

Police Blotter

MAYFIELD VILLAGE

NOISE DISTURBANCE, AINTREE PARK:

Six people were discovered at an apartment swimming pool and clubhouse area making excessive noise around 1 a.m. May 26. They were advised of the complaint and had their names taken by officers to be turned over to apartment management the following day.

TRAFFIC STOP, SOM CENTER ROAD:

A South Euclid man, 56, was cited for possession of marijuana May 24 when he

turned over a small amount to the officer, as well as rolling papers, for which he was cited for possession. He was pulled over for driving a vehicle with only one brake light working.

SUSPICION, SANDALWOOD DRIVE:

It was reported May 25 someone had come onto a resident's porch overnight and moved plants around and removed frost-protection bags. Special attention was requested to the home.

HARASSING, NORTH COMMONS BOULEVARD:

A Progressive employee reported harassing communication by a co-worker May 23. The employee took a statement form and was to fax it in the next day, but never did.

SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE, VILLAGE CIRCLE:

A man said May 21 his daughter, 17, was walking their two dogs and saw what she described as a "souped-up" pick-up truck she thought may have been following her. He said she got scared and ran home to tell him and the truck was not seen again. They were advised to call back if the truck returned.

SUSPICION, WORTON PARK DRIVE:

A woman reported May 24 she received a phone call from someone claiming to be one of her grandchildren and needing money. Officers advised her it was a scam and not to send any money if anyone called back.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS, OAKWOOD DRIVE:

A home was found May 22 with a Realtor's keybox broken and a key missing and profanities spray-painted on the back of the home. Officers reported finding the key by the back door and just one word spray-painted on the house, which was fixed at the scene.

See more Mayfield Village news at cleveland.com/hillcrest.

SUN FACT

MAYFIELD HIGH SCHOOL was recently recognized by two national publications: U.S. News & World Report, in its list of the top high schools in the country, awarded Mayfield a bronze medal for its academic achievement. The Washington Post released a report of "America's Most Challenging High Schools" and included Mayfield High School on its list.

Band director gets surprise send-off

By Andy Attina
Correspondent

MAYFIELD — Retiring Mayfield High School Band Director Jim Sanford was given a surprise goodbye by several Pride of Mayfield band alumni after the May 21 Spring Pops Concert in the school auditorium.

At the conclusion of the show, Sanford was taken aback as all his current band members and many of his former ones marched in from the back of the auditorium, filling the aisles and performing the school fight song, "On, Oh See **SEND-OFF, A6**



PATTY ROGALINER/SPECIAL TO SUN NEWS

Many stayed to thank Jim Sanford after he directed his last performance at Mayfield High School May 21. From left, Assistant Band Director Brad Allen, Willy the Wildcat, student Tori Rogaliner, Sanford and Middle School Band Director Mike Palermo.

SUN 5/30/13

SEND-OFF

From A1

Mayfield," as a symbolic gesture of thanks to Sanford and his dedication over the past 19 years.

The idea to invite alumni was contrived by the Mayfield Band Boosters earlier this year and kept quietly under wraps without Sanford gaining any knowledge of it.

"I was totally shocked. I had no idea," Sanford said. "When they started coming, I thought it was just our current students, but then I started

seeing faces of kids I hadn't seen in 15 to 20 years."

Also a surprise to him were the T-shirts being worn by many students, parents and staff in attendance. On the shirt was a photo of Sanford, along with the high school's Willy the Wildcat mascot, the Pride of Mayfield lettered above the photo, and 1994-2013 printed below it to reflect Sanford's time at the school.

Prior to coming to Mayfield High School, Sanford worked at Brush Memorial Junior High School for four years as its band director, as well as the assistant high school band director. When he arrived at Mayfield, there were just 38 students in the concert and marching bands. His efforts saw that number grow to now more than 200 students, with

two concert bands and one jazz ensemble band that all combine to make up the marching band.

One of the guests to speak after the concert was Mike Palermo, the middle school band director and Sanford's assistant with the marching band. The two have known each other since Palermo came to Mayfield to teach in 1998, after Sanford witnessed Palermo's Notre Dame Cathedral Latin Jazz ensemble band at a music festival.

Palermo said they shared the same philosophy that if kids wanted to have a place in a band program, they should be able to. With each of them working at their respective schools, the number of students in the band kept rising over the years. He also touched on the friendship the

two built and his appreciation for Sanford.

"You will not find a man with a bigger heart, stronger will to do what's best for kids, and strong will for success," Palermo said after the concert. "I want to say thank you for not only being my colleague for the past 15 years, but my best friend and rock. I have never had a better best friend in life than you, and I love you."

Sanford, 56, lives in Mayfield Village and says he's looking forward to some rest and relaxation as well as doing some traveling. He said he will continue to go to the school's football games to watch the team and band.

He will be replaced in the fall by Nate Oshaben, assistant band director at Vermilion Local Schools.

Excel TECC showcases student-built homes

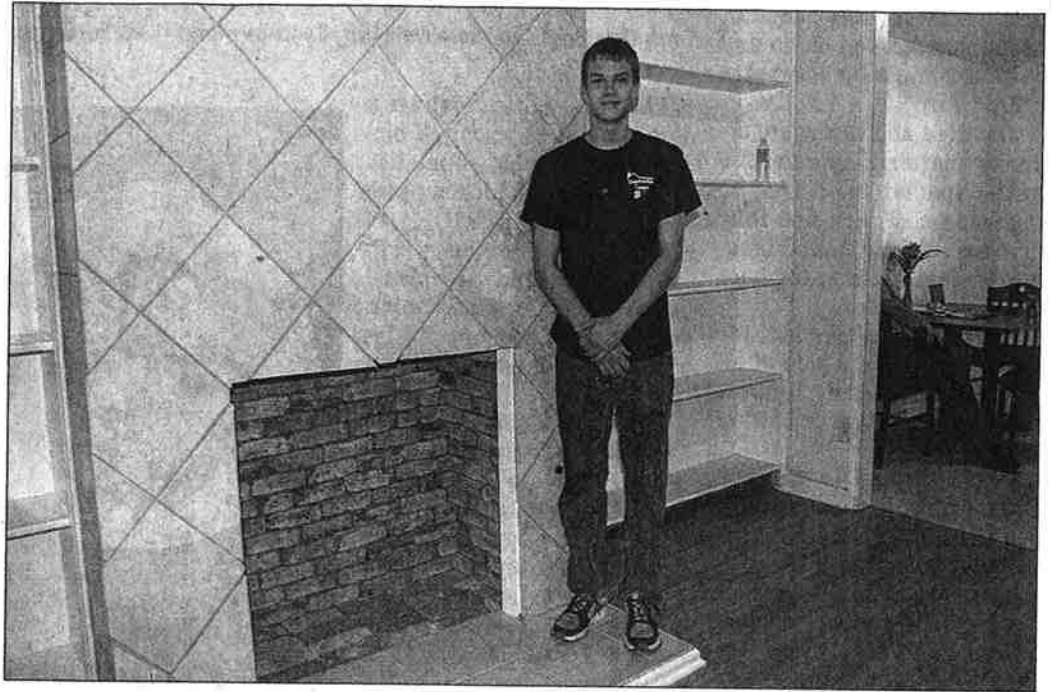
By Kyla Price
Correspondent

MAYFIELD — Free food, model homes built indoors by the hands of youths and special student presentations were some of many reasons folks enjoyed Mayfield City Schools' Excel TECC open house May 17.

The annual CADD/Construction Trades Open House featured work from students studying a variety of disciplines and spanned over six hours in length.

Nathan Bishko, director of Excel TECC, explained students spent their school year building modular homes, working collaboratively with youth who specialize in trades such as landscape design, architecture and computer-aided drafting and design.

Homes are built each year inside an old auto mechanic lab, where weather concerns are never an issue. After the school year concludes, structures are torn down to allow the following year's students



KYLA PRICE/SUN NEWS

Junior Alex Krupa helped construct the fireplace.

to begin the construction process.

This year's creations spanned between 540 and 672 square feet, with a two-story home boasting a loft.

"It's a sight to behold,"

Bishko said. "It's a testament to our kids and the great work they do every year."

Held at Mayfield High School, the open house began with a special presentation from students Imani Wells

from Beachwood High School and Gabe Nock from West Geauga High School. Both are seniors preparing for college and engaged the community in a PowerPoint presentation about their work through Excel TECC.

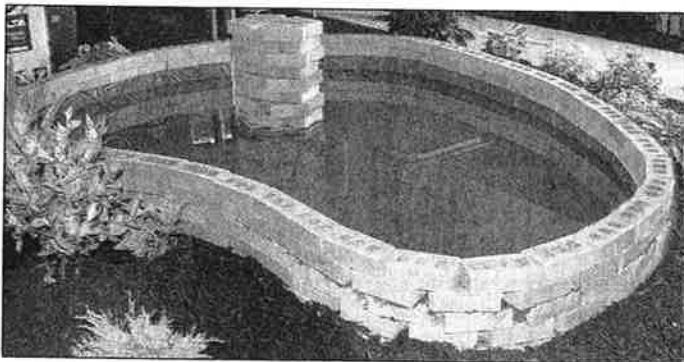
Students began designing their projects about one week into the school year by creating simple sketches. By November, they submitted their final plans.

Once completed, each structure featured a finished exterior and interior.

Colorful landscaping was coordinated by students in the school's Environmental Education program, while houses were designed by CADD students and produced by youths in the Construction Trades program.

Spectators were surprised to see ornate walkways, expansive landscaping, running water, spacious decks and working electricity were all features of students' work.

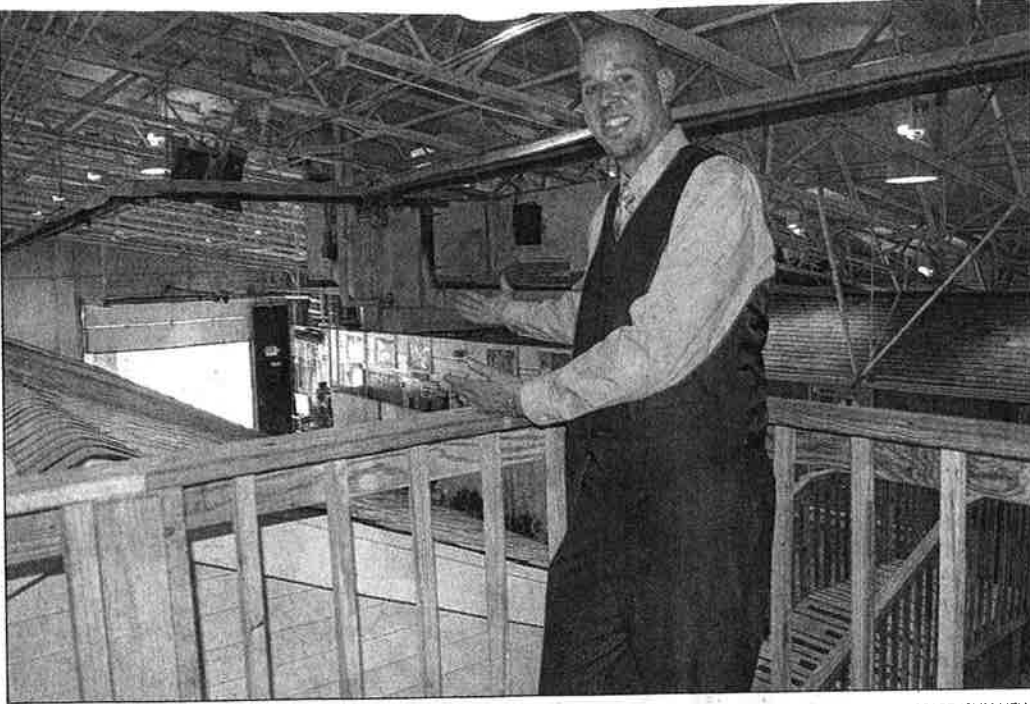
While the three homes featured basic concepts, a large challenge was creating structures that could fit inside the old warehouse.



KYLA PRICE/SUN NEWS

One of the beautiful accents students created was this pond.

SUN
5/30/13



KYLA PRICE/SUN NEWS

Nathan Bishko, director of Excel TECC, has a great overview of what his students accomplished during the school year.

This year, students had to forego installing a roof on the two-story home since the structure ended up being such a tight squeeze.

Nonetheless, their final products were awe-striking.

Youths had a few hours daily to work on their projects and erected the structures in the equivalent of 30 workdays.

Many of the materials they used were refurbished, and local businesses also pitched in with donations.

Over time, the program has grown from students creating six individual 10' by 10'

houses to this year's 672-square-foot project.

It has grown due to the vision of various individuals, including Construction Trades

program instructor Rick Zivny.

"The state gives me guidelines for our curriculum, but I work to make it bigger and better," he said.

Part of Zivny's goal for programming is to make sure students receive a well-rounded education, learning skills that range from plumbing to masonry.

As part of their educational experience, Excel TECC students go out into nearby communities and perform work for residents at a cost that is significantly below most contractors' pricing. All funds that are raised from outside projects are put into a club account, which is how this year's open house was funded.

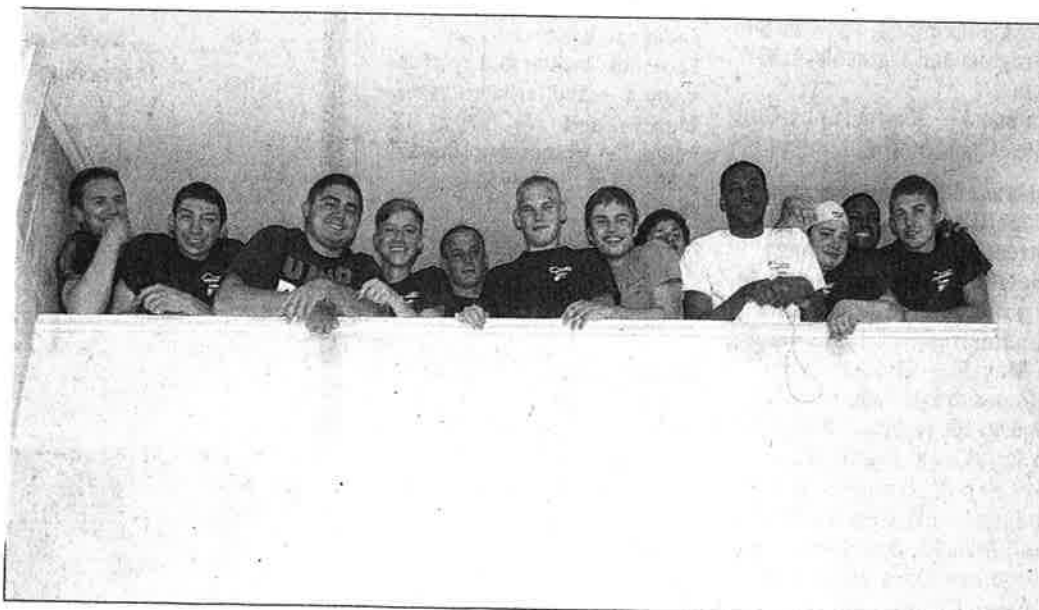
To inquire about receiving services, contact Zivny at 440-995-6744.

See more Mayfield Schools news at cleveland.com/hillcrest.

SUP
5/30/13

EXCEL

From B3



Students were proud of their accomplishments during the 2012/13 academic year.

KYLA PRICE/SUN NEWS

CALENDAR

SUN 5/30/13

THURSDAY

St. Paschal Baylon, 5384 Wilson Mills Road, Highland Heights. Catholics Returning Home, 7:30-9 p.m. 440-442-3410.

Gates Mills Library, 1491 Chagrin River Road. Baby and Me/

Toddler Story time, 10 a.m. (440) 423-4808.

Mayfield Library, 500 SOM

Center Road. Tabs and tables in Word 2007, 10 a.m. to noon. (440) 473-0350.

ALSO: Excel 2007 Essentials, 1-3 p.m.

Mayfield Village-Senior

Services Department, Mayfield Village Community Room, 6621 Wilson Mills Road. Card games, \$1. 1-4 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday. (440) 919-2332.

Community Partnership on

Aging, South Euclid Community Center (SE), 1370 Victory Drive or DeJohn Community Center (MH), 6306 Marsol Drive, Mayfield Heights. Arthritis exercise, (\$3), 9:30 a.m.; senior exercise (\$2), 10:30 a.m.; library cart, 11 a.m.; laughter yoga (\$3), 11 a.m.; games, 1 p.m.; creative paper recycling, 1 p.m.; "Psycho (MV), 1 p.m.

Business Alliance Chapter - Business Network International, Mayfield Village Civic Center, 6622 Wilson Mills Road. Meeting time Thursdays is 7:30

a.m. Bring business cards. (440) 442-8030.

South Euclid-Lyndhurst Library, 4645 Mayfield Road. Family Story Times, 6, 6:30 and 7 p.m. 216-382-4880.

ALSO: Baby and Me, 10 a.m. **FRIDAY**

Mayfield Village-Senior Services Department, Mayfield Village Community Room, 6621 Wilson Mills Road. (440) 919-2332.

Community Partnership on Aging, Highland Heights Community Center (HH), 5827 Highland Road. Arthritis exercise (\$2), 9:30 a.m.; woodcarving (HH), 9:30 a.m.; intermediate line dancing, 9:30 a.m.; Wii Bowling League (HH)(\$1), 9:45 a.m.; Nimble Needlers (MH), 10 a.m.; advanced fitness (MH), 10:45 a.m.; gentle yoga (MH), noon; cards and bridge (HH), 12:30 p.m.; Wii Bowling League (\$1) (HH), 12:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Gates Mills Library, 1491 Chagrin River Road. Closed today through Memorial Day. 440-423-4808.

SUNDAY

No events reported

MONDAY

Lyndhurst Community Presbyterian Church, 5312 Mayfield Road. Take Off Pounds Sensibly, 7 p.m. (216) 692-3165.

Community Partnership on Aging, Lyndhurst Community Center 1341 Parkview Drive. Closed for Memorial Day.

TUESDAY

Community Partnership on Aging Lyndhurst Community Center 1341 Parkview Drive. Arthritis exercise (\$2), 10:30 a.m.; library cart, 11 a.m.; pinochle and Scrabble, 12:30 p.m. 216-650-4029.

Mayfield Village-Senior Services Department, Mayfield Village Community Room, 6621 Wilson Mills Road. Card games, 50 cents. 1-4 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday. (440) 919-2332.

South Euclid-Lyndhurst Library 4645 Mayfield Road, South Euclid. 216-382-4880.

WEDNESDAY

Gates Mills Library, 1491 Chagrin River Road. Family Story Time, 10 a.m. 440-423-4808.

Hillcrest Community Church, 5631 Ridgebury Blvd., Highland Heights. Bible study, 7 p.m. (440) 442-6230.

Business Network International, Mayfield Village Community Room, 6622 Wilson Mills Road. Meeting at 7:30 a.m. every Wednesday. RSVP: (440) 460-3838.

South Euclid-Lyndhurst Historical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. at South Euclid Community Center to discuss Jimmie and Laura Corrigan.

Community Partnership on Aging South Euclid Community Center (SE), 1370 Victory Drive, or DeJohn Community Center (MH), 6306 Marsol Drive, Mayfield Heights. Mayfield Village Reserve Hall, 6622 Wilson Mills Road (MV). Card-making class (\$2), 9 a.m.; senior exercise (SE)(\$2), 10:30 a.m.; library cart (SE), 11 a.m.; pinochle (MH), 12:30 p.m.; bridge, 12:30 p.m.; Busy Hands Knitters, 1 p.m.

SUN 5/30/13

Piccolo restaurant opens in Mayfield Heights

By **Brittney Edelman**
Correspondent

MAYFIELD HTS. — Where there is food, wine and good times, there is often an Italian family close by, and in this case it is the Litch family.

Seven Hills resident Christopher Litch is owner of the new Piccolo restaurant, 1261 SOM Center Road, in the

Mayfield Heights Town Center plaza. His cousin, "Aunt" Joanne O'Brien, a Mayfield Village resident, manages the restaurant; his girlfriend Kayla Mihaila is the hostess; and three dishes are named after his grandmother Maria and two aunts, Rossa and Peppie.

"I was raised in a family that cooks and eats together.

In Italian families, you celebrate food," said Litch, who also owns Vino restaurant on Ridge Road in Parma.

"I have always liked Mayfield Heights and wanted a location on the East Side," he said.

Litch opened the Piccolo restaurant doors for an official ribbon-cutting ceremony April 28. Mayfield Heights mayor Anthony DiCicco, as well as various City Council members and residents, were in attendance. Everyone mingled and tasted tempting finger-food prior to the ceremony, and then sat down to a three-course meal courtesy of Litch.

The decor is inviting, warm, and lined on one side by a large, dark bar. Bartender Randi Holland, a Mentor resident, served beverages ranging from wine and cocktails to pop and water. The dinner menu is inspired by Litch's Sicilian heritage, rich with pecorino, Romano cheese and olive oils, he said.

"You feel like you are still at nana's house, but it is still contemporary," O'Brien said.

All Piccolo ingredients are fresh, as the restaurant is not equipped with a microwave or freezer. The pizza dough and raviolis are homemade, as well as all the sauces.

To start, Calamari Giovanni and Suppli alla Romana. The

calamari is lightly breaded and sauteed with sweet and hot peppers. The latter is a risotto croquette filled with velvety mozzarella cheese and served with basil pesto and marinara sauces — a favorite of this reporter's hungry guest in tow.

Gnocchi Rossa came out next, plump and tender potato dumplings with savory sausage, mushrooms, green peas and a heavy tomato cream sauce. This pasta is not for the faint of heart or those worried about their waistline. The dish is enough for two guests or meals and is laden with decadent flavor. The accompanying veal piccata was also a pleaser — lightly battered veal sauteed with artichokes, capers, lemon and white wine.

To round out the meal were sweet miniature donuts and classic pizzelles, both perfect conclusions to a satisfying Italian feast.

Piccolo is open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday, and for private parties on Sundays. Lunch is available from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and dinner from 4 p.m. to close.

Litch plans to host live music, similar to what one would hear from Dean Martin and Frank Sinatra.

For more details, call 440-646-1383 or visit piccolomayfield.com.



BRITTNEY EDELMAN/SUN NEWS

Making the kitchen really cook at Piccolo are sous chef Bill Hirsh, owner/executive chef Christopher Litch, his son Steven, and sous chef Kevin Hindley.



BRITTNEY EDELMAN/SUN NEWS

Randi Holland tends the bar.



BRITTNEY EDELMAN/SUN NEWS

Mayfield Heights Mayor Anthony DiCicco cuts the ribbon at the grand opening and is joined in the celebration by owner Christopher Litch (from left), City Council members Gayle Teresi and Joe Mercurio and restaurant manager Joanne Laurie-O'Brien.