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Fourth of July in Old Brooklyn forever marred by triple homicide

by Lynette Filips

Councilmen and residents alike spend a lot of time talking about “quality of life” issues in our neighborhoods these days. In the light of last month’s tragedy at 4375 Skylane Dr., all those disputes between neighbors over barking/unleashed dogs, loud music, abandoned cars and tall grass pale. When the lives of three young people were snatched from them, the quality of life issue that mattered was life itself.

The Plain Dealer has thoroughly covered the details of the shooting at 12:10 am on July 5 which left our children without the futures they deserved — of how they, with family and other friends, were celebrating the holiday in a manner which has become commonplace across the city — with noisy fire crackers. Their revelry was brought to a quick halt by the blasts of a next door neighbor’s gun. When the smoke cleared, Jake Feichtner, Katie Rosby and Bruce Anderson were dead, and Donny Walsh and Katie Nicholas were injured.

So what did we lose that day when the two kids who grew up in our community (and the boyfriend of one of them) were killed? Judging from the throngs of people at their funerals and wakes and the anguish in their parents’, family’s and friends’ faces, we lost three genuinely good individuals whose lives can never be replaced.



Jake Feichtner

Jake Feichtner (1982-2007)

From his pre-school years at St. Leo’s to his graduation from Cleveland Central Catholic High School, Jake Feichtner was a quintessential Old Brooklyn kid. He was a Cub Scout and a Boy Scout, he played CYO sports (cross-country, soccer and wrestling) at St. Leo’s, he was on a summer softball

team with the Old Brooklyn league.

Jake was only eight years old when his mother, Debbie, was killed by a huge chunk of sandstone that someone dropped onto I-77 as their car passed under the Fleet Ave.



Jake Feichtner

bridge. In third grade, after he was diagnosed with dyslexia and another learning disability, Jake transferred from St. Leo School to Lawrence School on Wallings Rd. in Broadview Hts.

Jake attended a similar school, Grand River Academy in Austinburg, for his first year of high school, but because the cost was prohibitive for his dad, who also had two other children to support, Jake went to Trinity High School in Garfield Hts. for his sophomore and junior years. He graduated from Cleveland Central Catholic High School, where he was often chosen as the student representative at Diocesan functions.

Like many neighborhood kids, especially those associated with St. Leo’s, Jake worked at Rosby Greenhouse when he was in school. After high school he attended Cuyahoga Community College for a while. He considered becoming a priest, but he didn’t have a clear sense of career direction until he worked at the Cleveland Clinic and the InterContinental Hotel and Conference Center.

Jake starting parking cars at the Clinic, and then moved over to the InterContinental. First he was a bellman, then a doorman and ultimately a concierge there. He was studying Hospitality Management at the University of Akron at the time of his death.

Jake was the middle child in his family. He had an older sister named Nicole and a younger brother named John. They all kept up with friends from their school years, and being close in age, one’s friends became the others’ friends.

And so it was that one of Nicole’s friends, Valerie Skora of Mayview Ave., became Jake’s friend, then his girlfriend, and ultimately his fiancée. Katie Rosby was another of the girls’ school friends, and that’s why she and her boyfriend were at their get-together on July 4th, too.

Jake’s father, Rod, has many memories of his son, including not only how he enjoyed life, but also shared it with everyone. Jake’s extravagance toward his friends was such that when the Cleveland Cavaliers were recently in the playoffs, he rented a limo and bought enough tickets to treat a bunch of them to one of the games.

The dozens of entries about Jake in the guest book on Cleveland.com came from people in every stage of his life, and they speak of the same attributes — his smile, his humor, his laugh, his enthusiasm, his sincerity, his easy-going nature, his concern for other people.

We can see that Jake’s untimely death is a loss not only to his family and his friends, but also to society in general.

Katie Rosby (1980-2007)

Because she had two older sisters who were active in both school (St. Leo the Great) and the community (e.g., Girl Scouts), lots of people knew who Katie Rosby was from the time she was a little girl. Although Amy, Beth and Katie grew up on E. Schaaf Rd. in Brooklyn Hts., the Rosby



Katie Rosby

girls never attended the Cuyahoga Hts. schools as many other Brooklyn Hts. kids did. Their parents, too, chose to send them to St. Leo’s for elementary school and Trinity for high school.

Katie tended to be a quiet child. She was hard-working and smart — an all-around good student. She wasn’t involved in a lot of extracurricular activities, but she did play CYO volleyball when she was at St. Leo’s.

Mike and Wendy Rosby divorced when Katie was still in grade school, but the three girls stayed in their house on the greenhouse/berry farm property. You could say that they “grew up in the greenhouse”, working with their dad, their uncle, a staff which became like extended family, and many of their grade-school friends at all the jobs that

operating such a business entailed.

When she was in junior high school, Katie did behind-the scenes work at Rosby’s. She planted, watered, trimmed and groomed the plants. She packed deliveries and loaded trucks. When she got to high school age, Katie moved on to the retail end of the business. Then and during her college years, she assisted customers who were buying plants, trees and shrubs.

Katie was compensated for her work in the greenhouse, but she was required to use her earnings responsibly. She paid for half her high school tuition at Trinity and two-thirds of her college tuition at Miami University in Oxford. (Katie majored in business administration at Miami.)

Katie “came back home” after she graduated from college, then moved to Lakewood about a year ago. At the time of her death, she was employed at CCP Industries in Highland Hts., doing inside saleswork.

It was a last minute change-in-schedule that brought Katie to the scene of her death. Her boyfriend, Bruce Anderson, got off work early, so they decided to hook up with some of Katie’s long-time friends and catch some of the holiday spirit before the day was totally over.

Judging from the number of young people at her wake, her funeral and in the guest book linked to her obituary on Cleveland.com, Katie kept up with many more friends than Nicole Feichtner and Valerie Skora. They wrote of her kindness, intelligence, aptitude, humor, and, perhaps most importantly, her caring disposition. As the song says, “In the end, only kindness matters,” and that was a lesson Katie had learned well in her all-too-short life.

Mike Rosby, Katie’s dad, described Katie as a “non-aggressive person”. And so the family wants “justice but not vengeance.” They don’t believe in capital punishment, and they are relying on their faith to get them through their tragic loss. The same seems to be true of the Feichtner family. Peace, love and forgiveness were the themes which echoed through both Katie’s and Jake’s funeral Masses at St. Leo the Great Church.

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Bruce Anderson



Katie Nichols, left, and Donny Walsh, right, were among the almost 200 people at the July 5th candlelight vigil at the site of the Skylane Dr. shootings.

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The Memphis Eatery

Charles Biri and Tina Frisch are the heart and soul behind Memphis Ave.'s newest family restaurant, **The Memphis Eatery**; together they bring 55 years of restaurant experience to the Old Brooklyn neighborhood.

Charles is an electrical engineer by trade, but he let his love for food develop into what many seniors in the Old Brooklyn area are calling a great and affordable place to eat. The Memphis Eatery at 6212 Memphis Avenue is open Tuesday through Sunday from 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. but is closed on Monday.

Charles had owned the Memphis property for four years. Tina ran her ideas for the Eatery past him and they were both on the same track from the start. Tina is in charge of the kitchen and the daily happenings at The Memphis Eatery and is happy to finally have some ownership in a restaurant.

Tina includes daily breakfast and lunch specials on the menu she developed. The Memphis Eatery serves everything from scrambled eggs and omelets, to sausage gravy and biscuits, to specialty half-pound burgers and salads.

The Memphis Eatery was designed to be a local family restaurant, but Charles and Tina do not want it to be "just another family restaurant"; they want the Memphis Eatery to be every family's local restaurant.

The Memphis Eatery has been open for a little over a month and will celebrate its grand opening for the entire month of August. During this time they will offer weekly raffle prizes to all of their customers. Everything

from a new mountain bike and tickets to an Indians Game, Cedar Point and the Cleveland Metro parks Zoo will be given away.

So, if you are driving through the neighborhood and want a change of pace followed by good food, a friendly atmosphere and affordable prices, stop into the Memphis Eatery and grab a bite of breakfast or lunch. (Those of you "on the go" can call ahead to have everything ready when you get to the drive-thru.)

Steelyard Commons

The newest stores at Steelyard Commons are Old Navy which opened on July 25th and the Chipotle restaurant which opened on July 27th. This month, Alltel is scheduled to open on August 6th, International House of Pancakes IHOP is scheduled to open on August 13th and Rue 21 is scheduled to open on August 31st.

They joined – or will join — The Home Depot, Target, Famous Footwear, Deals, PETCO, Sally Beauty, Best Buy, Payless Shoe Source, Staples, Radio Shack, T-Mobile, Kay Jewelers, Marshalls, Great Clips, Nail Lacquer, DOTS, Game Stop and Rainbow Apparel.

Phase I of Steelyard Commons still offers space availability. This includes one anchor space of 22,410 square feet, some small shop space at sizes up to 8,656 square feet, and lots from .75 acre to 4.12 acres.

Phase II of Steelyard Commons is now leasing anchor space in sizes up to 250,000 square feet. If you would like more information on Steelyard commons, visit www.steelyardcommons.com

In the months to come, the *Old Brooklyn News* will keep you updated as to what stores have opened and what stores are scheduled to open; stores to come include Starbucks, Avenue, GNC, Wal-Mart Super Center, Jimmy John's, Applebee's, Burger King, Steak 'n Shake and Chick-fil-A. Most of these stores will be open by 2008.

From the desk of the executive director

by Robyn Sandys



I am writing this article on one of the only rainy days of this mostly sunny and dry summer. All of us at the office hope that you are enjoying the summer's warmth (and harvest, if you have a garden). I encourage you to stop by the Ben Franklin Community Garden on Spring Rd. if you have not been there this summer. It is a wonderful and bountiful example of a thriving community garden. Also check out the photos on page 6.

The front page of the paper includes an article about a terribly tragic event in our community this past Independence Day holiday. As the families involved struggle to survive, we recognize that there are no doubt others who are also trying to cope with stress, tension and neighborhood disputes.

Dealing with problem neighbors is not something any of us relish especially when we are all so busy with our own families and jobs. But, there are some key tips to keep in mind when feeling irritated, frustrated or have the sense that you are ready to explode with anger.

First, you are not alone! Most people would rather avoid difficult situations, but it is better to know how to deal with them when confronted. Here are a few tips that are from a brochure we have available at the office called "Making Peace: Tips on Managing Conflict." If you would like a copy please call us at 216-459-1000:

- Understand your own feelings about conflict, meaning learn how to recognize your trigger, words or actions that provoke an emotional response like anger.

- Generate options for resolving a conflict. Many people can think of only two ways to manage a conflict -- fighting or avoiding the problem. Take a step back. Get the facts straight, brainstorm ideas that might help resolve the argument, and discuss the pros and cons.

Our community development corporation (CDC) also provides mediation services around issues that neighbors confront, like too much noise, barking dogs, and intrusive fences. We work closely with the City's Community Relation's Department in helping to resolve these disputes. If you have such an issue, please call our office at 216-459-1000.

The other major tip is that if you can't work it out, get help.....

The Ohio Commission on Dispute Resolution and Conflict Management has a resource page which lists a number of national organizations that will provide excellent information. <http://disputeresolution.ohio.gov/NationalOrganizations.htm>

In the July issue of the paper I reviewed the services that OBCDC provides. If you would like to know more about CDCs around the country — what they do, when they got started and so forth — you can visit a web site

entitled Community-Wealth. Org. They have a good deal of information on the topic of community wealth and CDCs in general. The link for their home page is: <http://www.communitywealth.org/index.html>.

The link for information regarding CDCs is: <http://www.community-wealth.org/strategies/panel/cdcs/index.html>. Much of the data which follows came from this web site.

Our CDC is involved in most of the services described below; the only area where we have not ventured in the past on our own (though we have with private developers and the Cleveland Housing Network) is new housing construction or rehab. We are currently investigating spending more time in the real estate arena for two reasons: to help alleviate the problem of the expanding number of vacant and abandoned properties, especially in Ward 15, and to provide another income stream for the CDC.

Community Development Corporations and the Services They Provide:

Community development corporations are non-profit, community-based organizations that anchor capital locally through the development and/or rehabilitation of both residential and commercial property, ranging from affordable housing to retail districts and shopping centers. CDCs first formed in the 1960s, and have expanded rapidly in size and number since. An industry survey published in 2006 found that 4,600 CDCs promote community economic stability by developing over 86,000 units of affordable housing and 8.75 million square feet of commercial and industrial space a year.

No sector of the expanding community wealth-building economy is more celebrated for its success than community development corporations (CDCs). From humble beginnings, the CDC movement today has grown to an estimated 4,600 CDCs spread throughout all fifty states and in nearly every major city. Community development corporations are typically neighborhood-based, 501(c) 3 non-profit corporations, with a board composed of at least one-third community residents that promote the improvement of the physical and social infrastructures in neighborhoods with populations significantly below the area's median income.

Many CDCs perform a wide variety of roles, including housing, commercial and retail development, as well as leading community planning, assisting with community improvement programs (improved lighting, streetscapes, etc.) and providing programs around safety and community services.

Basic industry statistics are below:

Community Development Corporations: Basic Statistics

(Based on 2005 industry census)

Number of community development corporations	4,600
Median CDC age	18 years (20 years for us)
Median CDC staff size	10 (We have 8 full-timers on staff)
CDCs that have completed non-residential projects	45%



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On Your Feet

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DIABETES

People with diabetes are prone to many foot problems as a result of diabetic complications such as: nerve damage (neuropathy) and poor blood circulation. Neuropathy causes loss of feeling in the feet taking away ability to feel pain and discomfort, so that an injury or irritation may not be detected. Poor circulation in the feet reduces ability to heal, making it hard for even a tiny cut to resist infection.

When one has diabetes, awareness of how foot problems can arise from disturbances in the skin, nails, nerves, bones, muscles, and blood vessels is necessary.

Furthermore, in diabetes, small problems can turn into serious complications.

A major goal of your podiatrist is to prevent amputation. There are surgical and non surgical techniques available to help save feet and legs, including wound healing technologies. Getting regular foot checkups and seeking immediate help when you notice a problem can keep small conditions from worsening. Your podiatrist works together with other health care providers to prevent and treat complications from diabetes.

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NEWS & EVENTS

Common Grounds Coffee House
 Brooklyn Hts. UCC
 2005 W. Schaaf Rd. 216-741-2280
 Homemade soups & breads, deli sandwiches & salads, homemade desserts, sundaes, espressos, cappuccinos, smoothies & more.

Saturday evenings, 6:30 - 10 pm
Saturday, August 4th
 "Charlie "K" Polkas & more played by Charlie on his accordion.

Saturday, August 11th
 "Bill Gardner" Relax to the music of this popular entertainer.

Saturday, August 18th
 "Back-To-Back" Trio performs oldies & motown.

Saturday, July 28th
 "Sax for the Soul" Jazz, blues & traditional music performed by Dave Millen.

Every Tuesday
Food Stamp Information & Sign Up
 Brookside Center in the lobby area, 3784 Pearl Rd., 10 am - 2 pm. Representative from The Empowerment Center of Greater Cleveland's Project B.R.E.A.D. will be available to provide info & help eligible people sign up. Call Patricia Gillbery, Project B.R.E.A.D. Outreach Specialist, 216-432-4770, for more info.

Month of August
Recycle Your Computer Month
 Sponsored by Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District in collaboration with city service departments in Cuyahoga County. Event is for household computer equipment only. Drop-off personal computer equipment at over 40 participating city service departments. All equipment collected will be taken to RET3 job corp, a non-profit computer recycling & refurbishing company based in Cleveland. Computer donations are tax-deductible. Equipment accepted includes CPU's, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, terminals, modems & software. Also cell phones & accessories, ink cartridges. For a list of participating cities or additional info log onto www.cuyahogawd.org or call 216-443-3749.

Monday, August 6th - 12th
111th Cuyahoga County Fair
 164 Eastland Rd, Berea
 100 food stations, 2,000 animals, 5,000 exhibits. Tribute to amusement parks. 117 acres of family fun. Fireworks - motocross - square dancing - demolition derbies. Free parking. Call fair office at 440-243-0090 for more info.

Wednesday, August 8th
Grand Opening Celebration at Neighborhood County Center
 Cuyahoga County Old Brooklyn Neighborhood Family Service Center, 4261 Fulton Pkwy, 11 am - 3 pm. Grand Opening will feature local talent & musicians. Center's Employment & Family Services provides residents with help in determining eligibility for all public assistance programs -- Healthy Start, County's free health insurance plan for children, food benefits, child care assistance, Ohio

Works First cash assistance, voter registration & job search & placement. 24 hr. hotline, foster care services, adoption services & referrals of children & families to community resources. For more info visit www.employment.cuyahogacounty.us or www.cfs.cuyahogacounty.us.

Fri., Sat., Sun., August 10th, 11th & 12th
Sixth Annual Parade of Ponds
 Sponsored by "The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Greater Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Northeast Ohio region. The three-day self guided event features several of the area's most beautiful private ponds & water gardens. Admission includes a guidebook with descriptions of the ponds, locations including maps & directions. Attendees will receive a bracelet that serves as a weekend pass that allows ticket holders to explore at their leisure. Select ponds will be open Fri. between 5 - 11 to enjoy the night setting. Sat. & Sun. 9 am - 6 pm. Tickets, \$15. Admission for children 12 & under, free. Call 866-864-7619 for locations to purchase tickets.

Deadline is Friday, August 10th
Funding Available to Grassroots Neighborhood Groups in Cleveland
 Neighborhood Connections grant application Neighborhood Connections, The Cleveland Foundation small grants program intended to benefit grassroots neighborhood groups in the city of Cleveland, is requesting proposals for their next round of funding. The program offers grants of \$500 - \$5,000 twice a year to groups that organize projects to improve the quality of life in their neighborhood. Groups are encouraged to work with partners & to propose creative solutions to challenges in their neighborhood. Grants are available to any group of residents in the city of Cleveland. Groups do not need to be recognized as a 501 (c) (3) to receive a grant. Deadline for proposals is Fri., Aug. 10th. An original copy of the proposal must be at The Cleveland Foundation (1422 Euclid, 13th floor) by 5 pm. In its first four years of grantmaking, Neighborhood Connections has provided more than \$2 million in funding to support over 600 grassroots projects to improve Cleveland neighborhoods. For more info, visit program's website at www.neighborhoodgrants.org or call 216-861-3810.

Saturday, August 11th
First Annual Scholarship Fundraiser Brunch
 Harvard Community Center, 18240 Harvard Ave. 11 am. In support of our Foundation for Youth Education & Scholarship Recipient, Chris Webb of Cleveland School of the Arts. Also, meet candidates for Judge in the Nov. 2007 election. "Instead of Jail, Send Me to Yale". For tickets & souvenir book call 1-877-280-1644 or 216-921-5130.

Friday, August 17th
Brookside Lawnchair Concert Series
 Brookside Valley event site, located off John Nagy Blvd. (off the Ridge Rd. entrance to the Brookside Reservation), 8 pm. **Ohio Crossing**, rock. Free. Bring a blanket or lawnchair. For more info, call 216-206-1000 or visit www.clevelandmetroparks.com.

Saturday August 18th
Erie Street Cemetery Tour
 Erie Street Cemetery, 2291 E. 9th St., 4-8 pm. Bring chairs & a picnic dinner. Enjoy live music from The Love Ensemble. Guided tours Historical re-enactors. Get your "travel back in time" passport. Suggested donation: \$8, individual; \$15, family. For more info. call 440-461-5077 or email: vvigil1987@sbcglobal.net.

Saturday & Sunday, August 18th & 19th
Grand Pacific Junction, Mill St & Columbia Rd. Olmsted Falls.
Heritage Days - Juried Arts & Craft show.
 For more info contact Lora, 440-427-0094, or email the beadedspirit@sbcglobal.net. Info also available at www.grandpacificjunction.com, by leaving a message on the Caboose phone, 440-235-9277, & by emailing gpjmerchants@yahoo.com.

Saturday, August 25th
Cuyahoga Valley Genealogy Society Computer Classes
 Independence Civic Center, Willow Rm., 6363 Selig Blvd., 1 - 3 pm. Cut, copy, paste. Investigating genealogy sites -- how to access, how to post queries, how to use each site correctly, how to merge information on the net into your genealogy program, help with brick walls. Software programs (some free) to enhance what you already know.

Saturday, August 25th
Cruisin' To Memphis
 Sponsored by Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce & D.A. Motorsports. Cruisin' to Memphis begins at Steelyard Commons, 12 noon, cruise to American Greetings begins at 3 pm. Featuring the film *The Hollywood Knights*. Live performance by Eddie & The Edsels at American Greetings. DJ Bill King at the Steelyard Commons. Police escort to American Greetings. 50/50 raffle, T-shirts, food & beverages at American Greetings. Ticket price, \$10 per car. Proceeds benefit the Brooklyn Chamber Scholarship Fund a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization. For more info call Mike Kissel at 440-781-4495.

Cuyahoga Meds-For-Less
 All Cuyahoga County residents eligible to receive discounts on the purchase of prescription medication through *Cuyahoga Meds-For-*

Less. (1) Free prescription discount card. (2) U.S. mail-order program. (3) \$7 prescription assistance program (with certain income guidelines). (4) RxforOhio www.reforohio.org. (5) Medicare Part D assistance. Call 1-866-310-9657 or visit www.cuyahogacounty.us

Pregnant Women & Families with Children under Six Years of Age
 Lead paint can poison. Apply for free services -- free home lead check, free home repairs, free vacuum cleaner to control lead dust. Call 216-263-5323.

Ready, Set Grow Preschool
 Located in Brooklyn Heights Church, 2005 W. Schaaf Rd. Ages 3 - 5. Learning & social skills for kindergarten readiness. Certified teachers. Registration fee, \$25. Class times 9:20 - 11:20. Call 216-741-2280 for more info.

St. Leo Preschool Registration
 St. Leo Preschool, 4940 Broadview Rd.; located in the Parish Community Center. Registration began Feb. 1 at the preschool. \$50 nonrefundable fee & a copy of the child's birth certificate required at time of registration. The preschool offers programs for skills development & kindergarten readiness for three- & four-year-old children. Children who are four years old by Sept. 30 attend classes Mon., Wed. & Fri. Children who are three by Sept., 30 attend classes Tues. & Thurs. Class times are 8:15-10:45 am or 11:55 am - 2:25 pm. Call Jeanne Sabol, 216-661-5330, for more info.

St. Mark Lutheran School Registration
 St. Mark Lutheran School, 4464 Pearl Rd. Applications accepted throughout the school year for kindergarten - 8th grade. Participates in the Cleveland Scholarship & tutoring program. On-site before & after school daycare, hot lunch program, sports, music, newly updated computer labs, accelerated reader program, interactive white boards, Girl Scouts & Cub Scouts. For registration info or to schedule a private tour, call the school office, 216-749-3545, or visit www.orgsites.com/oh/stmarklutheran

Tops Weight Loss Group
 Welcoming new members to meetings at 5801 Memphis Ave., Tues., 9 - 11 am. Call 216-661-4595 for more info.

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BREAKFAST SPECIAL
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\$1.99 Hash-browns
Toast & coffee
 Not valid with other offers
 Expires 9-10-07

LUNCH SPECIAL
Buy 1 Lunch
Get 1 1/2 OFF
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BREAKFAST SPECIAL
ONLY 2 Eggs, 2 Sausage
\$2.99 Hash-browns
Toast & coffee
 Not valid with other offers
 Expires 9-10-07

Real estate changes coming to Brooklyn Centre and Old Brooklyn

by Lynette Filips
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Change — and potential change — is underway at a number of sites in our neighborhood. Memphis School, of course, has been demolished (to the delight of some folks and the distress of others). But nothing definitive has yet been announced for that parcel of land.

After being closed for just over a year, early last month the Brooklyn YMCA building (on the northeast side of the Brooklyn-Brighton Bridge), was sold to a non-profit group called the Pearl Community Investment Corp. Inc. They purchased it for \$125,000.

This will “bear watching”, because the YMCA is one of the largest child care providers in Northeast Ohio and the new

owners are working with the Y to resume some of their programs by this fall/winter.

The last potential for major change involves the block of Broadview Rd. on the southeast corner of Searsdale Ave. Fifth Third Bank is pursuing an option to purchase the property, and has until mid-October to decide what they will do.

At this point in time, Fifth Third is midway in the due diligence phase of the process — investigating environmental concerns, obtaining approval from the City, getting regulatory approval, and dealing with all the other contingencies they’d have to satisfy before they could decide to close on the parcel and build a new branch.

No doubt future editions of the *Old Brooklyn News* will have more to say about all these topics.

Raw diets timely with summer produce harvest

by Kerry Stouges, RN
MetroHealth Medical Center

Summer is the best time of year to be eating raw vegetables, and lately there’s been a buzz about a raw food diet. Touted as a panacea for losing weight, overcoming illness and feeling younger, the raw food diet is gaining momentum in Hollywood and beyond.

What exactly is meant by a raw food diet? Generally it means consuming foods that are uncooked, unprocessed and organic. Some “raw-foodists” stick to fruits, vegetables, nuts, seeds and sprouts, but some non-vegans include raw milk, meat and cheese in their diets as well. The theory is that by not cooking foods, natural enzymes are not destroyed, thus making the food more nutritious and easier to digest.

Not all nutritionists, however, approve of raw diets, mostly due to the lack of clinical studies and questionable vitamin deficiencies. Some view a raw diet as just too extreme and restrictive.

More and more Americans are becoming aware of the dangers of the proliferation of highly-processed, fatty, sugary foods in the diet and are now shifting to healthier options. Raw foods are at the radically opposite end of the continuum. Doctors Perricone and Oz, regular guests on the Oprah show, recommend many power foods that are included in a raw diet (e.g., pomegranates, wheat grass, blueberries and broccosprouts).

A good rule of thumb for changing diet is to add healthier food choices incrementally and allow them to crowd out old food choices. For example, choose a baked sweet potato over French fries or choose 12-grain bread over white bread. But whatever nutritional odyssey on which you want to embark, and whether or not the raw lifestyle is for you, it’s important to see a certified nutrition specialist first.

‘Tis the season to take advantage of summer’s bounty!

Source:
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Raw_foodist



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triple homicide from front page

Bruce Anderson (1977-2007)

Bruce Anderson wasn’t born in Old Brooklyn, educated in Old Brooklyn or raised in Old Brooklyn. But unfortunately he was at the wrong place at the wrong time in Old Brooklyn, and thus he met his death in our neighborhood, at the same Fourth of July gathering that took Jake Feichtner’s and Katie Rosby’s lives. (Bruce was Katie Rosby’s boyfriend.)

Bruce was the middle child of Bruce and Rebecca (now Pfeiffer) Anderson of Dallas, Texas. He had a twin sister named Rachel, an older sister named Rene and a younger brother named Bryce, all of whom still live in Texas.

While most of Bruce’s family is in Texas, he also had family in the Cleveland area, including the grandma and the aunt with whom he lived on State Rd. in Parma. Much of Bruce’s education was in the Cleveland area, though, (a school in Nardon, Hillside Junior High in Parma and Normandy High School in Parma).

Perhaps a lengthy entry from a former teacher at Hillside in the guest book on Cleveland.com best describes him — “In 35 years of teaching, I never met another boy with such a huge enthusiasm for life. Bruce had an exuberant personality that won everyone over with a sparkle in his eyes and a captivating smile that melted hearts...” (Barbara Kostya)

Other entries at the same site repeatedly referred to Bruce’s smile and capacity for giving great hugs. Cheerful, happy and positive were other adjectives used to describe his personality.

Apparently Bruce was quite the sportsman. He played hockey in high school and

over the years had also been involved with golf, skiing, snowboarding, whiffle ball and skating. He enjoyed auto mechanics, helped friends with gardening and did lots of chores around his grandma’s house. At the time of his death, Bruce was working at the Blue Moose, a bar in Parma.

Although his wake was at a funeral home in Parma, Bruce’s body was taken back to Texas for burial.

In addition to the wakes and funerals which the victims’ families arranged, Ward 15 Councilman Brian Cummins arranged an impromptu candlelight vigil on the evening of July 5 on Skylane Dr. near the Feichtner’s home. Fr. Russ Lowe, pastor of St. Leo the Great Church; Fr. Dan Schlegel, former associate pastor of St. Leo’s; and Councilman Cummins spoke to the almost two hundred stunned neighbors and friends who attended it.

Now that a few weeks have passed, Councilman Cummins continues to reflect on what happened in his ward. “In light of the tragedy, at all of our block club and community meetings we are discussing the need for tolerance, working together with our neighbors and seeking peaceful mediation/solutions to improve our community’s quality of life. These are great challenges, but we have abundant resources to draw upon, too.”

The families of the victims and the survivors and their families are grateful for all the support that they received at the time of the shootings, but they will need additional emotional support for a long time. Continue to remember them in whatever way you feel appropriate. Healing from a tragedy of this magnitude doesn’t happen overnight.

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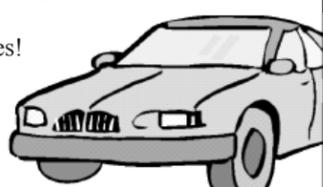


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As we try to pick up the pieces and mend our broken hearts in the wake of the triple homicide which marred last month's Fourth of July holiday, church news might be a good place to start our August column. When life seems senseless, it is good to be connected to a God-centered, supportive, stabilizing institution.

We've learned that there's been a change in leadership at another one of our Protestant churches. **Rev. Paul Wilson** became the pastor at **Pearl Road Methodist Church** on July 1. (His previous assignment was also in our neighborhood, at **Faith United Methodist Church** on W. 41st St.)

Rev. Wilson was born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He earned a BFA from the University of Akron in 2004 and will receive a Master of Divinity degree from Methodist Theological School of Ohio in Ashland in January, 2008. Although he is not yet officially commissioned in the East Ohio Methodist Conference, he has been active in Methodist ministries for many years.

Rev. Wilson and his wife, Linda Adolphi, live in Bay Village. They are the parents of three and the grandparents of one. A son and a daughter still live at home and another son is married.

In early June, Pearl Road's former pastor, **Rev. Julianne Gebbie**, accepted the position of leading the flock at Maple Heights United Methodist Church on Libby Rd.

And while we're on the topic of church changes, it appears that much of what we said in our April issue regarding "clustering" among our neighborhood's Catholic churches isn't as we reported it. Unlike the *Plain Dealer*, whose front page clustering article foretold church closings, we took the more positive approach we'd gotten from Diocesan sources — that the clustering was to better utilize church resources (i.e., programs, not financial resources). But apparently the *Plain Dealer* was right on target.

The Catholic churches in our neighborhood are split among two clusters. The clus-

ter of Old Brooklyn/Brooklyn churches includes **Corpus Christi, Our Lady of Good Counsel, St. Leo the Great and St. Thomas More**, and also **St. Charles Borromeo** in Parma. That cluster of parishes was told that by July 1, 2010, they must decide which church and which school will close.

The other cluster affecting Catholic churches in our neighborhood is comprised of **Blessed Sacrament, St. Barbara, St. Boniface, St. Michael and St. Rocco**. By the same date, they have been told that two parishes must close. The decision will be made with great difficulty because, except for Blessed Sacrament, they each serve an ethnic community — Polish at St. Barbara, Vietnamese at St. Boniface, Hispanic at St. Michael and Italian at St. Rocco.

Moving on to more upbeat news, we noticed a sign in the now vacant **Janie's Sewing Corner** on Broadview Rd. at Oakpark Ave. stating that the business had relocated to 4860 Broadview Rd. (in the shopping strip at between Fairdale Ave. and Ralph Ave.) While it's generally not good to see an empty storefront, the fact that Janie moved just two blocks south, to a storefront three times larger than what she had in her previous location, makes this one a positive. The parking situation is better, too.

And, in case you're wondering, Janie took the charming sewing machine signage which hung above her entry with her (the one we pictured in the December, 2006 OBN).

In the October, 2004 issue, the *Old Brooklyn News* ran an article about Brooklyn Centre artist **Ann Kuula**, who had designed and painted one of the guitars in the United Way's GuitarMania II. Not surprisingly, Ann is still involved with the local art scene...

For close to a year, approximately 26 of Ann's photographs have been on display (and available for sale) at Artist Review Today, a gallery on the first floor of the Galleria downtown. The showing actually began last September, when Northcoast Promotions sponsored a two-day, Lolly-the-Trolley tour to art galleries in Tremont and Cleveland. Ann's photographs are of outdoor scenes.

Over the course of her career, Ann has plied her craft through many venues. An art studio at Transitional Housing has been one of them; more recently she's been doing therapeutic art with homeless men and women.

At least four Old Brooklyn students are among the felines in **Near West Theatre's** current production of **CATS**. There's still time to see **Kenny Kalynchuk, Molly Nagin, Xavier Reminick and Theresa Slivka** dancing, bounding, pouncing and singing their way across the stage in the high-

energy show. Check out *Theatre Notes* in this month's *OBN* for the remaining dates.

Mary Ann Jannazo of Broadale Rd. had quite a "blast from the past" for a few days two months ago. That was the result of a visit from a pen pal with whom she began communicating 45 years ago.

In 1962, a woman at the *Cleveland Press* (as I recall, her name was Margaret Johnson) organized a program for teens called "The World Friendship Club". If you sent her your name and address, she'd send you the name and address of a pen pal from a foreign country. The best pen pals to get were from countries where English was their native tongue, too.

And so it was that Mary Ann started writing to Jan Berg of Sydney, Australia. They were both 14 years old at the time, and exchanged letters (and occasionally photos) every couple of months.

In 1966, both girls went away to school, and after graduation, Jan married a man named Ross Lee and moved to his sheep station. They had three children, all of whom are grown now, and the letters between her and Mary Ann dwindled to once a year and a card at Christmas (and ultimately just a card at Christmas with a few lines scrawled on it).

Then one day in the early 1980s, Mary Ann made a tape about ordinary events and Jan reciprocated with a tape which included her husband playing his bagpipes. And now, thanks to the technology of email, they are in communication every few weeks.

The reason for a visit at this point in time was a family reunion for Jan and Ross in Scotland. On the way there, they decided to make some stops in Canada and the United States, including one in Cleveland to meet Mary Ann.

At Mary Ann's request, **Ward 15 Councilman Brian Cummins** presented the Aussie visitors with a congratulatory statement and letter of welcome to our city.

Please continue to help us include a variety of information in this column by sending items to include in it to: **Lynette Filips, The Town Crier, c/o the Old Brooklyn News, 3344 Broadview Rd., Cleveland, Ohio 44109**

THEATRE NOTES

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(No seating provided; bring lawn chairs or blankets. In the case of the Shakespeare Festival, "the show will go on", rain or shine; a rain location within walking distance of the park will be announced, if it becomes necessary.)vie in the Park night! Fri., Jul. 20th, 8:30 pm. Rain date: Sat., Jul. 21st. Hosted by Friends of (Amigos de) Clark Field.

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Artists

Who are they? Where do they live? We keep hearing about the economic benefit that results from artists being present in the city. How often have you heard the words "arts community" linked with economic growth in Greater Cleveland? Last year voters in Cuyahoga County approved a tax increase on cigarettes directing the increased tax revenue to art projects. So who are artists, where do they live and how can Greater Cleveland get more of them?

The Community Partnership for Arts and Culture (www.cpachbiz.org) is a non-profit organization that is answering that question. The staff of the "Partnership" who are not necessarily artists are economic development specialists who are working to grow the art-based projects in greater Cleveland. Successful projects produce income, and success attracts more artists.

Like the "medical industry" that we are more familiar with, or the "steel industry" that built Cleveland's economy last century, the "Partnership" staff is developing the strategy to grow an "arts community" in Greater Cleveland. Industry is not a word normally associated with the arts but it aptly describes the collection of numerous artistic disciplines in this geographic area.

In a recent survey concentrating on the preferences artists have for working and living space, the "Partnership" classified artists in four general classifications: visual arts, performance art, literary art and other. Visual art includes painting, photography, craft design and media arts. Performance art includes music, theatre, dance, musical theatre and

other performance-based presentations. Literary art covers fiction, poetry and creative writing. Other art may be the combination of several art disciplines, ethnic/folk art or those hard-to-classify disciplines that do not fit neatly into the three general categories.

Of course to be considered an artist, regardless of discipline, you have to earn the larger portion of your income from your work and also it has to be your primary job. The survey, a national survey, documented what artists are seeking for housing and workspace. Cleveland has it in abundance and it is considered to be affordable.

In general artists prefer urban living where work and home can be in the same structure. Although some artists prefer old industrial space converted to live/work space, most artists seek traditional homes or town houses. They also prefer to own their homes rather than rent. They are comfortable with living space around 1500 square feet that costs in the \$1000 per month range.

Artists have a strong preference to live near other artists and a desire to participate in neighborhood/community projects and organizations. They are less likely to select a neighborhood based upon the local school because their childrearing years have passed or they are not planning for children in the near future.

Cleveland offers amenities that can attract new artists to the area and retain local artists. Cost of living is considered lower in Cleveland than either coast and large Mid-West urban centers. There is a wide variety of housing options, from historic homes needing renovation to newly constructed condominiums.

Cleveland has a strong arts identity among artists. It is not just the outstanding Cleveland Art Museum and Cleveland Symphony Orchestra that identifies Cleveland as an arts center; it is also the industrial and graphic arts, it is professional and community theater, and it is music encompassing rock and roll, jazz, folk, ethnic and classical.

The lake, the park system, the climate, transportation, professional and collegiate sports, urban neighborhoods and continuing education options also make Cleveland desirable to artists.

This survey is a morale-boost for Cleveland and Northeast Ohio because what artists are seeking for living and working conditions is what Cleveland has throughout the town. Now the "Partnership" will begin to develop a marketing/recruiting plan that informs all of us how important the "arts indus-

try" is to our local economy and how we can grow the "arts industry", just as Cleveland grew the "steel industry" and is growing the "medical industry". This investment of tax money will pay dividends for a long time to come.

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Summer news from the Ben Franklin Garden

by Tom Sargent

Ice Cream Social

Despite a morning that was punctuated by wind and rain and looked not at all promising for the midsummer ice cream social, by evening time on July 11, the skies had cleared and the event was held in picture-perfect weather against a backdrop of the Garden in all its greenery.

Thanks as well go to Brian McNulty and his mother, Joanne, for helping sell tickets, assisting with the set-up and helping with the clean-up after the event.

Special thanks to the aforementioned Sandy Worona, who put in a long day helping to make it all come together. She started early and finished late, with few pauses in between.

Thanks, in fact, to everyone who helped with set-up, clean-up or who bought and sold tickets. The event was a success and a good time was had by all.

Cuyahoga County Fair

Veteran Benji gardeners and Fair entrants Teresa Clark, Bill Wallace and others are busy nurturing the produce and wares they will exhibit at the Cuyahoga County Fair that will run August 6-12 at the county fairgrounds in Berea.

Both Bill and Teresa have an excellent record of garnering many ribbons and awards at the Fair. (Bill competes in both the Senior and Open divisions.) Best of luck to all the gardeners who show in the Fair.



Photo by Robyn Sandys

Midsummer ice cream social on July 11

Well over a hundred gardeners, their spouses, children, friends and neighbors enjoyed root beer floats or simply scoops of ice cream, graciously served by the OBCDC's Sandy Worona.

Thanks are in order for many people, not the least of whom is Jeff Kostura. Jeff, an employee of Baker Hostetler LLP Law Firm, sold many tickets for the 50/50 raffle, the cash portion of which was won by a Baker Hostetler employee, Theresa Breeden.

Appreciation is also expressed to Baker Hostetler for their donation of four tickets to an Indians game, won appropriately by Frank Dzik, an avid Tribe fan.



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You can make the world a better place for both yourself and your children in one simple step — replace traditional incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent lights (CFL). Each bulb swapped out is the equivalent of taking 1.3 million cars off the roads, or enough electricity saved to turn off two entire power plants (or to skip building the next two power plants).

According to Charles Fishman, senior writer for *Fast Company*, the single greatest source of greenhouse gases in the United States is power plants because half of our electricity comes from coal-powered plants.

CFL bulbs look like a vanilla swirl cone. While CFL bulbs cost more up front, they can save \$30 or more over their lifespan; one CFL bulb lasts up to 5-10 years.

Because CFL bulbs contain trace amount of mercury, there is some concern in terms of

disposing of them. Some areas of the state have passed laws disallowing the disposal of these bulbs in the trash. If you have a light bulb that needs to be disposed of, the closest hazardous waste station is Fluorescent Recycling Inc., 1624 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, 44114 (216) 583-0274.

Here's good news for Cleveland Public Power (CPP) customers and to the environment — CPP is partnering with the Cleveland Water Department, Water Pollution Control, First Energy and Dominion East Ohio Gas to assist in funding Cleveland Housing Network's effort in qualifying low-income households for service and products that conserve energy and lower utility bills.

CPP customers can receive energy conservation services, which include the installation of compact fluorescent light bulbs and replacement of refrigerators that are considered "energy hogs". Homeowners may also be eligible to receive upgraded electrical panels. Contact Lori Peterson at Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation at 216-459-1000 to see if you qualify.

Stay cool while saving energy

With temperatures rising and summer in full swing, many consumers are now thinking about ways to reduce their energy usage while continuing to stay cool. The Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC), the residential utility consumer advocate, provides the following information on ways to beat the summer heat and give the bank account a rest.

One natural way to keep a home cool is to use trees and shrubs to block the sun from reaching the home. Planting should be done on the south and southwest sides of the home where the sun typically shines the most. On the inside, using blinds, drapes and other window treatments will help reduce the amount of heat from the sun as well.

Many people prefer using fans to help cool their home. Studies have shown that consumers can save up to 50 percent in cooling costs over running the air conditioner when using fans during mild weather and at night. Some things to remember when using fans are to turn them off when leaving a room and that ventilation fans can be overused and pull cool air out of the home resulting in higher energy costs to cool the home.

Air conditioners are still a popular way to cool a home, and are considered a necessity by many. The recommended setting for the thermostat is 78 degrees. Raising the thermostat by one degree reduces energy costs by 3 percent to 6 percent. Another tip is to buy a programmable thermostat to pre-set the house temperature through the day. When using a heat pump, adjusting the thermostat can cause the heat pump to work harder to reach the

desired temperature and use more energy than if it had been kept at the same setting.

Consumers with heat pumps should ensure that they purchase the appropriate thermostat to reduce the amount of energy used to keep their home cool.

Additionally, by implementing some energy efficiency practices, homeowners can help reduce the amount of energy used. One way to help is to replace incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs. These bulbs use less energy and produce less heat for an equivalent level of lighting.

For more summer cooling tips and ways to reduce energy bills, call the OCC toll free at 1-877-PICKOCC (1-877-742-5622) or visit www.pickocc.org

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Question:

Pat Writes:
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The Old House Experts

Answer:

Dear Pat,
Yes! There is an alternative to vinyl replace-

ment windows! But first, a little lesson...we call it Energy Efficiency 101. Experts measure energy efficiency by what is called R-value on a scale of 0, being least resistant to the flow of heat, to 40 or more. The R-value of a brand new double hung replacement window is only R-4, which proves that glass is a poor insulator. We recommend adding aluminum storm windows to old single pane wood windows. It is relatively inexpensive could increase the R-value from about R-9 to R-2 or R-3, a difference you will feel. But windows aren't the only culprit. Believe it or not, most of the heat is escaping through the walls in your home. Having insulation blown into the walls of your home can have a dramatic impact on energy efficiency with a much lower price tag and quicker payback. Now, a fun fact...It can take more than 20 years to realize savings in heating costs associated with purchasing new vinyl windows. Here's the kicker: The average vinyl window has a life span of about 10-15 years. They're not even paid for when they start to break down! Where's the savings in that?! Call the Cleveland Restoration Society at 216-426-1000 for more details. We're happy to answer your old house questions.

Summer program offers cooling assistance to Ohio residents

While many consumers around Ohio are familiar with the variety of programs to help offset the costs of heating bills in the winter, many are unaware that there is assistance during the summer too. The Summer Crisis Program, administered by the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD), assists households by making a one-time payment of no more than \$175 toward their electric bill or by purchasing an air conditioner for the home. Some households may qualify for both types of assistance

To participate in the Summer Crisis Program, households must have an income at or below 175 percent of the federal poverty guidelines. A chart is provided to assist consumers in determining whether their household meets the income guidelines. In addition to the income guidelines, there are other qualifications that must be met to receive assistance.

There are two ways to qualify to receive electric bill assistance. One requires a member living in the household to be 60 years of age or older. If there is no one that meets the age requirement, the household still can receive help by obtaining a statement from a doctor that a member of the household has a medical condition that is aggravated by heat.

To receive an air conditioner, a household must have at least one person with a medical

condition, meet the income guidelines and must not have received an air conditioner through this program in 2004, 2005 or 2006.

Consumers who wish to use this assistance program must apply in person at a local community action agency. Although most agencies take a certain number of walk-ins each day, it is recommended that consumers schedule an appointment. Consumers may sign up for assistance through Aug. 31.

For information on the Summer Crisis Program, call or visit a local community action agency or contact ODOD toll free at 1-800-282-0880. Consumers also may contact the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) toll free at 1-877-PICKOCC (1-877-742-5622). The OCC can provide information on additional utility assistance programs that are available.

Summer 2007 Guidelines

Household size	Maximum income
1	\$17,867
2	\$23,957
3	\$30,047
4	\$36,137
5	\$42,227
6	\$48,317

For households with more than six members, add \$6,090 for each additional member.

All senior citizens now qualify for Homestead Exemption on real estate

In early 2007 Governor Ted Strickland proposed an expanded Homestead Exemption and it was enacted by the Ohio General Assembly in June. The new Homestead Exemption will lower residential property tax bill for ALL seniors and qualifying disabled individuals by an average of \$400 per year, regardless of their income.

Ohio senior citizens are now able to shield \$25,000 of the market value of their homes from local property taxes. For example, the owner of a \$100,000 home who is eligible for the Home Exemption would be billed as if the home were valued at \$75,000.

Who is eligible?

The new homestead exemption is available to any Ohio homeowner who currently lives in his/her home if that home is the primary residence and who: is at least 65 years old or will reach age 65 during the current tax

year; is certified to be totally and permanently disabled as of January 1 of the current tax year, regardless of age; or is the surviving spouse of a qualified homeowner, and who was at least 59 years old on the date of their spouse's death. If you are currently receiving a Homestead Exemption you will automatically qualify for the expanded exemption and do not need to reapply.

It is easy to apply for the Homestead Exemption. An application form may be picked up at the County Auditor's office, 2337 Broadview Rd.; online at tax.ohio.gov (click on "Homestead Exemption"); or by contacting the Ohio Department of Taxation at 1-800-282-1780. For your convenience, the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation, 3344 Broadview Rd., also has applications available for pick up.

All applications must be received by **October 1, 2007.**

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Immigrants from Belarus regain national identity; establish own church

by Lynette Filips
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After a three month hiatus, we return to discussing Cleveland's ethnic groups and the churches they established. Thanks to everyone who contacted us in the interim to see if the series would continue; we appreciate the positive feedback.

As we move on to another Eastern European, Rus-descended group of immigrants who settled in Cleveland (as well as in New York, New Jersey and Chicago), we come to a people who has been called by more than one name – White Russian, Byelorussian and Belarusian. "Byelo/Bela" actually means "white" in their native tongue; these days, Belarusian (adj.)/Belarusians (n.) is the nomenclature most of them prefer.

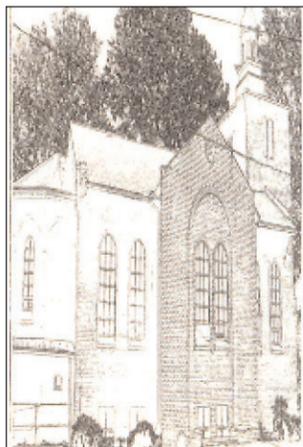
Belarusians have been coming to our city since at least the late 1890s. At that time, though, they didn't have a clear sense of ethnic identity in terms of their homeland (north of Ukraine, east of Poland, south of Lithuania and west of Russia). So they often joined churches — Polish or Lithuanian Roman Catholic parishes or Eastern Orthodox congregations — established by immigrants from neighboring countries.

The entry about BELARUSIANS in *The Encyclopedia of Cleveland History* states that "numerous Eastern Orthodox churches, including St. Theodosius Russian Orthodox Cathedral, were built largely by Belarusian rather than 'Great Russian' immigrants." (That was approximately 100 years ago.)

The first wave of Belarusians who arrived in Cleveland in large numbers occurred between 1917 and 1930. As was the case with so many other immigrants, they came here looking for jobs. Many settled in the area we now call Tremont, near W. 14th St. and Professor Ave.

The second wave of immigration from Belarus occurred after World War II. Unlike those who had come here earlier and whose ethnicity was most often recorded as being Polish or Russian, these immigrants were displaced persons who were very conscious of their heritage. In 1950, Belarusians in Cleveland finally began to establish their own cultural, social and religious organizations.

Cleveland's first Belarusian parish was formed in 1951; initially the congregation met for worship at the corner of W. 14th St. and Starkweather Ave. in Tremont. It became known as the **Mother of God of Zyrovicy** (the site of a Marian apparition in Belarus) **Autocephalic** (i.e., self-governing) **Belarusian Orthodox Church**.



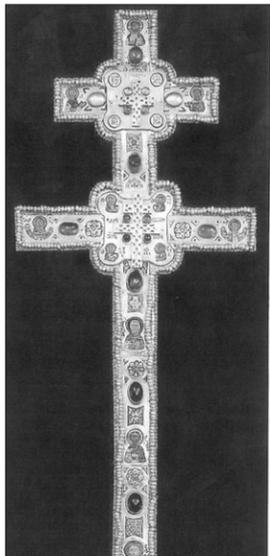
Mother of God of Zyrovicy
3518 Scranton Rd.

In 1957, these same Belarusians bought a house and an adjoining lot near the "Y" formed by Pearl Rd. and Scranton Rd. The church they built at 3518 Scranton was consecrated in

1960; it soon became the center of their cultural and social activities.

In subsequent decades, many Belarusians moved to the suburbs, especially to Strongsville, and in 1974 the community bought a large property on Webster Rd. to use for a picnic grove, athletic field and a new gathering place for those cultural and social events.

Circa 1980, the Belarusians arranged with Riverside Cemetery to set aside a separate area of the cemetery for their burials. A special monument of a Belarusian-style cross (the cross of St. Euphrosina) was erected in that section. So many Belarusians elected to be buried there that the church secured a second section of the cemetery in 2003.



Belarusian-style cross
of St. Euphrosina

11022 Webster Rd. in 1990. There's a hall available for rent, as well as a research library, an archives (including a collection of Belarusian music) and an ethnic museum in a separate house on the property.

The Belarusian community in Cleveland was very much energized by the breakup of Communist Russia in 1991 because at that time their homeland declared its independence. That same year the Cleveland group began publishing a periodical they called *Polacak*.

In 1999, Mother of God of Zyrovicy Belarusian Orthodox Church relocated to the Strongsville property. The Sunday Divine Liturgy there is at 10 a.m. and lasts between an hour and an hour and a half. Except for the last Sunday of the month when it is totally in English, the liturgy is prayed/chanted in the old Slavonic and English languages. (The sermon is usually given in English.)

Since new immigrants from Belarus continue to come to Cleveland, the congregation is thriving. Among their outside-of-church activities are selling homemade perogies on Thursday afternoons and Fridays, sponsoring

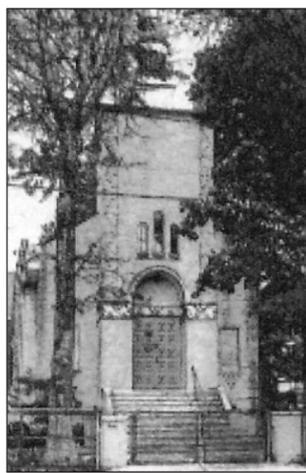


Mother of God of Zyrovicy
11064 Webster Rd.

an annual ethnic food fare and serving a "Holy Supper" on Christmas Eve.

For a while after the Belarusians left their Scranton Rd. church, a Pentecostal type religious group conducted services there, but for the last year and a half, the building has again been occupied by a Belarusian church community.

Until approximately five years ago, most of the members of **St. Nicholas Belarusian**



St. Nicholas Belarusian Orthodox
Church, 3518 Scranton Rd.

Orthodox Church had belonged to the Mother of God congregation just discussed. After differences of opinion caused them to split from their mother church, they met at numerous locations until they were able to purchase their former church building.

The Sunday Diving Liturgy at St. Nicholas, which lasts about an hour and a quarter, is also at 10 a.m. It is chanted in a combination of old Slavonic, Belarusian and Ukrainian. The parish is under the jurisdiction of a patriarchate in Kiev, Ukraine.

We plan to stay on the churches-immigrants-established track again, so next month we'll be exploring the fascinating religious and cultural history of another one of our community's many ethnic groups.

(Acknowledgments: I am grateful to Fr. Dmitri of St. Nicholas Belarusian Orthodox Church, Paul Wasilewski of the Belarusian American Community Center and others for helping me with this article.)

Final addition to Carpatho-Rusyn church series

Although we spent four issues (January through April) of this newspaper discussing churches established by people of Carpatho-Rusyn descent, we still did not get to all of them, not even to all of them on the west side of Greater Cleveland. It was more than time to move onto another ethnic group, but still, we did not want to completely leave the Carpatho-Rusyns without mentioning that they settled in (and thus established churches in) additional areas beyond the ones we already discussed in Tremont; "downtown" at E. 22nd St. and Scovill Ave.; in the Hungarian neighborhood along Woodland Ave. and out Buckeye Rd.; and in Newburg (before they moved to Old Brooklyn/suburban locations).

Because of all the manufacturing going on there, "Birdtown" in Lakewood was another area where many Eastern Europeans, including Carpatho-Rusyns, settled. Lakewood churches with at least some Carpatho-Rusyns among their founders include **St. Gregory the Theologian Greek Catholic Church**, 2035 Quail Ave. (1905); and **Sts. Peter and Paul Russian Orthodox Church**, 12711 Madison Ave. (established on Quail Ave. in 1917, then moved to Madison Ave. in 1918).

Other congregations followed their members to the suburbs. More of the suburban Orthodox churches with at least some Carpatho-Rusyn roots are: **Holy Trinity Orthodox Church**, 6822 Broadview Rd., Parma (1963); **Christ the Savior American Orthodox Church**, 10000 State Rd., North

Royalton (1964); **St. Andrew Eastern Orthodox Church**, 16069 Maple Park Dr., Maple Hts. (1968); and **St. Sergius Russian Orthodox Church**, 6520 Broadview Rd., Independence (organized in 1950; first church at E. 67th St. and Superior Ave. in 1952; first Divine Liturgy at current location in 1981.)

(Carpatho-Rusyns claim **St. Innocent the Apostle to America Orthodox Church**, 8526 Usher Rd., Olmsted Falls, (1984) as being one of theirs, too, but according to the pastor, the church was founded by people who left Orthodox congregations (some of which were Carpatho-Rusyn) because they wanted a Divine Liturgy in the English language.)

Carpatho-Rusyn Byzantine Catholic churches in suburban locations which we never discussed include: **St. Emilian Byzantine Catholic Church**, 1231 Substation Rd., Brunswick (1975); **St. Eugene Byzantine Catholic Church**, 264 Warrensville Center Rd., Bedford (1951); **St. John Byzantine Catholic Church**, 36125 Aurora Rd., Solon (1892) (founded by Hungarians, but also attended by Carpatho-Rusyns); **St. Mary Magdalene Byzantine Catholic Church** 5390 W. 220 St., Fairview Park (1966); and **St. Stephen Byzantine Catholic Church**, 532 Lloyd Rd., Euclid (1955).

There are also parishes in Akron, Barberton, Fairport Harbor, Lorain and Mentor-on-the-Lake established by Carpatho-Rusyns; they are under the jurisdiction of the Byzantine Catholic Diocese of Parma.

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by Lynette Filips & Sandy Worona

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Art House, 3119 Denison Ave. Spring 2007 Class Schedule

Family Open Studio - 3rd Sat. of the month, 1 - 3 pm; \$5 per person; \$18 family of four; children 3 & under, free. Family members & above cost per visit: \$5 per adult, free for 2 children, \$3 for each additional child. No pre-registration required. Family Open Studio provides a safe & fun environment for families to create art together. Self-guided activities at drawing/painting station, clay hand-building station & craft station. Craft projects vary each month.

Saturday children's classes, after school children's programs, evening teen and adult classes - A complete schedule of classes, including dates, times & fees is available on the website www.arthouseinc.org. To register for a class or workshop call 216-398-8556. Art House is open to the public Mon. - Thurs., 10 am - 4 pm, Fri. by appointment only, & Sat., 9 am - 12 pm.

Cleveland Metroparks - Big Creek, Garfield Park, Hinckley, Huntington, Mill Stream Run & Ohio Erie Canal Walking Works trails - Aug. - Oct. Hike at least eight of 13 designated trails on your own time, it's fun & easy. After completing each walk, sign & date your Walking Works form. Complete eight walks & return your form to Cleveland Metroparks to receive this year's Walking Works shield. Naturalist-led hikes along the designated trails will be offered Aug. - Oct. For a list of the designated hikes & directions & to download the form, check out www.clevelandmetroparks.com. Forms are also available at any EarthWords Nature shops location.

Cleveland Metroparks - CanalWay Center Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation E. 49th 216-341-3152
CanalWay Sunset Concert - Fri., Aug. 24th. 8 pm. *Crookneck Chandler & the Tibe Bottom Boys*. Funky/Twangy Rock. Free concert. Bring a lawn chair. If it rains the music moves indoors.

Cleveland Metroparks Garfield Park 11350 Broadway Ave. 216-341-3152
BugFest - Sat., Aug. 11th. 10 am - 4:30 pm. Free. Learn what insects do, why we need them & even what they taste like. Enjoy edible insect recipes & demonstrations, or take a look at the exhibits of bugs from Ohio to Africa. Stop by the "Mealworm 500" to watch the mealworms race to the finish line. Live entertainment, crafts, games, a kids train ride for a nominal fee, bug hunts & more.

Cleveland Metroparks Hinkley Reservation Ledge Pool & Recreation Area 1151 Ledge Rd. between State & Kellogg Rds. 440-331-8111
www.clevelandmetroparks.com
Dive-In Movie: "Barnyard" Fri., Aug. 10. Bring something to sit on & enjoy the movie from a spot on the lawn, or view the movie while relaxing in an inner tube in Ledge Pool. Inner tubes available by reservation only; \$3 for single & \$5 for double. Doors open at 8 pm; cartoons start at 8:30 pm. Feature movie begins at 8:45 pm. Visitors must be 8 or older to use the pool & rent an inner tube.

Refreshments available. For more info or to reserve a tube call 330-239-2911. (Also a movie on Aug. 10.)

Birthday party packages - private, tented picnic area with tables for up to 3 hrs., plus 15 swim passes. 30 people max. \$30 for season pass holders, \$50 for non-season.

Food packages - \$4 (hot dog or cheeseburger link, chips & small ice cream) per person. \$5 (all plus 20 oz. Coke product). Minimum 10 people per party. For more info call 440-572-9990.

Pool Hours - 11 am - 7 pm, thru Aug. 19th. Fees -- adults, 12 & over, \$4.50; children 6-11, \$3.50; 5 & under free; seniors 60 & over, free.

Dog Paddle & More - 1 - 5 pm. Bring your non-aggressive dog to swim at Ledge Pool, nominal \$3 donation per dog, featuring dog groomers, dog bakeries, pet therapy & more. Call 440-331-8635 for more info. or visit the website.

Cleveland Metroparks Rocky River Nature Center 24000 Valley Pkwy., North Olmsted 440-734-6660

"My Favorite Wild Animal" second annual juried art show. Illustrations in any media type except photography from student artists in grades 1 thru 12 with the theme: "My Favorite Animal". Winning entries exhibited Aug. 16 - Sept. 11. Call 440-734-6660 for more info.

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo 3900 Wildlife Way 216-661-6500 clemet zoo.com

Creature Comforts Animal Enrichment Day - Sat., Aug. 11. Observe animal keepers enriching the lives of the Zoo's residents through a variety of creative methods. See how a polar bear gets its paws on food frozen in ice or how a chimpanzee uses tools to claim a tast meal. Keepers will explain how such techniques keep animals healthy & active.

DINOSAURS! - Exciting exhibit features 15 life-sized animatronic dinosaurs along the shores of Waterfowl Lake. From a colossal T.rex to tiny newborns, creatures of every size are waiting to be discovered. \$2 additional admission per person.

Cleveland Museum of Art 11150 East Blvd. 216-421-7340
Midsummer movies, July - Aug. July's films range from return engagements for four international favorites to the first Cleveland showing of three new movies—one accompanied by its maker! Admission prices to museum films \$8, CMA members \$6, seniors 65 & over \$5, students - \$4, or one Panorama voucher. Panorama Film Series vouchers (in books of 10), \$55; CMA members, \$45.

Cleveland Museum of Natural History 1 Wade Oval Dr. 216-231-4600
Animal Secrets - now thru Sept. 9. Explore the secret lives of forest animals.
Museum - Mon. - Sat., 10 am - 5 pm; Wed. to 10 pm; Sun., noon - 5 pm. Age 2 & under, free; age 3-6, \$6.50; age 7-adult, \$9.50; seniors & students, \$7.50.

Cleveland Public Library, Brooklyn 3706 Pearl Rd. 216-623-6920
Play and Learn! - Every Fri., 10-11 am. Join other caregivers & toddlers, have fun with a variety of books & learning toys.

Preschool Story Time - Every Fri., 11-11:30 am. Stories & songs for children ages 3-5. Call for specific program requests or more info.

Cleveland Public Library, South Brooklyn 4303 Pearl Rd. 216-623-7067
Preschool Storytime - Every Tues., 11:30 am -12:30 pm and Thurs., 10 - 11 am. Interactive

stories, rhymes, songs & other activities for children 3-5 years. Call to register.

Toddler Time - Every Tues., 10:30 - 11:30 am. Interactive stories, rhymes, songs & other activities for children 1-2 years. Call to register.

Play and Learn - Every Fri., 11- 12 pm. Join other caregivers & toddlers. Have fun with a variety of books & learning toys & make new friends. Call to register.

Estabrook Recreation Center 4125 Fulton Rd. 216-664-4149
Recreational Activities - Family Swim - Family Gym - Ceramics - Weight Room. Call for schedule; times vary. All above activities free. Call for more info.

Hale Farm & Village 2686 Oak Hill Rd., Bath 330-666-3711

Outdoor living history museum featuring life & crafts from the mid-1800s. Includes farm animals, pastures & historic houses with historical interpreters dressed in period costume. Open thru Sept. 4. Hours: Wed. - Sat. 11 am - 5 pm; Sun., noon - 5 pm. Admission — \$14.50, adults; \$12.50, seniors; \$7.50, children ages 3-12; under 3, free. For more info. & calendar of events go to www.wrhs.org/halefarm/template.asp?id=419.

Independence Home Days Fri., Aug. 3rd, 6-11 pm Sat., Aug. 4th, 12-11 pm. Free entertainment & bands, plus food, games, rides, booths by community organizations in Independence Square.

Veteran's Memorial Park Grande Pavilion 7619 Memphis Ave. (behind Brooklyn City Hall) Furry Friends Festival

Sat., Sept. 8th. Brooklyn Animal Shelter invites other organizations to join event for both the opportunity to fundraise and, most importantly, find homes for the animals in your care. Dog walk (approximately 2 miles), food, demonstrations, vendors, blessing of the animals & more. Music provided by the band "Gypsy".

Wade Oval Wednesdays - University Circle Now thru August 29th

Free concerts, 6 - 9 pm. Music, including Blues, Irish Rock & Reggae. Food, beer & wine. Extended hours, special events & discounted admissions to Cleveland Botanical Garden, Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Visit www.universitycircle.org or call 216-707-5033.

Western Reserve Historical Society 10825 East Blvd. 216-721-5722

History Museum, Crawford Auto-Aviation Museum, & Library. Regular hours, Mon. - Sat., 10 am - 5 pm; Sun., noon - 5 pm. Hay-McKinney Mansion tours daily, noon - 5 pm. Regular admission - adults, \$8.50; seniors, \$7.50; students, \$5. Parking, \$5.

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June 1 - August 31

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For more locations call 216-443-3749 or visit www.cuyahogaswd.org

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Brooklyn Centre Community Association (formerly Archwood Denison Concerned Citizens) meeting, Thurs., Aug., 23 (& every fourth Thurs.), 7 pm, Archwood United Church of Christ, 2800 Archwood Ave.

Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation board meeting, Tues., Aug. 14, and every second Tues. of the month, 6-7:30 pm. OBCDC meeting room (3344 Broadview Rd., upstairs). Meetings open to the public for review & comments, but the board reserves the right to close portions of the meetings from the public. Call 216-459-1000 to confirm.

Second District Police Community Relations meeting, Tues., Aug 14th (& every second Tues.), 7 pm, Applewood Center, 3518 W. 25th St.

Southwest Citizens Area Council meeting Thurs., Aug. 2nd (& every first Thurs.), 7 pm, Gino's, 1314 Denison Ave.

Ward 15 Democratic Club Meeting, Tues., Aug. 28th (& every fourth Tues.), 6:30 pm, Estabrook Recreation Center, 4125 Fulton Rd.

Ward 16 Democratic Club Meeting, Tues., Aug. 14th (& every second Tues.), 7 pm, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 5801 Memphis Ave.

Cleveland Police Dept. 2nd District, First Interstate, and Target at Steelyard Commons

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Tuesday, August 7th 6 pm - 9 pm

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SENIOR NOTES

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Chair Bowling - Fri., 10:30 am, The Schwab Center.

Craft Classes - Tues. & Thurs., 9:30 - 11:30 am, Deaconess Krafft.

Crochet Klatch - Tues., 9:30 - 11:30 am, The Schwab Center.

“SCR Strollers” - 10:30 am, Walking group
Bocce ball - 8:30 am, Estabrook

Post Office on Wheels - First Thurs. of every month, 9:30 - 10:00 am, Deaconess-Krafft. 11 - 11:30 am, The Schwab Center.

Book Club - Call 216-749-5367 to register.

Fun & Games

Canasta - Mon., 12:30 pm, Deaconess Krafft.

Fruit Bingo - Mon., 11:30 am, The Schwab Center; & Wed., 10:30 am, Deaconess-Krafft Center.

Pinochle Playing - Tues. & Fri., 12:15 pm, Deaconess-Krafft.

Wednesday, August 8th

Family Caregiver Education/Training Classes, 9:30 am, Deaconess-Krafft Center. Call 216-749-4477 for appointment.

Tuesday, August 14th

Free blood pressure, glucose & cholesterol screening, 10-11:30 am, Deaconess-Krafft Center. Call 216-749-4477 for more info.

Tuesday, August 14th

Hearing loss & aids services. Deaconess-Krafft Center. Call 216-749-4477 for appointment.

Wednesday, August 22nd
Foot & ankle service. 9:30 am, Deaconess-Krafft Center. Call 216-749-4477 for appointment.

Friday, August 20th
Goodtime II Trip. Cost - \$15.50.

Tuesday, August 21st
Trip to Historic Marietta. Cost - \$57.75.

Thursday September 6th
Home on the Range Tour. Cost - \$59.50.

Wednesday, August 22nd
Choo Choo To Cleveland's West Side
Our Lady of Good Counsel, 4423 Pearl Rd., Depart 10 am; return approx. 3:30 pm. Cost-\$40 per person. Includes round trip deluxe motorcoach fare, shopping in historic Grand Pacific Junction, sit-down lunch at The Station

CHURCH NOTES

Wednesday, August 1st

St. James Seniors Meeting
St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview Rd., upstairs at noon. Interesting topics & good fellowship. Bring a bag lunch; beverages provided. All seniors from the Old Brooklyn neighborhood welcome to attend.

Fri., Sat., Sun., August 3rd, 4th & 5th

St. Leo The Great Festival
St. Leo the Great Church, 4940 Broadview Rd, 216-661-1006. Fri., Aug. 3rd., 6 pm - midnight; Sat., Aug. 4th, 5 pm - midnight; Sun., Aug. 5th, 1 - 8 pm. \$5,000 grand prize drawing Sun. at 8 pm. Casino all 3 nights -- Blackjack, Texas Hold'em, Let it Ride, poker tables, 50/50 raffle, instant bingo.

Sunday, August 5th

Summer Social & Garage Sale
St. Wendelin Church, 2281 Columbus Rd. (two blocks south of Lorain Ave. off W. 25th St.) Hundreds of unwanted treasures - tools, games, Christmas ornaments, china; low garage sale prices. Serious early bird shoppers can enter the garage sale & shop early from 11 - 11:30

Restaurant (choice of chicken marsala, petite sirloin or baked scrod), driver gratuity. For more info call Julia, 216-351-9970.

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am, for a \$5 per person admission charge. Admission from noon - 5 pm is free. Summer social features live music, games, raffles & activities for kids. Refreshments include hot dogs & soda, nut rolls & ice cream sundaes. For more info call 216-861-1141.

Sunday, August 5th

"The Fest"

Center for Pastoral Leadership, 28700 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe. Located just north of I-90/Rt-2 on the corner of Euclid Ave. & Bishop Rd. Live music, 3 - 8 pm. (including Michael W. Smith, the biggest name in contemporary Christian music). Catholic Mass, 8 - 10 pm, followed by huge fireworks display. Sacrament of Reconciliation, 3 - 7 pm. Free & open to all. For more info re: the event, to be added to the mailing list, to volunteer to help or to learn about being a vendor/sponsor visit www.theFEST.us or call 440-943-7662.

Tuesday, August 28

Widows and Widowers Luncheon

St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview Rd., noon. Chopped steak, golden potatoes, carrots supreme, salads & desserts. Cost - \$3 per person. Reserve a place by calling the church office, 351-6499. Bring a friend!

As I see it...

by
Pastor Jerry



I sometimes go through life feeling that I'm not quite measuring up. That I could do better. I should have seen that coming. That I shouldn't have said that. I should be smarter, tougher, gentler, and less opinionated. And I need to remember that God believes in me.

Some of us grew up in religious settings where God was portrayed like an IRS agent who's searching for one comma out of place.

That's why we need to hear that God believes in us more than we believe in ourselves. Jesus states, "Everything is possible to those who believe." God is never far from us. If there is a distance, it is we who have moved.

I love the advice that Moses gives to Joshua. Moses is blessing Joshua to lead the Jews in their final journey into the Promised Land. Moses says, The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you. He will never leave nor forsake you. Do not be afraid."

Jerry Madasz is the pastor of St. Luke's United Church of Christ 4216 Pearl Rd. (at the corner of Pearl & Memphis)

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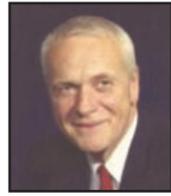
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