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The important thing is not to stop questioning. - Albert Einstein

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photo by Jim O'Bryan

Each year LHS Key Club students place one American flag for each victim of the 9-11 attacks in the front lawn of the high school to honor the memory of those who lost their lives.

District Earns "A" For Overall Student Progress

by Christine Gordillo

The 2013-2014 preliminary State Report Card results are in and the report for Lakewood City Schools shows that the district continues to provide a quality education, earning an overall A for Student Progress, which measures academic gains in our students' Reading and Math over a year's time, also known as Value-Added.

The district is particularly proud of the achievement by our most vulnerable students academically. Our students with the lowest 20% of our Math and Reading scores as well as our students with disabilities subgroups both achieved greater than a year's worth of academic growth, earning an A and B grade, respectively.

In addition to the A for Progress, the district improved its Performance Index rating, moving up from 98.6 out of 120 possible points to 98.8, earning a B. The Performance Index measures how well all students did on all tests. This index shows that 82% of our students scored Proficient or above on the state assessments. Students failed to meet the State Indicator in 4th Grade Math, 5th Grade Reading, Math and Science and 8th Grade Science.

The Report Card is in a new format of letter grades that was introduced last year and will continue to evolve over the next couple of school years as more measurement categories are added. An overall grade for the district will not be given until the 2015-2016 report.

Other areas of improvement for the district include 226 of our Gifted Identified students achieving Advanced Plus level in Reading and Math, the highest of the levels of proficiency. Those students took assessments a grade level above their current grade at test time in order to achieve Advanced Plus. There is still work to do, however, in regards to the mea-

surable growth achieved by our students identified as Gifted.

The district's 4-year graduation rate also improved, from 81.5% to 86.2%. A new graduation rate formula was adopted by the state last year, which requires districts to track students who leave the district, which was not done in the past. The new rates reflect students who were never tracked yet still

counted as Lakewood students if they were not reported to be enrolled elsewhere. The district expects this rate to continue to improve as it finetunes its system to handle such tracking.

The district also is working diligently on closing the achievement gap in Reading and Math for some of our student groups.

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Foundation To Honor 12 Hall Of Famers At Lakewood Homecoming

by Missy Toms

First woman to drive the Indy500. Nationally recognized special education innovator. Cartoonist for a widely syndicated comic strip. International philanthropist and entrepreneur. What do they all have in common? They're all superstars of the Lakewood City Schools.

Lakewood Rangers Education Foundation will honor the achievements of Lakewood City Schools staff, athletes, and distinguished alumni at the annual Hall of Fame celebration on Thursday, October 2, 7 pm, in the Civic Auditorium. Twelve people will be inducted: four staff, three athletes, and five distinguished alumni. The ceremony is free and open to the public.

Ann Collins dedicated 32 years of service to the schools,

the majority of those years teaching at-risk middle school students. As director of student services, **Bobbe Miller** initiated an experimental model, "inclusive special education programs," that eventually became the standard by which Ohio's children with disabilities were served. **Jeff Posendek** was a house principal at LHS for 23 years and instrumental in helping develop the H2O - Help to Others program. As the special education vocational coordinator at LHS, **Joseph Vanuch** '71 was an integral part of developing vocational options with the community, precursors of current West Shore Career Tech programs.

Paula Mulhauser Murphy '46, the first woman to drive Indianapolis Motor Speed-

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Lakewood: It's Time For The Talk About Heroin

by Dr. Stephen Sroka

Did you know?

Lakewood leads the Cleveland suburbs in heroin deaths?

Heroin addiction is often a doctor-prescribed epidemic?

Most heroin deaths are white suburban males?

One out of four persons has a brain that is wired for opiate addiction?

90% of rehabbed-opiate-addicted youth relapse?

What should you do to prevent and deal with heroin/opiate addiction?

"I didn't know that! What can I do?" are the typical responses I get when I talk about heroin in Lakewood.

Get the facts from a panel of experts.

On Tuesday evening, September 30th, "Lakewood: It's Time for the Talk about Heroin" will take place at the Lakewood Public Library, Main Branch, 15425 Detroit, Avenue, from 7-8:30PM.

Judge Michael Astrab and I, Dr. Stephen Sroka, a Lakewood resident, will host a townhall forum on the heroin epidemic in Northeast Ohio. Judge Astrab has taken his "Heroin in the Suburbs" forums across Cuyahoga County. They have been

well-received, often to standing-room-only crowds.

I speak about heroin across the country and have written articles and made videos about heroin/opiate awareness, education and advocacy. Joining us on the panel will be Robert Garrity, a pharmacist, attorney, drug and alcohol counselor, and whose compelling story of addiction is not to be missed. Attorney Stephanie Lingle will participate in the forum. Before launching Lingle Legal Services, she was a prosecutor and

counsel to agencies overseeing child support and child protective services.

Let's talk about heroin Lakewood. Let's help keep Lakewood Alive.

For more information about this event, please visit "Lakewood: It's Time for the Talk about Heroin," Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/events/294519544085583/>

For more information about heroin, please visit www.letsfaceheroin.com. Or call 216-623-6888.

Rape Suspect Sought

Early Sunday Morning, on 8/31/2014 at 4:30 a.m. a male matching the composite drawing approached a female on Warren Road in Lakewood, produced a silver handgun, and robbed and sexually assaulted her.

The male was described as early 20s, black/hispanic mixed race, 5'10" - 6', athletic build. Wearing a red baseball cap, baseball shirt with dark sleeves, blue jeans. Subject fled on foot.



ANY INFORMATION CALL LAKEWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT AT 216-521-6773

Calendar Page

Tuesday, September 16 & Wednesday, September 17
Foster Care/Adoption Community Information Session
6 - 7:30 p.m. (Tuesday) and 10 - 11:30 a.m. (Wednesday)

Interested in learning more about becoming a foster or adoptive parent? Check out one of our Community Information Sessions! Staff from the Lakewood Collaborative Family to Family program will be on-site to answer questions, provide support and guidance, and offer materials related to becoming a foster or adoptive parent.
Tuesday Location: The Root Café, 15118 Detroit Ave.
Wednesday Location:
City of Lakewood Division of Youth office,
12900 Madison Avenue

Wednesday, September 17
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Safe Boating Classes
7 - 9:30 p.m.
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 7-5 is offering two boating safety courses. Register through Lakewood Recreation Department www.lakewood-recreation.com or 216-529-4081. Contact V. Suda 216-226-7221 or sudav@cox.net for any questions.
Garfield Middle School, 13114 Detroit Ave.

Thursday, September 18
Knowing Your Home: The Visible House
6 - 7:30 p.m. SEE PAGE 18!
This event is being co-hosted by the City of Lakewood and LakewoodAlive, please come to 2147 Dowd and see the work that the city is doing to make this 4 unit building into a single family home. It will also be a great opportunity to see what your home looks like under the plaster, this gutted house reveals its structural elements and gives you insight into how your own home works.
2147 Dowd Avenue

Friday, September 19 & Saturday September 20
Hospice of the Western Reserve Hosts Warehouse Sale
9 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Friday) and 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Saturday)
The proceeds will support seriously ill patients of all ages and their families, veterans in need of specialized care and grief, trauma and bereavement counseling in schools and the community. The next warehouse sale will be held Friday, September 19, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, September 20, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Hospice of the Western Reserve Headquarters, 17876 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, 44110.
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Friday, September 19
Storytelling That Sells: Lakewood Chamber of Commerce September Luncheon
11:30 a.m.
Storytelling is an art and a skill — one that can be quite useful when convincing a prospect to buy. Jackie Bebenroth of Muse Content Group will feature examples that demonstrate how the story behind your business can increase the value of your offerings and bolster your company’s reputation.
The Clifton Club, 17884 Lake Road

Girl’s Night Out with Girl’s Best Trend and Wandering Wardrobe!
6 - 9 p.m.
Ladies grab your friends and join us for a night of fashion and fun! The Wandering Wardrobe, the traveling fashion boutique on wheels, makes a special guest appearance outside of Girl’s Best Trend. Find the latest in fall fashion, then mosey in to GBT for a great accessory piece for your new outfit! Get a jump start on your new fall wardrobe! See you there!
Girl’s Best Trend Boutique. 17007 Madison Ave.

Cornucopia’s Event in the Tent - Inspiring Possibilities!
6:30 - 10 p.m.
Good food, Good Friends, Good time! “Event

in the Tent” is a party and fundraiser in support of Cornucopia’s vocational training programs for people with disabilities. The evening will feature delicious carnivore, vegetarian and vegan dinner and dessert selections from Nature’s Bin Catering. Guests can also enjoy Buckeye Beer Engine Beers and Gen5 Sustainable California Wines, a silent auction, raffle and live music by “Travelin’ Man Band.” Complimentary valet parking will be available.
Cornucopia’s Vocational Training Center parking lot, 18228 Sloane Ave

Saturday, September 20
Society of St. Vincent de Paul Cleveland Friends of the Poor Walk
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Diocese of Cleveland (SVPD) and other caring members of Northeast Ohio as they convene to raise money and help our region’s poor one step at a time at the Third Annual SVPD Friends of the Poor Walk on Saturday, September 20 from 10 a.m to noon. In an effort to encourage participants in and around Cuyahoga and Summit counties, the family-friendly event will be held simultaneously at both St. Edward High School, 13500 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood, and at Richfield Woods Park, 4100 Broadview Road in Richfield. Register or donate online: <http://www.fopwalk.org>.
St. Edward High School, 13500 Detroit Avenue

Monday, September 22
R& R Reiki Studio Open House
4 - 7 p.m.
You’re invited to attend R&R Reiki Studio’s Open House. Come visit our new location at 14900 Detroit Avenue Suite 202. Stop in, enjoy some refreshments, pick up a new brochure & a schedule of upcoming classes & events. Enter for a chance to win a 30 minute Intuitive Reading or 30 minute Reiki Session.
14900 Detroit Avenue, Suite 202

Thursday, September 25
Power Up! Business After Hours Networking Event
5:30 - 7 p.m.
Join the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce and COSE at 16-Bit Bar + Arcade, a bar that redefines how a night out is best played. This retro watering hole — Lakewood’s newest and hottest venue — offers classic arcade games, old school cocktails and craft beer.
16-Bit Bar + Arcade, 15012 Detroit Avenue

Lakewood Democratic Club Meeting
7 - 9 p.m.
The monthly meeting of the Lakewood Democratic Club. Guest speakers. Review of local, statewide and national issues and events. Democrats welcome!
Women’s Pavilion at Lakewood Park

Friday, September 26
Blood Drive at O’Neill Healthcare Lakewood
1 - 5 p.m.
American Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday September 26, 2014 will be held at O’Neill Healthcare Lakewood at 1381 Bunts Rd. Lakewood in the Assisted Living Education Room (4th floor).
O’Neill Healthcare Lakewood, 1381 Bunts Road

Saturday, September 27
A Night at the Museum Fundraiser for The Museum of Divine Statues
6 - 10 p.m.
Museum of Divine Statues in Lakewood is holding its first ever fundraiser, A Night at the Museum hosted by Fox 8 Morning Show anchor Stefani Schaefer. The Honorary Chairperson for the evening is Most Reverend, Roger W. Gries, OSB. The tickets are \$50.00 per person in advance and \$60.00 on the night of the event and include wine, beer, soft drinks, desserts, and appetizers. tablets). Tickets are available online at www.museumofdivinestatues.org or by calling 216-228-9950.
The Museum of Divine Statues, 12905 Madison Ave

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City News

Kids Cove To Be Renovated

by Christopher Bindel

Returning for their first meeting after their summer break, Council President, Mary Louise Madigan, called the September 9, 2014 meeting of Council to order at 7:34 P.M.

The first order of business for the night was a resolution from the Mayor commending Adrianna Larimer for her actions in saving the life of a boy at Beck's Pool. A Senior at Lakewood High School, Adrianna works as a lifeguard at Beck's Pool in Madison park. On August 4, 2014, during her shift she noticed a boy at the bottom of the pool. Blowing her whistle once to signify danger she then jumped in and brought the boy to the surface and out of the pool. Once out of the pool the boy began breathing on his own, however the paramedics still took him for observation.

The Mayor asked Council to pass his resolution recognizing Adrianna for her heroic deed and exemplary action as a lifeguard.

Councilman Tom Bullock (At-Large) complimented Adrianna on a job well done and encouraged her to perhaps consider a career in public safety when she goes off to college.

Councilman David Anderson (Ward I) said that he has four kids who have all gone through swimming lessons at Beck's Pool and that he has always found the staff there nothing but professional. He added though she saved a boy, she also saved a family from a nightmare. "Anyone with loved ones understands that they are just one phone call away from being brought to their knees, and you saved a family from that," he said.

Councilman Sam O'Leary (Ward II) thanked Adrianna for her "incredible efforts," and said as a former Beck's Pool lifeguard himself he understands how demanding the job is on a daily basis, but also how important it is to keeping Lakewood citizens safe. He then thanked her for her hard work and what she has done.

Councilwoman Cindy Marx (At-Large) and Councilwoman Madigan also both thanked Adrianna for her hard work and bravery.

Council then proceeded to pass the resolution.

Next Councilwoman Marx asked Council to pass a resolution from

herself and Councilwoman Madigan recognizing David Stein and his store Cotton for their efforts the that earned them the Best Commercial Rehabilitation Project for 2014 award by Heritage Ohio.

Councilmen Bullock, Anderson and Juris all congratulated Mr. Stein on earning his award but also for the success of both his stores in Lakewood. They also thanked him for his involvement in many Lakewood organizations, including his leadership in the Downtown Lakewood Business Alliance, and for taking the extra effort to protect some of Lakewood's heritage.

Council passed the resolution.

Councilwoman Madigan then read a communication regarding a Creating Healthy Communities Grant. The Cuyahoga County Board of Health, which Lakewood partners with for health services, is in the process of applying for a grant through Creating Healthy Communities, which is a competitive funding program through the Ohio Department of Health. Lakewood has been selected by the County to be a partnering community for this grant. If the the grant is approved the Board of Health will carry out strategies to increase healthy eating, physical activities, and decrease tobacco use in the city. Councilwoman Madigan said that these programs will help build on the momentum of the Recreation Task Force, the Community Health

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Arm and leg pain: tracking down the source.



Emad Daoud, MD, PhD
Cleveland Clinic
Department of Pain Management

Nerves in the neck and back may be responsible
Did you know that pain in the arms and legs can actually radiate from a source in the neck or back? In other cases, diabetes or carpal tunnel syndrome can damage nerves locally in the hand, or arthritis may be pinpointed as the cause of pain.

If the pain source is actually irritated or compressed nerves resulting from disc or spine degeneration, a procedure to treat this problem in the neck or lower back can ultimately bring pain relief in the affected hand, arm or leg.

When to seek help
How long should you put up with the pain? According to Emad Daoud, MD, PhD, a Cleveland Clinic pain management specialist who sees patients at Lutheran Hospital and Westlake Medical Campus, ideally pain should be evaluated early, before becoming chronic. He advises individuals experiencing pain not to delay reaching out to a physician. Pain is traditionally considered chronic if it lasts for more than three months.

"When an individual is experiencing pain for an extended period of time, or is under the care of a primary or specialty care physician and still experiencing pain, it's time to seek help from a pain management specialist," Dr. Daoud says. "It's important to see a pain physician before resorting to taking pain medications for a long time or undergoing multiple interventions."

Is it a pain in the neck?
Dr. Daoud works with patients, primary care physicians and other specialists to establish an accurate diagnosis—determining what is causing the problem so he can accurately treat the problem. This starts with a full history and physical exam, and possibly imaging, such as x-ray, MRI, or diagnostic nerve analysis or nerve blocks to see how well nerves are working and determine whether pain is actually originating in the neck or back, or the extremities.

Treating at the source
In a majority of cases, a combination physical or aquatic therapy, massage and anti-inflammatory or muscle relaxant medications will help, Dr. Daoud says. If not, nerve or spinal blocks in the neck or back often can help manage the pain. Integrative medicine approaches such as an anti-inflammatory diet, acupuncture or chiropractic therapy also can help when the pain is based in the leg, hand or shoulder, says Dr. Daoud.

"For every patient, the goal is to diagnose the problem, to restore and optimize function, and to decrease pain," he says. His team often refers to and coordinates with musculoskeletal and metabolic experts and other specialists to help address sources of arm and leg pain, including diabetes-induced neuropathy or a past traumatic injury.

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To make an appointment with Dr. Daoud or another Cleveland Clinic Pain Management Center physician, call 216.444.PAIN (7246).

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City News

Western Cuyahoga County Democratic Clubs Combine Forces For Candidates Night

by Jane Reilly

The combined western Cuyahoga County Democratic Clubs will join forces for a Tuesday, September 30, Candidates Night and early voting kickoff at 7 p.m., at the Rocky River Don Umerley Civic Center. The sponsoring Clubs include Bay Vil-

lage, Fairview Park, Lakewood, North Olmsted, Rocky River, Westlake and Cleveland Stonewall. The Civic Center is located at 21016 Hilliard Boulevard. You treasure the right to vote, but are unfamiliar with the candidates? You care about your community and have questions? You are a responsible

Use It Or Lose It!

by Conda Boyd

Anyone who watches election returns knows that we Americans take our right to vote for granted. But just how fragile is that right?

Are you a white male landowner who's over 21 years old? When the United States was founded, that's what it took to vote in most states. By the Civil War, most states had removed the wealth requirement, but you still had to be male, white, and, in most states, 21.

Are you a naturalized citizen? You couldn't have voted until the 14th Amendment to the Constitution was passed in 1868.

Is your skin dark? The 15th Amendment, passed in 1870, provided that voting rights could not be abridged based on race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

Are you a woman? You couldn't have voted until 1920, when the 19th Amendment was passed. Thank the brave suffragettes who marched by the thousands, suffering derision and assaults. Some even went to jail, conducted hunger strikes, and were force-fed.

Ever live in Washington, D.C.? You couldn't have voted in presidential elections until 1961, when the 23rd Amendment was passed.

In 1964, the 24th Amendment prohibited poll taxes, which had been used to disenfranchise blacks and poor people in the South, taking us back to the wealthy, white, and over-21 scenario that our country started with.

Are you between 18 and 21? You got the right to vote in 1971, when the 26th Amendment was passed because Vietnam-era draftees stood up and cried, "If we're old enough to die, we're

old enough to vote." Since the day our country was born, patriots have fought inch by precious inch to secure your right to vote -- and to win it back whenever new rules have restricted it. This fight is alive and well in Ohio, where voters' rights activists are challenging new limits on early voting.

September is Voter Registration Month, and September 23rd is National Voter Registration Day. League of Women Voters volunteers will be celebrating by registering students in four Cleveland high schools, as well as shoppers and commuters in Tower City. If only we had the resources to reach every single new voter -- and all the lapsed voters too!

The League is a nonpartisan political membership organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. We welcome men and those who cannot vote, in addition to women who can -- and do. The only requirement for membership is a passion for democracy. Please join us!

If you have moved since you last voted, please update your registration at <http://boe.cuyahogacounty.us>. Registration forms are also available at the library and City Hall. The Secretary of State recently mailed Vote by Mail Ballot Applications to voters. If you request a form, you will receive fewer robo-calls because the parties will assume you have voted! But if you do request a form, please use it. If you go to the polls instead, you'll have to cast a provisional ballot.

citizen and love Ohio and our Country! Here's your chance! Meet the candidates in person, and ask those questions! Let them know about your concerns and what you think! Speak up, speak out, be an informed voter!

We are expecting the following candidates to attend in person:

- John P. O'Donnell candidate for Ohio Supreme Court
- Nina Turner candidate for Ohio Secretary of State
- Todd LeVeck candidate for Ohio House District 16
- Mike Skindell candidate for Ohio Senate District 23
- Armund Budish candidate for

- Cuyahoga County Executive Mark Szabo candidate for Cuyahoga County Council District 1
- Shannon Gallagher candidate for Judge, Court of Common Pleas
- Francine Goldberg candidate for Judge, Domestic Relations Court
- Sherry Middy candidate for Judge, Court of Common Pleas
- The following candidates will be sending representatives:
- Connie Pillich candidate for Ohio State Treasurer
- Pete Crossland candidate for U.S. Congressional District 16
- Marcy Kaptur candidate for U.S. Congressional District 9

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Challenge, and the Be Well Employee Wellness Committee. She asked that her communication be referred to the Health and Human Services Committee to receive input and leadership on this topic.

Council did as Councilwoman Madigan requested and referred the matter to the Health and Human Services Committee.

Finance Director Jennifer Pae then asked Council to pass a resolution that would allow the City to apply for a \$105,000 grant through the Nature-Works Program administered by the Office of Real Estate of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. The grant would support efforts to renovate the Kids Cove playground at Lakewood Park. The cost estimate of the current design is about \$420,000 of which this grant would cover about 24%, the rest of the cost would be paid for by the City.

This project will renovate the approximately 1.4 acre playground area at Lakewood Park. The current equipment, which is outdated and designed poorly for the supervision of children, will be replaced with better designed equipment and a full resurfacing of the playground area. This project is hoped to be funded for 2015.

Councilman Nowlin asked Director Pae how the remainder of the

project was to be funded, and she said it would be covered by the sale of bond notes.

Councilman Anderson asked when they could expect to see a rendering of the designs for the Park. The Mayor responded saying that they have created some rough ideas and concepts of what they want to include based on discussions with some stakeholders such as Lakewood PTA and Early Childhood PTA, however there are no specific drawings or plans yet.

After a brief discussion Council passed the resolution.

Police Chief Malley then told Council that the City has been notified that it has been awarded \$4,308.05 from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program. The Program will provide 50% of the cost of the new vests for the Department. The Lakewood Police Department needs to replace 11 bulletproof vest that have reached their 5-year life expectancy and expired. The rest of the money for the purchase is available and will come from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund.

Next Fire Chief Gilman asked Council to approve a resolution that would allow a trade of goods and services between the City's Fire Department and Cuyahoga Community College. The Department is

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Lakewood Public Library

compiled by Leana Donofrio-Milovan

Wednesday, September 17

Lakewood Historical Society:

Exterior Painting and Historic Color Schemes

Are you planning to paint your house this fall? If so, then let Margaret Lann, Heritage Home Program Associate of the Cleveland Restoration Society, offer you some expert guidance. She will review examples of paint failure, suggest what you might look for when hiring a painting contractor, review historic color schemes and provide tips on selecting appropriate colors for older homes in terms of specific architectural styles.

7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Thursday, September 18

Meet the Author: “The Story Hour” by Thrity Umrigar

The bestselling author of “The Space Between Us” and “The World We Found” returns to the Lakewood Public Library with a deeply provocative story of two women whose worlds collide during a time of crisis. With her trademark emotional depth and complex characters, Umrigar weaves a nuanced story of betrayal and forgiveness that challenges our notions of family, friendship and marital love.

Breathtaking in its narrative risks and refusal to shy away from its characters’ frailties and flaws, Umrigar’s latest is an unforgettable exploration of friendship, forgiveness and the nature of marriage. Most of all, it is a moving tribute to the act of storytelling, the universal tradition that has the power to heal us all. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Booked for Murder:

Southern Style Noir: “Drink the Tea” by Thomas Kaufman

This season, the intrepid investigators of this book club will switch back and forth between noir murder mysteries and southern intrigue. But which one is which? For full book descriptions, visit www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/bookclubs.

7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Meeting Room

Saturday, September 20

Lakewood Public Cinema: “Ghost World” (2001)

Directed by Terry Zwigoff

Thora Birch and Scarlett Johansson are two recent high school graduates with no future plans beyond moving in together and acting superior to everyone they meet. Looking for ways to fill their time over a long pointless summer, they decide to respond to one lonely man’s missed connection ad and stand him up as a gag. But for Birch, what was intended as a cruel joke leads to a complicated and intriguing friendship with a kindred spirit who cannot seem to fit into or connect with the world around him. What is her fascination with this older man, played by a soul weary Steve Buscemi? Johansson quickly begins to resent her friend’s attachment to this loser, but her rage will not provide any answers. And is it possible that Birch has overestimated Buscemi’s desire to be an object of pity? The director of Crumb adapts Daniel Clowe’s award-winning graphic novel and proves that some of today’s most authentic, real world characters and stories are found in comic books.

6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Sunday, September 21

Sunday with the Friends:

World Slavery and the Rise of American Music

Guitarist Ray Kamalay casts some much-needed light on the genealogy of American music and puts our shared culture in the perspective of world history. Through story and song, follow the development of slavery from the days of ancient Rome to the roots of American society. Listen to the songs of the slaves, rising in chorus through a long chronology that

LPL Children/Youth Events

compiled by Eric Knapp

Saturday, September 20

Jungle Terry’s Traveling Zoo - For the whole family

Reptiles and other live animals educate and excite.

7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room.

Sunday, September 21

Video Book Trailer Workshop - For students in sixth through twelfth grade

Watch some blockbuster movie trailers made by teens like you, then learn all the tips and tricks you need to create your own from casting to set design to editing. Then enter the contest! To register, please stop in or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 140.

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room.

Saturday, September 27

Sew Your Own Library Tote - For anyone ages 8 and up

Create your own stylish tote bag – no experience necessary! We have a master seamstress on hand to guide you through this hands-on project. Registration required.

2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the Main Library Homework Room.

Family Weekend Wonders

Make the Library a part of your family weekend time with programs featuring stories, activities, music and crafts. These free programs are offered every weekend throughout the year at both the Main Library and Madison Branch. No registration is needed. Check out our website (www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/youth) for times and upcoming themes.

Main Library Activity Room and Madison Branch Auditorium

Saturdays at 11:30 a.m. and Sundays at 3:30 p.m.
Weekends With Wee Ones

For families with children under 2 years old

Spend a part of your family weekend time clapping your hands, tapping your feet, singing nursery rhymes and, of course, sharing books. We will provide materials and ideas for those wishing to continue the fun at home. Programs are offered every weekend throughout the year and there is no need to register in advance.

Madison Branch Children's and Youth Services

leads to the musical explosion of the twentieth century. “We have had many great contributors to the American scene, but I think we have misjudged the special contribution of the slaves themselves. These people must have been brilliant and sensitive souls, especially courageous to create such effective culture in the midst of such dire hopelessness.” With a degree in political philosophy, Kamalay has been a professional musician all his life, performing the Detroit and Toronto Jazz Festivals, the Winnipeg and Philadelphia Folk Festivals and the Edinburgh Festival in Scotland, among other places. He believes it’s time we acquire a new understanding of the meaning of the blues.

2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Hands-On Help with eReaders

Do you own a shiny, new eReader, but don’t know how to download any of the thousands of free titles that are available through the Library? Make an appointment with a knowledgeable staff member who can show you around the bells and whistles of your device, whether it’s a Kindle, Nook, iPad, iPhone or something else entirely. Let’s talk.

Thursday Nights at the Madison Branch—Call (216) 228-7428

Sunday Nights at the Main Library—Call (216) 226-8275, ext. 127

Thursday, September 25

Meet the Author: “Girls Got Issues: A Woman’s Guide to

Self-discovery and Healing” by Dr. Tyffani Monford Dent

Dr. Tyffani Monford Dent takes on the various problems that women carry with them from childhood to adulthood. Serving as a self-awareness book, Girls Got Issues assists women in defining the problems they face, understanding where they came from and learning how to move past them. Goals are accomplished through self-assessment quizzes and other assignments that allow readers to begin to take a true inventory of where they are in their lives and how they can move towards self-discovery and healing. Obstacles such as sexual abuse, problematic interpersonal relationships and reluctance to pursue personal goals are addressed head on with honesty and clarity. Topics include, “Change is a Good Thing,” “Toxic Relationships,” “Cleaning Out My Closet” and “I Am My Sister’s Keeper.” Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Saturday, September 27

Lakewood Public Cinema: “The Color of Paradise” (1999)

Directed by Majid Majidi

A blind child waiting by the side of the road hears a bird fallen from its nest. He chases away the cat, finds the bird, climbs the tree and reunites the bird with its family. He is truly a remarkable boy, but his father will never regard him as anything but a burden. A student at Tehran’s Institute for the Blind who looks forward to spending the summer in the country with his family, Mohammad is full of life, love and curiosity. But his father is a selfish man who wants his son out of the way so that he can find a new wife. Over grandmother’s objections, Mohammad is apprenticed to a blind carpenter. Family bonds and perseverance are the keys to this rewarding tale. Farsi with English subtitles. Dr. Mohammad Jafar Mahallati, Oberlin College’s Presidential Scholar in Islamic Studies and a former ambassador to the United Nations, will lead a special film discussion following the presentation of this Iranian masterpiece.

6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditoriu

Sunday, September 28

Sunday with the Friends: Colin Dussault

Colin Dussault, the hardest working bluesman in Cleveland, will tell you straight up that he had no choice but to be a musician. It wasn’t exactly a vocational choice. Born the son of a bass player, rhythm and blues flowed through his veins from an early age. His father’s vast record collection exposed him to the musical universe of Blind Willie McTell, Muddy Waters, Little Walter, Bob Dylan, the Beatles, the Stones, the Youngbloods, Led Zeppelin and Frank Zappa—and you can hear them all in his expansive blues. After playing thousands of shows with luminaries all over the land, he’s become the master of Memphis blues, rock and roll and American folk—but that won’t stop him from throwing some jazz, swing and even the occasional polka into the set list to keep the crowds guessing.

2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

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Wednesday, October 1

The Lakewood Historical Society: “The Cleveland Grand Prix:

An American Show-Jumping First” by Betty Weibel

Home to inventors of the first automobile, airplane and professional baseball team, Ohio is also the birthplace of the first show jumping grand prix in the Western Hemisphere... the Cleveland Grand Prix. Since that first grand prix in 1965, the sport has grown to nearly three-hundred-and-fifty American grand prix and a billion dollar industry. From early harness racing to fox hunting, saddle up with equestrian authority Betty Weibel as she explains how this picturesque corner of the Chagrin Valley grew into a world-class horse sport hub. Relive the exciting victories of some of the finest horses and riders in history, and enjoy the Cleveland Grand Prix’s glory years as the premier summer social tradition.

7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Thursday, October 2

Meet the Author: “Take It Back: The Personal Power You Give

Away Everyday” by Dr. Kay Potetz

What if you could go home happy—every day? Imagine leaving work each day in a good mood. Envision not being irritated with those you contact daily, whether it’s a co-worker, a boss, a spouse, an aging parent, a toddler or a teen. Imagine feeling like you’re the driver in your own life, rather than a passenger hanging on for dear life. While modern life has most people by the tail, it doesn’t have to be this way. Esteemed management consultant Dr. Kay Potetz offers a means of harnessing the power with which every human being is born to attain what she calls “lasting, resilient happiness.” She explains that this highly practical pathway to an entirely new way of seeing the world leads to greater satisfaction and well-being at work, among loved ones, and even while watching the none-too-comforting evening news. Dr. Potetz, In short, she reveals how personal power is an extremely valuable and readily accessible yet all too under-utilized resource. If you’re feeling frustrated by those around you, and often believe you’re at your wit’s end, this program is for you. Please join us. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Lakewood Public Library

Guitarist Ray Kamalay Explores World Slavery And The Rise Of American Music

by Elaine Rosenberger

Through story and song, guitarist Ray Kamalay looks at slavery's influence on our musical heritage on Sunday, September 21 at 2 p.m. in Lakewood Public Library's Main Auditorium. A guitarist, singer, and jazz musician, Kamalay has recorded CDs with his group, Red Hot Peppers. He also holds a degree in political science with an emphasis in philosophy from the University of Detroit. In 1992, Kamalay's love of history led him to present "World Slavery: the Haitian Revolution and the Rise of American Music." Kamalay also teaches guitar with his book, "The Secrets of Swing." Before his presentation at Lakewood Public Library, Kamalay takes the time to answer a few questions.

LPL: How did you decide to trace slavery's influence on American music?

RK: When studying the early American culture, the influence of the tradition of slavery was too obvious to avoid. The fugitive slave laws, for instance, came to us from ancient Rome, but had an enormous influence on American cultural development in the 19th Century.

LPL: What other enslaved cultures do you consider?

RK: We try to consider slavery from the ancient times, even in Asia. But it's important to know how it was that slavery came to us, why it was practiced the way it was, who changed it, and, finally, why the mantle of slavery fell to sub-Saharan Africans.

LPL: What music influences you the most?

RK: Doc Watson and Chicago blues were early influences. American jazz fascinates me in all its breadth of development over the years. I'm a committed lover of Scott Joplin and his school of classic ragtime. I'm also impressed by the enormous talents of two other Detroiters: Stevie Wonder and Aretha Franklin.

LPL: Do you play any other instruments besides guitar?

RK: Only at parties.

Kamalay's presentation takes place on Sunday, September 21 at 2 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium as part of the library's Sunday with the Friends series. Kamalay's CDs and book will be available for sale and signing at the event. Visit www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/friends to learn more.



Jungle Terry's Traveling Zoo Visits Library



by Marge Foley

Jungle Terry is a busy man. He has over one hundred animals requiring care, attention, and twice daily feedings. Despite his full schedule, he seems barely able to contain his energy and enthusiasm for his work as an animal trainer, naturalist, educator, and entertainer.

Jungle Terry has worked with animals all his life and began programs in 1990. He now has a specially designed, temperature controlled barn on six acres to house all his animals. His two

children help with feeding and caretaking, and just as importantly, with hand-raising and training the animals. The alligator and fifteen-foot python might look scary, but nervous parents take note; all Jungle Terry's animals are kid-tested and kid-friendly.

Jungle Terry's Traveling Zoo will be entertaining families at the Lakewood Public Library on Saturday, September 20th. As with all programs at the library, this show is free and open to the public. The fun starts at 7 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room.

Pictured at left: Children in the audience pet an alligator at a past performance by Jungle Terry at Lakewood Public Library. He will be back again this fall on Saturday, September 20.

Lakewood Public Cinema Presents: "The Color Of Paradise"

by Lisa Calfee

Join us on Saturday, September 27 at 6 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium, as Lakewood Public Cinema presents "The Color of Paradise" a 1999 movie telling the tender story of a blind child named Mohammed, played by the actual blind actor, Mohsez Ramezani, who is returning home for summer vacation from Tehran's Institute for the Blind. The boy is considered a burden by his widowed father due to his disability, but the innocent and sensitive child proves to have the transcendent ability to find beauty wherever he goes.

Mohammed's magical world of the ordinary is brilliantly illuminated by director Majid Majidi, the same director whose previous film, "Children of Heaven", was the first Iranian film to be nominated for an American Academy Award. The film is in Farsi with English subtitles and is notable for its portrayal of the beautiful Iranian countryside.

Dr. Mohammad Jafar Mahallati, Oberlin College's Presidential Scholar in Islamic Studies and a former ambassador to the United Nations, will lead a special film discussion following the presentation of the movie.

Special Concert, "Watermelon Wine": The Poetry Of Americana" Music With Anne E. DeChant And Frye Gaillard

by Leana Donofrio-Milovan

Award-winning songwriter and Cleveland native Anne E. DeChant will return to Lakewood Public Library with author Frye Gaillard for Watermelon Wine: The Poetry of Americana Music, a unique afternoon of scholarship and song at 1 p.m. on Saturday, September 27.

In his award-winning book, "Watermelon Wine," Gaillard main-



Musician Anne E. DeChant



Author Frye Gaillard

tains that great American songwriters, like DeChant, explore the depths of the human heart with all the subtlety and feeling of our finest novelists and poets. During this special event, Gaillard will present brief readings from his works, setting the literary context for DeChant's all-acoustic renditions of her songs.

This free event will be held at Lakewood Public Library at 15425 Detroit Avenue in the Main Library Auditorium. No registration is needed. Call (216) 226-8275 ext. 127 for more information.

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Lakewood Schools

Day Of “Wonder” For Middle Schools

by Christine Gordillo

District middle school students spent September 4 pondering what what a wondrous place their schools would be if everyone chose kindness, one of the themes of this year’s summer reading book, “Wonder,” by R.J. Palacio.

“Wonder” is a story about August Pullman, a 10-year-old who looks very different from his peers due to a facial abnormality, and his journey from life as a comfortable homeschooler to the throes of middle school.

Students at both Garfield and Harding spent their Language Arts classes delving into the themes of the book and how they relate to them and their communities. A short video produced by the Children’s Cranio-facial Association really hit home for the students demonstrating the fact that just because a person looks different than “the norm” on the outside doesn’t mean that they don’t feel the



Language Arts teachers at Garfield Middle School wore “Wonder” t-shirts as students discussed the impact of the book’s theme to “choose kind.”

same feelings everyone else does on the inside.

Students spent time discussing

how their school community might look different if everyone “chose kind” over nasty. In talking with their peers,

students quickly realized the huge impact bullying can have on their school.

“School might be a little quieter.”
“Some kids would feel safer and maybe even like school a little more.”
“People would feel better about themselves.”

“People would come wanting to participate.”

Students also talked about moments when they or someone they witnessed chose kindness and what impact that had on them. The larger discussion moved into how each person’s actions have an impact and how these actions potentially affect lives.

To tie all the themes and activities together, students were asked to create their own plan for choosing kindness as a personal goal for the year. The teachers plan to continue discussing the themes of the book and incorporating them into lessons throughout the year at both buildings.



Third grader Logan Foster helps sort supplies just days before school started.

Community Steps Up

For Supplies 4 Success

by Christine Gordillo

Once again, our community has stepped up in a major way to help our students in need start off the school year with the supplies necessary to succeed in the classroom.

For the fourth straight year, community organizations, led by the Lakewood Family Collaborative and chairperson Karen Lee, have banded together to make the Supplies 4 Success initiative a summer staple and critical effort in helping our students.

Besides the district, partners in the effort include Trinity Lakewood Community Outreach, Help to Others and Lakewood Community Services Center.

All summer long, Lakewood residents and businesses responded to the call for supplies with donations that amounted to more than 13,000 items, from more than 6,000 pens and pencils to a handful of book covers and every supply you can think of in between.

More than \$4,000 in cash donations were received that can be used to

buy expensive items such as graphing calculators.

A special thank you to larger donors Cuttin’ Loose Salon and Lakewood Hardware; Lakewood & Rocky River Rotary; St. Peter’s Episcopal Church; Emerson, Grant, Harding and Harrison PTAs; and H2O for the large amount of recycled supplies it collected. A number of organizations and businesses also participated by collecting supplies from its members or employees.

Also critical to the effort were the many businesses that served as dropoff spots: Goddess Blessed, KB Confections, Lakewood Rec, Pet’s General Store, PNC Bank, The Coffee Pot, Beck Center and The Root Cafe.

“I am always touched by the generosity of our community. Support comes from all aspects of Lakewood: businesses, civic groups, churches and individuals. This collaboration of giving is what makes the drive successful each year. The impact for our families is immeasurable,” Lee said.

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Lakewood Schools

Ask Roxann Ramsey



The new Grant School over the top of the new Lincoln School drawings. All of the schools have great features.

by Roxann Ramsey,
Assistant Superintendent
Lakewood City Schools

As I approach every work day with a list of items to complete, it is inevitable that most of those items go unaddressed due to the unforeseen circumstances of working in a school district. I revel in the thought of checking off completed tasks, however, many days are filled with parent discussions regarding the future of education, Common Core State Standards, new buildings and facilities, specialized programming within the district, and don't forget Common Core State Standards. There are so many good questions asked, and our community trumps any list that this "A-Type" school administrator might create to conquer, thus, the reason for this column.

After several conversations with Ms. Betsy Voinovich and Mr. Jim O'Bryan, we thought it would be beneficial to take some time to address the multitude of questions parents and community members might have regarding the Lakewood City Schools. While I might not have all the answers, I am lucky to work among an incredible group of people who collaborate to make the very best decisions to benefit all stakeholders. Not to mention, my office is ten feet from Mr. Jeffrey Patterson, Superintendent of Schools.

In light of recent Community Meetings surrounding construction, I thought I would start with a misunderstanding I felt needed to be clarified. I have heard more than once, that the budgets for our three elementary projects are inequitable and downright discriminatory. Let me shed some light on this statement.

Each elementary project follows the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission's Program of Requirements (POR), based on the enrollment projections completed by Dejong Healy in 2013. The Lakewood Board of Education enhanced that POR by adding additional square footage to build even better facilities for our students and staff. Each building received the same



amount of Locally Funded Initiative (LFI) square footage. The architect met with individual school communities, interest groups, and staff members prior to unveiling the first draft of their new facilities. In early September, those drafts were shared with the same groups, and feedback was solicited to make enhancements, changes and/or additions. So where is the misunderstanding? Here is the breakdown:

Yes, it is true that Lincoln's budget is slightly higher than that of Grant and Roosevelt. Lincoln's POR was based on an enrollment projection of 381 students. Grant and Roosevelt's POR were both based on 380 students. According to the OFCC each student is allotted 125 square feet, hence the discrepancy in the POR base square footage.

I hope this information helps to clarify a minor, but very important misunderstanding as we delve deeper into the design phase of our new elementary buildings. We are proud to be members of a community that is so passionate about the education we offer. It is a goal of the Lakewood City Schools, and Superintendent Patterson, to continue to engage the community, staff and students throughout the construction process to "finish the job" on time, within budget and to the satisfaction of all stakeholders.

I look forward to your questions and comments in future "Ask Roxann" articles.

Roxann Ramsey-Caserio
Assistant Superintendent
Lakewood City Schools

	POR Base	Add LFI	Total Budget
Grant	47,065 sq.ft	8,620 sq.ft	\$ 13,923,500.00
Lincoln	47,190 sq.ft.	8,620 sq.ft.	\$ 13,954,750.00
Roosevelt	47,065 sq.ft.	8,620 sq.ft.	\$ 13,923,500.00

Foundation Grant To Provide Cameras For K-4 Classrooms

by Christine Gordillo

Thanks to the generosity of the Lakewood Rangers Education Foundation (formerly the Alumni Foundation), every Kindergarten through 4th grade classroom in the district will be outfitted with special document cameras that will make sharing and collaborating significantly quicker and easier and promote student engagement.

The Foundation will be purchasing 101 High Definition document cameras a total cost of \$7,640. Fifth grade classrooms already have these cameras that were paid for by a First Ring Superintendents Collaborative grant last year. The cameras can record video and still photos.

The cameras, which look like mini overhead projectors, will be used to capture images of students' writing and other projects on a flash drive device and then will quickly project those images onto the classroom interactive whiteboard for all students to see. Currently, there is no easy way to collectively view students' work. Teachers have to scan the document, upload it to their computer and finally display it on the board. This takes about five minutes and disrupts the flow of learning.

"These cameras will allow our teachers to provide fast delivery of

meaningful feedback to their students and will help support our implementation of the Common Core Standards," said Teaching & Learning Coordinator Brenda Budzar, who submitted the grant request on behalf of the teachers.

Roosevelt 4th grade teacher Chris Johnson is eager to get to work with the document camera. "I am really looking forward to using the document camera in math in order to demonstrate how to construct and use entries for their interactive math journals," he said. "It is extremely helpful to be able to show the book on the board to point out specific parts to help us deepen our thinking and understanding of stories and the characters."

The 5th grade teachers who are currently using the cameras report very positive experiences. "Students are more focused while going over tests and homework because they can actually see where and how the answer can be solved and/or written," said one teacher.

Funds for this grant are being paid for by the proceeds from the Rangers Education Foundation's Renewing America's Schools program with Direct Energy. For more information on this program, visit <http://www.directenergy.com/lp/lakewood-schools/msid/5204>.

Foundation To Honor 12 Hall Of Famers At Lakewood Homecoming

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way, was a women's land speed record holder and professional drag racer. **Bill Skrovan** '68, All LEL, All-Scholastic, and All State, helped the Lakewood Rangers football team clinch the Lake Erie League Title. All-LEL for four years and the league's Most Valuable Runner in 1985 and 1986, **Pauline Van Burik Smidt** '88 personal best of 19:14 in cross country stood as the school record for four years.

In addition to being the first woman appointed as a department director at St. Luke's, Anesthesiologist **Sheryl Buckley** '64 was founder and medical director of the Rockside Surgery Center. Her classmate **James Mueller** distinguished himself in both automotive engineering and international business, and while vice president at TRW introduced the

first commercially viable airbags. **Jeff Church** '79 is co-founder and CEO of Suja Juice and Nika Water, a social enterprise created with the intention of donating 100% of its profits to bring clean water to those without around the world. **Dr. Peter Hahn** '78, chair of Ohio State University's Department of History, has consulted with policy experts in the U.S. Departments of State, Defense, and Justice about current events and challenges facing the nation. **Chip Sansom** '69 produces "The Born Loser," one of the most widely syndicated comic strips in the world, appearing in more than 1,200 newspapers worldwide.

To find out more about the Hall of Fame ceremony, the Homecoming Pre-game Tailgate Party, and the Cocktail Supper & Silent Auction, all to benefit the Lakewood City Schools, visit our website at www.lakewoodrangers.org.

See the Plans, Then Join The Discussion

by Jim O'Bryan

You can see all of the plans for the new schools at Lakewood Schools website, <http://lakewoodcityschools.org>. Stop by the Lakewood Observer's Observation Deck for all of the drawings, a robust conversation about the schools, and everything and anything about the City of Lakewood, <http://lakewoodobserver.com/forum/>.



Sports

Rangers Shut Out Normandy 35-0

by Mike Deneen

The Lakewood Ranger football team defeated Normandy 35-0 on Friday, September 12th lifting its record to 2-1 on the season. The Rangers played very well in every aspect of the game, getting big contributions from the offense, defense, and special teams. The 2-1 mark matches the program's best start over the past decade, and provides momentum going into their most difficult game of the year at Avon.

The Rangers took command early against Normandy, jumping to a 21-0 lead in the first quarter. Lakewood received the opening kickoff, and promptly scored on a seven yard touchdown run by Quentin Hill. The play capped a seven play, 58 yard drive that took just over three minutes. The drive was highlighted by a 48 yard pass completion from QB Peyton Graham to wide receiver Joe Malone.

Normandy had a quick "three and out" on its first possession, punting back the Rangers. Ranger running back Quentin Palmer made a 39 yard run down to the Invader 20 yard line, which was followed by a 19-yard completion from Graham to Andrew Lesko. Graham ran the ball into the endzone on the next play, boosting the lead to 14-0 with 4:24 left in the first quarter.

After the ensuing kickoff, the Invaders put together their best drive



The Lakewood Rangers Varsity Football team faced off with opponent Normandy Invaders in a game that was dominated by LHS on their home turf.

of the night. Two big pass completions gave them a first-and-goal at the Ranger 10 yard line. However, the Ranger defense tightened, forcing three straight incomplete passes. Normandy declined a field goal chance, instead going for the touchdown on 4th and ten. This led to the key play of the game: a 98 yard interception and touchdown return by defensive back Michael Goolsby. The touchdown gave Lakewood its 21-0 lead with less than a minute to go in the first quarter. In addition, it shattered any offensive confidence for Normandy.

On the next Invader drive, Normandy threw another interception,

this one to Ranger Tyreik Boyd at the Invader 29 yard line. Lakewood cashed it in for another touchdown, this time on two yard run by Graham with nearly 11 minutes left in the half. Michael Johnston set up the touchdown with a 26 yard run on the first play of the drive.

Lakewood took a 28-0 lead into halftime, and continued to dominate the second half. Michael Johnston scored a 27 yard touchdown with 7:18 left in the third quarter. This not only gave the Rangers a 35-0 lead, but it kicked in a new OHSAA rule. Whenever a team has a 30-point lead, a "running clock" is instituted in order to speed the game. Neither team scored during the final quarter and a half of

play, which provided Lakewood an opportunity to use some of its reserve players.

When the final seconds of the clock expired, the Rangers had their first home victory for new coach Mike Ribar. After the post-game handshake, the team ran over to the student section to celebrate their win. It was a new feeling for many of the younger students....the Rangers had not won a home game since October 2012 against Vermilion.

The Normandy win comes one week after a difficult loss to North Olmsted. The Rangers led that game after three quarters, but gave up two touchdowns in the fourth quarter to lose 35-25. Lakewood did a good job containing North Olmsted's passing attack, limiting it to one touchdown and three interceptions (by comparison, North Olmsted has eight passing TDs in its other two games this season). However, defensive and special team touchdowns by the Eagles cost Lakewood the game.

The Rangers will play the next two games on the road. They will be at Avon on Friday, taking on the defending conference champion Eagles. It will be the most difficult challenge of the year for Lakewood. The Eagles have defeated their first three opponents of the year by a combined score of 140-20. The following week Lakewood will travel to Bay for a Friday night matchup against the Rockets.

Lakewood Collaborative Job Club

by Kathy Augustine

The Lakewood Collaborative is hosting a monthly Job Club at the Lakewood Public Library at 15425 Detroit Ave. The next Job Club meeting will be held on Tuesday September 30th, from 6-8 p.m. at the Lakewood Library. The topic is

resume/cover letter presented by a speaker from Tri-C. Also, we will provide information and resources to assist people with finding a job in today's market. The Job Club is free and open to the public.

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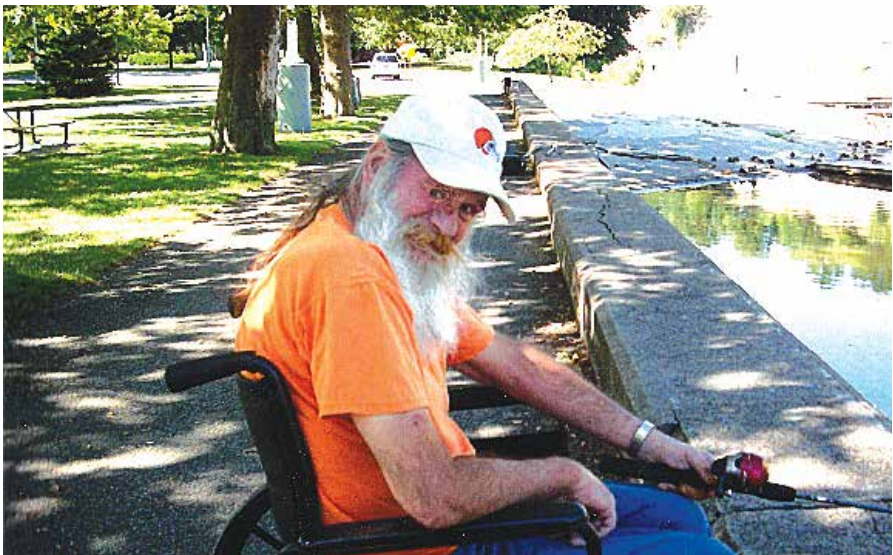
Saying Goodbye To Wally, A Lakewood Icon Who Was Known For Saying Hello

by David O'Neill

Whether you sported purple and gold or green and gold, whether you lived in Lakewood or were passing through on your way downtown, you undoubtedly knew Wally. He was the man that sat outside of Lakewood Senior Health Campus, now O'Neill Healthcare Lakewood, located at the corner of Detroit and Bunts. Wally became an icon to students who attended school in Lakewood, year after year greeting them on their way to and from school. He also waved at each and every driver passing by. And what better event for Wally than the annual Lakewood 4th of July parade?!

We are saddened to report that Wally passed away in August. Wally lived at O'Neill Healthcare for over two decades after sustaining paralyzing injuries in an accident. That accident however, did not paralyze his spirit! Day after day, in rain, sleet, snow or beating sun, Wally sat outside his front door and smiled and waved. Word of Wally spread and in 2000, Connie Schultz of the Plain Dealer interviewed him. Wally stated, "(Waving to strangers) gives me a reason to live."

Pastor Jeff Dayton, chaplain of



Wally enjoying fishing down in the Emerald Canyon. When not welcoming people to Lakewood, Ohio, he loved fishing and friends.

O'Neill Healthcare Hospice, spent a great deal of time with Wally in his final months and recounts, "Wally was a private man who touched more lives than he ever realized." Nursing staff fondly remember his fierce independence. Even in his final months Wally fought hard to do what he could for himself.

As time went on, Wally stopped going outside, however, his love for

his community never faltered. This past spring, the little brother of a St. Ed's student passed away. The entire

student body lined Detroit, solemnly standing at attention awaiting the funeral procession. Wally was very sick at this time, however, when staff approached him and asked if he would like to join the students, he quickly agreed, despite having rarely left his bed in recent weeks. With great effort on his part, Wally was assisted out the front door of his longtime home. The student body parted and he took his place among them. While Wally didn't know this individual student, Wally belonged there. This was to become Wally's final public expression of his love for his community.

Wally will be greatly missed by his family, the residents and staff of O'Neill Healthcare Lakewood, and his community. He taught us that one person, despite significant obstacles, can make a difference - even with the simplest gesture of waving hello.

Frank And Dean

by Toni Sabo

The Friends of St. James, Inc. are sponsoring an evening of music, great food and fun at St. James (17514 Detroit, Lakewood) on September 26.

The entertainment will be provided by Frank and Dean who capture the fun and wacky jokes and the timeless music of the Rat Pack, Neil Diamond, Johnny Cash and others. The dinner will be

catered by Brennan's, and is BYOB. The event will also include a basket raffle with loads of great prizes.

The doors open at 6:30 p.m. with dinner being served at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$35 each or 2 for \$65 and can be purchased after Mass on the weekends at St. James or by calling 216-521-4061. The event is open to the public and proceeds will go to the St. James Restoration fund.

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Lakewood Cares

Nature’s Bin Welcomes New Executive Chef And Sous Chef

by Mary Johnson

Nature’s Bin is excited to announce the appointment of their new Executive Chef, Michael Plachy and Sous Chef, Jitra Neal Post. Chef Michael has over 10 years in kitchen operations and is experienced in menu planning, staff training, and sustaining a high level of quality and service. He comes to Nature’s Bin and Nature’s Bin Cater-

ing from Aramark where he prepared food at Foundation House located on the Cleveland Clinic Campus. Plachy executed both plated and buffet-style events, taught classes for the Clinic’s Lifestyle 180 program to reverse disease through diet and lifestyle change, and developed delicious new menu items and inviting plated presentations. Sous Chef, Jitra Neal Post joins

Nature’s Bin and Nature’s Bin Catering with 14 years of experience. Passionate about creating a distinctive and quality product that exceeds customers’ expectations, Sous Chef, Jitra is creative and versatile in all areas of the kitchen. Most recently she was responsible for preparing a variety of cheesecakes for a large bakery that supplied desserts to 70 restaurants in the St. Louis area and provided private baking classes while living in Missouri. She has a special interest in European influenced desserts and confections, artisan breads and scratch pizza.

Chef Michael and Sous Chef Jitra will be putting their considerable talents to work as they create new offerings for both the Nature’s Bin deli and Nature’s Bin Catering. For more information about Nature’s Bin’s prepared foods and Nature’s Bin Catering, call 216.521.4600.

Nature’s Bin, a full service natural and organic foods market located in Lakewood, Ohio, is operated by the nonprofit, Cornucopia, Inc. Cornucopia offers unique and successful programs that provide vocational training leading to employment for people with disabilities. Cornucopia’s programs serve people with a



Nature’s Bin Sous Chef, Jitra Post and Executive Chef, Michael Plachy

wide range of disabilities including developmental disabilities, autism, mental illness, visual, speech and hearing impairments, and injuries resulting from accident or illness. Cornucopia and Nature’s Bin have been a part of the Lakewood community and have been serving people with disabilities since 1975.

Moving Past “He Said, She Said”

by Robin Suttell

The communication gap between men and women is more than just a mythical battle of the sexes. It’s the making of bestselling books, compelling talk radio and widely read articles chronicling research into how the two sexes relate to one another. There’s hard evidence that in relationships at work, home and play, men and women approach communication differently. Just ask Brecksville therapist and communications expert Susan Fee.

Fee, a licensed, professional clinical counselor who specializes in helping clients develop their personal and professional communications skills, will bring her expertise, insight and humor to Lakewood for a lighthearted night of discussion examining the different ways that men and women communicate with each other. She will deliver her free presentation, “He Said, She Said: Bridging the Gap between Gender Communication Styles,” on Monday, September 29, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Lakewood Congregational Church, 1375 W. Clifton Blvd., Lakewood.

During her presentation, Fee will take a humorous look at how to better talk with and understand your spouse, significant others, friends and coworkers of the opposite sex. The intended audience for this fun, informational evening is adults of all ages and of both sexes. The event is open to the public, and a freewill offering is suggested.

Fee has a B.A. in Communications and a Master’s degree in counseling and operates her counseling practice out of Lakeshore Counseling Center in Brecksville. She regularly appears on Cleveland-area T.V. as a relationship expert, and, nationally, her advice has appeared in The Wall Street Journal, Dear Abby, Good Housekeeping, Real Simple and Family Fun. She also is the founder of Circle of F.R.I.E.N.D.S., a program that helps girls develop positive social skills, self-esteem and resiliency.

For information on Fee’s free September 29 program at Lakewood Congregational Church, call the church office at 216.221.9555.



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Lakewood Is Art

Great Lakes Mural
“L” Room De-Installation

by Missy Toms

Viktor Schreckengost’s Great Lakes mural in the LHS L Room is saying goodbye in preparation for the east end demolition. It will be stored, restored, and reinstalled in the new building by ICA Art Conservation, located on Cleveland’s west side. Donations to the Save the Schreckengosts Campaign are funding this project. Restoration of the Early Settler (Johnny Appleseed) will begin next year.

Pictures clockwise from upper right: Nine panels of Schreckengost greatness; Removing the Lakewood L; The mural is totally removed from the L Room wall; Magnificent wood carvings each representing an Ohio industry are ready for storage & restoration.



photos by Missy Toms



Burning River Baroque performs “Obsession & Unrequited Love.”

Italian Baroque Concert At
Lakewood Congregational Church

by Paula Maust

Burning River Baroque will present a re-vamped version of “Obsession & Unrequited Love” on Sunday, October 5 at 4 p.m. at Lakewood Congregational Church. “Obsession & Unrequited Love” will feature dramatic cantatas and passionate sonatas by Italian composers from the first half of the 18th century, including Domenico Scarlatti, Antonio Vivaldi, Nicola Porpora and more.

While all of the composers on the program originated in Italy, they each led full lives that included frequent travel and extended visits to distant regions. Though to the modern audi-

ence these Italian Baroque composers are perhaps not as familiar as their contemporaries, J.S. Bach and G.F. Handel, in their own day they were revered as some of the most successful and brightest stars in the musical world. The concert will shed light on works written in the spotlight that have since fallen into the shadows.

Burning River Baroque is Peter Lekx, baroque violin; Malina Rauschenfels, soprano and baroque cello; and Paula Maust, harpsichord. More information is available at www.burningriverbaroque.org. Lakewood Congregational Church is located at 1375 W. Clifton Blvd.

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Lakewood Is Art

Welcome New Studio Gallery To Lakewood’s Growing Art Scene

by Anitra Boyt

Tired of staring at that blank wall in your house? Come into Handley-Boyt Gallery and choose one of our passionate prints, canvas reproductions or spring for an original, inspiring piece of ART to focus your attention, lift your spirits or just make you think.

There is a new Art Gallery in Town. It’s located in an unassuming location right behind McDonald’s at 1413 Wagar Avenue in Lakewood.

“Hey! Isn’t that a house?” you asked.

Well, yes, it is; we live in one half and have our studio gallery in the other.

The artists we represent are mostly family right now. Anitra Handley-Boyt (that’s me), my husband, Rodney Boyt, my mother, Arlene Dadley aka Ollie



One of Anitra’s painting “Mystik Cliffs” was published in New York Times and shown in Manhattan.



Rodney’s Room in the Gallery

Davis as well as our youngest son, Adam, are all represented here and all have been working artists for many years already; with prominent exhibits to their CVs, some with sales both local and international. We also have a small collection of work by other artists for sale.

Stop by with your friends after work and stroll around on your way to dinner at Georgetown, El Carnicero, Melt, Deagan’s, or any of the fun and delicious restaurants in Lakewood. Take in a local show at the Beck Center or enjoy live music at “Vosh” then

stay over at the room we offer above the gallery. You can have a getaway right in your own backyard. Perfect low key anniversary, birthday or just a roman-

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Good Day Moon Gallery Holds Its First Fundraiser To Support People With Mental Illness

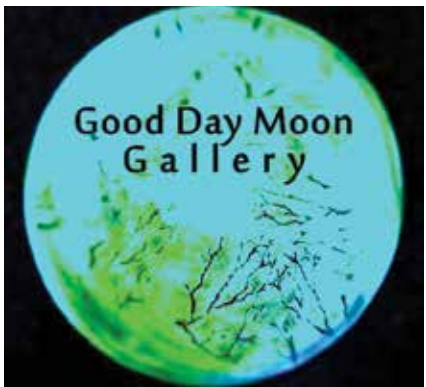
by Ken Tomaro

Our mission is to sell local art and support people with mental illness. We created a street festival to bring attention to our neighborhood and help the emerging artists. Art is meant to be affordable to anyone and is a great outlet.

Mental health is a touchy subject, but we’ve managed put together classes and support groups through the local NAMI chapter. Mental illness comes in the form of hundreds of disorders and I learn something new every day. When you shop at our gallery you are supporting these people and the programs we provide. We still need your help.

We have many more event ideas and have started a crowd funding campaign to help keep us going. Please check out the Good Day Moon Gallery crowd funding link: <http://www.gofundme.com/ciasac> to see how you can help.

Saturday October 11th the gallery will be hosting its first fundraiser and I am confident it will be fun for all. For every \$5 donation you will get a chance to throw a paint filled water balloon at me. For \$10 you can hit



below the belt. We are taking the term “tortured artist” literally! If you can’t be at the event or live out of town you can still take part in it. We will have a “designated pitcher” on hand taking the shots for you. Simply go to the Go Fund Me link. Just give us your name (or you can remain anonymous), how many throws you want and the target. Walk ups are also welcome the day of the event. We will also have some artists set up with their work for sale the day of the fundraiser. This event will be videotaped and posted on Facebook and YouTube.

Contact the gallery on Facebook, by email: gooddaymoonstudio@hotmail.com or by phone: 216-952-2731.

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Business News

Window Painting Contest, Online Auction Highlight Lakewood Chamber's Fall Calendar

by Valerie Mechenbier

The Lakewood Chamber of Commerce and Beck Center for the Arts are teaming up once again to present the West End Halloween Window Walk. The 10th annual community window-painting contest is open to all students in grades K-12, families, groups, and adults. Over 100 Halloween-themed masterpieces will appear on the windows of Detroit Avenue businesses from Arthur to Sloane during the week of October 19th. A "Best-In-Show" prize will be awarded to winners in each of 5 age categories: Grade K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12, and Adult (18+), plus the Group and Family categories, at the awards ceremony at the Beck Center at 2pm on Saturday, October 25th. Registration forms for artists and businesses are available online at www.lakewoodchamber.org.

The Chamber brings back another event that has created excitement and friendly competitive bidding since 2009: the 6th Annual "Holiday Bid & Buy" online goods & services auction. The Holiday Bid & Buy online auction opens for bidding on November 7th and showcases

items from many of the area's best locally owned businesses. For shoppers, it's a great place to shop local for the holidays while supporting the Chamber's economic development programs. For auction donors, your donation with a link to your website is featured for the four weeks of the auction and seen by shoppers throughout the region and members of the Bidding For Good community. Donate an item or register as an auction sponsor at biddingforgood.com/lakewoodchamber.

In addition to these two community events, the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce is offering outstanding educational programming and networking events for members

and guests this fall. COSE presents Jackie Bebenroth: "Storytelling That Sells" at the Chamber's September 19th luncheon meeting and a "Power Up" Business After Hours networking event at 16-Bit Bar+Arcade on September 25th. October events include a free educational seminar on marketing your business through special events on October 8th and the Chamber's annual joint meeting with the Rocky River Chamber of Commerce on October 23rd, sponsored by Cox Business.

To RSVP, participate, or learn more about upcoming Chamber events call the Chamber office at 216-226-2900 or visit www.lakewoodchamber.org.



Girl Scout Troop 1664 paints a window at Hungry Howie's, 2012.

Upcoming Lakewood Chamber Events

Friday, September 19
Jackie Bebenroth: "Storytelling That Sells"
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The Clifton Club, 17884 Lake Road

Thursday, September 25
"Power Up" Business After Hours
5:30-7 p.m.
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\$10; Free for dual members
16-Bit Bar + Arcade, 15012 Detroit Ave.

Wednesday, October 8
Event Marketing Seminar with Katherine Miracle
9 a.m. Free
The University of Akron, Lakewood

Lakewood Wine & Craft Beer Fest Solidifies Spot In Lakewood Event Lineup

by Ian Andrews

The 2nd Annual Lakewood Wine & Craft Beer Festival sure left its mark on Lakewood. Saturday, September 6 was a beautiful night to celebrate friends, community, and this fantastic city we call home with wine, craft beer and delicious food. 2,000 tickets sold out the event that was sponsored by Lakewood's own BEER ENGINE.

200 VIP Ticket holders entered the event at 4pm to the sounds of The Syncopated Sin Swing Band. VIP Tent sponsors Bacchanalia supplied a fabulous spread of meats, cheese and bacon

dripped popcorn while 16-Bit Bar & Arcade took us all back a few years with classic arcade games like Burger Time and Donkey Kong Jr. World of Beer Lakewood kept the best drinks flowing all night highlighted by BEER ENGINE'S Paw Paw based on Ohio's state fruit.

The two-story parking deck filled quickly after 5 p.m. featuring an immense festival area. Not only did the event feature 12 of the top Lakewood restaurants selling food, but eight "side-show" vendors offered treasures including the Cleveland Flea Pop Up, Lakewood BLK LBL,

Only in Clev Apparel and Buckeye Mobile Canning.

After it was all said and done, the festival went through 130,000 ounces of wine and beer, 6,600 pounds of ice, worked with 200 volunteers and created story upon story from a wonderful night spent in Lakewood.

Thanks to our event chairman Gordon Geiger who helped oversee this fundraising event for LakewoodAlive and the Downtown Lakewood Business Alliance. Thanks to title sponsor BEER ENGINE, stage sponsor First Federal Lakewood, Wine & Beer School sponsor University of

Akron Lakewood, website provider Sprokets, VIP Tent sponsors Bacchanalia Cleveland, 16-Bit Bar & Arcade, and World of Beer Lakewood, Cox Communications, Ohio Savings Bank, Geiger's, Quaker Steak & Lube, Men's Cuts, The City of Lakewood, Brad Kowitt & Associates, Key Bank, Lakewood Garden Center, Party Safari, Lakewood Observer, Vertical Sound, Laurello Vineyards, and The Lakewood Citizen.

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Business News

The Scarecrows Are Coming!

by *Tim Mohr and DeDe MacNamee-Gold*

Get your creativity on! Lakewood Kiwanis along with Uptown Lakewood are conducting the Scarecrow Festival from October 10th through October 26th. This year the plan is to have scarecrows on Madison Avenue from Highland Avenue (W. 117th St.) all the way to Riverside Drive. This is a fun opportunity for individuals, families, businesses and clubs to get involved and build their own scarecrows.

Registration is \$25 with proceeds shared by The Kiwanis Club of Lakewood and Uptown Lakewood. One-hundred percent of the proceeds received by the Lakewood Kiwanis will go to support Kiwanis International's Project Eliminate, a global campaign to end maternal and neonatal tetanus. Visit www.lakewoodkiwanis.com to download your registration application. Scarecrows need to be registered by October 4th. Corporate sponsorship is available for \$100.

You can pick up your weighted, portable base on Saturday, October 4th from 8 a.m. to noon at the Buckeye Beer Engine, 15315 Madison Avenue. Silly props will be available for you to put finishing touches on your unique scarecrow. You are welcome to bring items to share with others.

As an exciting kick-off, Mayor Summers will be present to declare all scarecrows honorary citizens on the evening of October 8th at 6:30 p.m. at the Buckeye Beer Engine. The Scarecrows will then take their place of honor along Madison on October 10th. There will be awards for Best of Show; Best Entry by a Community Organization; Best Entry by a School; Scariest; and Most Creative.

Ballot boxes will be at The Buckeye Beer Engine, Cottage of Flowers - 14519 Madison Ave., Lakewood Division of Aging - 16024 Madison Ave., and Spin - 14515 Madison Ave.

Awards , along with bragging rights, will be presented on Monday, October 27th at 7 p.m. at the Buckeye Beer Engine.

Make plans to stroll Madison

Avenue during these two weeks to meet our newest residents up close. The Festival will surely have everyone thoroughly charmed once again this year.

Taster Twins Try Thai!

by *Ingrid Dickson and Irene Joyce*

Looking for a place to celebrate a birthday lunch, we serendipitously ended up at the newly opened Brown Sugar Fine Thai Cuisine nestled in the middle of downtown Lakewood. Occupying the space of the short-lived Somethin's Smokin' restaurant, the space has been transformed into a clean, tranquil looking dining room with simple decor which belies the intricate recipes served there. The menu is extensive, with seemingly endless choices! To compound the bounty of options, most of the dishes can be customized to your personal heat preference (or tolerance). Each member of the staff was accommodating and gracious about having to explain the menu items and make note of the personal variations.

Because of the high ceilings, the dining room can become almost cacophonous with the echoing of patrons' conversations. Nonetheless, the cheerful staff never missed a beat delivering the multitude of appetizers, entrees, and desserts we ordered. The meal began with a piping hot cup of soup, scrumptious potstickers (of course, everything is delicious when wrapped in a noodle), fresh rice paper rolls (which we thought had too high of a cabbage to vermicelli ratio), and tasty shumai (another noodle wrapped treat). Yes, we were full before our entrees were served, but we pressed on and enjoyed scallops with crisp, color-

ful vegetables and a fantastic seafood noodle soup. Also at our table was a salmon curry, which we feared would be too spicy for our delicate sensibilities, because the menu displayed a double pepper symbol next to this item (but the kitchen kindly toned down the heat level as requested). The creaminess and richness of the curry sauce mitigated the spiciness and the dish was quite delicious, with the salmon perfectly prepared.

Despite the generous amount of food on our table and in our bellies, we could not resist ordering the mango with sticky rice and the wonton wrapped fried bananas drizzled with chocolate for dessert. What a fortuitous decision! We cannot adequately praise the true pleasure of these decadent delights. From start to finish, Brown Sugar Thai Cuisine did not disappoint. We hope that their brand new Lakewood location is here to stay.

District Earns "A" For Overall Student Progress

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The measurement of Annual Measurable Objectives (or AMOs), looks at each subgroup and how it performs in relation to all students. The district has been focused on improving the performance of our subgroups, but we still have much work to do in that area.

"We know we have work to do with our subgroups. Lakewood is challenged by the fact that we are one of a minority of suburban school districts that have 9 of the 10 subgroups measured," said Assistant Superintendent Roxann Ramsey-Caserio. Examples of subgroups include Limited English Proficiency, Economically Disadvantaged, Students with Disabilities and Asian or Pacific Islanders.

"However, we know we are on the right track," added Ramsey-Caserio, "As we have made significant progress with

our lowest 20% achieving students and our students with disabilities."

On the building level, four of our schools earned A's for overall progress in Math and Reading: Garfield and Harding middle schools and Emerson and Roosevelt elementary schools. High schools did not receive a rating for overall progress for the 2013-2014 Report Card. This measure will be phased in for high schools.

Lakewood City Academy (LCA), the district's community charter school, continues to provide the tools necessary for our students that need an alternate educational setting to succeed. In the latest Report Card, LCA exceeded the standards overall for measures met.

For a complete look at the district and building results visit: reportcard.education.ohio.gov.

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Opinion

The Roles Of The County Executive And Council

by Jack Schron

This year, for only second time in the 200 years of Cuyahoga County, voters will elect a County Executive and half of the members of the County Council.

Some people know that acting upon the decision of voters, we have changed our form of government to a Charter with a County Council and County Executive, while others might think we still have three County Commissioners. Even those who are aware of the Charter may ask, "What are the roles of the County Executive and the County Council? What do they do? Why should I care?"

As someone who has been part of the new Charter government these past four years I will try to answer these questions.

Our new County Charter is clear that the County Executive, like the CEO of a corporation, is to be the chief executive officer of the county. It is the responsibility of the Council to pass legislation, be the taxing authority and to provide advice and consent to the Executive on the names he or she brings forth for cabinet appointments.

Basically, with the exception of the duties of the new County Council, the Prosecutor and the County Judicial system, the Executive's duties and respon-

sibilities-- which used to be under the old County Commissions--now reside in the County Executive. The operations of the county and the work of all county personnel (with the exception of the areas listed above) are the responsibility of the County Executive. All of the former elected positions in the county have been eliminated and changed to officers appointed by the County Executive, subject to the confirmation of the county, who report directly to the executive.

The other big change in the new Charter, which I will get back to, is in the Charter's commitment to "improve the County's economic competitiveness."

The positions of Council, as written in the Charter, were seen as part-time. I can say that though the job has taken a great deal of time during this initial start-up period, I do support what the Charter drafters wrote about their desire for these positions to be part-time. These first four years have taken a great deal of time as anything new requires, with all the committee meetings and hearings to gather the information in order to try to get it right. Part of this additional time was needed because this brand new form of government consists of so many new responsibilities that we needed to take on. The size of the \$1.3 billion dollar budget (second only in size to the budget of the entire State of Ohio) requires a great deal of care to do a good job.

I became a member of the Council Finance Committee because I wanted to bring my experience managing budgets as the CEO of a manufacturing company to the task of better understanding the county budget, and putting forth policies that will succeed for future Councils. It was important that we

invested the time in these first four years in order to deal with essential issues like making sure there are financial reserves for both the Operating Budget and the Health and Human Services budget.

You can think of the County Executive like the President of the U.S. or the Governor of Ohio, who have Cabinets reporting directly to them. Like the CEO of a corporation, the County Executive must bring the leadership for the nearly 7,000 employees to follow. Under the old county government, this direct leadership role was shared by three commissions and delegated to a hired member of staff. Today the Executive reports directly to the people of Cuyahoga County and he or she stands for election every four years.

The Executive builds a management team by bringing together qualified individuals, subject to the confirmation of Council and the officers and directors of the county, to carry out all the functions of county government. The Fiscal Officer, Medical Examiner, Clerk of Courts, Director of Public Works, Director of Laws, County Treasurer and the Sheriff combined with the Director of Health and Human Services, and the Director of Development together make up the cabinet. The duties formerly done by the auditor and recorders are now part of the Fiscal Officer's job and include the boards and commissions. The Director of Public Works picks up the former roles of county engineer and county sanitary engineer. Though they are no longer elected, the other officer positions' roles are similar to those they carried out before.

Another major area of responsibility for the County Executive is Health and Human Services. The appointment of the Director, and the Department of Health and Human Services as a whole, are both under the direction of the Executive.

The Department of Health and Human Services administers all programs and activities for which the County has or has assumed responsibility: the protection and enhancement of the health, education and well-being of County residents.

As important as the other functions are within the County Executive's office, the Department of Health and Human Services is one that must be done right because it touches so many lives here in the county in such vital ways. This brings me to Charter's focus on the elevated importance of economic development within the county.

Quoting from the Charter: "The County shall have as a primary responsibility the promotion and enhancement of the economic well-being and prosperity of the County and all of its residents." In order to achieve this, the Charter calls for 1: focused, effective and accountable leadership and states that 2: job creation and economic growth is a fundamental government purpose, thereby helping the County do a better job of creating and retaining jobs.

It is clear that a primary area of responsibility for the County Executive is job creation. The Executive is to be someone with leadership skills who has shown that he has been and can be an effective and focused job creator.

The drafters of the Charter saw the role of the County Executive in job creation and retention as not a topic of discussion, but as one of having to be accountable for these functions. The Economic Development and Planning Committee, of which I am chairman, works in conjunction with the County Executive in this area. According to the Charter, the County Executive's primary responsibility could be thought of not just as the Chief Executive Officer of the County but also as "the Chief Employment Officer" responsible for "creating and retaining jobs."

I have tried to use my experience as one of the new County Council members to write this article in order to bring some insight into our role and the role of the County Executive under our new Charter government. It is my hope that as Cuyahoga County citizens consider the second election of the County Executive and Council members, that this article helps to provide information about what these jobs are, and the many ways they impact every one of us.

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Lakewood Living

Stepping Up To First Federal Lakewood's Million Step Challenge



by Bonny Carroll

First Federal Offices on Detroit Road in Lakewood, Ohio.

They say a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step, and the same can be said for the First Federal Lakewood "Million Step Challenge." More than half of the bank's employees are hitting the streets of Lakewood in hopes of improving their health by racking up one million steps within twelve weeks. Every employee who reaches that goal will earn one extra vacation day.

Lauren Schneid, First Federal Lakewood Human Resources Administrator and member of the bank's Fit for Life Committee says, "The program launched on June 23 and has really taken off. Employees have been really excited about the challenge to meet their goal before it ends on September 14. Around 65% of our employees are participating in the program."

A million steps may seem a daunting undertaking, but the bank has provided pedometers and weekly tracking sheets to all eligible participants and has encouraged employees to form teams. "It's motivating to see everyone walking around the bank with their pedometers on and talking about the challenge," says Tom Fraser, President and CEO of First Federal Lakewood. "The health of our people directly contributes to the health and well-being of both our business and our community, so we hope to inspire our neighbors to add steps to their days as well."

Kids Cove To Be Renovated

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buying a new fire hose which will leave them with 2,000 feet of access hose. In addition the City has six air packs that are no longer operational. The department has negotiated with Tri-C to offer them the access hose and air packs in exchange for 8 training classes, which

After the first step, how do you get to a million? After checking with your health care provider to ensure you are fit to begin, set a goal. To achieve a million steps in 12 weeks, it will require you to commit to completing an average of 11,905 steps – or nearly six miles--per day. However, start small. Begin with short distances and gradually increase. By making small choices during the day, like taking the stairs instead of the elevator, walking instead of driving and parking in the furthest parking spot so you have to walk a greater distance, it will add up in no time. To keep track of your steps a pedometer is a must. Be sure to wear it from the time you get up until you go to bed and be sure to record your progress every day.

Everyone at the bank is talking about the walking and their number of steps. Mark McLellan, a Reporting Officer, has been participating in the challenge since it began and he is working hard toward his goal. "While I am under my goal of 12,000 steps a day, I know I can easily start walking with my dogs to increase my steps and meet my goal," he says. "It's so encouraging knowing that others are striving for the same goal. I am definitely up for the challenge and determined to make it."

So get your friends and co-workers to lace up and look for us walking the streets of Lakewood during lunch and join us!

have an approximate value of \$4,000. The training classes will be used for Fire Officer and Fire Service instructor development.

Council passed the resolution. Coming to the end of the agenda, Council President Madigan Adjourned the meeting at 8:45 P.M.



John T., John, and David O'Neill

O'Neill Facilities Rebrand As O'Neill Healthcare

by Bruce R. McNabb

The O'Neill family has owed and operated premier senior living communities on Cleveland's west side since 1962. Today, over 800 employees provide outstanding care and comfortable surroundings to seniors in Skilled Nursing, Assisted living, Independent Living, and Hospice Care, as well as deliver myriad ancillary services rang-

ing from Rehabilitative Therapies to daily social activities. Sharing a common name solidifies our efforts and strengthens our ability to be a cohesive provider of senior care services. Putting the needs of our residents first is our unilateral mission, and we now have a unified name to reflect our commitment and dedication to our case.

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Lakewood Living

“Knowing Your Home”: The Visible House

by Allison Urbanek

Have you ever wondered what was going on behind your walls? Maybe it is just me, but sometimes I get to thinking about how our homes are like our bodies. There are systems in place to take care of everything that we need to keep getting up out of bed every day. Your home has similar systems; your heating system pumps hot and cold air throughout your home, your soil stack

removes used water away from the home and water pipes bring in clean water. As long as everything is tuned up and running as it should, your home continues on everyday pluggin’ along keeping you sheltered and safe from the outside world.

LakewoodAlive has partnered with the City of Lakewood to provide an Open House opportunity for residents to tour a home that has been gutted

down to the studs. This unique opportunity can provide a visual of what happens behind the plaster and drywall. It will also provide a wide open view of historic building practices. We will have an expert available to answer your historic building questions as well as city officials who can discuss future plans and available programming. You will have an opportunity to review plans for future work and learn what energy effi-

ciency improvements will be made to help ease the burden of utility costs.

We hope you will join us for this wonderful workshop on Thursday, September 18 from 6-7:30 p.m. at 2147 Dowd Avenue in Birdtown. The workshop will be set up more like an open house. We encourage you to bring your flashlight so that you can really see into the nooks and crannies. There will be a guided tour that begins at 6:30 p.m. that will highlight the historic building practices that were used and their significance.

We are super-geeked for this open house; we hope you will enjoy it as much as we do.

Knowing Your Home is an educational series that is developed through the Housing Outreach Program at LakewoodAlive. The mission of the program is to work with homeowners to connect them to resources so that they are able to maintain and sustain their homes. LakewoodAlive also offers the PaintLakewood! Program, contractor evaluations and one-on-one consultations to help make home maintenance repairs easier. We encourage residents to contact us with any housing issue or need that they may have so that we can work together to find a solution. Visit our website at www.lakewoodalive.com or call us at 216-521-0655.

Lakewood Appreciation Night At Winterhurst

by Mary Kay Baxendale

The City of Lakewood can definitely boast one of the best recreational opportunities within the State of Ohio! The list begins with two outdoor pools open from June through Labor Day, an indoor pool at Lakewood High School, a Skate park and a new state of the art YMCA. In addition, we have one of the finest ice rinks in the country. Serpentine Arena, more commonly known as Winterhurst Ice Rink, is comprised of two 85’ x 200’ sheets of ice. They are situated side by side and have the very unique feature of movable boards at each end that raise to create one large surface.

The rink was operated and maintained by the Lakewood Board of Education for many years and later by the City of Lakewood. Six years ago, Iceland USA leased the facility from the City and made a million and a half dollars worth of improvements. These improvements not only enhanced the aesthetic side of the building but also the mechanical requirements needed to operate the ice rink.

It has been the training facility for a host of world-class figure and speed-skaters including eight Olympians. Hockey is the name of the game when it comes to high school winter sports. Winterhurst is also the home ice rink for St Edward High school located in Lakewood which has numerous “State Hockey Championships” under their belt, along with Lakewood High School and Bay High School.

In appreciation to all Lakewood residents for their patronage, Iceland USA is having a “Lakewood Appreciation Night” at Winterhurst on Friday September 26, 2014 from 8:30-10:30 p.m. Everyone showing proof of Lakewood Residency (driver’s license, school ID etc) will be given a special discounted admission rate of \$2.00. Skate rental is available for \$3.00 a pair. Come and enjoy an evening of ice skating at Serpentine Arena at Winterhurst where the “ice is nice!”

Every Friday evening during the school year, the rink has an open skate from 8:30-10:30 p.m. The third Friday of the month is always “Chillin” at the Rink. Chillins are \$12.00 and include admission, skate rental, Pizza, pop and a live “DJ” rink-side.

Winterhurst is open all year with public skating sessions on a daily basis. A monthly public skating calendar is available on the website at www.serpentinearena.com. Information about Learn to Skate and other activities can also be found online.

Take A U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Safe Boating Course

by Virginia Suda

According to ODNR Watercraft, there are 24,957 boats registered in Cuyahoga County. From 2010-2013 there have been 52 incidents state wide involving 54 fatalities with drowning listed as the cause of death in 33 of the cases. Fifteen of the incidents occurred on Lake Erie.

The State of Ohio’s mandatory boating education law requires boaters born on or after January 1,1982, to complete a National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) approved course before operating a boat with an engine more than ten horsepower or more.

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 7-5 is offering two boating safety

courses at Garfield Middle School 13114 Detroit Ave., Lakewood starting on Wednesday, September 17 through November 19, 2014 from 7:00-9:30 p.m. No class on November 12th.

1. Boating Skills and Seamanship (powerboat oriented) - \$35 + \$30 Lakewood registration fee for residents and \$40 for nonresidents.

2. Sailing Skills and Seamanship - \$35 + \$30 Lakewood registration fee for residents and \$40 for nonresidents. Only Coast Guard Auxiliary sailing course in the greater Cleveland area.

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nomenclature, how to handle boating emergencies, proper seamanship, VHF marine radio procedures, knots, engines, trailering, docking, navigation rules, aides to navigation. The sailing course includes how a boat sails, sailboat maneuvering, rigging and boat handling. Coast Guard Auxiliary and Ohio boating course completion certificates will be issued. Possible insurance discount.

Register through Lakewood Recreation Department www.lakewoodrecreation.com or 216-529-4081. Contact V. Suda 216-226-7221 or sudav@cox.net for any questions.

Low-Cost Spay & Neuter Day Coming To Lakewood

by Kara Vlach-Lasher

One unspayed dog or cat can have as many as 10 unwanted births in the first breeding season. Do you really have that many friends?

Do you know where the offspring of your beloved pets ultimately wind up? In the greater Cleveland area over 21,000 unwanted pets entered shelters last year. A substantial number are pure bred animals. Spaying and neutering helps reduce the number of unwanted pets and unnecessary pet deaths.

Affordable assistance to spay and neuter is coming to Lakewood!

The City of Lakewood is partnering with PetFix Northeast Ohio

to bring a Low-Cost Spay and Neuter Day to Lakewood residents on Saturday, September 27th in Madison Park, 13201 Madison Avenue. This one-time event is for Lakewood residents only and an appointment must be made in advance. There are limited appointments available. Call 216-536-0930 to make your appointment.

PetFix Northeast Ohio is a non-profit organization dedicated to ending pet overpopulation in Northeast Ohio by promoting the importance of spay and neuter, and making spay and neuter resources affordable and accessible to all pet owners. Visit petfixnortheastohio.org for more information about spay and neuter.



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Lakewood Living

Adding Value To Your Home

by Chris Bergin

Whether you are a new home owner, or have been in your home for years, there are several ways to economically add value to your home. A recent article by the Akron/Cleveland Area Board of Realtors (AKAR) suggested 8 home improvements under \$5,000 that will also provide the best return on your investment when it is time to sell.

MOLDING: Whether it is crown molding, chair rail, or shoe molding adding this budget-friendly finishing touch will spruce up a room and give it a “finished, expensive appearance.” At under \$10 per foot it is an easy way

to add a touch of class that will catch a buyer’s attention when it is time to sell.

CEILING FANS: Replace your old, noisy fans with a quality, energy efficient model. Choose a size and model that is large enough for your room, and one that compliments your decor. It will not only give your room a fresh look at a reasonable cost, but will also assist with energy costs.

LANDSCAPING: A well landscaped home, with mature trees, can quickly add value to your home while providing immediate benefits. Planting trees on the south side of your home will provide shade during the heat of the day, and will help reduce your summer cooling costs.

Planting trees and shrubs on the north and west sides of your property will provide a buffer from the harsh winter winds, reducing your winter heating bills by as much as 30%. A well kept yard, properly landscaped, tells your potential buyer you care about your property, inside and out.

PATIOS & DECKS: Installing a simple patio or deck will not only increase your “living” space with out a big addition but also connect your interior space to the exterior. Remember to keep it simple, with some basic lighting, and you will recover as much as 60% of your investment down the road.

HOME SECURITY: Let’s face it, peace of mind is priceless. The benefits of adding a home security system are endless. You’ll sleep better at night knowing you are protected; you’ll save money on your home insurance if you have a system that is monitored; and you’ll be more marketable to buyers when it is time to sell. Do your home work. Find a local, reputable company with a good track record.

ENERGY EFFICIENT UPGRADES: Whether you are converting a wood burning fireplace to an energy-efficient gas system, or replacing the 20 year old furnace with a high-efficiency system, you’ll enjoy the reduction in energy costs and a return on your investment when it is time to sell, as much as 9% more than a similar home with no energy efficient upgrades.

STORAGE SYSTEMS: Nothing is

more disappointing than finding your dream home just to realize that storage is at a minimum. Put your thinking cap on and analyze your home top to bottom to find creative ways to add more storage and built-in systems to keep you organized. It can be as simple as adding over-head storage systems in your garage to opening up walls to add pull-out shelves and drawers. Don’t overlook the space under your stairs either. You’ll be amazed and what you can do with limited space!

LIGHTING: Brighten up your home’s interior with energy efficient bulbs. Adding under counter lighting in your kitchen will make a dramatic impression on buyers while providing ample lighting for the chef in your house. The addition of exterior lighting will enhance your landscaping and call attention to your home. Solar lights have come a long way and are economical. A hard wire system for an average lot will run about \$250 or so. You’ll be amazed in the improvement to your curb appeal!

Other tips and real estate information is available at www.ClevelandRealEstateSource.Info. Real Estate activity and Home Values can be tracked at www.HomeValuesInLakewood.Info as well as at www.ChrisBergin.com.

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