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Jim Ptacek's hand-forged, limited-edition Christmas ornaments now in local stores

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The 2013 holiday season marks the third year in local artist Jim Ptacek's five-year contract with Wendell August Forge in Grove City, Pennsylvania and Berlin, Ohio. The company markets itself as "America's premier metalcrafter since 1923".

Jim's three ornaments for 2013 are titled *Cleveland Skyline* (looking north from the vantage point of the south entrance to Tower City, including the city's three sky scrapers); *Euclid Beach* (the famous structure at the entrance to the 1895-1969 east-side amusement park); and *The Arcade* (an interior view of the five-story iron and glass enclosed shopping court which opened in 1890 and connected two nine-story office buildings, one facing Euclid Ave. and the other Superior Ave.)

The 2013 ornaments join Jim's six ornaments which made their debuts in 2012 and 2011; all nine are available at select businesses in Old Brooklyn and around Greater Cleveland.

Jim's three ornaments from 2012 are titled *Cleveland Market* (issued in the year of the West Side Market's 100th anniversary); *Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument* (the recently renovated structure on the southeast quadrant of Public Square which honors Clevelanders who fought in the Civil War); and *Cleveland Municipal Stadium* (Gate D of the former lakefront stadium with Cleveland Indians' mascot Chief Wahoo included in the engraving).

Jim's three ornaments from 2011 are titled *Cleveland Football Stadium* (the current lakefront stadium); *North Coast Lights* (a collage of lighthouses in Cleveland, Lorain, Marblehead, Fairport and Fairport Marine Museum); and the *Veterans Memorial Bridge* (looking east toward the city from the Cuyahoga River in the Flats).

In 2011 the *Veterans Memorial Bridge* was the best seller of the three designs; in 2012, *Cleveland Market* was the most popular. So far this year, *Cleveland Skyline* seems to be the hottest, but one person actually purchased over sixty ornaments of *The Arcade* – to give to guests at her son's wedding reception which will be held in the historic Victorian structure!

All nine ornaments are hand-made, pounded into the 3-1/2 inch round die which Wendell August Forge's master die engraver, Dave Bruck, made from Jim's prints. Each is available in either aluminum (\$18) or bronze (\$25).

Jim saw this year's ornaments for the first time over the summer, and began doing signings (he writes "J. Ptacek" in marker above his engraved signature on the back of each ornament) in November. He was at Ameriflag, Inc., 3307 Broadview Rd., on Saturday, November 16th, and also at all three days of the Christmas Connection at the I-X Center last month.

Jim will be doing two more signings at Ameriflag this month — from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, December 13th and Saturday, December 21st. And he'll be



Photo by Sandy Worona

Jim Ptacek and Don Workman show off Jim's three newest 2013 Wendell August Christmas ornaments (See Ameriflag, Inc. ad on page 6.)

doing a breakfast signing at Gallery One in Mentor in the morning on December 14th.

In addition to Ameriflag, the ornaments are also available locally at the Frame Shop in North Royalton; the Frame Center Gallery in the Galleria; Stanton Jewelers in Westlake; True North in Sheffield; and some Bed, Bath & Beyond, Macy's and Giant Eagle stores. Not all stores stock the bronze ornaments, so buyers who desire that variety should probably call to inquire about avail-

ability first. The ornaments are also available directly from Wendell August.

A graduate of the Cooper School of Art with a major in Architectural Rendering, in addition to Cleveland sites, for years Jim's camera lens has been capturing buildings in Buffalo, Chicago, Cincinnati, Detroit, Jacksonville, Mobile, Nashville, New Orleans and Pittsburgh. And now that he's

See *Ptacek ornaments* page 5



OBCDC Holiday Lighting Contest



*Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre
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Sponsored by: Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation

One winner in each category will receive
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To enter to have your home or business judged please complete the application below and get it to us no later than **Wednesday, December 18th**. You can **mail** or drop off to OBCDC at 2339 Broadview Rd, Cleveland, OH 44109, or **send via fax** at 216-459-1741 or **email** to jaymel@oldbrooklyn.com

Judging will take place by **Saturday, December 21st**. Prizes will be awarded and winners photos will be in the Old Brooklyn News.

OBCDC Holiday lighting contest entry form



Complete the application below and mail to: OBCDC, 2339 Broadview Road, Cleveland, OH 44109, fax 216-459-1741 or email: jaymel@oldbrooklyn.com
Submission must be returned by **Wednesday, December 18th, 5 p.m.**
Judging will take place Monday, December 23rd.

Name: _____
Address: _____
E-mail: _____
Phone: _____



Does Old Brooklyn have its own Grandma Moses? For ten or fifteen years, Old Brooklyn resident Carol Lade has been perfecting her skills with watercolor painting. She's taken classes at Parma Area Fine Arts Council at Parma Senior Center behind Parma City Hall and at the Humana Health Insurance facility in the strip of stores across from Midtown Plaza. And for about half that time, she's been using one of her paintings on the front of her Christmas card. The scene on Carol's 2013 Christmas card is pictured here.



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From the desk of the executive director

by Robyn Sandys

This is the hardest monthly director’s article I have had to write! Not only is it the last month of the year but this December article is my last one as executive director of Old Brooklyn CDC. I decided about a month ago to take a position as executive director for an organization in the Chicago area called North West Housing Partnership based in Schaumburg. They are a nonprofit housing development agency that also provides housing counseling and similar services for residents in the Chicagoland area.

However, the main reason for my even seeking a job away from here is because my two teenage sons live in that part of the Chicago area. I am looking forward to being close to them but I am not looking forward to leaving my position here for the past six years eight months. Or leaving all of the many professional and personal friends I have made for the 18 years I have lived in the area.

Old Brooklyn is a really wonderful neighborhood within the City of Cleveland. It is a great place to live and do business. But what makes this neighborhood are the wonderful and warm people. I have met great folks who have worked very hard to keep Old Brooklyn a safe and homey place to live. It is so inspiring to see more young families moving in over the past few years as well.

This neighborhood has amazing schools and parks and a number of high quality local businesses. Plus as you all know this is the easiest neighborhood to get to and from in the entire Cleveland area. The highway access is amazing.



It is very hard to leave but I have such overwhelming confidence in the staff at OBCDC as well as the board. Both are of such high quality and have a strong commitment to the organization and the neighborhood. The main and really only reason I never lived here was my family was located on the west side and my children went to school in Westlake.

Every job I have held for the 18 years I have lived in Cleveland were all located within the City. And my first year here I also lived downtown. I started off my first 3 years at WVIZ, now Ideastream. Soon after I left that position, I got into the community development field. I have seen many neighborhoods fully blossom in the past decade such as Ohio City, Detroit Shoreway, Kamm’s and Tremont. And areas such as Downtown, St. Clair Superior, Northeast Shores and University Circle have also turned into exciting places to visit, live and do business.

Old Brooklyn is on an upward trend with 19 new businesses starting this past year. There is much more to do and I believe the Board of OBCDC will find a very qualified replacement within the next few months. In the meantime, please stay in touch with the office staff for all of your needs. If you have any questions regarding who to talk to the best person to start off with is Cynthia Cejka the office manager.

Thank you to everyone who has been so helpful to me over the years and to those who challenged me as well. It has been an amazing growth experience and I will truly miss my Old Brooklyn family.

Have a wonderful holiday with your family and a very happy New Year!



Jo’s Barbershop

Jo Ann Bolton and Kim Bolton

Jo’s Barber Shop is a family business serving generations of neighborhood families. Jo Ann Bolton and daughter Kim Bolton have been cutting hair at their 4231 Fulton Rd. in the Memphis Fulton Shopping Center arcade location for 26 years.

Jo is currently cutting hair for four generations of boys and gentlemen from one family, and notes that they also serve many two- and three-generation families. She said, “Kids grow up having their hair cut here and become customers, too, and bring their sons here. We even have customers that come back and visit even if they move out of town.”

Kim was the first in the family to attend barber college. She is also teaching at All State Barber College on Lorain Ave. just west of the West Side Market; she has been an instructor on and off for 27 years. Kim was even her mother’s instructor there! She also inspired her sister Tina to become a barber and instructor and her sister Lisa to become a barber.

Kim was a secretary at a barber school (Allstate Hairstyling & Barber College and they offered her training. She was a barber for a while then got additional training to be an instructor. Kim said, “Teaching is rewarding, especially passing down a trade. Students will have the opportunity to have a solid lifestyle and good careers. It takes longer to become a barber than a beautician; barbers learn more precision cutting and straight razor shaves. It’s a different skill set.”

Almost exclusively Kim does the face shaves at Jo’s Barbershop. She says that the straight razor shave is a closer shave and is a guy’s way to get pampered. She added that face shaves are becoming more popular again, especially during the holiday season. “I spend at least a half hour with clients getting a straight razor shave. We try to provide the best possible experience and take our time.”



Kim Bolton and Jo Ann Bolton
Photo and article by Jayme Lucas-Bukszar

Jo was originally from the St. Rocco’s area and selected the Fulton Rd. location because of its proximity to her friends and family at St. Rocco’s. Jo also lived in Old Brooklyn at one time.

When asked about the Old Brooklyn location, Jo said “Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn people are wonderful, just so nice to be with. Our customers become our close friends and become each other’s friends.” She added, “I like talking to people and I really enjoy being a barber.” The Cleveland Indians (during baseball season) and the new Horseshoe Casino are major topics for Jo and Kim and their customers at the barber shop.

For years Jo and Kim were in a pool league and in a bowling league at the former Meszar’s Lanes. Jo describes both as sources for new customers and as great neighbors.

Jo laughingly added, “Kenny’s Tavern is our second waiting room! They have been so supportive of us over the years. We are blessed to have such great neighbors.”

Jo’s Barber Shop also strives to be a child-friendly place; they have movies and toys for children.

Reach Jo’s Barber Shop at 216-661-8110. Their hours are:
Closed on Sundays and Mondays
Tuesdays and Fridays 9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Wednesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m. - 5:30p.m.
Saturdays 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

The barber shop will have special holiday hours: open Christmas Eve from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and closed on Christmas Day and the day after Christmas; open New Year’s Eve from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and closed on January 1st and 2nd.

OBCDC Executive Director position now open

The Board of the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) is seeking a qualified, innovative nonprofit executive to fill its Executive Director position.

Founded in 1975, this neighborhood-based community development organization services the Old Brooklyn neighborhood and parts of the Brooklyn Centre neighborhood in the City of Cleveland. It is governed by a Board of Directors and works directly with city leadership, local elected officials, community partners and over 30,000 neighborhood residents.

The Executive Director will manage all operations, programs, and related executive duties for OBCDC.

For a full job description, visit www.old-brooklyn.com.

The deadline for applying is **December 13th, 2013.**

Interested applicants should submit their resumes to:

Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation Executive Director Search Committee EDsearch@icloud.com.

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Now - February 9, 2014

World Premiere Exhibition

Traitor - Spies, Lies and Justice Denied: The Dreyfus Affair

Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage, 2929 Richmond Rd., Beachwood. Exhibition developed exclusively for Maltz Museum. Free with general museum admission; to schedule guided-tour for groups of 10 or more, call 216-593-0575.

Now thru Monday, December 30th
Festival of Trees

Allen Theatre Complex, 1407 Euclid Ave. Free & open to the public. Scavenger hunts for kids & kids at heart. Meet director of *A Christmas Story* & see the set before the show opens. Special performance by The Singing Angels. • Light refreshments & cash bar. Weekdays, 5 - 9 pm; Sat., 11 am - 9 pm; Sun., 11 am - 6 pm. Special hours Dec. 23rd, noon - 9 pm; Dec. 24th, noon - 5 pm; Dec. 26th - 30th, noon - 9 pm. Closed Christmas Day. Visit www.clevelandplayhouse.com for more info.

Friday, December 6th & 13th

Saturday, December 7th & 14th

Sunday, December 8th & 15th

The Short and Sweet Holiday Shop

Art House, 3119 Denison Ave. Fri. 4 - 8 pm. Sat. & Sun. 11 am. - 4 pm. Featuring handmade gifts from local artists & artisans. Locally handcrafted gifts for everyone; 29 artists & artisans selling their wares. Also recruiting volunteers to sign up for two- or four-hour shift on one or more days. Email gloria.ferris@gmail.com or call her at 216-351-0254 to volunteer or for more info.

Saturday, December 7th

Grand Re-Opening of CCPL's Parma-Snow Branch

Parma-Snow Library, 2121 Snow Rd., 5:30 - 6:15 pm. Ceremonial ribbon cutting, 6:30 - 9 pm. Performances by Inlet Dance Theatre, Cleveland Youth Orchestra, Cleveland Music Settlement J@MS jazz band; special Polar Express children's storytime. Call 216-398-1800 or visit www.cuyahogalibrary.org for more info.

Saturday, December 7th

"So We Dance II" Praise Dance Event

Ampol Hall 4737 Pearl Rd.; 5 pm. Special faith-based event sponsored by Divine Diversity Productions. Witness form of dance performed by various ministries & groups. Contact Victoria Reed. 216 -799-1665, or find "So We Dance II" on event page on Facebook for more info.

Saturday, December 7th

City Music Cleveland Concert

Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus, 3649 E. 65th St., 7:30 pm. Overture to Die Fledermaus, Blue Danube Waltz & songs from The Merry Widow & other notable operettas; also Hummel's Trumpet Concerto. Visit citymusic-cleveland.org for more info.

Saturday, December 7th

2013 Holiday Peace Festival and Bazaar

Pilgrim Congregational Church, 2592 W. 14th St., Tremont; 10 am - 4 pm. Gathering of Cleveland Peace & Justice organizations; local artists work for sale. Peace & justice cards, calendars, T-shirts, gifts, books, house plants, poinsettias & bake sale. Also selling lunch -- homemade soup, chili, sandwiches, tamales. Free admission & parking.

Sunday, December 8th

34th Annual German Concert Orchestra

Immanuel Lutheran Church Hall, 2928 Scranton Rd.; 2 pm. Free admission; free-will offering accepted. Coffee & cookies following concert.

Cuyahoga County Public Library

Parma-Snow Branch 2121 Snow Rd.

216-661-4240; www.cuyahogalibrary.org

9 am - 9 pm, Mon - Thur.; 9 am - 5:30 pm, Fri. & Sat.; 1 - 5 pm, Sun.

(Unless otherwise noted, registration is required.)

Mon., Dec. 9th - Parma Snow Saves Coupon Club; 6:30 - 8:30 pm; 2nd Mon. each month.

Mon., Dec. 16th - Book Discussions; 7 pm & **Thurs., Dec. 19th,** 11 am.

Wed., Dec. 18th - 7 pm. A Holiday Celebration with Chryl Fitiak. No registration required.

Wednesday, December 11th

Westside Basket Guild

St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview Rd., downstairs in fellowship hall. Class starts at 5 pm; come any time up to 6:30 to start weaving. Meets on second Wed. every month.

Dec. 11th, Winter snowflake basket; natural reed with blue & snowflake accent; 4x6x5" high. Cost - \$13. **Jan. 8th, Twill candy bowl;** wood bottom base with color & natural pattern; 4" round at the bottom, 6" high & approx. 5" across at top. Cost - \$14. Supplies to bring when weaving -- old towel, bucket, clothes pins, ruler, pencil, scissors. Call Connie, 216-749-7912, to RSVP.

Friday, December 13th

Arts Renaissance Tremont Concert

Burning River Brass - Pilgrim Congregational Church, 2592 W. 14th St.; 7 pm. Freewill donations.

Friday & Saturday December 13th & 21st

Jim Ptacek Trunk Sale

Ameriflag Inc., 3307 Broadview Rd.; 10 am - 2 pm. Local artist Jim Ptacek selling/signing new collection of 2013 Wendell August Forge Christmas ornaments. Ornaments from 2012 & 2011, as well as prints, Christmas cards & post-cards also available. Call 216-661-2608, see the Ameriflag ad on page 6 of this issue, or visit Ameriflag.com for more info.

Friday, Dec. 13th & Saturday, Dec. 14th

Tremont Holiday BrewHaHa/Santa Shuffle
www.tremontbrewhaha.com

Friday - Tremont BrewHaHa Holiday PopUp Party & Shop, 2187 W. 14th St. Tremont BrewHaHa Hop - 6 -10 pm. Specials at local bars, raffles with prizes. Free Lolly the

Trolley transportation around Tremont from 7-10:30 pm with 12 stops.

Saturday - Santa Shuffle running event; starts at 2 pm. Pre-Registration runner package - \$20', spectators - \$18. Bar Crawl 2 - 4 pm. Race - 4 pm; post party, 4 - 10 pm. Specials at local bars; collect trinkets; win raffle prizes. Presented by The Southside & Press Wine Bar. Contact Hermes Sports & Events, 216-623-9933, for more info.

Saturday, December 14th

St. Theodosius Christmas Cookie Walk

Ridge Manor Banquet Center, 4630 Ridge Rd. Doors open 9 am. - noon. First come, first served until cookies are gone. Baked by parish-ioners. Select cookies then pay \$9 per pound at the end. Cash, check or credit card accepted. Call Susan, 216-621-2282, for more info.

Friday, December 20th

Symphony West Orchestra

Gamble Auditorium, Kulas Musical Arts Bldg, 96 Front St., Berea; 8 pm. Tickets: \$7, adults; \$5, seniors; \$3, high school & college students. Children, free. Free parking in city lot across the street next to Giant Eagle. Visit www.symphonywest.org for more info.

Tuesday, December 31st

Cleveland Rocks New Year's Eve 2013

Welcome in 2014 with comedian & local native Drew Carey on Public Square downtown. Free; starts at 6 pm. Features includ : festival-like atmosphere, food trucks, beer garden, live ice sculpting, fireworks & live music. Electronic dance music band Krewella head-lining the music. Cleveland Mayor Frank G. Jackson & Cuyahoga County Executive Ed Fitzgerald honorary chairpersons.

No Health Coverage?

MetroHealth Care Plus is new program offering free medical care to low-income uninsured Cuyahoga County residents age 19 to 64 years. Coverage includes doctor visits, medications, hospitalization, dental care, mental health service, medical equipment. Call 216-957-2325 or visit metrohealth.org/careplus for more info.

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Welcome in the holidays safely!

by Barbara Spaan
barbaras@oldbrooklyn.com

The weather is getting colder, all the colorful foliage is gone, and the daylight is shorter – it's winter on the lakefront. As we prepare for snow and 'Deck the Halls', here are just a few reminders —



As you button up the house for the colder weather, check the outdoor lighting fixtures.

• Are your trees and shrubs trimmer and tied so as not to interfere with electrical wires or phone wires?

• If you have fencing or put up snow fencing, is it ready for the harsh winds and snow?

• Don't leave ladders, bikes or lawnmowers out; put them in the front of the garage and pull the car up on them to make it impossible to get them out, and/or cover them so that they can't be seen. Always close your garage door even when out on just short runs.

• Clean up leaves and yard debris. Do not rake leaves to the curb. We do not have curbside City pick up of loose leaves any more; **you have to bag them.**

• Keep your street's sewer grids clear. Now let's hang some Christmas lights and decorations —

• Check the bulbs and wires; are they in good shape? Exercise caution here, because this is where too many house fires happen. Use indoor lights inside only; they are not the same as outdoor decorations.

• Don't overload plugs to a single socket. Put lights on timers or only light things up when you're home. Only use real candles when you're home, too, and don't forget that they are lit.

• This time of year is when most house fires occur due to oversight in everything just mentioned.

Lastly, here are a few tips to discourage the Grinch —

• Watch how you buy on the Internet. Use sites you have used in the past. If it sounds too good to be true it usually means trouble. While out and about shopping, park, shop and purchase wisely. Put all the gifts in the trunk or cover them; don't leave anything in plain sight. Lock your car.

• Always be aware of what is happening around you. Don't walk and text. Keep credit cards and cash in several places. Don't wrap gifts and place them under the tree as decorations; keep gifts hidden until the big day.

• Break down boxes and take them to recycling bins. Don't advertise your new purchases by putting the boxes they came in on the tree lawn.

• Remember the older neighbors on the street; check in on them in this cold weather. I hope that every family has the best holiday season ever. Hold your loved ones close and wish your neighbors glad tidings.



Cake Royale coming to Old Brooklyn soon

By Jayme Lucas-Bukszar
jaymel@oldbrooklyn.com

Cake Royale has been serving the Cleveland area for twenty-six years and has been at the West Side Market for ten years. Owners Michel & Denise Kahwagi have been working hard to get their new Old Brooklyn location at 4276 Pearl Rd. up and running before the holidays.

Michel and Denise started off as wholesalers but expanded to retail at the Market. They live in Old Brooklyn and had been looking for a new location in the neighborhood, as they are outgrowing their current location, the former Masonic Temple in Brooklyn Centre.

When asked about the new location, Denise smiled and said, "We can't wait to get settled in our new location. We knew it would be perfect the moment we walked in". She added, "Old Brooklyn is laid back with great people. We just love it here. The neighborhood has great amenities and much of it has a park-like setting."

Michel is a self-taught baker and pastry chef. He came to America from Lebanon in 1973 with only \$600. His original dream was to become a pilot but his first job in America was as a bus boy and dish washer at a local restaurant.

Shortly after Michel met Denise, he made a cake for her daughter's birthday. Denise said that the cake was so fabulous that she encouraged him to create what has become a thriving business.

The business is a family affair - son Elijah is learning how to put together cakes, make different crèmes, and decorate cakes; son Nick helps with baking and making cheesecakes; daughter Misty helps sell the cakes and pastries at their West Side Market stand.

Cake Royale's specialties include monk cake, which is a chocolate cake with chocolate mousse and fresh raspberries; cannoli; cheesecakes; and European style, high-end cakes and pastries. Michel won 'Best Pastry Chef' in 1999 and 2000 at Art Therapy Studio's annual *Creative Confections Dessert Competition and Fundraiser*.

Denise proudly says of their products, "Everything is made from scratch; there are no trans fats. We use real butter and real cream. We do it the old fashioned way and that's why our cakes, cookies and other treats are so good. It's more tedious to make everything from scratch, but it pays off to not cut corners."

Cake Royale does a brisk wholesale business. In addition, their products can be found at Joe's Deli in Rocky River, Canterbury Country Club, Mayfield Country Club and Manhattan



Cake Royale pastries

Deli, Cleveland Indians sky boxes, and many other local and regional establishments. The new Pearl Rd. location will eventually have a retail area in the front as well as facilities for a wholesale operation.

Michel and Denise are at their West Side Market stand on Mondays from 9 am to 4 pm; on Wednesdays from 8 am to 4 pm; on Fridays from 7:30 am to 6 pm; and Saturdays from 7 am to 6 pm. They can be reached by phone at 216-351-3553; they are also on facebook at Cake Royale West Side Market.

Recipe:
Classic Crème Brûlée
6 servings



Ingredients

8 egg yolks
1/3 cup granulated white sugar
2 cups heavy cream
1 tsp. pure vanilla extract
¼ cup granulated white sugar
(for the caramelized tops)

Directions

Preheat oven to 300°F

In a large bowl, whisk together egg yolks and sugar until the sugar has dissolved and the mixture is thick and pale yellow.

Add cream and vanilla, and continue to whisk until well blended.

Strain egg mixture into a large bowl, skimming off any foam or bubbles.

Divide mixture among 6 ramekins or custard cups. Place ramekins in a water bath (large pan filled with 1 or 2 inches of hot water) and bake until set around the edges but are still loose in the center, about 50-60 minutes.

Remove ramekins/custard cups from hot water bath and chill for at least 2 hours, or up to 2 days.

When ready to serve, sprinkle about 2 teaspoons of sugar on the top of each custard.

For best results, use a small, hand-held torch to melt the sugar. If you don't have a torch, place the cups of custard under the broiler until the sugar melts. Re-chill the custards for a few minutes before serving.

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Thomas Kulbickas a PhD student at Walden University is conducting a study called voter worldview and candidate choice to assist people in determining how their parental upbringing perspectives impact their adult morality in a context involving interactions between differing groups and in which a person's identity, social standing, and interests are in play. The impact of this morality as affected by these factors will be rated in participants' determination of the characteristics of their ideal presidential candidate.

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Participants will fill out six paper and pencil surveys. This should take no more than one hour to complete. For those who cannot attend during the times stated above a link to access the study online is also available.

Anyone with questions can contact the researcher thomas.kulbickas@waldenu.edu. Such contact however is not required for participation.

The results that are obtained may help participants assess their own moral beliefs, social history and background, and how they relate to their political and social group membership, their positions on various issues, and how such positions could be invoked by political interests to get them to join their causes or to obtain their support and assistance for agendas that they might not otherwise support.

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Another Christmas season is almost here, and although our December issue will be printed a bit later than usual, we're actually having to get it to the printer a bit earlier than usual. (A holiday disrupts the printer's regular schedule.) So as I'm writing this month, it's not even Thanksgiving yet.

November's *Town Crier* turned out to be a continuation of parochial school and church news from October, and December's will start off with some things from November.

One of the items I'd mentioned is that **Fr. Caroli Shao, AJ**, an "Apostle of Jesus" priest living in the former **rectory of Corpus Christi Church** on Northcliffe Ave., had been named the new pastor of **St. Stephen Church** at 1930 W. 54th St. in Cleveland.

Although that appointment was effective September 1st, Fr. Caroli has not yet been officially installed as the pastor. That will happen at the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, December 14th, when Bishop Richard Lennon will visit the parish to take care of that. Anyone interested in attending the liturgy is welcome to do so.

I ended last month's column with the information we had about the change in pastors at **St. Leo the Great Church** at 4940 Broadview Rd. The Diocese of Cleveland has since announced that **Fr. James Schmitz**, who is currently the pastor of St. Stephen Church in West Salem (in Wayne County, the southwest end of the Diocese), has been appointed as St. Leo's new pastor.

The change-over will take a little longer to than originally expected. The new date for Fr. Russell Lowe to relinquish the pastorate is December 31st, and the new date for Fr. Schmitz to take it on is January 1st.

Fr. Schmitz was ordained in 1986. He grew up in St. Mark Parish on the west-side of Cleveland, one of five children. He has one brother and three sisters.

Fr. Schmitz's previous assignments, from the first to the most recent, are St. Mary of the Falls in Olmsted Falls; St. John Vianney in Mentor; St. Joseph in Amherst; St. Bernadette in Westlake; and St. Ladislaus in Lorain. He was the pastor at St. Ladislaus, but just before the parish was closed in September of 2009, Fr. Schmitz accepted the pastorate at St. Stephen's.

Another interesting bit of information about Fr. Schmitz is that he is the cousin of **Fr. Dan Schlegel**, who was an associate at St. Leo's from June of 1988 to June of 1994. My suspicion is that Fr. Dan told him lots of great

things about the parishioners there.

And since I'm mentioning one former associate from St. Leo's, here's some news about another one -- **Fr. Thomas Dragga**, who was stationed there from June of 1983 to June of 1988.

Last spring the Diocese announced that Fr. Dragga would be concluding the academic year as rector of the college level of Borromeo Seminary, and then on July 1st, would be moving to Washington D.C. to assume a position for which he'd been recruited -- the Director of Education at St. Luke's Institute, a facility which helps priests overcome a variety of addictions and other problems.

But before the planned move came to fruition, St. Luke's had a change in leadership, and the new management decided that was not the direction they wanted to go. What to do? Fr. Dragga had already resigned from his leadership role at the Seminary (though he does still teach Pastoral Theology there).

As it happened, St. Luke the Evangelist Parish at Clifton Blvd. and Bunts Rd. in Lakewood needed a new pastor. And so, since September 1st, that's where Fr. Dragga has been. It sounds as though he's very happy to be back in a parish again.

Last month's *Old Brooklyn News* also included a front-page article about **Mary Queen of Peace Church**, 4423 Pearl Rd., being one of the sites for the 18,000 free Thanksgiving meals (complete turkey dinners) which **St. Augustine Church** on W. 14th St. in Tremont is expecting to provide this year.

Obviously it takes a lot of money (which translates to a lot of generous benefactors) for the parish to give away so many dinners, and one of the major ways that the money is raised is through an annual benefit dinner organized by the **Friends of the St. Augustine Center** and the **Social Justice Ministry of St. Noel Church** at St. Noel's in Willoughby Hills. **Bridget Marok**, a member of **Mary Queen of Peace Church**, is one of the 'Friends'.

Close to 400 people attended this year's event on Thursday, November 21st. It raised \$40,000 to help fund St. Augustine's meals -- both the Thanksgiving meals and three meals every weekday at St. Augustine Center.

The \$40,000 profit was realized, in addition to the proceeds from the sale of the dinner tickets, from four live auctions for big ticket items; a 50-50 raffle; two TV raffles; lottery ticket raffles; and silent auction raffles of what seemed like hundreds of themed gift baskets full of donated items.

The evening also included brief talks from St. Augustine's pastor, **Fr. Joe McNulty**, and St. Augustine's pastoral associate and program director, **Sr. Corita Ambro, CSJ**. Entertainment was provided by St. Augustine's Signing Choir (they sign the words to the songs, rather than sing them). Seeing them is a not-to-be-forgotten experi-

ence, and the word is that they will be doing other performances this holiday season.

Keith Sulzer, Commander of our Second District Cleveland Police Department/CPD, (the same District in which St. Augustine's is located), was the keynote speaker at the St. Augustine fundraiser. He delivered a moving talk about his original understanding of the part of the police oath about "protect and serve" and how that's changed since he became familiar with the work of St. Augustine's. Now "serve" has become as important to him as "protect".

One example of the CPD's commitment to service is the **Second District's Community Service Unit**. As they've done for many years, they will be delivering Thanksgiving meals to a multitude of home-bound residents in the District.

Old Brooklyn's Crime Watch program is again in the giving spirit this Thanksgiving, too. As they've also done for many years, all day at the Second District's Fulton Rd. headquarters they'll be providing dinners for the officers who have to work on Thanksgiving.

Another facility which provides a lot of service to our neighborhood is the City of Cleveland's **Estabrook Recreation Center**. I'm edified to see how many young people are involved in the sports programs there. Some are taking advantage of the City's free after-school meals, too.

When I'm at Estabrook, I'm also interested in checking out the newsletters and newspapers (in addition to a stack of current issues of the *Old Brooklyn News*) on the literature table.

Ptacek ornaments from front page

retired from the Cuyahoga County Engineers, Jim's artistic mediums have become even more diversified.

We told the story of how Wendell August Forge found Jim Ptacek in the December, 2011 article; it can be found online at www.oldbrooklyn.com. Susan Berndt, store manager of the Cleveland Store in Tower City, had the most to do with making that happen. She's been selling Jim's limited edition prints and posters of neighborhoods, schools, churches and local landmarks for nine years.

While you're online refreshing your memory about that (or even if you're not), visit the Wendell August Forge website at

The last two months I've noticed a new addition -- the **Praise Report**, a four-page youth newsletter for the Clark-Fulton neighborhood.

The newsletter bills itself as "a monthly Christian publication by and about our youth". One thousand copies are distributed to youth organizations, schools, churches and businesses the third week of each month. **TEEN CLUB-RisingStar Youth Ministry Arts & Media/Londi Viccarone** are the publishers. Call Londi, 216-322-8881, with any questions or email potential newsletter copy to him at: teolondi@gmail.com.

Archwood United Church of Christ, 2800 Archwood Ave. in Brooklyn Centre, has a new newsletter, too, thanks to the efforts of **Jayne Lucas-Bukszar**. Jayne is a relatively new member of the church -- she became acquainted with the congregation while working with them as OBCDC's Residential Marketing Manager -- and she decided that a pre-Easter and a pre-Christmas publication would be a good thing for the church.

Jayne found neighborhood advertisers to fund the venture and neighborhood writers to fill the pages, and *Archwood UCC Community Connections* became a reality. Three thousand copies of the December issue will be distributed to Brooklyn Centre homes and businesses in mid-December.

My waiting list of potential items for this column in particular and the *Old Brooklyn News* in general is still full, but I still welcome your additions. Email them to Lynettef@oldbrooklyn.com or snail mail them to Lynette Filips at 2339 Broadview Rd., 44109.

www.wendellaugust.com. If you click on the link to "The Christmas Shop", then "Ornaments", and then "Artist Series" you will see photos of three people across the top of the page. Jim is the first one pictured, then Linda Barnicott of Pittsburgh and Richard Bollinger of Philadelphia. Underneath that are images/data about all of their ornaments depicting Cleveland, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia scenes.

In the past, some of Jim's ornaments have sold out before Christmas, so if purchasing particular ones is on your "to-do" list, to avoid the chance of disappointment it would probably be better to get them sooner rather than later.

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by Tom Collins
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Last year at this time there were four multi-story commercial buildings for sale in downtown Old Brooklyn. They are: (1) the former GilDor Furniture store at 4163 Pearl Rd.; (2) the former bank building at 4175 Pearl Rd.; (3) the medical arts building at 4269 Pearl Rd.; and (4) the Krather Building at 4138 Pearl Rd. Three of the four have sold to private investors. Each investor believes that downtown Old Brooklyn is a solid investment opportunity and is in the beginning stages of commercial comeback.

The commercial building that is still for sale is the Krather Building. Having been built in 1895 it is the oldest building in downtown Old Brooklyn and one of the oldest in all of Old Brooklyn. This is a three story building in very good structural condition which retains many of its original architectural features.

Downtown Old Brooklyn is on the National Register of Historic Places identified as the South Brooklyn Commercial District (www.nationalregisterofhistoricplaces.com/oh/Cuyahoga/districts.html). Note that Old Brooklyn was originally known as Brighton (hamlet) and later incorporated as the village of South Brooklyn before being annexed by

the City of Cleveland. The Krather Building is recognized as a contributing building to that district designation.

Henry Krather was a farmer in Parma in the 1890s when he became a real estate investor and later a director with Home Savings and Banking Company. He recognized that the bridge crossing the Big Creek fostered commercial development on both sides of the Valley. The delivery of produce and meat to the center city markets in Cleveland was especially important for the outlying farming suburbs. He purchased the property at what was then Pearl Street and what became Krather Court, now the intersection of Pearl Rd. and Krather Rd.

Mr. Krather constructed the building on a model that was found in denser populated city centers. The three story building has first floor retail units, second floor apartments and a third floor ballroom for social gatherings and entertainment. A tour of the building reveals that the original floor plan remains as constructed, including a low rise stage on the third floor.

Original construction dates to 1895 as displayed on the upper floor of the building. An extension along Krather Rd. was built probably around 1931 when the structure was moved ten feet west as Pearl Rd. was widened. There is also a free-standing, two-story building in the rear of the main building which is of wooden post and beam construction with a masonry façade. It is like a barn with a stone outer shell.

The building is eligible for federal historic tax credits, and the plans for restoring the building for both retail and residential use are

prepared and approved by the Ohio Historic Preservation Office. While historic restoration is not mandatory, it is an economic financial incentive any purchaser would want to explore before making a decision about future use.

The ownership history of the building is somewhat unique. It was continuously owned by members of the Krather family for five generations from 1895 until 2003. The father and son team of Jim and Michael Cottrell purchased the building from the estate of Edith Roche, the great granddaughter of Henry and Elizabeth Krather. Jim Cottrell worked for Schwab Electric, a tenant in the building as a young man before World War II and he also dated Edith Roche. So basically the building has only had two non-related owners.

Jim Cottrell passed away several years ago. His death and the roar of the recession

forced Michael Cottrell and his siblings to reconsider the restoration plans. They concluded that they would sell the building and have renewed their marketing campaign to find a buyer.

If you have read this far you must want to know what the asking price is. The answer is \$194,900. It includes the outbuilding and the three consolidated parcels to the rear of the building which can accommodate 28-30 vehicles for parking. Kathy D'Amore of Russell Real Estate Services is the agent listing the building. She can be reached at kdamore@russellrealty.com or 440-526-9400.

Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation is working with Michael Cottrell to host an open house on a Saturday in January or February for the community to tour the building. Read the January edition of the *Old Brooklyn News* for information relating to the open house.

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Source: Cuyahoga Land Bank
www.cuyahogalandbank.org

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All homes meet the Cuyahoga Land Bank's Housing Quality Standards and all applicable point-of-sale requirements. Veterans who may not yet be bankable but have had steady employment for at least one year may qualify as lease-to-own buyers. The

Cuyahoga Land Bank will work with these veterans to promote home ownership through lease-to-own options.

The Cuyahoga Land Bank received a \$100,000 grant from Cuyahoga County Council's Veterans Services Fund, which, combined with an additional \$100,000 from the Cuyahoga Land Bank, will be used as a revolving loan fund. Because of this structure, HomeFront is a self-sustaining program that allows the Cuyahoga Land Bank to help veterans achieve the dream of home ownership on an ongoing basis.

In order to renovate a home through the HomeFront Veterans Program, veterans must:

- intend to live in the property as their primary residence for at least two years;
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- » Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- » Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.



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- » Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- » Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

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Get rid of the tree after Christmas or when it is dry. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home. Check with your local community to find a recycling program. Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.

FACTS

- ! One of every three home Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical failures.
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Early Cleveland Catholics had sparse opportunities for religious services

by Lynette Filips
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To attempt to talk about the history of Catholicism in northern Ohio in a short article like this, which, due to space constraints, is even shorter than usual this month, is almost ludicrous. An entire course is taught to seminarians about this topic, and over many decades, a number of priests (George F. Houck, John H. Lamott, Michael J. Hynes and W.A. Jurgens) have written detailed volumes about it.

Priests who belong to religious orders whose forebears were missionaries here have also written about the earliest times, as have some priests and/or parishioners in the earliest established churches.

No doubt my favorite of said histories was written by Fr. W.A. Jurgens. Published in 1980, it is the first volume of a set which was to be called *A History of the Diocese of Cleveland*. Volume I covers the pre-history of the Diocese to its establishment in 1847.

Unfortunately, Fr. Jurgens was called to eternity long before he accomplished his historical goal. And much of what he wrote about in his first book covers early Catholic settlements which are in areas no longer part of the Diocese of Cleveland -- Canton, Norwalk, Peru (a bit

south of Norwalk), and many other German settlements in northwestern Ohio which are now part of the Diocese of Toledo.

Fr. Jurgens also begins his writings with the missionaries who accompanied the French explorers and fur traders in Ohio in the 1600s and 1700s. His research has led him to believe that the first Mass in Ohio was offered by one of these missionaries in 1669.

When Cleveland was surveyed in 1796, the only Roman Catholic Diocese (or "See") in America was located on the East Coast, -- in Baltimore, Maryland. It was established just seven years before that -- in 1789; a Jesuit priest named John Carroll was its bishop (later its archbishop).

The next Dioceses in America weren't established until 1808, so any Catholics in Ohio -- or in all of the United States -- before then would have been part of the Diocese of Baltimore.

But the Catholic presence was growing in America, and four new Dioceses were established in 1808 -- Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Bardstown, Kentucky -- the 'frontier'! Although Ohio eventually became fertile territory for early missionaries, Catholics were settling in Kentucky before Ohio.

After the Catholics in Ohio became part of the Diocese of Bardstown, they were visited from time-to-time by priests on horseback. For instance, in 1817 and 1818, a Dominican priest named Fr. Edward Fenwick was one of the missionaries who visited the Catholics who were scattered across the state.

In 1821, when the Diocese of Cincinnati was established, Fr. Fenwick became the Bishop of Cincinnati and the Catholics in Cleveland came under his care.

Still, visits from the clergy were rare. The Irish Catholic immigrants who came to Cleveland in the 1820s to help dig the Ohio and Erie Canal had to wait for travelling priests to come in on lake steamers and say Masses in private homes.

In 1835, when Cleveland was still part of the Diocese of Cincinnati, the first Roman Catholic parish in Cleveland was established in the northern portion of Brooklyn Township Named Our Lady of the Lake, aka, St. Mary's of the Flats, it was located on Columbus Rd. (in the Flats). Fr. John Dillon was assigned to the parish, and so he is considered to be Cleveland's first resident pastor.

St. Mary's church building was completed in 1840. Before that, Masses were offered at different downtown locations -- at Fr. Dillon's residence, then at a larger place called Shakespeare Hall, and then at a still larger place called Mechanic's Hall.

The predecessors of the priests who staffed Our Lady of Good Counsel Church (now Mary Queen of Peace Church) for almost one hundred years, the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, a.k.a. Sanguinists, played a huge missionary role in Ohio before some of them settled in Cleveland on a permanent basis. And as unnerving as life in the wilderness was for the Catholic immigrants who came here, it was at least as unnerving for the missionary priests and brothers who came to minister to them.

Swiss-born Fr. Francis de Sales Brunner, CPPS, who brought the Sanguinists to Ohio (and eventually the whole United States), had discerned that what he really wanted to do was minister to German Catholics in America. After obtaining permission, in 1844 he led seven priests and seven seminarians from Switzerland

to Ohio. The landed in New Orleans, then travelled up the Mississippi River to the Ohio River, and then the Ohio River to Cincinnati. There Cincinnati's new bishop, John Purcell, put the Sanguinists in charge of all the German-speaking Catholics of the northern part of Ohio. In consultation with Fr. John Martin Henni, he decided that their hub/home base would be Peru, Ohio.

Fr. Brunner and the fourteen then boarded another boat which took them up the Ohio River to Wellsville. They rented a wagon, stopping for a night or two along the way. They walked part of the way from Canton, carrying their luggage and trunks.

From what today is called *Four Historical Booklets*, here's a small portion of what Fr. Brunner wrote about what the group encountered on their trek to the settlement in Peru, after their wagon driver abandoned them in Norwalk:

...it had grown pitch-dark; the rain poured down continuously and the wind blew from all directions. The road, since it was not constructed of stones, was slippery and without footing even without rain... The road was unknown to all of them. The light of the lantern aided little because of the rain and stormy weather...

And what was life like once they got settled in? Life in the Ohio wilderness was rough. Foul drinking water if they were in a swampy area ; bites from mosquitoes and gnats; poisonous snakes; the noise of croaking toads, frogs and turtles; primitive living conditions; cold winters. Some of the early missionaries no doubt moved on and some defected from religious life altogether.

There is so much more to tell about the establishment of our own Sacred Heart of Mary/Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in 1873, and also talk about the other very early parishes in the Diocese of Cleveland which were established before the great influx of Eastern European immigrants closer to the turn of the last century.

Even though 2013 can't be the 140th anniversary of Mary Queen of Peace because Bishop Lennon closed its 'ancestor parish' when he merged it with Corpus Christi, 2013 was still the anniversary year of the first Roman Catholic community in Old Brooklyn.

Help 44109 be a National Wildlife Community

by Gloria Ferris
Brooklyn Centre Naturalists

Five years ago, a group of friends and neighbors gathered under the trees at Riverside Cemetery to discuss the possibility of making our community a National Wildlife Community. Our proximity to the Cuyahoga River, the Zoo in the Big Creek Valley and where they were sitting made it a good possibility. Being located on a migratory bird flyway and having deer living in our midst seemed to make it a not-to-be-missed opportunity.

When the group contacted the National Wildlife Federation (NWF), it was decided that any habitat within zip code 44109 would be included. Anyone who joined the effort from Old Brooklyn, Clark-Fulton or Brooklyn Centre counted toward certification.

More parks and more wildlife were located within the boundaries, and there were more potential backyard habitats, but a total of 350 points was now needed to become certified. These points consisted of a combination of points from educational and community events as well as collecting 175 points from certifying backyards as habitats.

With the help of neighbors, college volunteers and many others, over the past five years, BCN has created two ReImagining Cleveland gardens, collaborated with the Friends of Big Creek on mini-symposium series at the Zoo, had Saturday classes for kids ages 6 to 12, and

partnered with Art House to create butterfly and dye gardens on Art House's property. The necessary education and community points are completed.

Can you help Brooklyn Centre Naturalists (BCN) make our area a *Certified National Wildlife Community*? We need just 20 more 'backyard habitats' to put us over the top of the 175 points needed for certification in "the backyard habitat" category.

Providing food, water, cover and places to raise young is all it takes. Many of you already qualify because of the beautiful trees and shrubs in your yards which act as shelter for squirrels and birds throughout the year.

A dogwood or crabapple tree, coneflowers or a clump of black-eyed Susans takes care of the *food* category. A shallow pottery bowl or a terra cotta saucer, with a few rocks for a place to stand in cold weather, filled with *water* is all it takes to have the four components of a backyard habitat.

If you join now, you will be entered in a raffle to win a handcrafted dragonfly sun catcher by local artist Sharon Martyn and a copy of the popular *A Taste of All Seasons* BCN Cookbook.

BCN will have NWF applications available at the *Short and Sweet Holiday Shop*. Stop in, sign up and do your holiday shopping all at once.

Short and Sweet Holiday Shop dates and hours: Friday, December 6 and 13, 4 pm to 8 pm Saturday, December 7 and 14, 11 am to 4 pm Sunday, December 8 and 15, 11 am to 4 pm

Or sign up at www.nwf.org/create. Brooklyn Centre Naturalists at bcnaturalists@gmail.com or 216-351-0254 can also help.



Christmas GREETINGS

My Christmas Wish to YOU


The holidays are upon us and for those of you who really know me, I celebrate from Nov 24th till just before Easter. The Christmas music has begun, I've bought my first gift, and if the weather is clear, I will begin to decorate.

As I write Christmas cards, I think of all of you who have opened their homes and spent endless hours helping keep our streets safe.

The men and women of Second District who answer our calls for help. I'm proud to live and work in Old Brooklyn for 30 years with people who care every day and work together to create a safer community and support the *Crime Watch* program. You are my entire gift.

I wish you all a holiday filled with friends, family and lots of love and peace. Always be safe. Thank you all and if you're not involved it's not too late. You have another chance; 2014 is just around the corner. Merry Christmas and Happiest of New Years! Program Coordinator Barbara Spaan

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Old Brooklyn Buzz's first annual Chili Cook-Off was held at Grace Church, 2503 Broadview Rd., on November 23rd. Over 35 people attended. There were 16 entries in the contest. Beth Loseto's southern style chili (her mom's recipe) and Sue Ushek's three-bean chicken chili tied for first place. The winners are pictured here with our councilmen, who were also at the Cook-Off (left - right) Ward 12 Councilman Tony Brancatelli, Sue Ushek, Beth Loseto, Tony Loseto, and Ward 13 Councilman Kevin Kelley.

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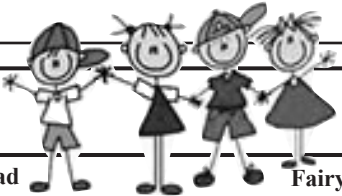
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FAMILY FUN!



Art House
3119 Denison Ave., 216-398-8556
www.arthouseinc.org
All Ages Family Open Studios - 3rd Sat. of every month. Make individual pieces or family art works. Each month has different theme; Art House provides materials. Children must be accompanied by an adult. No pre-registration required. *Visit website for other programs or more info.*

Children’s Museum of Cleveland
10730 Euclid Ave. 216-791-7114
www.clevelandchildrensmuseum.org
Hours: Mon. - Sun., 10 am - 5 pm. Exhibit areas close 15 min. prior to Museum closing. Cost - \$7, children age 1 - 12; \$6, adults & children 13 & over; free, under 11 months.

Christmas Story House
3159 W. 11th St. 216-298-4919
www.AChristmasStoryHouse.com
Tours of *A Christmas Story House* every half hour beginning at 10:15 am. Last tour begins at 4:30 pm. Purchase tickets at gift shop, 3166 W. 11th St., across from house. Admission -- \$10, adults; \$8, seniors; \$6, children aged 7 - 12; free for children 6 & under. Price includes guided tour of house & yard & admittance to museum. Hours: Mon. - Sat., 10 am - 5 pm; Sun., 12 - 5 pm; year-round. Open until 7 pm on Fri. & Sat. in Dec. Visit website for holiday hours & more info. Closed Christmas & New Years Day.



Cleveland Botanical Garden
11030 East Blvd. 216-721-1600
www.cb garden.org
Glow - Now - Sun., Jan 5th. Tues., Thurs., Sat., 10 am - 5 pm; Wed. & Fri., 10 am - 9 pm. Sun., noon - 5 pm; closed Mon. Christmas Eve & New Year’s Eve, 10 am - 3 pm. Included with Garden admission: \$12, adults; \$8, children 3 - 12; free for members & children under 3. Big sparkling tree, gingerbread houses, all-new Wishing Tree, kid-size Treetop Shop & Garden Express magical train ride. Decorate gingerbread house to take home.

Breakfast with Santa - Sat. & Sun., Dec. 7th & 8th, 10 - 1 pm. Visit with Santa, enjoy breakfast buffet, make a craft, take pictures & hear last-minute wishes. Cost: \$22, adult member; \$28, non-member; \$17, child member; \$22, non-member. (Garden & GLOW admission included.) Register in advance online or by calling 216-721-1600, ext. 100.



Cleveland Metroparks Winter Recreation Fun
Enjoy sledding, cross-country skiing, ice fishing & ice skating at various locations. Use caution & proper equipment; use area only when proper weather/snow-ice conditions exist. Call any park district facility, 216-635-3200, or visit www.clevelandmetroparks.com for more info.

Cleveland Metroparks - Brecksville Nature Center
9000 Chippewa Creek Dr. 440-526-1012
Family Fun Night - Sun., Dec. 29th; 7 - 8:30 pm. Age 4 years & over. Read a story, play games & make a craft. Space limited. Call to register.

Cleveland Metroparks - Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation’s CanalWay Center
E. 49th St. bet. Grant Ave & Canal Rd. 216-206-1000 or clevelandmetroparks.com
Snow Paint - Sun., Dec. 15th, 1 - 2:30 pm. Add color thru the Park; paint some animals into snow. Dress for weather. Canceled if no snow. Call to register.

Sunday Funday - Sun., Dec. 22nd, 2 - 4 pm. Hike to look for tracks & scats of furry friends. Then come in for snack & craft.



Kids’ Day - Sat., Dec. 28th, 10 am - 3 pm; for 8 -12 year olds. Drop off kids for day of entertainment. Hike, do some crafts, play some games & watch a movie. Bring lunch & water bottle & dress for weather. Fee: \$20. Terrain: inside & outside. Call to register.

Cleveland Metroparks Chalet Valley Parkway, Mill Stream Run Strongsville 440-572-9990
Tobogganing - Season kicks-off with special hours: Sun., Dec. 22nd, noon - 10:30 pm. Open

thru mid-March: Thurs., 6 - 10 pm; Fri., 6 - 10:30 pm; Sat., noon - 10:30 pm; Sun., noon - 5 pm. Cost - adults, \$10; children ages 11 & under, \$8. One time ride tickets, \$4. Season passes -- adults, \$40; children 11 & under, \$30. Family pass (up to four) available. Discount on season passes if purchased before Dec. 24th. Call for holiday hours.



Cleveland Metroparks - Garfield Park Nature Center
11350 Broadway Ave. 216-341-3152
Recycled Card Ornaments - Sat., Dec. 14th; 1 - 2:30 pm. Naturalist Beth Whiteley demonstrating fun way to make recycled holiday ornaments. Bring favorite used greeting cards to make something beautiful.

Fable and Fire - Mon., Dec. 30th; 1 - 2:30 pm. Hear fun animal fables ‘round the fire, then enjoy warm chocolate treat & explore exhibits. Stories told on the hour.

Cleveland Metroparks Rocky River Nature Center/Frostville Museum, Rocky River Reservation 24000 Valley Pkwy., North Olmsted 440-734-6660
BYOS - (Bring your own sled), Thurs., Dec. 26th; 2 - 3:30 pm; Little Met Golf Course. Naturalist-led search for winter wildlife on gentle slopes, then slide down slopes on sleds. Program cancelled if insufficient snow. Call after 9:30 am to confirm.

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo
3900 Wildlife Way 216-661-6500
clemetzoo.com
Reduced Winter Admission - Now - Mar. 31st; both Zoo & RainForest. Adult admission, \$8.25; children 2 - 11, \$5.25; under two & Zoo members, free. Complimentary heated transportation; free parking. Open daily 10 am - 5 pm.

December Days at the Zoo - Dec. 16th - 30th; 11 am - 3 pm. Seasonal activities - holiday crafts, entertainment, music, pictures with Santa & more. Full schedule of events posted on clemetzoo.com. Visit The RainForest or ride on Zoo’s complimentary heated transportation to Northern Trek.

Breakfast with Santa - Sun., Dec. 15th & Sat., Dec. 21st; 8 - 9:30 am. Cost: \$22.50, ages 12 & older; \$18.50, ages 3 - 11; free for kids under 2. Takes place in The RainForest; includes Zoo admission, meal, holiday crafts for kids, visit with Santa & Get Close Animal Encounters. Registration required; call 216-635-3306.

Zoo closed Wed., Dec. 25th & Wed., Jan. 1st
Noon Year’s Eve - Mon., Dec. 31st. Noon Year’s Eve lets kids celebrate New Year 12 hours early. Family friendly event, 10 am - 1 pm; features live entertainment, crafts, ReZoolutions & ball drop at noon. Presented by Dollar Bank with support from UH Rainbow Babies & Children’s Hospital & Radio Disney.



Cleveland Museum of Natural History
1 Wade Oval Dr. 216-231-4600 www.cmnh.org
Hours: Mon. - Sat., 10 am - 5 pm; Wed., 10 am - 10 pm; Sun., noon - 5 pm. Adults, 19 & up, \$12; \$6 after 5 pm on Wed.; Youths, 3 - 18, \$10; College students with ID, \$10; Seniors 60 & up or with a Golden Buckeye card, \$10; toddlers, 2 & under, free.

Smead Discovery Center Program -- Animal Babies - Now - Sat., Feb. 1st. Match baby animals to their names in family-friendly activity. Learn about favorite & unusual animal babies. Free with Museum admission.

Cuyahoga County Public Library Parma-Snow Branch
216-661-4240; www.cuyahogalibrary.org
9 am - 9 pm, Mon - Thur.; 9 am - 5:30 pm, Fri. & Sat.; 1 - 5 pm, Sun.
Snowman Storytime & Craft. Thurs., Dec. 19th; 7 pm; 3 yrs & up.

Cuyahoga Valley National Park Happy Days Lodge
500 West Streetsboro Rd (SR 303) Peninsula 330-657-2909 ext. 119
Year round, daily, 10 am - 4 pm; free. Some park areas close at dusk; remaining areas open 24 hours.

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad Peninsula Explorer Ride - Rockside Station
800-468-4070 visit www.CVSR.com
Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad (CVSR), Rockside Station, 7900 Old Rockside Rd. 800-468-4070 www.cvsr.com

Grand Pacific Junction
Mill St & Columbia Rd., Olmsted Falls 440-235-623
www.grandpacificjunction.com
Christmas Open House- The Sounds of Christmas - Sat., Dec. 7th; 9 - 4:30 pm. Free refreshments; special holiday sales in GPJ stores. **Horse drawn rides:** 12 - 2 pm; tickets: \$5, adults; \$3, children. **Stories with Santa & Mrs. Claus in the Caboose:** 1 - 3 pm; \$5. **Christmas Carolers with OFMS Choir:** 12 - 2 pm; **Sleigh / Wagon Rides:** 12 - 2 pm. **12 Days of Christmas special sale & more: Dec. 8th - 19th.**



Hale Farm & Village
2686 Oak Hill Rd., Bath 330-666-3711 halereservations@wrhs.org
Fun on the Farm; each one hour program consists of craft, story, rhyme or song, snack & visit to museum site. Reservations required. Programs start at 10:30 am. **The Mitten** - Sat., Dec. 7th. **Holiday Treats & Traditions** - Sat., Dec. 14th.

Home Depot
homeimproverclub.com/kdsworkshops
Tic-Tac-Toe Game - Sat., Dec. 7th. Workshops offered 1st Sat. of every month, 9 am - noon. Free hands-on workshops designed for kids ages 5 - 12 at all Home Depot stores.

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center
28728 Wolf Rd. 440-871-2900 www.lensc.org
Holiday Night Tree Tradition - Fri., Dec. 6th, 6 - 8:30 pm. Fee: \$12, adults; \$8, child, ages 2 & up; free, 1 year & under. Visit with Santa & hear story of *Night Tree*. Meet Santa in Center’s log cabin. Make holiday craft & encounter some of animals featured in *Night Tree*. Pizza & salad dinner; make treat to take home to own backyard wildlife. Registration required.

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum
1100 E. 9th St. Rock & Roll Blvd. 216-781-76257 www.rockhall.com
"Rolling Stones: 50 Years of Satisfaction"
Open every day, 10 am - 5:30 pm, Wed. until 9 pm; closed Thanksgiving & Christmas.



Tower City Center, 230 W. Huron Rd. 216-623-4750 www.towercitycenter.com
Grand Staircase – Level 1
The 23rd Annual Tower City Toy Soldier &

Fairy Godmother Holiday Show - Sat. & Sun., Dec. 7th & 8th, 14th & 15th, 21st & 22nd; 1 & 3 pm; Music, dancing & storytelling with appearances from Rudolph, Frosty, Raggedy Ann & Andy, & the Princess & Martel. Lasts approx. 30 minutes; then “Meet & Greet” the Toy Soldier, Fairy Godmother & friends. Bring camera.



Lunchtime Meet & Greet with Toy Soldier - Tues., Dec. 18th - Fri., Dec. 21st, noon; at grand staircase.

Holiday Express Train Ride - Dec. 1st, 4th - 8th & 11th - 23rd. Daily, 10 am - 8 pm; Sun., 1 - 7 pm. Admission: \$3 per guest. Children under 5 must be accompanied by adult.

Bruce the Talking Spruce - Dec. 1st, 4th - 8th & 11th - 23rd; daily, 10 am - 8 pm; Sun., 11 am - 7 pm.

The Twigbee Shop - Dec., 1st, 2nd, 8th, 9th & 10th - 23rd; daily, 10 am - 7 pm; Sun., noon - 5 pm. For children ages 12 & under. Gifts priced under \$10; pre-wrapped to ensure everyone is surprised.

Kringle’s Inventionasium® - Dec. 1st, 4th - 8th, 11th - 23rd; daily, 10 am - 8 pm; Sun., 11 am - 7 pm. Guided tour through various departments (Brainstorming Dept., I.D.I.D.I.T Testing Facility, Grow Snow Laboratory, Toy Engineering & Mr. Kringle's office) of Mr. Kringle's toy laboratory. Hands-on activities at each area. Afterwards, private tête-à-tête & photo opportunity with Mr. Kringle. General admission: standard \$10 ages 3+; free under 3. Exclusive \$15 per guest. Reservations required. To book online visit <http://www.mrkringle.com>.

University Circle
216-791-3900 www.universitycircle.org
Holiday CircleFest - Sun., Dec. 8th, 1 - 5:30 pm. More than a dozen University Circle museums, gardens, galleries, churches & schools are free of charge; activities, music, food, fun and shopping. Live musical performances, craft making, historic displays of holiday toys, storytelling, live animals, gingerbread house competition, & more. Outside, free horse-drawn carriage rides, ice carving demos. Day concludes with Cleveland Museum of Art’s *Winter Lights Lantern Procession*.

The Rink at Wade Oval - Open now - March 9th; Fri., noon - 9 pm; Sat., noon - 7 pm; Sun., noon - 5 pm. Open daily Sun, Dec. 22nd - Sun., Jan. 5th. Sun. - Thurs., noon - 5 pm; Wed., Dec. 4th, 11th & 18th; 3 - 9 pm. Closed Christmas & New Year’s Day. . Bring own skates or rent for \$3; hot chocolate & coffee available. Call 216-707-5033 for daily info.

THEATER NOTES



Beck Center of the Arts
17801 Detroit Ave. Lakewood 216-521-2540 www.beckcenter.org
Mackey Main Stage
“Annie”
Fri., Dec. 6th - Sun., Jan 5th; Fri. & Sat., 7:30 pm; Sun., 2:30 pm. **Special Performances:** Thurs., Dec. 19th, 7:30 pm; Sat., Dec. 28th matinee only, 2:30 pm; Sat., Dec. 14th & Jan. 14th, 2:30 & 7:30 pm. Tickets: \$12 - \$29.

Cassidy Theatre
6200 Pearl Rd. 440-842-4600 cassidytheatre.com
“The World Goes 'Round”
Fri., Dec. 6th - Sun., Dec. 8th. Fri. & Sat., 8 pm & Sun., 3 pm. Tickets: \$20, adult; \$15, students/seniors.

Cleveland Public Theatre (CPT)
6415 Detroit Ave. 216-631-2727 ext 205 www.cptonline.org
Gordon Square Theatre
“The Loush Sisters DO The Nutcracker”
Now - Sat., Dec. 21st; Thurs., Fri., Sat. & Sun., 7:30 pm. Tickets: \$18 - \$36.

Storefront Studio
“Doug is a D-Bag”
Now - Sat., Dec. 14th; 7 pm. Tickets: \$12 - \$18. \$12 Mon. & Thurs. performances; free beer Fri.; mingle with artists after show while enjoying a free drink.

Near West Theatre
St. Pat’s Club Building
W. 38th & Bridge 216-961-6391
www.nearwesttheatre.org
“A Christmas Story the Musical”
Now - Sun., Dec. 8th. Thurs., Fri., Sat., 7:30 pm & Sun., 3 pm. Tickets: \$10, adults; \$8, ages 12 & under.

Playhouse Square Center
1501 Euclid Ave. 216-241-6000
www.playhousesquare.org

Cleveland Play House at The Allen Theatre’s Second Stage
“A Christmas Story”
Now - Dec. 22nd. Tues. - Fri., 7:30 pm; Sat., 2:30 & 7:30 pm; Sun., 2:30 pm. Tickets: \$55 - \$72.

Cleveland Public Theatre at The Allen Theatre’s Second Stage
“The Santaland Diaries”
Thurs., Dec. 5th - Sun., Dec. 22nd. Wed., Thurs., Fri., 7:30 pm; Sat., 5 & 8:30 pm; Sun., 4 pm. Tickets: \$25 - \$32.50.

State Theatre
KeyBank’s Broadway Series
“Wicked”
Wed., Dec. 4th - Sun., Jan. 5th. Check website or call for times & days. Tickets: \$30 - \$175.

Great Lakes Theater at The Ohio Theatre
“A Christmas Carol”
Now - Sun., Dec. 22nd. Wed., Thurs. & Fri., 7:30 pm; Sat., 1:30 & 7:30 pm; Sun., 3 pm. Tickets: \$28 - \$60.

CHURCH N O T E S

Archwood United Church of Christ
2800 Archwood Ave 216-351-1060
Christmas Craft Fair - Fellowship Hall, Sat, Dec. 7th; 9 am - 3 pm; Free. Refreshments for sale throughout the day.

Brooklyn Hts. U.C.C. Church
2005 W. Schaaf Rd. 216-741-2280
Special Music - Sun., Dec. 8th, Lalene & David Kay, guitar & flute; Dec. 15th, Samantha Drees, cello; Dec. 22nd, Jesse Hodgson, trumpet. Music begins 9:45 am; worship, 10 am.

Christmas Eve - Wassail bowl reception, 6:30 - 7 pm; music in sanctuary, 7 - 7:30 pm;

Santa Breakfast - Sun., Dec. 8th following worship. Adults, \$7. Reservations required call Holly or Paula by Dec. 4th.

Brooklyn Presbyterian Church
4308 Pearl Rd. 216-741-8331
Resale Shop - open to the public on 3rd. Sat. of month, 10 am - 2 pm. Used clothing all ages & sizes, household items & limited furniture. Affordable lunch & small food pantry for emergency provisions. To donate items, contact Rev. Sheryl Swan.

Music Program for families & adults; guest musicians & choirs throughout the year. Get more info online at www.brooklynpc.org.

Grace Church
2503 Broadview Rd. 216-661-8210
Annual Christmas Concert - Fri., Dec. 20th, & Sat. Dec. 21st; 6:30 pm. Performances by gospel choir, worship team, youth choir & House of Glory praise team. Appetizers & dessert afterwards. Youth group re-enacts living nativity scene, 5 - 6 pm.

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service - Tues., Dec. 24th; 5 pm.

The House of Glory
2337 Broadview Rd. 216-661-2080
Youth Bible Study - every 1st & 3rd Fri., 5 - 6:30 pm; free. Everyone age 13 - 23 welcome. Visit www.thehouseofglory.net for more info.

Mary Queen of Peace Church
4423 Pearl Rd. 216-749-2323
Giving Tree - until Sun., Dec. 8th; main vestibule of upper church

First Friday Mass & Eucharistic Adoration - Fri, Dec. 6th; 8 pm; upper church.

Ladies' Advent Day of Reflection - Sat., Dec. 7th, 9 am - 2 pm; Marian Lounge.

Notre Dame College Choir at 4:30 Mass & brief concert following - Sat, Dec. 7th; 5:30 pm concert (free); upper church.

Cleveland Minutemen for Life Prayer Vigil - Sat., Dec. 7th, 8:30 am; Cleveland Surgi-Center.

Men's Prayer Group - Sat., Dec. 7th & 21st, 8:30 am; Parish Center.

Breakfast with St. Nicholas - Sun., Dec. 8th; 9:30 am - 1 pm; Parish Center cafeteria. For tickets call 216-749-2323.

Advent Communal Penance Service - Sun., Dec. 8th; 2 pm. At St. Thomas More with priests from Mary Queen of Peace, St. Thomas More & St. Leo's.

Solemnity of Immaculate Conception of Mary - Mon., Dec. 9th, 8 am (school Mass), noon & 7 pm; upper church.

Mary Queen of Peace Seniors Christmas Party - Wed., Dec. 11th; 11 am; lower church meeting room.

Advent Lessons & Carols with Voces Jubliantes (MQP choir & schola) - Fri., Dec. 13th, 7 pm; upper church.

Men's Advent Retreat Day - Sat., Dec. 14th, 8:30 am - 2 pm; lower church.

Free Community Meal - Sun., Dec. 15th, 1 pm; Parish Center cafeteria.

World Apostolate of Fatima Holy Hour - Sun., Dec. 15th; 2 pm. lower chapel & Marian Lounge.

Mary Queen of Peace School Christmas Program - Wed., Dec.18th, 1:30 & 6:30 pm; upper church.

Seniors Bus Trip to Wheeling Island - Wed., Dec. 18th. Call Carl Sheha, 216 -749-6954, for more info.

Christmas Schedule of Masses - Christmas Eve - 4:30 pm; Midnight Mass preceded by music starting at 11:30 pm; Christmas Day - 8:30 am & 11 am.

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God - Tues., Dec. 31st, 5:30 pm; Wed., Jan. 1st - 8:30 & 11 am.

St. James Lutheran Church
4771 Broadview Rd. 216-351-6499
Advent Services - Wed., Dec. 4th, Dec.11th & Dec.18th, 10:30 am & 7 pm. Luncheon after services Dec. 4th & 11th. Everyone invited.

Two Christmas Eve Services & Christmas Carols - Tues., Dec. 24th - **Family service** - 3 pm & **Celebration service** - 7:30 pm; candle lighting during singing *Silent Night* at both. Come early for caroling. All children will receive special gift. Everyone invited.

Christmas Day Service - Wed., Dec. 25th; 10 am. Featuring special Christmas service based on Christmas carol, *The Seven Joys of Mary*. Everyone invited.

St. Leo the Great Church
4940 Broadview Rd. 216-661-1006
Fr. Russ' Farewell Mass & reception Sun., Dec. 29th. Noon Mass followed immediately by a reception in Lux Hall. Please bring either vegetables, appetizers or dessert to share. Call Bernadine at 216-661-9078 to let her know what you can bring.

SENIOR NOTES

LITE and EZ exercise classes

Metro Health Senior Advantage sponsors LITE and EZ exercise classes for people 55 years of age and older. They are one-hour, strengthening and balance classes, 75% sitting and 25% standing. (The entire program can be done sitting.)

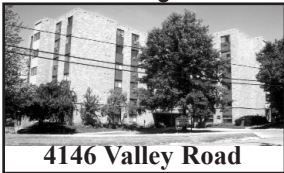
Class size averages 15 to 20 folks who meet at Estabrook Rec. Center on Mon., Wed. and Fri. mornings, 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. There is a \$2 fee per class or \$20 pass for 15 classes.

It is a very supportive and non-competitive group. Each participant is encouraged to work at his/her own pace. A doctors release form can be picked up at MetroHealth Wellness Center or by stopping by the class at Estabrook. Observe a class at the same time.

See *Senior Notes* page 11

Valley Road Villa

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55 & older



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email:gloriadeicleveland@yahoo.com

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SENIOR NOTES

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Wednesdays:
Ez-Exercise - 9 am; Chair Bowling- 9:30 am;
Chair Volleyball - 10:15 am., Fruit Bingo -
10:30 am, Canasta - 12:30 pm.

Thursdays:
Crafts - 9:30 am, Chair Volleyball - 10 am,

Trivia - 10 am; Horse Racing - 10:30 am;
Bingo - 12:30 pm.

Fridays:
Ez-Exercise - 9:15 am; Crochet Group - 9:30
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Tues. of month; OBCDC meeting room, 2339
Broadview Rd. Meetings open to public for
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Second District Police Community
Relations meeting, Tues., Nov. 12th (&
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Center, 3518 W. 25th St.

Southwest Citizens Area Council meeting,
every first Thurs., Dec. 5th; 7 pm, Gino’s,
1314 Denison Ave.

Ward 13 Republican meeting, Thurs., Dec.
12th (& every second Thurs.), 7 pm, Calvary
Chapel Church, 6770 Brookpark Rd.

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istration fee; registration continues till all
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Mersek, 216-661-5330, to schedule appoint-
ment or for more info.

St. Leo the Great School Registration
St. Leo the Great School, 4900 Broadview Rd,
grades K - 8. Children must be 5 years of age
on or before Sept. 30th to be eligible for all-
day kindergarten. \$50 non-refundable registra-
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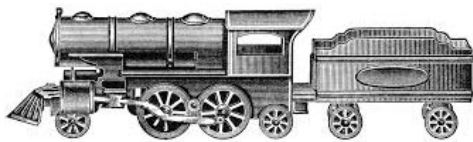
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