

Depot News from Painesville



THE DEPOT DISPATCH

Spring has Sprung



As Spring is in the air, we are starting our every busy season.

Engine Barn has been insulated and ready for the drywall to begin. (See page 5)

We purchased a NEW 'O' turn lawn mower. This will make the grass cutting much easier.

It is with sad and heavy heart that I have to report the passing of Mike Cavotta. As Mike was also a member of ours, he was also the President of the Collinwood HS Alumni Association. It was with Mike's help that we now own the Collinwood 999 engine.

This Friday, May 10th, starting at 9 pm is our Ghost Hunt. Help support this event.

Model Train Day. with modular displays from different model train club on display, Saturday, May 18th from 10 am to 4 pm..

See operating modular layouts in 'N' Scale, 'HO' Scale, 'S' gauge, 'O' Gauge and 'G'

Gauge.

There will also be a model train flea market on grounds. If you wish a spot to sell some of your extra train items, a 10' x 20' spot is only \$10.00. Vendors are responsible for their own table, chairs and tents.

AND YES Hobo beans along with Hamburger's and Hot Dogs.

Don't forget all the great Mom's out their with a big Happy Mothers Day.

Tom Pescha, V.P.



Happy Mothers Day

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**This months Membership meeting is May 14, 2024
Next BOD meeting is May 28, 2024**



Upcoming Dates and Events

- May 10, **Ghost Hunt** 9 pm to Midnight
 - May 14, **Membership Meeting.** Depot 6 pm
 - May 18, **Model Train Day,** 10 am to 4 pm Depot
 - May 28, **BOD Meeting,** Depot 6 pm
 - June. 11, **Membership Meeting.** Depot 6 pm
 - June 22, **Open House ,** Model Train Flea Market 10 - 3
 - June 25, **BOD Meeting,** Depot 6 pm
- Collinwood 999 Parades and Appearances :**
 Painesville Lions Club Safety Town – Elem Street School June 10
 Mayfield Hts. Family Day Parade June 23
 Fairport Harbor Mardi Gras Parade July 3
 Painesville Party in Park July 19-21
 Lake County Fair Parade July 23
 Painesville Farmer Market July 25
 Collinwood 60th Class reunion Aug 2
 Timberlake Family Day Parade Aug 4
 Last Stop Willoughby Aug. 10

For a complete list of locate Train and Toy Shows visit www.cleveshows.com

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Michael Felix Cavotta

December 8, 1943 — April 20, 2024

MICHAEL FELIX CAVOTTA, age 80, beloved husband of Wendy (nee Replogle) for 20 years; loving father of Michael (Hilary), Matthew (Kylie), Haley (Raymond), Stacy (John), and Melissa; proud grandfather of Tristan, Grace, Lola, Greta, Michael, Robert, John, Shayla, Sydney, and Jaxson; devoted great grandfather of Jane and Remi; cherished son of the late Michael and Mary (nee Manzie); dearest brother of Marilyn (James, deceased), Joseph (Marie), and Phillip; dear uncle and great-uncle of many.

Mike was born on December 8, 1943, in Cleveland, Ohio. He attended Collinwood High School, where he graduated top of his class and was a state champion shot putter and recipient of the prestigious CHS Honor Key. He attended The Ohio State University on a full-ride athletic scholarship, graduating in 1968 with 8 varsity letters and a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering.

Mike's career as an innovator and entrepreneur began at Alcoa Cleveland, where he worked as an Operations Research specialist and implemented a computer-based optimization & tracking system for the USAF F-14 program during the Vietnam War. His career in technology would lead to a sales position with Cyphernetics, where he became a top distributor in the country and President's Club member for 5 consecutive years.

As an engineer, he was a man ahead of his time devoted to the health and well-being of others. Inspired by his mother's cardiac illness in the 1970s, Mike went on to create innovative systems for the healthcare industry that helped redefine the relationship between chron-

REST IN PEACE



MICHAEL F. CAVOTTA

1943 - 2024



Even after college and retirement, Mike never lost his love for training. For nearly 40 years, he was a dominant force in his age group at the Senior Games, where his legacy as a winning shot putter continued until the age of 78.

When he wasn't busy at work (or working out), Mike was an active member of the Collinwood HS Alumni Association for 25 years, and president for the last 9. His vision and leadership saw the preservation of the school's 440' of iconic, Depression-era wall murals along with the historic Collinwood 999 Engine, both now housed at the Western Reserve Railroad Museum.

In his spare time, Mike could be found tending the 19-acre lakefront ranch he built for his family, who were at his side when he passed peacefully at home on April 20, 2024. He will be sorely missed by all who had the privilege of knowing

him. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in memory of Mike to Tunnel to Towers Foundation (t2t.org).

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, April 27, 2024, from 4–8pm at Billy's A Cappelli Martini Bar, located at 7338 Industrial Park Blvd, Mentor, OH 44060.

Arrangements and cremation entrusted to THE DeJOHN-FLYNN-MYLOTT FUNERAL HOME OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS.

To order [memorial trees](#) in memory of Michael Felix Cavotta, please visit our [tree store](#).

We were invited to the Western Reserve Junior Service League Meeting and Grant Awards on April 18th. We wish to thank the Service League for the Grant to extend our fencing around the Engine Barn and Box Car.



Collinwood 999 Engine Barn

Last week, the engine barn was insulated by Air Lock. This was completed in two and a half days, and what a great job they did. Next is the Drywall.





“0” Turn Lawnmower

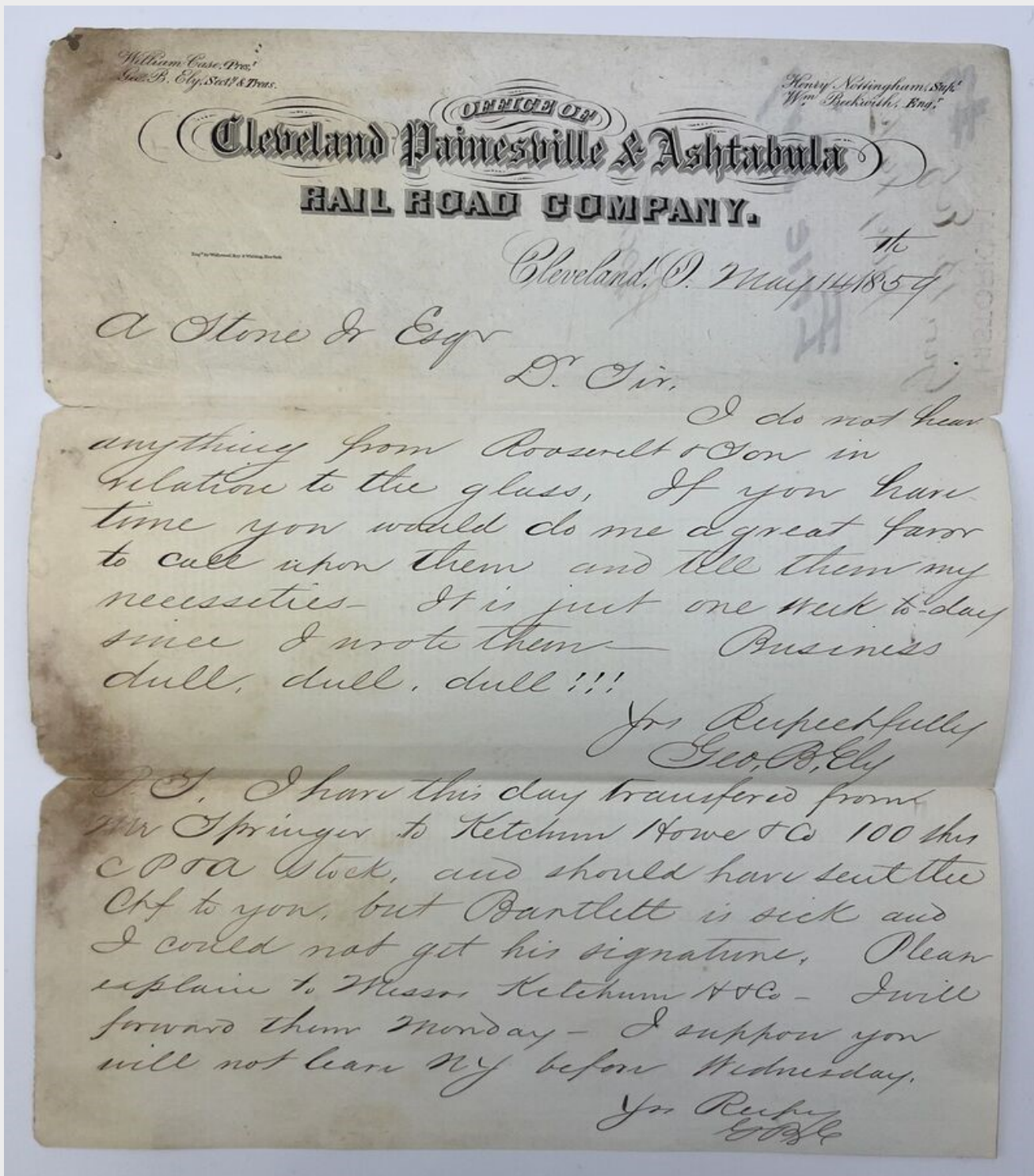
Yes, we have a new, under warranty Cub Cadet ‘0’ turn lawnmower with 54” cutting deck. We will be giving grass cutting - driving lessons. This is a must before anyone drives it.



Antique Documents

George Anderson came across some very rare Cleveland, Painesville and Ashtabula Documents from 1848 through 1869. Jim Wendorf made a phone call to the owner and negotiated a deal with the owner.

We are now in possession of 24 of these Historic items. Most of these are written in scrip.



Paranormal Investigation

Of The

Painesville Railroad Depot

May 10, 2024, 9 pm to Midnight

Presented by the ladies of
Haunted Housewives

The Painesville Railroad Museum

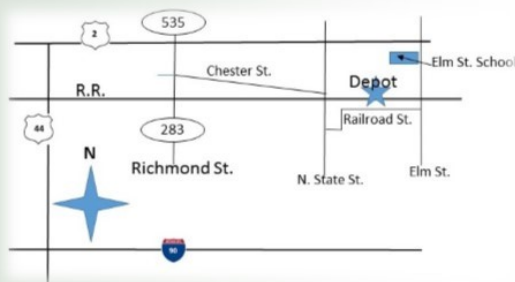
Painesville Railroad Depot

475 Railroad Street, Painesville, OH 44077



This historic building, built in 1893, was used as a passenger depot up until 1971. This haunted building has more than its share of paranormal activity.

VISIT THIS HISTORICAL TRAIN DEPOT



Direction to Painesville Depot

I-90 (exit 200) to Rt. 44

North on Rt. 44 to Rt. 2

East on Rt. 2 (1.5 miles) to OH 535 / OH 283 (exit 223)

South on OH 283 for 200 feet, left turn (east onto Chester St.)

East on Chester St (0.7 miles) to North State Street

South on North State Street (under RR Bridge) to Railroad Street.

East on Railroad Street to Depot.

A \$30 donation will be accepted. All proceeds from this paranormal exploration will go to the Painesville Railroad Museum, the group dedicated to the restoration of the NYC Painesville Depot. Visit <https://www.willoughbyghostwalk.com/special-events.html> for ordering tickets.

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MODEL TRAIN DAYS

at

THE PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM

475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077

For info call Tom at 216-470-5780

MAY 18, 2024

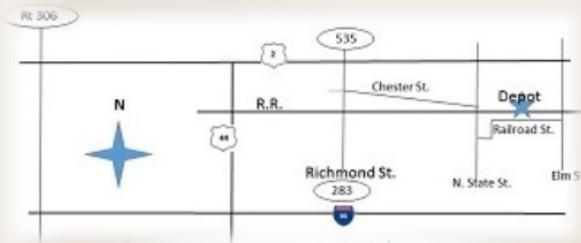
10 am to 4 pm

See operating Model Train Layouts in N scale, HO scale, S scale, O gauge and G gauge.

12 Different Layouts to see!

Model Train flea market on grounds.

Admission: \$5.00 adult, \$3.00 child (3 to 12 year old)
 \$12.00 Family (max 2 adults, 3 children)



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Food and Drinks available.

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Proceeds to help the restoration and preservation of the historic NYC Painesville Depot and bring her back to its glory days of the NYC.