initiative and referendum. Some issues that did not passed, but were supported by labor were women’s suffrage and a ban on capital punishment.

David Goldberg, Professor Emeritus at Cleveland State University, gave a brief account of the life of Max Hayes.

Goldberg noted that Hayes was a self-educated member of the International Typographical Union. He became politically active in the Franklin Club in Cleveland a group of activist that engaged in political issues in the 1890s. In 1891, he founded the *Cleveland Citizen*, which today is Cleveland’s oldest labor newspaper. Goldberg noted that Hayes was the voice of the Socialist in the Labor movement in Cleveland. Goldberg described the Constitutional Convention of 1912 as the “highlight of the career” of Max Hayes with all 42 of the labor’s proposals making it to the ballot for voters to consider.

Following a luncheon, there was some discussion about how the legacy of the 1912 campaign to expand and strengthen democracy can be reconsidered for present-day political strategy. To that purpose, proponents addressed the assembly in behalf of such issues as: Medicare for All, union recognition for adjunct faculty, against mass incarceration, and for abolition of capital punishment.

There was also a debate on Issue Two – an issue on the statewide ballot. Both sides in the debate were represented. Representatives of the American Friends Service Committee and the Single Payer Action Network Ohio said the passage of the issue would hurt future efforts to pass citizen initiatives on a statewide ballot. Professor Steinglass argued there were other ways to pass issues on a statewide ballot and that Issue 2 would prevent the Ohio Constitution from being cluttered by interests of powerful state monopolies such as the casinos and marijuana growers.

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Cannon, LoPresti and Catavolos Funeral Home hosts grand opening

On October 7th Cannon, LoPresti and Catavolos Funeral Home and Cremation Center held a grand opening and commemoration of their newly remodeled funeral home at 11210 Detroit Avenue. Owners Lindsey M. Cannon, Don LoPresti and George P. Catavolos greeted guests, offered food, drink and tours of the facility.

The owners, Cannon, LoPresti and Catavolos are friends who have all worked in the funeral business. George Catavolos says that the purchase and remodeling of the former Daniel L. Berry & Martens and Sons Funeral Home represents a \$500,000 investment on the part of the three partners. Since the purchase of the building in the spring of this year, the partners have been remodeling and upgrading the facility with painting, new carpeting, new furniture and air conditioning.

Catavolos says the building, that the funeral home is in, was originally the mansion of a Dr. W. J. Quigley, a founding member of the Westwood County Club.

For Catavolos, the partnership represents a chance to become involved in the neighborhood where he grew up and where his mother still lives on nearby Baltic Road.

Catavolos, a 1974 graduate of West Tech High School, is the president of the West Tech Alumni Association. He is a former owner of a funeral home on W. 98th and Denison and where he was involved in the Lorain Denison Merchants Association for many years. Catavolos says the new funeral home plans to get involved in neighborhood activities and organizations such as Cudell Improvement and the Detroit Avenue Merchants Association. They have already provided space for a community garden by the railroad tracks on W. 112th. Catavolos says Lindsey Cannon will be the everyday face that the public interacts with at the Cannon, LoPresti and Catavolos Funeral Home.

Cannon says she regularly interacts with neighbors of the funeral home as she is out working doing yard work on the grounds. She says a dog that is regularly walked passed the funeral home by its owner regularly stops for a treat. Cannon says the funeral home is pet friendly. One of the features offered to those grieving the loss of a loved one is Rose, the funeral home's therapy dog.

Cannon says she hopes to offer quality services at affordable



PHOTO COURTESY OF CANNON LO PRESTI & CATAVOLOS FUNERAL HOME
Wednesday, October 7, 2015; Grand Opening of the newly remodeled Cannon Lo Presti & Catavolos Funeral Home, 11210 Detroit Avenue: Friends and partners (L-R) George P. Catavolos, Lindsey Cannon and Don Lo Presti celebrate at the grand opening ceremony for their funeral home.

prices to families in their time of need. As a new funeral home in the neighborhood Cannon says they are networking and trying to establish relationships with local clergy. Cannon says she has worked providing funeral services to Cleveland's Hispanic Community and continues those relationships in the new funeral home. The Cannon, LoPresti and Catavolos Funeral Home advertised in the *Gay People's Chronicle* before it recently closed its doors, developing customers from the gay community, and have even hosted a gay wedding in the funeral home's 150-seat parlor, said Catavolos.

MEDICAID WORKSHOP

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Mathis said people coming to the Free Clinic for medical care talk to her about the challenges they face making a choice between eating, paying household expenses or going to get the health care they so badly need.

Mathis says when people learn about Medicaid and the help it can provide, they are very happy when educated about what they can get. She says patients at the Free Clinic often tell her, "I never knew I was eligible for health care, or could get food stamps."

Mathis says, "People thank me" for helping them get on Medicaid. She recounts a patient telling her, "I may have been on the verge of stroke – if I hadn't gotten medication for blood pressure in time."

Mathis said for uninsured patients the Free Clinic does have a sliding fee schedule. She said if the state requires co-pay, the Free Clinic could help people to make payments.

Mathis says the Free Clinic will be hosting an open enrollment on November 7th where they will be screening patients for Affordable Health Care and Medicaid and offering enrollment information they need.

Questions about programs

Several people in the audience raised questions about the Spend-Down program and plans in Ohio to move people on the Spend Down program to the health care exchange to seek health insurance.

Ward noted that spend-down is going to go away, but not dual eligibility. So people that are eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid will continue to have Medicare as their primary coverage and Medicaid as supplemental.

Ward said for people on the 1634 version of Medicaid (recipients of Supplemental Security Income that automatically qualify for Medicaid) already do not have a spend-down program. She said the State of Ohio has chosen not to have a spend-down program and instead moved the income limit to qualify for Medicaid \$91 higher than it is now. She said this would be helpful to a number of people that have incomes under the new limit that will now get full coverage. Those with incomes above the new threshold will have to go to the health care exchange formed under the Affordable Care Act.

Corlett noted that people who are using spend-down are very sick and have a lot of health care costs. These are people who are getting coverage that otherwise would not get coverage. "We need to educate people to make transition to the exchange," he said.

There was some discussion that coverage on the exchange would not be as good as Medicaid and that Cuyahoga County residents with incomes up to

400% of the federal poverty line can get rated at MetroHealth to get coverage on a sliding scale. It was also noted that federally qualified health clinics would help patients to pay for prescriptions.

Another issue raised was that of behavioral health services. John Corlett noted that in the past behavioral health services were billed on a fee for service basis. Now plans call for those services to be rolled into managed care programs. The same is true for care for children in foster care. Corlett expressed concern about the impact this will have on behavioral health care consumers. He says generally it takes a longer time for these health care consumers to build up a relationship with a caregiver and it is more difficult for them to switch providers.

In closing the meeting, Gloria Aron urged those present to continue to monitor changes in the spend down program, the movement of behavioral health services to managed care and the State of Ohio's waiver application to set up Health Savings Accounts for Medicaid recipients. Referring to the proposed waiver application, Aron said, "Knowledge is power. Everyone in this room can take power and come together as a community and taxpayers and say to legislature this is not in our best interest. Not in our best interest if they are going to change a program and a member of our community is not going to get services, or will get less service. We in this room can be the catalyst for change." Aron then urged those present to attend an upcoming meeting of NOBLE to discuss Medicaid policy in Ohio.

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Friday, October 16, 2015; Building Construction room, Max Hayes High School, 2211 W. 65th Street: Max Hayes Building Construction Instructors Jim MacDowell and Jim Mulgrew, Construction Curriculum Specialist John Nesta and Max Hayes Building Construction students serve as hosts to guests from Olmsted Falls Cub Scout Pack 102. Max Hayes staff and students engaged their guests in building toolboxes. Here Max Hayes 12th Grade Students Dominique Brown, David Jimenez and Alfonzo Wilhoite show Cub Scout Rafy Lofton, age 12, how to measure and cut boards for the toolbox.

MAX HAYES STUDENTS

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After this project is complete, Nathan Bostic moves to another table to assist Cub Scout Evan Perrell, age 11, as he drills a hole for the handle of the tool box while his father, Robert Perrell looks on. Meanwhile at a nearby table, Max Hayes 12th Grade Student Erin Johnson assists Evan’s younger brother Gideon Perrell, age 7, who is sanding the top of a board he just cut. After having successfully spelled out his name for a *Plain Press* reporter, Gideon Perrell is

proudly telling Johnson that he had just learned to write his own name. Nearby Instructor Jim MacDowell, assisted by 10th Grade Max Hayes student Nate Frett, is working with Cub Scout Ethan Nakoneczny, age 10, to drill a hole for a toolbox handle. Throughout the room other Pack 102 Cub Scouts are working with Instructor Jim Mulgrew, Construction Curriculum Specialist John Nesta, and Max Hayes Building Construction students – measuring, cutting and drilling as they prepare the boards they need to assemble their toolboxes.

NEW SCHOOLS

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R.P. Madison International is the architectural firm selected to build the new H. Barbara Booker School. Plans call for the new H. Barbara Booker (K-8) School to serve 350 students. The school will be built at

the site of the former Halle School at 7901 Halle Avenue. (Halle Avenue is just South of Clark Avenue between W. 73rd and W. 82nd.) Plans call for the new school to be 52,849 square feet. The total project budget for demolition of the old Halle School and building of the new H. Barbara Booker School is \$13,714,245.

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