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Left vs. Right: Lakewood Residents Discuss Their Pick For President

by Gaby Smith

When it comes to political philosophies and picking a presidential candidate, Lakewood residents William and Terese Memmer and Michael Pomerantz could not be more different. Registered Republicans for the past thirty years, William, an accountant, and Terese, a manufacturer's representative, named their Catholic faith as a template in reaching any major voting decision. In a separate interview, Michael Pomerantz, a Democrat, artist, and former Cleveland school teacher, described his assessment as a search for the candidate with ideas most like his, "who will be the best for the most people".

Pomerantz, who has displayed his endorsement on the side of his van with a larger-than-life portrait of Barack Obama, says he was neutral until the Iowa caucus. "I didn't think he had a chance because he was new to the scene, because he had a funny name, and because he was black." The Memmers, however, have maintained their support for John McCain since long before this year's presidential race - they supported him through his loss to Bush in the primaries in 2000. And while both sides projected their candidate as best for the country and bound for the White House, that is as close as they came to a common ground.

When asked to explain her approach to voting, Terese Memmer named abortion, specifically her pro-life view, as paramount to any other issue. And while both of the Memmers subscribed to their search for the pro-life candidate, they classified the issue of national security with equal importance. "You can talk about the economy and you can talk about all these different programs like healthcare, but if we're terrorized, none of that means anything."

Contrastingly, Michael Pomerantz rated the top three issues central to his vote as the financial crisis, the war in Iraq, and the environment. According to him, "People will remember what we do now about the environment many, many years, many, many centuries after we talk about incidental things like lipstick on a pig." In terms of foreign policy, Pomerantz, who has opposed the war in Iraq, favors open diplomacy over military force. He said, "McCain wants to have a closed fist, clenched teeth attitude towards the rest of the world, which doesn't work."

According to Terese Memmer,

"Right now everyone is so up-in-arms about issues that we've forgotten about 9/11." The Memmers believe McCain's military experience will be influential in our national security and that military force will likewise be effective. "None of this sitting down with the enemy and trying to hash things out. It has to be in a certain way or else we have to show military force and believe me, we're not for war, but, on the other hand, our safety is at risk."

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Michael Pomerantz in front of his Obama masterpiece, which he created with Crayola crayons.

Slander In The Sun-Post

by Gordon Brumm
Minding The Issues

This article has two themes. One is Obama vs. McCain and in particular one of the many slanderous slurs - namely, infanticide - the McCain camp has directed toward Obama, as well as the rebuttal of that accusation. The second theme is the responsibility of the media when they are asked to convey slanderous (or libelous, to be technical) material.

The first theme takes the form of a story. The story begins with a letter-to-the-editor in the Sun newspapers accusing Barack Obama of supporting infanticide, and it continues with my attempts to rebut the accusation, including a conversation with a Sun newspaper editor and a letter-to-the-editor which was not printed.

The second theme appears in my discussion of the issues raised by this incident.

The Story

In the October 16 edition of the Sun Post appeared a letter which got my attention. It was an attack on Barack Obama written by one William Reale of Shaker Heights, and after a few paragraphs of standard conservative dogma (which I will briefly summarize below), it accused Obama of supporting infanticide. Here is the latter portion of the letter in its entirety:

"While Obama's anti-Americanism is of paramount importance, the thing that repulses me the most is that he is a supporter of infanticide. I don't say this because he is virulently pro-abortion, but because as a member of the Illinois senate, he voted three times against legislation that would protect a baby that survives an abortion."

Reale continues: "Instead of protecting an abortion survivor, Obama apparently prefers the practice of putting the baby in some out of the way

place and letting it die unattended. Why he would wish to punish such a baby is beyond my comprehension, but it is clearly infanticide and I don't believe anyone who supports infanticide should hold any public office, let alone be president of the United States."

That is Mr. Reale's statement, and it is a shocking one, especially since (if you haven't guessed) I am an Obama supporter. After reading the letter, I picked up the phone on Friday, October 17, and reached Mary Jane Skala, the editor for the eastern Sun Newspapers group. I asked her whether Mr. Reale's statements are true or not. She said she didn't know, because the paper doesn't check on such things. I asked: If I wrote a letter saying that either Obama or McCain (take your pick) was a serial killer, would she print it? She said she would not, because such a letter would be

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Spooky Pooch Parade Coverage



A rescued Greyhound dressed like a bus follows Callan Foran's Labrador in a poodle skirt in the Spooky Pooch Parade on October 18th. See more photos on pages 10-11. Hundreds of photos online at <http://lakewoodobserver.com> in the Photo Gallery.

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Events & Notices

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The "L-Word's" Jennifer Beals In Lakewood To Campaign For Obama

by Brad Kenney

On Saturday, October 25, some lucky Lakewood residents were greeted by a special canvassing crew. Jennifer Beals (Flashdance, the L-Word) and L-Word creator and executive producer Ilene Chaiken stopped by a local Lakewood neighborhood canvassing session for Sen. Barack Obama's campaign. After a brief meet and greet at the home of Chuck & Betsy Shaughnessy with the Lakewood-based volunteers, Jennifer and Ilene were quickly trained on the canvassing protocol for the Obama team's Campaign for Change. Immediately following their training they were joined by Lakewood's

own Karolyn Isenhart. Beals, Chaiken and Isenhart stepped out onto our streets to knock on some Lakewood doors and talk to voters.

This year's presidential election has seen an unprecedented level of interest and involvement throughout the United States, with the Obama campaign growing into the largest citizen-powered political organization that the country has ever seen. Everyone from schoolteachers to nurses to plumbers -- and yes, even a few celebrities -- have participated in the presidential contest on a grassroots level, with the hopes of delivering the country some much-needed change.



Jennifer Beals, (seated far left on couch), meeting with some fellow Obama supporters

4th Annual West End Halloween Window Walk

by Catherine Calabrese

It's that time of year again...the leaves are falling, the temperature's dropping, and Lakewood's being turned into Halloween central! That's right it's time for the 4th Annual West

End Halloween Window Walk.

Since 2005, The Lakewood Chamber and the Beck Center have had Lakewood school kids transform the store fronts in the West End of Lakewood along Detroit Avenue into a spooky outdoor art gallery. For the

past few years, many West End stores have allowed kids in grades K-12 to paint their front windows with ghosts, pumpkins, and many other Halloween spirited creatures. The painted store fronts are then judged in a window painting contest. This event has become quite a success; just last year, thanks to more than 200 children, more than 100 store fronts were festively decorated!

The painting begins on October 25th and must be finished before the judging on Friday, October 31st. The winners will be recognized at an awards ceremony the following day, November 1st at 1:00 p.m., at the Beck Center for the Arts. The West End businesses have the opportunity to sponsor Best in Show prizes in four different age groups, along with a family category and group category. Those sponsors are: Dr. David Estrop, Superintendent of Lakewood City Schools, Donatos Pizza, Dewey's Pizza, Lossman Motors, Put-in-Bay Lakewood and Security Hut. The Beck Center is also donating Honorable Mention prizes to their production of Cinderella.

Think you have to be a West End business to get in on the fun? Wrong!

Come and visit the store fronts and see the haunting transformation of the windows and businesses. But don't delay...these paintings will mysteriously disappear soon after Halloween!



Top Row left to right: Joan Horvath, Patty Krivosh, Kaatje Van Breda Kolff. 2nd Row, left to right: Bridget Kilbane, Mary Beth Gifford, Kay Hinderlaiter, Sarah Cohan, Joan Hoty. Bottom Row, left to right: Carol Garibaldi, Linda Stekelenburg, Sue Ohlemacher.

Nine Princess Warriors Battle Their Way To Vegas

by Mickey Krivosh

Nine Princess Warriors are going to Vegas! They won their league. They won the State Championship. They won the regional qualifier against Michigan, Indiana & Wisconsin and now they are going to Vegas, Baby, for the United States Tennis Association Nation Championship!

This Senior Women's 3.0 tennis team, based out of River Oaks Raquet Club in Rocky River, will be heading to Las Vegas over Halloween weekend. These ladies are good and they have a lot of fun on and off the court. Off the court, they are business women, teachers and administrators.

Professional, cultured and civilized, these demure and classy women bring

style and elegance wherever they go. Then they change into their tennis gear!

For their matches, they have taken on the personae of mythical warrior princesses. Jekyll and Hyde have nothing on them.

We have:

Kay Hinderlaiter, a.k.a. Zelda
Kaatje Van Breda Kolff, a.k.a. Sheena
Joan Hoty a.k.a. Bojana
Sarah Cohan a.k.a. Svanhild
Patty Jo Krivosh a.k.a. Tilda
Mary Beth Gifford a.k.a. Bellicose
Bridget Kilbane a.k.a. Vigdis
Sue Ohlemacher a.k.a. Madde
Linda Stekelenburg a.k.a. Xena

Three more matches stand between these ladies and the National Championship.

Good Luck Princesses!

New & Improved Holiday Tradition LHS: Hope for the Holidays Donation Drive KICK OFF DAY

by Alison Breckel

November 5th 7:30-8:30am & 2:30-3:30pm Volunteers from a number of organizations and clubs at Lakewood High School will be out front of the school to collect spare change and cash donations from the community, parents, staff and students to help feed Lakewood Families throughout the Holiday Season. Make sure you stop by! All donations to be delivered to the Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corporation. Where \$3 can feed up to four Lakewood Families!



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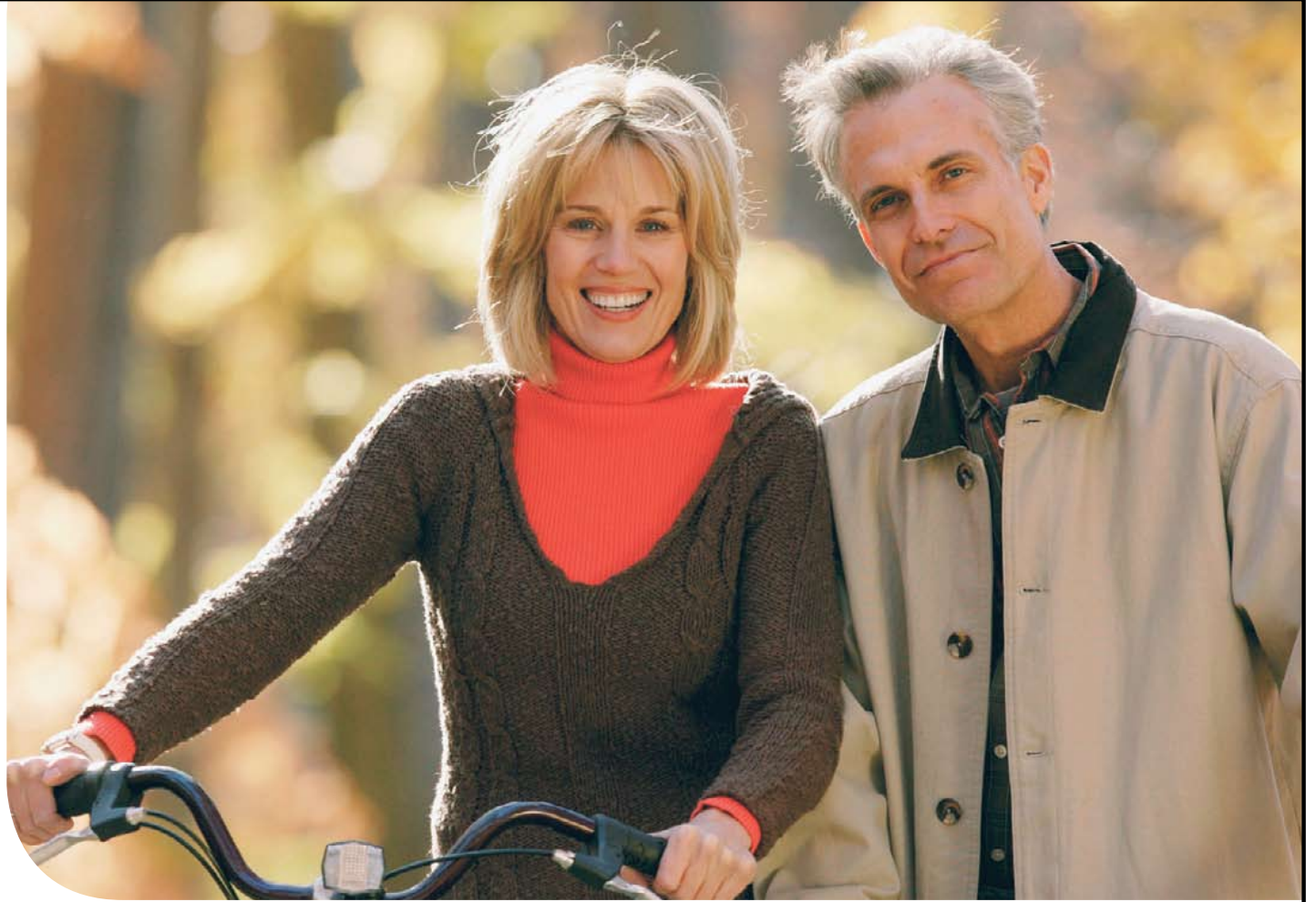
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Lakewood City News

Lakewood Residents Learn 21st Century Campaign Tools To Make Neighborhood Connections

by Denise Sears

I was initially skeptical when my sister invited me to a recent gathering of Obama supporters at Lakewood cybercafe Bella Dubby for a training on using 21st Century tools to make neighborhood connections. Following politics online is a hobby of mine, sort of like watching soap operas. The cast of characters is every bit as intriguing, and even the plots are similar, with tales of power, money, and sex scandals.

However, this year I'm no longer amused. The country is a mess, the economy in ruins, and everyone is walking around in a heightened state of anxiety, wondering what is going on, and what's going to break down next. Therefore, I was skeptical when my sister called because I had been to these meetings before, and I know the drill. Someone is always trying to get a commitment for additional time, work, house parties, et cetera. My sister insisted that this gathering would be different; the subject was different, and people attending would be very fun and high energy. (In addition, the ice mochas at Bella Dubby are delicious!) I agreed to go.

Lakewood is full of lovely surprises, and this evening was as well. The event was hosted by Lakewood residents Dawn Pyne and Brad Ken-



Lakewood neighbors gather at bella dubby

ney, and their energy and enthusiasm for both the Obama campaign and the new tools it's using to involve volunteers was contagious. They clearly and thoroughly explained the new way of campaigning: online tools have evolved so much, even since 2004! For example, I learned that instead of phone banks during dinner hours and walking streets far from home, the Obama website enables you to be your own campaign office. At the Obama site (<http://my.barackobama.com/page/content/ohhome>) you can generate lists

of close neighbors and then choose to contact them via phone calls or face-to-face visits. Printable brochures with the

Obama/Biden platform, as well as specific talking points for different issues, are all available online. They even have a link for checking voter registration!

Actively participating in a political campaign gives each of us a sense of civic pride, and this 21st century approach is much less intimidating and makes more sense, which is what technology is supposed to do, and what Obama's campaign is all about (see his Google for Government proposal for one example of how technology can help improve the political process). Whether you participate at the campaign office or online, I can personally attest that being able to do something positive goes a long way in relieving anxiety about the negative news we're getting every day. Thanks to Dawn, Brad, my sister, and all the other participants! This was truly making change happen. I'll see you online, or at the Lakewood Obama office (11730 Detroit Ave.)!



Lakewood Mayor Ed Fitzgerald with Doug Ely, who invited the Mayor to the event, and coordinates the monthly breakfasts

Lakewood's Mayor Ed Fitzgerald Attends Breakfast At Local Church

by Gary Rice

On Saturday, October 18th, Lakewood Mayor Ed Fitzgerald attended, and was the featured speaker, at a breakfast at the Lakewood United Methodist Church on Detroit Ave. Mayor Fitzgerald spoke about current

issues with housing stock, street repairs, community services, and Lakewood's cooperation with other local communities in areas beneficial for all concerned. Mayor Fitzgerald entertained questions from the breakfast participants for an extended period of time.

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Lakewood Residents Discuss Their Pick For President

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When asked how he views the current administration, Pomerantz offered a zero out of ten rating. "I don't think George Bush is a bad person. I just think he is incapable of the job and he let the bad people make the decisions for him. And I will go as far as to say I think Dick Cheney and Karl Rove are evil people and it is their policies, not really George Bush's, that have ruined the country."

William Memmer, however, has perceived the Bush Administration in another light: "I believe in Bush. I don't like the Bush-bashing that's going on. For what he has to deal with, with 9/11 when it started and with the economy now, I don't think he caused it—I think it was way before that." Terese Memmer summed up President Bush's success in the absence of post-9/11 terrorist attacks on the US, saying, "I think he has kept us safe and that has been the major issue."

While both sides have predicted success in their candidate's quest towards the presidency, they imagined the future of the country under the leadership of either candidate. William and Terese put it simply: if McCain becomes the next president, "We'll be safe." And if Obama is the next president, they commented, "We'll be threatened. [Both laugh] We'll be worried." Whereas Pomerantz explained, "I always view the future as uncertain, so I don't know." But when asked about the future with McCain as president, he remarked, "I'm certain that will be horrible."

While voters from both Democratic and Republican sides are passionate about this year's election, making emotional appeals to the American public has been one party's tradition more than the other. In his book, "The Political Brain: The Role of Emotion in Deciding the Fate of the Nation," Drew Westen, professor of psychology and psychiatry at Emory University, draws a connection between voters' psychology, Republican campaign strategy, and the historical Democratic void in presidential reelection. He says, "In politics, when reason and emotion collide, emotion invariably wins." [1]

According to Westen, the most significant sector of American politics, and the single area it is most critical to control, is "the marketplace of emotions." [2] And it is Westen's assertion that "they [Republicans] have a near-monopoly in the marketplace of emotions. They have kept government off our backs, torn down that wall, saved the flag, left no child behind, protected life, kept our marriages sacred, restored integrity to the Oval Office, spread democracy to the Middle East, and fought an unrelenting war on terror." [3]

Furthermore, he draws the distinction that Democratic campaigns have mistakenly stuck to the issues, thus forfeiting reelection. He says, "Since Franklin Roosevelt more than sixty years ago, only one Republican incumbent has failed in his bid for reelection to the Presidency, whereas only

one Democrat has succeeded." [4]

Upon closer examination, and consistent to Westen's study, many of the Memmers' responses revealed an emotional base, and by comparison, many of Pomerantz's responses were rooted in issues. When listening to William and Terese, national security was a noticeable theme and central to the emotion of fear. Both claimed having felt "safe" under George Bush and expected to feel "threatened" and "worried" under Barack Obama. Terese further evoked a feeling of doom and gloom by stating, "It's a continuing war on terror and unfortunately there's no end to it."

The Memmers heightened their emotional reactions through illustrations of Ronald Reagan as a leader they could trust and Bill Clinton and other Democrats as undeserving of their trust. "I think he [Obama] will be another Carter that won't do anything. He'll deplete the services to nothing. It took Reagan eight years to build them back up."

William further captured the emotional appeal of Reagan by recalling a patriotic scene from history, "We believe what Ronald Reagan said. That's how he crushed the Russians, how he stopped the Cold War...and that's why there's no Berlin Wall today." He went on to criticize Clinton for always doing what the people wanted, for being one of the first presidents in fifty years without military experience, and concluded his mistrust of the Democratic party by blaming a Democratic Congress "for

what it did do and didn't do" in preventing the current financial crisis.

Michael Pomerantz, on the other hand, adhered to issues fundamental to the election and unemotional at their core. In his evaluation of the candidates and their policies, he took on the role of objective observer. He didn't once mention terrorism or a feeling of threat or fear when discussing how he determined his vote. Instead, he divulged the financial crisis as the number one issue, stating that if the economy "doesn't work, nothing else will."

Pomerantz also opposed the war in Iraq, calling for a responsible plan of withdrawal, and urged for the reversal of environmental decline as our legacy to future generations. And in terms of his disapproval of George Bush, he was specific and outside the realms of Democrat versus Republican. "I don't think George Bush is a bad person. I just think he... let the bad people [Karl Rove and Dick Cheney] make the decisions for him."

In his book, Westen says, "Behind every reasoned decision is a reason for deciding." [5] In other words, voters are attracted to a presidential candidate after an emotional resonance grasps their attention and gives cause for determining to which candidate they will grant favor. In the case of William and Terese Memmer, they were drawn to John McCain because of his "honesty and integrity," his pro-life stance on abortion and his military experience; these factors triggered a positive

emotional response in the Memmers. McCain was the candidate who shared their disdain of abortion, whose military background made them feel "safer" and less "threatened," and who encouraged them to choose a candidate and for that candidate to be him.

And while Michael Pomerantz was similarly engaged by Barack Obama's "intelligence, charisma, and high ethical standard," it was Obama's position on issues like the war in Iraq, foreign policy, and the environment that warranted Pomerantz's endorsement. Pomerantz saw his ideals reflected in the candidate, resulting in a reasoned investment in the selection of Barack Obama as the next president. The Memmers witnessed a shared sentiment by their candidate, resulting in an emotional investment in the advocacy of John McCain as the next president.

Though a political polarity separates the left and the right, perhaps there is something upon which the Memmers, Pomerantz and other Democrats and Republicans, can converge—in this year's election, we have a clear cut choice and no matter which candidate voters choose, it is a choice in which they are heavily invested.

[1] Westen, Drew. *The Political Brain: The Role of Emotion in Deciding the Fate of the Nation*. (New York, 2007). P. 35

[2] *Ibid*, 35).

[3] *Ibid*, 36).

[4] *Ibid*, 37).

[5] *Ibid*, 16).

Letter To The Editor:

Vote For Issue 2 To Continue The Clean Ohio Fund Without Raising Taxes

Dear Editor,

For the protection of our environment and our health, I want to encourage every Lakewood resident this Election Day to vote YES for Issue 2, which will continue the Clean Ohio Fund without raising taxes. Simply put, the Clean Ohio Fund pays for protecting green space and cleaning up brownfields.

Lakewood City Council unanimously passed a resolution in support of the Clean Ohio Fund, and it has bipartisan support from the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and leaders of the Ohio House and Senate. Its renewal has also been endorsed by the Plain Dealer.

Republicans and Democrats both agree that Clean Ohio protects drinking water; protects natural areas and family farms; redevelops polluted sites and urban areas; and creates recreational trails for the betterment of all Ohioans. We all should care about turning on our faucets and knowing that our drinking water is clean. Further, we should all care about an environment that enriches our lives and will be there for our children and grandchildren.

In Cuyahoga County, Clean Ohio

has brought \$1.6 million for recreational trails, over \$14 million for green space, including areas around the Rocky River, and another \$27 million for community revitalization

Clean Ohio will not raise taxes. Passing Issue 2 will renew a bond issue approved several years ago so this funding source continues to be available to communities across Ohio. Passage of Clean Ohio will allow Ohio to receive

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Lakewood Public Library

Welcome To The AV Room

by Leana Donofrio

Skip Blockbuster, Borders and Best Buy. Lakewood Public Library offers patrons free access to hundreds of movies, music CDs and audio books in the new Audio Visual Department.

From the popular blockbuster films, top hit music CDs and best-selling audio books, to foreign and independent movies and music from across the globe, the Library offers a wide variety of AV material.

And the collection is growing.

With the move to the AV room,

on the second floor of the Library, the collection now has a new and expansive home. But because the collection is large, it can be helpful to know just how it is all organized.

Here is a breakdown of how material is categorized:

* DVDs are organized in rough alphabetical groupings by title (meaning all A's are together, B's, C's and so on).

* DVDs are also organized by categories, including Television Series, Fiction, Foreign, Tooning Out and Non-fiction (all non-fiction items are categorized by the Dewey Decimal System).

* VHS movies are categorized by title also, but are in strict alphabetical order.

* The categories for VHS movies include: Fiction, Series, Tooning Out, Bollywood, Mexican, Foreign and Non-fiction.

* Music CDs are organized by genre. Within these categories, CDs are alphabetized by artist. World CDs are further broken down by regions/genres, such as Europe, Hawaii, Native American and Celtic, and then organized by the artist's or band's name.

* Books on CD and tape are orga-

nized by Fiction and Non-fiction. Fiction books on CD and tape are organized by author's last name, and non-fiction is categorized according to the Dewey Decimal System.

Library Supervisor Sue Weber says expect to see even more changes designed to make it easier for patrons to find the kinds of items they are interested in.

"Changes to look for would include the genre stickers on the DVDs, including Westerns, Musicals, and Horror, making it easier to identify genre titles. We've also put gold stars on the DVD titles that are part of the AFI's Top 100 movies of all time 2007 edition. The list itself can be found at the AV desk," Weber said.

The Library carries many of the American Film Institutes Top 100 movies - from *The Graduate* to *The Godfather*. To find these films just look for the gold star. Also carrying a gold star are the AFI's 10 top 10 lists, which includes films that may have not made it on the top 100. These films are broken down by categories, such as animation, fantasy and gangster.

Not sure what you want? The AV room staff has literature that can help patrons search for the kind of films they want. Just ask for the AV room binder to see all we have in the way of TV series, or to see the AFI lists. Other lists we have available include the AFI's "America's Funniest Movies" and "America's Heart Pounding Movies." We also carry the books "1001 Movies You Must See Before You Die, the newest, fifth anniversary edition," "The Best Old Movies for Families," "Son of the 100 Best Movies You've Never Seen," and "501 Must See Movies" at the AV desk for patrons.

Also available at the AV room desk are lists that can help patrons find certain titles in parts of the collection.

"We have a newly updated TV series list as well as a new Tooning Out series list," Weber said. "We are currently concentrating on expanding the TV series, Tooning Out, and Non-Fiction DVDs as well as the Non-Fiction Audio-books on CD."

The Tooning Out section offers animated movies and shows. This section includes Anime, but also Adult Swim shows. We have everything from *The Simpsons* and *Death Note* to *Naruto* and the online animated show *Homestar Runner*.

A computer is now available in the AV room that allows patrons to search what our collection offers, or access Internet sites that can help them find what they want, including IMDB.com, RottenTomatoes.com and AllMusic.com.

While the idea of reading subtitles makes many moviegoers uneasy, many of the best films ever made come from outside the U.S. (from the French New Wave of Jean Luc Goddard to the internationally acclaimed Spanish film maker Pedro Almodóvar, and the Library carries films from both). For

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His Girl Friday With Cary Grant And Friends

by Ben Burdick

Sunday afternoons have long been the home of free entertainment at the Library. For over twenty years, the Friends of Lakewood Public Library have offered concerts, lectures and even a little drama nearly every Sunday at 2:00 p.m. But on Sunday, November 2 the Friends will try something they've never done before. They'll show a free movie using the Library's bril-

liant digital theater set-up—*His Girl Friday* (1940) starring Cary Grant and Rosalind Russell.

In concocting this romantic screwball comedy, director Howard Hawks originally set out to remake *The Front Page* (1931), a darkly comic tough guy look at the world of hard-boiled journalism—it didn't quite work out that way. One day while listening to his secretary read dialog with actors, inspiration struck and Hawks




Cary Grant & Rosalind Russell

re-envisioned the film as a romance. Rosalind Russell was cast as the star reporter getting ready to get out by marrying into a simpler life in the suburbs. Cary Grant meanwhile was called on to use the full range of his considerable charm as the manipulative editor would do anything to get her to stay. They were married once, but it didn't stick. They can barely stand each other. Still, she can't resist working with him on one last big story. In retrospect, it's hard to believe this wasn't a romance to begin with.

In addition to being one of A.F.I.'s Top 100 Funniest Movies (#19 on the list), *His Girl Friday* is well-known as one of the fastest talking films of all time. Reporters, criminals, policemen and lawyers speak overtop one another in non-stop monologue, listening to each other in passing. Jokes are layered so thickly that first-time viewers can be forgiven for missing a few. Repeat viewing is recommended anyway. This fast paced naturalistic style was very influential on the comedies of the day and it lives on today in almost everything—most blatantly in TV shows as diverse as *The West Wing* and *Gilmore Girls*.

Free movies, of course, are nothing new at the Library. The Friends have been sponsoring Saturday Night movies twice a month for years now. At present, the Lakewood Public Cinema shows popular films drawn from audience surveys on the second Saturday of every month while Five Star Films showcases foreign and classic masterpieces every third Saturday. Preview the full season at www.lkwdp.org/film.



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Lakewood Public Library Events

SUNDAY WITH THE FRIENDS:

Afternoon Movie: His Girl Friday (1940) Directed by Howard Hawks

Here's your chance to sample one of our Saturday night movies on a lazy Sunday afternoon. Newspaper editor Cary Grant will do anything to keep his ex-wife, ace reporter Rosalind Russell, from remarrying. He loves her almost as much as the newspaper business and thinks nothing of framing her fiancé and freeing death row prisoners to lure her back for one last big story. **Sunday, November 2 at 2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium**

Classical Guitar with Latin Favorites

The works of Bach and Turina will mix and mingle with Latin American pieces by Lauro and Merlin in a spritely classical guitar program performed by University of Akron masters candidate Cheryl Fitiak. **Sunday, November 9 at 2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium**

THE WRITTEN WORD

BOOKED FOR MURDER: For Lovers of Murder, Mystery and Mayhem

Join staff member Andrea Fisher for a discussion of *Princess of Burundi* by Kjell Eriksson. Inspector Ann Lindell (on maternity leave) leads a team investigating a brutal murder. This thrilling psychological mystery delves into both the mind of the killer and the hearts of those who are dedicated to tracking him down. **Monday, November 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Meeting Room**

MEET THE KNITGRRL AUTHOR

How to Knit in the Woods by Shannon Okey

The bestselling author of the Knitgrrrl series and all-around knitting expert Shannon Okey conquers the great outdoors in this inspired, easy-to-follow craft guide. With handy tips for knitting with waterproof yarns, ideal projects for outdoor purling, and unique patterns for cozy customized camping gear, this kitschy yet modern resource is educational, motivational and fun. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event. **Tuesday, November 11 at 7:00 pm. in the Main Library Auditorium**

LAKWOOD PUBLIC CINEMA

The Blues Brothers (1980) Directed by John Landis Rated R

"It's 106 miles to Chicago. We got a full tank of gas—half a pack of cigarettes. It's dark. And we're wearing sunglasses." This legendary comedy, starring Dan Aykroyd and John Belushi, is secretly one of the greatest big screen musicals of all time. Two outlaws on a mission from God revisit every form of American music in the course of putting their band back together, saving an orphanage and instigating the most ridiculously destructive car chase ever. **Saturday, November 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium**

LEARNING LAB CLASSES AT THE MAIN LIBRARY

Reservations for computer instruction classes begin the first of each month. To register, please stop in or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 127. We ask that all students come to class with a working knowledge of the mouse. If you need help, visit the Technology Center and ask the staff to set you up on our Mouse Training Program. It's fun, easy and essential to becoming computer literate. You must have a Lakewood Public Library card in good standing the day of the class. No exceptions.

INTERNET BASICS

Get familiar with online basics and find out what the Internet is all about.

Saturday, November 1 at 3:00 p.m. in the Main Library Learning Lab

WORD PROCESSING BASICS

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Saturday, November 8 at 11:00 a.m. in the Main Library Learning Lab

SHARP STUDENT ACADEMY: For Middle and High School Students

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MULTI-MEDIA DEBATE AND LITERACY: A Six Week Series

Wednesday, November 12 at 7:00 p.m.

CHILDRENS & YOUTH SERVICES

THE ZONE: For students in kindergarten through fifth grade

Get in the Zone and sign up for a week of themed activities! Visit www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.com/youth for the list of fun and exciting programs just for kids. **To register, please stop in, call Main Library at (216) 226-8275, ext. 140 or Madison Branch (216) 228-7428.**

October 27-30: Paper Pumpkin Party

November 5-6: Pin Pals and Bracelets

HOMEWORK ER: For students in kindergarten through eighth grade

Tuesday, September 2, 2008 - Thursday, May 21, 2009

Need a little help with your homework or just want a cool place to work? Come to the new Homework Room in the Children's and Youth Services Department at Main Library for help and resources. **Children's and Youth Services Department at Main Library**

CREATION STATION: For students in kindergarten through fifth grade

Fridays, September 5 - May 22 at 4:00 p.m.

Join us for crafts each and every Friday after school. There is no need to register; however, to schedule groups, please call Main Library (216) 226-8275, ext. 140 or Madison Branch (216) 228-7428. **Children's and Youth Services Department at Main Library and Madison Branch**

CLUB LIFE: For students sixth through eighth grade

Thursdays, September 11 - May 21 at 4:00 p.m.

Make a difference and join the club. Learn new skills or hone those you already have as you participate in projects designed to help your community. For more information, visit www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.com/youth. To register, please stop in or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 140. **Main Library Multipurpose Room**

FAMILY WEEKEND WONDERS

Make the Library a part of your family weekend time with programs featuring stories, activities, music and crafts. Our staff will provide materials and ideas for families wishing to continue reading and storytelling at home. The programs are free and there is no need to register in advance.

October 31, November 1, 2: My Favorite Monster

November 7, 8, 9: Brothers and Sisters

Main Library:

Friday: 10:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 7:00p.m.

Saturday: 10:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 4:00p.m.

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Sunday 3:00 p.m.

THE FRIENDS BOOK SALES

Join the Friends and receive entrance to special, members-only preview sale. Memberships may be purchased at the door or by returning the form in our Fall/Winter Program Guide. **Thursday, November 20 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Friends Book Sale Area Main Library Lower Level**

NOVEMBER BAG & ½ PRICE SALE

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Saturday, November 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Friends

Book Sale Area. Main Library Lower Level

"Election!" Update

This month a new role-playing game for youth in grades five through eight which focuses on campaigning and winning an election began at Lakewood Public Library. Teams of students are transforming librarians into candidates for the fictitious office of President of the United Streets of Lakewood. They are creating political parties, platforms and focusing on a few city and library issues. Campaign posters are currently hanging in the Children's and Youth Services Department. More information is available at <http://www.lkwdpl.org/youth/election.html>. Voting in the library and online is open to all and will run from October 30 through November 5.

The following is an article written by our high-school media correspondent, Spencer Paul:

The Second Week Of The Role Playing Game

by Spencer Paul

The week opened up with the three teams, the Andynators, Albino Dinos, and the Chinese Gladiators in a game of Presidential Smackdown, where they were asked various questions about the parties. The questions were the usual, "What person was what party?" and the like.

They then broke up into separate groups to attempt to flesh out the issues that they would be deciding. One issue has to be a library specific issue, and the other must be a Lakewood specific issue. Some of the issues that were discussed before a final decision were strangely similar, mostly having to do with the parks and green spaces around Lakewood.

In the end of the issue deciding process, the team Andynators picked

Trash and Recycling for Street Corners, Conserving Energy & Space for Parks, and a Special Teen Section for the Library. The team Albino Dinos wanted to focus its issues on Foreclosures, Litter around Lakewood, the skateboarders around the parks, and organization of Library books. The Chinese Gladiators team focused on More Skate parks for Teens, More Bike access around Lakewood, and more things for younger kids to do around the library.

After the issue deciding was finished, the teams then decided to find names for their political parties. The Albino Dinos named themselves the Republicrats, the Andynators named themselves The Three Arrows Party, and the Chinese Gladiators named themselves the Beehive Party.

Lakewood Public Library

Add Some Fiber To Your Life With Shannon Okey!

by Martha Wood

Shannon Okey, multitalented celebrity of the fiber and craft world, will be at Lakewood Public Library on Tuesday, November 11 at 7 p.m. in the Main Library auditorium where she will discuss her book, *How to Knit in the Woods*. There will be books available for sale and signing at this free event.

When you read about Shannon Okey, you start to wonder how she ever finds time to practice her craft! Shannon runs her own publishing venture called anezka media, which publishes books and related items by independent authors and artists. She is a columnist for *knit.1* magazine and she hosts the *Knitrrr! Show*, a live, call-in radio show for knitters and other fiber artists. She is a co-owner of *Stitch Cleveland*,

a workshop space where she teaches sewing, knitting, spinning, dyeing, felting and embroidery. *Stitch Cleveland* opened in 2007 and it also houses her studio. If that isn't enough, she has written not just the *Knitrrr!* series but she is also the author of *Spin to Knit* and *Crochet Style* plus she edited and wrote the instructional text for *Just Sock*, *Just Gifts* and *Crochet Style* as well as co-authoring *Felt Frenzy* and

AlterNation. How to Knit in the Woods was published in 2008. Although Okey continues to teach around the country, she is currently cutting back on the amount of travel she does in order to concentrate on *Stitch Cooperative*, a pattern distribution by and for designers as well as her other projects which include a new DVD series.

Okey calls herself an "urban spinner," one of a new generation of knitters, designers and spinners who put a new twist on old traditions. Today is a great time to be a fiber artist due to people like Shannon who don't accept tradition as the way it always has to be done.

Shannon got into spinning and knitting when she moved to Boston in 2002 and found herself living around the corner from a yarn store. She says that Lucy Lee of *Mind's Eye Yarns* in Cambridge, Massachusetts, was instrumental in taking her knitting skills to the next level, and teaching her how to spin. Shannon knitted her first cardigan within a month and then asked Lee to order her a wheel, even though she didn't know how to use one. Okey signed up for lessons when the wheel arrived. She has since learned different methods of dyeing, plying, and other yarn customizations.

Her advice to those who are new to spinning and knitting is to experiment. In an interview at *lovetoknow.com* she states, "it's only wool . . . it's only dye, it's only a stitch. You can tear it out or overdy it or mix it with something else if you don't like the first results. Does a pattern call for purple and you hate purple? Change it! Over 75 percent of all knitters knit a pattern in the same color as the sample in the magazine or book. As a spinner, you have the chance to make yarn no one's ever seen before . . . and by that same token, knit a pattern in a way it's never been knit before. So do it!"

Okey's book *Knitrrr!* appeared on the New York Public Library's 2006 Books for the Teen Age list, a list of titles recommended by librarians for younger audiences. It also garnered a starred review from *Booklist*. *Knitrrr! 2* was nominated for a *Craft-Trends Award of Creative Excellence* in December 2006. Both *Knitrrr!* books are geared to beginning knitters and are filled with colorful illustrations by Canadian illustrator Kathleen Jacques.

Shannon has made appearances on several television shows, including *DIY Network's Uncommon Threads* and *Knitty Gritty* and on HGTV's *Crafters Coast to Coast*.

Okey was born in Medina, Ohio and currently lives in Cleveland, Ohio with her boyfriend and their furry "children." *Anezka* is the dachshund pictured in *Felt Frenzy* and *How to Knit in the Woods*. *Spike the cat* is featured in *Knitrrr!* and *Felt Frenzy* and *Giles* is the feline baby of the family.

Come and meet Shannon Okey at Lakewood Public Library on Tuesday, November 11 at 7 p.m. and put a little fiber in your life.

Welcome To The AV Room

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interesting foreign and independent films, look for those from Film Movement, a movie club for independent and foreign film enthusiasts.

Our music collection offers everything from rock bands like *The Doors* and *The Killers* to *Beethoven*. Patrons can

stock up on CDs from our rock, classical, opera, gospel, world, new age, country and (the new) soundtrack sections.

For those interested in literature, we also have a large section of books on tape and CD. From *Janet Evanovich* and *James Patterson*, to biographies

on everyone from *Hillary Clinton* to *Benjamin Franklin*, the Library offers a myriad of books on CD and tape. Patrons can also find books on CD and tape on a number of topics, from learning to speak French to meditation.

Patrons can always browse for AV material they are interested in by looking through our catalog online, or at the library at one of our computers, but patrons are also encouraged to ask an AV staff if they need help finding anything. If the library does not own a movie or CD that a patrons wants, a request form can be filled out for the material.

With all that the AV room offers to patrons, protecting the collection from theft has become a high priority. Everyone over the age of seven who enters the room must have a Lakewood Public Library card. A card must be turned in at the AV desk in order to browse in the AV area. Patrons with a Lakewood Public Library account can also present photo identification in lieu of a Library card. Don't have a card and live in the state of Ohio? Bring in a photo ID with your current address or a photo ID and proof of address and we will gladly issue a card.

"It is never a pleasure to impose new rules," Library Director Kenneth Warren says. "However, the total library situation reflects the effects of the bad economy, the regionalization of banditry, and the rise of eBay sellers fencing public property and thus requires a tightening of access rules in accordance with the techniques of situational crime prevention."

So whether you are searching for a book on CD to listen to on a long car ride, trying to get in shape with a workout DVD, or just looking for a good film for a Friday night in, come and visit the AV room at the Lakewood Public Library.

Lakewood Earth And Food LEAF Harvest Festival



Basketball and Books: A Slam-Dunk Combination

by Andy Harant

Lakewood Public Library and Lakewood Recreation Department are teaming up to present "Hoop Stories," a program which will unite the body and mind by celebrating the sport of basketball through stories and activities.

Enjoy basketball-themed stories, songs and crafts. Learn about the Recreation Department's basketball

programs for children in grades kindergarten through fourth grade. Meet some members of Lakewood Rangers boys' and girls' basketball teams.

Join us on Tuesday, November 11, 7:00 p.m. in Lakewood Public Library's Multipurpose Room. Registration for this event is not needed, though computers will be available to register for Lakewood Recreation Department's in-house basketball programs.

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An Evening With Garrison Keillor

photo by Rhonda Loje



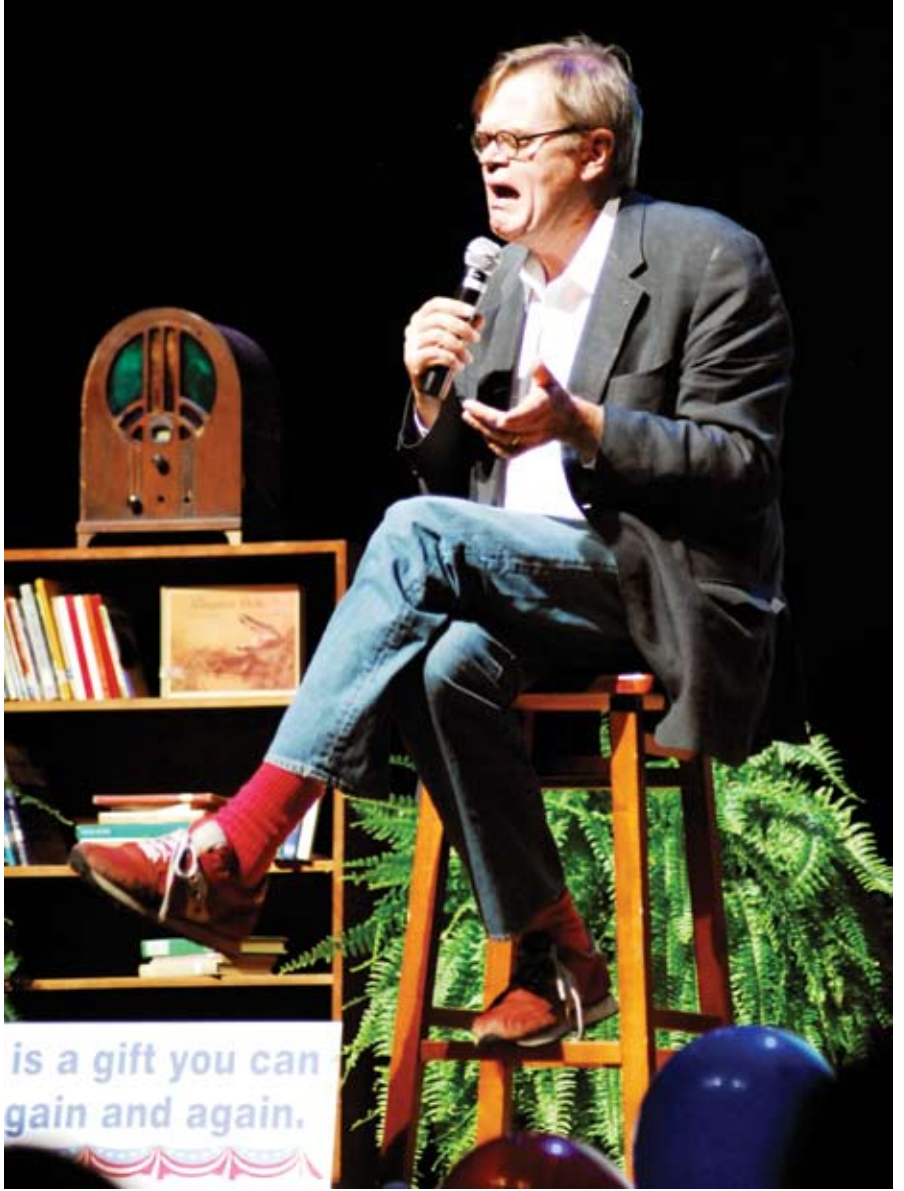
Garrison poses with Co-Chairs for this great event Lucy Sinagra and Stacey Hunter.



Reception at the Lakewood Public Library in the Grand Reading Room



From left to right; Gordon Geiger, Garrison Keillor, Chas Geiger, Patti Geiger, and Susan Geiger. Geiger's Clothing was one of the sponsors of the event.



Garrison Keillor came to Lakewood Library and the Lakewood Civic Auditorium to help raise funds for the Lakewood Public Library. Mr. Keillor spent a wonderful evening talking, singing and signing autographs. The event was planned by Lynn Foran, Shannon Strachan, and Suzanne Metelko. Nice work ladies.

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If we have missed anyone we apologize!



Society's Child At The Celebrity Roast

by Jennifer Scott

On Saturday October 11th the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce kicked off what I'm sure will be a long lasting tradition, The First Annual Celebrity Roast.

The Roast was held at Lakewood Hospital in the Atrium and the two "celebrities" were Jack Gustin, president of Lakewood Hospital, and Chas Geiger, president of the Lakewood Board of Education, and co-owner of Geiger's Clothing and Sports.

This wonderful event started off with cocktails by Gary Rosen and Katie Wirtz of Rozi's wine House in Lakewood, and the delicious food was prepared by AVI Food Service. If there is one thing Starry Night has taught us besides Diabetes awareness, it's just how good hospital food can be. Chef Carl always does an outstanding job!

After the dinner the roastees and roasters commenced to the head table where Chip Kullik, from WMJI and owner of Physicians Weight Loss Center



Photo from the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce 's invite to the "Celebrity Roast,"

was the master of ceremonies. Between Chip's one-liners and the toaster's hysterical comments the evening just got better and better.

Roasting Mr. Geiger were Linda Beebe, fellow school

board member, Tim Lasky, from Lasky Accounting, Jeff Smith, college roommate of Chas', Gordon Geiger, brother and business partner, and Patti Geiger, Chas' wife.

There to roast Jack Gustin were Fred DeGrandis, President and CEO, Cleveland Clinic Regional Hospitals, Jan Gustin, Jack's wife, Dr. David Estrop, Superintendent of Lakewood Schools, Dennis Roche, immediate past chairman of Lakewood Hospital Association Board of Trustees, and Executive Director of Positively Cleveland, Mousab Tabbaa, MD, chairman of the Lakewood Hospital Association Board of Trustees.

The evening of quips, barbs and hilarious stories showed how appreciated and loved these two pillars of Lakewood's business community are. I would like to thank them both for being such good sports in this first of many Celebrity Roasts. Now the question on all attendees minds is, "who will be roasted next?"



Jack and Jan Gustin with Jennifer and Kevin Scott.



Last minute substitute Tim Laskey was in great form.



Chip Kullik with Tylenol worth up to \$50 each!



Joanne Brinkman



George and Beth Sheik.



Linda Beebe got the ball rolling with some old photos and stories of Chas both when he was in school and with the Board of Education.



Mousab Tabbaa, MD had everyone in laughter including Fred DeGrandis and Jan Gustin explaining how Jack Gustin fit into the overall power structure of the Clinic.



Gordo Geiger breaks up his much older brother Chas, and Patti Geiger.



From left to right: Dr. David Estrop, Superintendent of Lakewood Schools, Mousab Tabbaa, MD, Chairman of the Lakewood Hospital Association Board of Trustees, Dennis Roche, Executive Director of Positively Cleveland, Fred DeGrandis, President and CEO, Cleveland Clinic Regional Hospitals, Jan Gustin, Jack's wife, and the well roasted Jack Gustin.



Chas Geiger stood at the podium at the end of the night and took the high road while his roasters took a much rougher road at the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce Celebrity Roast. In order from left to right: Patti Geiger, Chas' wife, Linda Beebe, fellow school board member, Tim Lasky, from Lasky Accounting, Jeff Smith, college roommate of Chas' from Wittenberg University, Gordon Geiger, much younger brother and business partner.

Lakewood Schools & Sports

Lakewood High School Advanced Placement Program® Scholar Awards

by Rosemary Wagner

A total of twenty-eight students at Lakewood High School have earned the designation of AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Program® (AP®) Exams.

The College Board's Advanced Placement Program provides motivated and academically prepared students with the opportunity to take rigorous college-level courses while still in high school, and to earn college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on the AP Exams. About 18 percent of the 1.6 million students who took AP Exams performed at a sufficiently high level to also earn an AP Scholar Award.

Students took AP Exams after completing challenging college-level

courses at their high schools. The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on student's performance on AP exams.

Margaret Barlow, Chelsea Mason, Sara Waddell, Class of '08 and Peter Malonis, Class of '09 qualified for the **AP Scholar with Distinction Award** by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.

Christian Cerda-Smith, Class of '09, Katherine Koltiska and Brian Richards, Class of '08 qualified for the **AP Scholar with Honor Award** by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.

Klevis Bakiaj, Michelle Friedmann, Kathryn Grane, Stephanie Marburger, Sean Murphy, Jessica Sarkis, Jugnu Shrestha, and Audrey Wimbiscus, Class of '08 and Thealexa

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Class of '09 qualified for the **AP Scholar Award** by completing three or more AP Examinations, with grades of 3 or higher.

Congratulations to all of these outstanding students!

07 LHS Grad Named To Dean's List At Mercyhurst College

by Dan Slife

Emma Bradic of Lakewood, Ohio was one of the 672 students from Mercyhurst College in Erie, PA named to the Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement during the 2007-2008 academic year.

The Mercyhurst College Dean's List is computed annually after summer term, which marks the end of the academic year. It is based on the completion of a minimum of 24 credits with a cumulative index of at least 3.6 out of a possible 4.0 points.

Emma Bradic is a sophomore majoring in forensic science at Mercyhurst College and a graduate of Lakewood High School in 2007. She is the daughter of proud parents Bruce & Anne Bradic.



Emma Bradic



photo by Ivor Karabaticovic

Lakewood Volleyball Sectional Champs

by Todd Shapiro

First year Lakewood volleyball coach Bojan Miocinovic set a pre-season goal of winning one tournament game in 2008.

By winning two thrilling five-game matches in the Division I sectional tournament at Strongsville High School, the Rangers exceeded their own expectation and brought home a sectional championship. The Rangers entered post-season play with a record of 8-14, and a 0-10 make in the Valley Division of the Northeast Ohio Conference.

Lakewood's first tournament opponent was Valley Forge. The Rangers and Patriots battled in an epic five-game struggle. Lakewood erased a 0-2 deficit and fought-off four match points before escaping with a 24-26, 23-25, 28-26, 25-23, 16-14 win.

Nicole Niemi had 30 kills for Lakewood, adding to her regular season team leading total of 155. After needing 2:05 to dispose of the Patriots, an exhausted Niemi said, "There are a lot of girls on this team who worked hard to get here, it means a lot to all of us. When we got down 2-0 we knew we didn't want our season to end."

The sectional championship match pitted Lakewood against the Highland Hornets of the Suburban League. These

two teams played in the regular season, with Highland winning the final three games to defeat the Rangers 3-2.

After Lakewood won the first two games, 25-20 and 25-21 it looked like history was about to repeat itself. Highland never trailed in game 3 and cruised to a 25-20 win. Lakewood took an early 2-1 lead in game 4 only to see the Hornets rattle off 10 of the next 14 point en route to a 25-21 victory forcing a decisive game 5. Niemi had 4 kills in the deciding game as Lakewood secured the sectional crown with a 15-9 victory.

"This time of year you have to be ready for anything," Miocinovic said after the Highland match. "We have a young team, they had to go out and finish what they started. I was exceptionally proud of their effort."

The win allowed Lakewood to advance to district semifinal to face the Magnificat Blue Streaks. Magnificat, the eventual district champion, defeated the Rangers in four games - 25-11, 25-27, 25-18, 25-23-, before defeating North Royalton to earn a trip to regionals.

Lakewood ended the season with a 10-15 record. A record that, according to Miocinovic, may have been deceiving, "We are in such a tough division. It hurts us record wise but it gets us ready for tournament time."

LHS Seniors Prom Fundraiser

by Thealexa Becker

Lakewood High School Seniors are always in need of money for prom. In an effort to raise money for the senior class, Lakewood High School has entered a contest sponsored by ultimateprom.com for a chance to win \$25,000 for this year's prom. Runners-up will receive \$5,000.

"We're hoping to win as much money as possible for Prom," said Sara Luehring, Senior Class President.

This contest affords everyone in the Lakewood community the chance to support the senior class by voting for Lakewood High School in the contest. The voting process is simple, and anyone who is over 13 years old can register and

vote once a day. To vote, go online to www.wintheultimateprom.com to register, confirm by e-mail, and vote. The contest ends November 15th at midnight, so anyone interested in supporting the school is encouraged to vote quickly and often.

Last year, the senior class, with the help of many of the juniors and underclassmen, won the grand prize from Prom Raiders. In a campaign that largely involved the color orange, the school advocated staying tobacco free to win \$30,000 for their Prom last year.

This year's graduating seniors have other fundraising ideas, but are always looking for more chances to earn money. The last opportunity the senior class has to raise money is the Snowball Dance.

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Lakewood Perspective

Be Prepared: This Is A Lot More Important Than An Algebra Test

by Bret Callentine

With the election now only days away, I have only one request. Regardless of your voting history or your political leanings, I ask that you prepare yourself properly for this most important civic duty. With the current status of the economy and the fragile nature of world governments, now is not the time to leave your vote up to the same type of decision making process usually reserved for picking reading material in the checkout line at the grocery store. On many of the ballots, there are more than twenty choices (not counting uncontested candidates), all of which will, like it or not, affect your life and livelihood. And I feel inclined to point out that, unlike high school, you can take notes into the voting booth. In fact, I personally recommend a full-fledged cheat sheet.

To that end, you can start by visiting the County Board of Elections website at <http://boe.cuyahogacounty.us> and selecting "Election Information" from the menu. This will give you the opportunity to view and even print out a sample ballot for your city, ward and precinct. While I hope you are at least close to making up your mind as far as your presidential pick, now is the time to scan the list of candidates for

many of the other elected positions. In addition to checking out the names that grace the ballot, just as important are the several ballot issues. The only thing tougher than picking a representative by name only, is trying to figure out how each of these legally worded proposals will affect our city, and more importantly, our wallets.

To save you some time, here's what we're looking at (at least in Ward 2):

ISSUE 1: "To provide for Earlier Filing Deadlines for Statewide Ballot Issues"

As far as I can tell from the brief description, this issue merely resets the deadline for filing "citizen-initiated, state-wide, ballot issues", granting more time and setting more standards for legal challenges and court decisions that have become an all too familiar path for new legislation proposals.

To me, this is like giving the "D" student more time and more guidelines for his term paper. What's the point of changing the rules if you don't have confidence in them completing the project in the first place? Right now, our county offices are under federal investigation and our elections board is overwhelmed with even the basic task of voter registration. The bigger issue is whether or not anyone will follow

the rules, not whether or not we need new ones. Voting yes or no on this issue means nothing if we don't first elect competent people to enact it.

ISSUE 2: "To authorize the State to issue bonds to continue the Clean Ohio program for environmental revitalization and conservation"

Well, as far as I'm concerned, a bond issue is better than a tax increase. But we also need to be careful, because when it comes to government, money is money, and acquiring any additional debt right now is a tenuous option at best. Two hundred million is a lot of money, and while I think it would be wonderful to have more natural preserves, wetlands and wilderness, right now I'm a little more concerned with the state of our own infrastructure than worried about whether the spotted owl has a cushy nest. If you're worried about the environment, then perhaps step one should be a concerted effort to make sure our bridges don't collapse into our rivers.

ISSUE 3: "To amend the constitution to protect private property rights in ground water, lakes, and other watercourses."

Like the first issue, the way this is worded makes it impossible to tell whether or not this is good legislation without first knowing how the courts will interpret several key phrases. At the end of some clauses are the words "subordinate to the public welfare", which sounds a lot like the foundation of the arguments for eminent domain. I'm all for increased private rights, but more than the outcome of this vote, I'll look forward to hearing the courts' decision as to the meaning of terms like "reasonable use".

ISSUE 4: Withdrawn by Petitioners Committee

ISSUE 5: "Referendum on legislation making changes to check cashing lending, sometimes known as 'payday lending' fees, interest rates and practices."

Let's do the math: If this issue passes, a 'payday lender' will only make about five dollars on a two hundred dollar, month-long loan. Now, before we go any further, ask yourself, what do you think would happen if you walked

into your local bank, plunked a five dollar bill down on the counter and asked them to borrow that amount of money? Yeah, good luck with that. Like so many other things in life, this issue boils down to three simple words... Personal Financial Responsibility. The government can't regulate responsibility, and well-intended or not, this legislation does nothing to address the problems of poverty and debt. This issue is akin to telling a drowning man what he can or can't use to try and stay afloat. Well the flood always looks a bit different when you're already in it up to your neck.

ISSUE 6: "To amend the constitution by initiative petition for a casino near Wilmington in Southwest Ohio and distribute to all Ohio counties a tax on the casino."

Here we go again with the casino issue. This time, it's for a one-time allowance for a resort casino near Dayton and Cincinnati, one that promises us new jobs, and a dramatic influx of tax dollars to individual counties. Once again, let me make it clear. This issue is not about legalizing gambling. We already have gambling in Ohio in the form of lottery, Keno, horse racing, harness racing, bingo, and even year-round charity poker in the flats. Do I trust that this group will deliver everything they promise? NO. But do I think we will EVER see the kind of legislation that will bring the appropriate balance of regulation and control to the issue? Again, NO. Take all the monetary promises off the table, and at the very least, passage of this issue should open the door for a few thousand jobs to be created in the state. If that's good enough for you, then go ahead and vote yes, otherwise be prepared for a long wait for someone to come up with something better.

This might not have helped you make up your mind one way or another, but I hope it will at least prompt you investigate further. I have no problem with you voting your conscience, as long as that conscience is well-informed. You expect your representatives to put forth an effort once elected, but that expectation is only a reflection of the same effort you put into selecting them.



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Minding The Issues

Slander In The Sun-Post

by Gordon Brumm, continued from page 1...

libelous (with the implication, obviously, that Mr. Reale's letter was not libelous). I pointed out that she was making a distinction without a difference, and there it stood. But she did suggest I write a letter of my own. I did so, and submitted the letter the following Monday, October 20, clearly under the deadline.

Here is the letter I submitted. Because it is the best and fullest expression of what I knew and believed, I include it in its totality (with apologies for some repetition):

"The McCain campaign has nothing to offer the country except failed Bush economic policies and military adventures plus a Supreme Court mired in the 18th century. So they resort to personal attacks on Obama -- slurs, misrepresentations, overgeneralizations and gross distortions.

"The keynote of the Obama campaign is generosity and hope. The keynote of McCain's campaign is toxic invective.

"A case in point is a letter in the Sun newspapers of October 16, by one William Reale of Shaker Heights.

"After familiar conservative calls for 'freedom, private property, limited government and individual responsibility' plus the now-familiar familiar guilt-by-association charges and a complete distortion of Obama's Iraq policy, Reale comes out with his most striking charge, infanticide. Here is what he says about Obama:

"... as a member of the Illinois senate he voted three times against legislation that would protect a baby that survives an abortion."

"Continuing: 'Instead of protecting an abortion survivor, Obama apparently prefers the practice of putting the baby in some out of the way place and letting it die unattended. . . clearly infanticide . . .'

"This is a shocking accusation, not to be leveled nor accepted lightly. But it isn't true. According to Obama's website, the Chicago Tribune and other sources, these are the facts:

"The legislation referred to was Illinois SB 1082 (2003). This bill, and others like it, were dubbed "born-alive" bills because they mandated protection of any baby that survived an abortion.

"At the time of the votes in question, "born-alive" protection was already part of federal law and Illinois law as well. This alone erases any possibility that Obama might have intended infanticide, because such intent would have been futile.

"The reason why Obama voted against SB 1082 was wording in the bill that might have undermined Illinois

laws and precedents protecting abortion rights -- wording that differed from corresponding wording in the federal bill. (Whether this interpretation was correct might be legally contentious, but since Obama was president of the Harvard Law Review, I'll rest easy with his take on the legalities.)

This sort of issue is one that will probably face the media more and more as the free-flowing world of the Internet, most notably the blogosphere, becomes more prominent.

"Furthermore, Obama stated that if he had been in the U.S. Senate when the federal "born-alive" bill came up, he would have voted for it.

"In short, Reale's letter was a typical dirty-tricks tactic -- seizing on a vote by a legislator and distorting the meaning of that vote to put it in the worst possible light. Shameful."

That is my letter. Just before submitting it by e-mail, I again tried to reach Ms. Skala. Instead I reached her assistant, Ray Jablonski, confirmed that there was still time to get a letter in under the deadline, and notified him that the letter was coming. (He later confirmed that it was received.) The letter did not appear in any of the Sun newspapers on October 23, and since the deadline for political letters had already passed) on Oct. 21, it will not appear. Nor were there any other letters -- at least not in the Sun Post -- that addressed the charge of infanticide against Obama.

The Issue of Media Responsibility

Recall my question about a letter that would accuse Obama or McCain of serial murder, and Ms. Skala's answer that it would be barred as obviously libelous. What that means is that material which could be libelous, material which is clearly harmful -- just so long

as it was not obviously libelous on its fact -- would be allowed in.

And that is irresponsible. The media should not be a conduit for libel. In the Sun newspaper case, the editors could have easily found what Obama had to say about the charge of infanticide, and with a little more work they could have gotten the full set of facts on which to base a well-informed, reasoned decision. This could all have been presented to the reader in an editorial note or commentary. If the editors were unwilling or unable to do this, they should not have published the letter.

This sort of issue is one that will probably face the media more and more as the free-flowing world of the Internet, most notably the blogosphere, becomes more prominent. Hopefully, anyone who presents factual statements to the public will make sure the statements are fully examined and found to be justified. But that may be wishful thinking.

In any case, the more traditional

institutions, those that profess allegiance to established journalistic standards, should insure that they not become conduits for libel; this they owe to the public.

One impediment to this end is the traditional journalistic distinction between fact and opinion. This distinction is fine as far as it goes, but it is inadequate, and it often leads to situations such as that just described. For in the effort to avoid injecting opinion into reporting, a newspaper (or radio or TV station), will present any assertion as a fact -- because, after all, the undoubted fact is that the assertion was made! (It is a fact that Mr. Reale accused Obama of supporting infanticide.) Maybe a rebuttal argument is allowed; maybe not. In any case the accusation sticks in the reader's mind whether it is justified or not.

We need to recognize not merely two but three categories: fact, analysis, and evaluation. The first two are objective (though it may be difficult to perform an completely objective analysis). The third -- evaluation -- is subjective. When a questionable accusation is made, evaluation -- the subjective element -- need not be employed. Analysis, in an extended sense, could be employed to bring out counterarguments, examine evidence and in general determine for the reader how well-founded the accusation is.

Finally, perhaps the greatest libel of all is that Obama has gotten where he is because the media are on his side.

Do You Know Madison Avenue?

by Mel Page
Director of MAMA

down to experience all she has to offer.

Of the approximately 250 businesses on Madison, only about sixteen are chain or franchise businesses. Less than twenty percent of all Madison businesses actually sell merchandise that you can walk out of the store with. Of these, there is a diverse selection of specialty shops that sell the niceties that we enjoy shopping for. However, most of these wonderful shops provide more practical goods that simply are there to serve the surrounding community and the everyday needs of its residents. In either case, as is the experience with all Madison Avenue businesses, they provide unmatched expertise of their trade and valuable one-on-one service. And some of these specialty retailers are the actual creators of the products themselves! The remaining eighty percent of businesses provide almost every type of

service that improves one's quality of life. This includes: professional health and fitness services; recreational and artistic services; every aspect of financial services; auto-related and household services; a wide selection of hospitality establishments such as restaurants and taverns; and numerous salons and barbers.

Do you choose to live in Lakewood for any of the following reasons: convenience, character, diversity, sustainability, and community? Madison Avenue holds all of these. So take that step to seek out those goods and services you are looking for, right here in Lakewood, before leaving town to find them.

MAMA will be holding a meeting of the association Thursday, November 6, at 7pm at Wobblefoot Gallery, 1662 Mars Ave. This meeting is open to all Madison businesses. Contact Mel Page at mel.page@lakewoodobserver.com or 228-7223 for more information.



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Lakewood Health News

Non Profit Provides One On One Cancer Support

by Greg Murray

While working out in my gym in Chicago a few years back, I couldn't help myself and had to start up some friendly trash talking with the guy wearing the Michigan Wolverines shirt (I was wearing my Ohio State shirt that day). I was immediately taken aback by his friendly behavior and to this day

have never met someone so unbelievably likeable and outgoing. Since that day in 2004, I've kept in touch with Jonny Imerman, attended various charity and fundraising events and recently ran as part of the Imerman Active team at the Chicago Marathon and plan on representing the team at various local ultramarathons and marathons.

While fighting cancer at the age of

26, although Jonny had support from his friends and family, he wanted to talk to someone just like him, someone who had fought the same type of cancer and won the fight. Instead of sitting back and doing nothing after he won his fight, Jonny founded Imerman Angels One on One Cancer Support. Since 2003, this non profit has been matching cancer fighters with cancer

survivors. The cancer survivors previously beat the same cancer the fighter has. The survivor is able to provide a unique perspective along with support and encouragement through what can be a very difficult time. Imerman Angels also connects "caregivers." A caregiver is a family member or friend who is supporting the cancer fighter. As you can guess, this has proven to be an invaluable service to fighters and caregivers around the country.

Imerman Angels does not turn anyone away and the service is 100% free. The charity relies on volunteers, fundraising events and donations from people like us. Although based in Chicago, Imerman Angels matches caregivers, fighters and survivors from all over the world.

The web address for Imerman Angels is www.imermanangels.org. You will be able to find information on how to be matched or on how to make a donation. As a Lakewood resident, I like to consider myself the local ambassador for Imerman Angels and am always doing my very best to spread the word. Please forward this on to anyone that you think may benefit from this wonderful and free service. To follow my fundraising progress, you may also visit www.firstgiving.com/gregmurray.

Lakewood and Marymount Hospitals Awarded Grant To Assist The Uninsured And Underinsured With Diabetes

by Anne Kuenzel

Lakewood and Marymount Hospitals are pleased to announce they each have been awarded a \$50,000 grant from the Caremark Rx L.L.C. Discretionary Settlement Fund. The fund will be used to establish the Diabetes Assistance Initiative. This Initiative will provide financial assistance for prescription medication and scholarships for self-management education programs, two core components of diabetes care. With one in 14 individuals in Northeast Ohio living with diabetes, these programs are needed now more than ever.

Lakewood Hospital Diabetes Cen-

ter, located in the Lakewood Hospital Professional Building, at 14601 Detroit Ave, Suite 540, in Lakewood, has been seeing an increased number of patients without health insurance, as well as those who have insurance, but are not covered for diabetes education. People falling into either of these groups will benefit from this program.

"We are committed to improving the health and well-being of our local community," says Jack Gustin, president of Lakewood Hospital. "We identified a need and have begun taking steps toward a solution. This grant will help our Diabetes Center expand its care to the uninsured and under-

insured living with diabetes."

As one of the first hospitals on Cleveland's West Side to receive recognition from the American Diabetes Association for its outpatient diabetes education program, this grant will allow Lakewood Hospital's Diabetes Center to expand its outreach efforts to benefit an even greater number of people with diabetes.

For more information about Lakewood Hospital Diabetes Center, call 216.529.5300 or visit lakewoodhospital.org/diabetes.

What Westside Yoga Studio Offers... Workshops For Kids Yoga And New Beginner Adults

by Evin Bodell

Saturday November 8th New Beginners Yoga Workshop with Dawn Donogan from 1:30-3:30 PM at The Westside Yoga Studio 17100 Detroit Ave Lakewood. Fee is \$25.00 with pre-registration, \$35.00 at the door. Contact phone; 440 773-1605, www.westsideyogastudio.com, email fstarshine@aol.com.

Saturday November 22nd New Beginners Workshop with Kyle Curley from 2-4 PM.

Have you always wanted to try yoga but feel intimidated? In this class you will learn that yoga is for everyone; young and old, stiff and inflexible,

those stressed by everyday life. Do something good for your body and mind. This will be a laid back non-intimidating way to learn the basics of yoga, and have fun too! Bring your friends, a towel, water and wear something comfortable. Dawn will take you through the basics of yoga practice, the importance of breath, yoga postures and the benefits that are endless!!

Look forward to Saturday December 6th 2 Kids Yoga Workshops with Erin Esposito Peron, 2:30-3:30 PM School Age Kids ages 6-12. 4-5PM Toddlers Yoga Workshop, Mommy/Daddy and ME! Cost is \$15.00 pre-registered, \$20.00 at the door.



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Fight On, Lakewood High! (Or Was That "Fly On"?)

The Amazing Story Of The NC-4!

by Gary Rice

Each year about this time, I start to think about the veterans of our armed forces who have done more for our country than most of us may ever realize. November 11th, of course, marks the traditional Veterans Day celebration in communities across our land. Lakewood area veterans will meet at the memorial in Lakewood Park at 11 a.m. on that day to honor those who have served our nation in uniform over the years.

A campaign is currently underway to renovate the monument area at the park. (People wishing to contribute to that campaign should contact Melissa Garrett at (216) 529-6650. It is possible to contribute a monetary donation, or to purchase a bench, tree, or engraved paver stone for the project.) On November 10th, veterans and their families will also be honored at Garfield School with a breakfast and recognition program. (Veterans and their family members interested in participating at the Garfield activities would need to contact Nora Steele, H20 Assistant Coordinator, at 216-529-4173 for reservations.)

As I write these columns, every once in awhile I try to let you know about veterans and their Lakewood connection. This particular column ties a specific Navy aircraft to Lakewood High School in a rather unique way.

After the first World War (1914-1918) it became apparent that air power was up-and-coming. The skies of Europe had thundered with machine guns mounted on fighter aircraft, as they added a new and frightening dimension to warfare. Bomber aircraft also began to be used to drop thousands of pounds of high explosives on troops and even cities. Clearly, air power was on the rise.

After the war, there was considerable concern about how and when airplanes would be developed that would have the capability to cross oceans. To that end, the Curtiss aircraft company and the United States Navy decided to embark on a project to accomplish exactly that mission, and more. Four large, multi-engined, open-cockpit, flying boat aircraft had been built during WWI, but were just completing development by the end of that war. It was soon decided that these airships would fly across the Atlantic Ocean. Although primitive by today's standards, every technological advance of the age was applied to the engineering of those aircraft. For



safety, along the way, Navy ships were standing by along the route to assist the aircrews in the event of trouble. In the spring of 1919, three of the four aircraft took off for Nova Scotia on the first leg of their journey. The aircraft had been named NC (Navy Curtiss) - 1, NC-3, and NC-4. (The NC-2 plane, having an unsatisfactory engine layout, was taken apart to supply parts for the other aircraft.)

Of the three remaining aircraft, the NC-1 had to land in the ocean, and the crew was rescued by a passing ship. It later sank beneath the waves. The NC-3 also had to land at sea, and its airworthiness was lost. It did, however, make it to the Azores as a surface ship! Only the NC-4 made it all the way by air to Portugal, then on to Spain, and from there to Plymouth, England. This was an outstanding effort at that time, and was the first successful trans-Atlantic air crossing. The NC-4 later returned to the United States and ended up at the Pensacola (Florida) Naval Air Museum, where it still resides today. Other flights made soon thereafter by an English aircrew, and of course the solo flight in 1927 made by Lindbergh, unfortunately moved the memory of the NC-4's heroic first Atlantic flight into history.

In the same year as that first flight, the "NC-4 March" was written by F.E. Bigelow, who dedicated it to the chief officer of the NC-4, Lieutenant Commander Albert Read. The stirring "trio" section of this Bigelow march was supposedly used as the basis for a number of college fight songs, and was also the melody adapted for the fight song of Lakewood High School. Although I was unable to ascertain whether the original Bigelow march had lyrics, our own Lakewood words were soon

added to that great melody. Legendary Lakewood Hometown Band (and All-Ohio State Fair Band) Director Donald Santa-Emma informs me that his Alma Mater, West Tech, adapted a tune from Bigelow's other famous march "Our

Director" for their own fight song. Don relates that the adapting of popular marches for school fight songs was a fairly common practice in those days.

There are many sublime contributions by veterans to our country. Some of these, like our freedoms, and the ability to sleep safely in our beds at night, are the obvious ones. Less obvious, but equally important, are efforts like the flight of the NC-4, and the song inspired by that effort--a song whose melody resounds through the stands of Lakewood's stadium, each and every football game, and will evermore resound in our hearts, and in the pulse of our city.

Thanks to Don for his information, and also to former Lakewood High band director Tom Selby for providing some of the historical background of the flight of the NC-4. Tom also tells me that there was once a big wooden model of the NC-4 in the AV room at Lakewood High School.



Cathy Rush with Governor Sarah Palin.

Governor Palin Attends Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony At Michael T. George Center

by Gary Rice

On October 10th, Alaska Governor and Vice-Presidential candidate Sarah Palin attended a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new Michael T. George Center for Community Living in North Olmsted. This facility, operated by Welcome House, will be serving senior individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

On hand for the ceremony, among other notables, was Cathy

Rush, Habilitation Manager for Contract Agencies and Senior Services for Cuyahoga County. Also on hand to snap the great photo of Cathy and Governor Palin was Barbie Luczywo, Secretary/Treasurer of project General Contractor, Whitehouse Construction Company. Cathy just happens to be a longtime dear friend of mine! Congratulations to all concerned for putting together a new facility to serve seniors having exceptional needs in our area!

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Coffee: Organic, Fair Trade, And Grown In The Shade

by Heather Ramsey

The US consumes 20% of the coffee produced worldwide. With many drinking it daily, and the majority drinking it at least occasionally, it has become a \$50 billion industry. Millions of people depend upon coffee for their livelihoods, but many rainforest ecosystems also depend upon us to purchase coffee that has been grown in a sustainable way.

Originally grown under rainforest canopies, coffee has since been cultivated in open fields to increase yields. This method, while producing more coffee, resulted in a great deal of deforestation and is more prone to pest problems. The animal species living in the shady coffee-growing ecosystem kept many pest problems at bay and required few additions to the healthy soil. With open sun growing, however, plants that were once home to numerous bird species and other animals are now home to very few, and require a great deal of pesticides and fertilizers to grow. Full sun plantations support around 90% less biodiversity than their shaded counterparts.

Several organizations exist to ensure that coffee that has been grown in more natural conditions is labeled as such. TransFair USA's Fair Trade certification includes a ban on some of the most dangerous pesticides, including DDT, and requires use of integrated pest management, which

includes growing coffee under shade canopies. More than three-quarters of Fair Trade certified coffee is also certified organic.

USDA Certified Organic coffee must be grown without synthetic fertilizers or pesticides on land that has been clean of them for at least three years. The farm must use a sustainable crop rotation system to prevent erosion and the depletion of soil nutrients, and control for pests.

The Rainforest Alliance also certifies coffee, covering environmental protection, workers' rights, and local community interests. Some pesticides are allowed in certain cases, but those prohibited by the EPA, EU, and a few others are always prohibited.

Bird Friendly labels may be found on organic coffees that also meet strict criteria devised by the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center. This label indicates coffee growing practices that are safe for migratory birds, many of which move south to coffee growing areas from the United States during our cold winters. If we cease to protect these areas, many of our own bird species will die off, in addition to those who live permanently in rainforest ecosystems.

Just as many products use labels like "natural," coffees may label themselves as "shade-grown" without any proof that this is true. Be wary of labels aside from those mentioned above, as



Bird Friendly Label



Fair Trade Label



Organic Label



Rainforest Certified Label

they may be inaccurate.

Without leaving Lakewood, there are plenty of sustainable coffee choices available. Caribou Coffee, for example, set a goal that 50% of their coffees would be Rainforest Alliance Certified by the end of this year and has already surpassed that goal. Phoenix Coffee sells both Organic Fair Trade and Rainforest certified varieties; and Starbucks offers several Fair Trade and Organic options. In stores, Newman's Own Organics offers a line of organic coffees in partnership with Green Mountain Coffee, including a French Roast, a decaf, a Vanilla Caramel flavored coffee, and several others. Unfortunately, some of the largest coffee producers found in grocery stores have not agreed to use organic or shade-grown coffee, but many have. A list of fair trade products, including coffee companies that can be listed by state, is available at transfairusa.org, and you can check the labels next time you shop.

Many companies also offer coffee through mail-order programs or online retailers, like Amazon. Grounds for Change, a coffee roasting business headquartered in the Pacific Northwest, offers not only Fair Trade, Shade Grown, and Organic coffees, but has also gone so far as to obtain a Car-

bon Free label for its business, which includes organic farming, non-mechanized harvesting, and sun drying, among many other criteria. Some blends are presented in partnership with environmental organizations, such as the Audubon Society, Save Our Wild Salmon, and Earth Ministry. They are also a member of 1% For The Planet (1% of their profits goes to environmental causes). Learn more or order products at groundsforchange.com.

In addition to purchasing sustainably harvested coffees, there are many other ways to make your coffee drinking more earth-friendly. Brewing coffee at home will save the resources from paper or foam cups, plastic stirrers, and cream and sugar packets, as will using a reusable mug when you do purchase coffee on the go. Not only will you be reducing waste, but many companies offer a discount for refilling a mug, so you will save money. Consider using a reusable coffee filter, or at least the non-bleached paper variety. You could also switch to a French press for a paperless method, as it doesn't require a filter. And, when you're done making coffee, compost your coffee grounds or sprinkle them around your garden to further reduce waste (and even help out your soil).

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'Munsters' In The Attic

by T.C. Memmer

It has long been rumored that many of the old houses in Lakewood are home to spirits and ghosts of time gone by. But there is one house in Lakewood whose third floor is home to a whole host of monsters... Oops! Make that Munsters. That's right, Munsters, as in 'The Munsters' television show of the 1960's. Herman, Lily, Marilyn, Grandpa, Eddie and even Woof Woof have taken up residence in the attic of Ian Memmer's home. For over ten years, Ian has collected memorabilia from that classic 60's sitcom. Hailed as having one of the largest collections of Munsters memorabilia, Ian continues to build up his collection through toy and memorabilia shows and antique stores throughout the country.

So what does a Munsters collector collect? While some of the television toys are hard to find, Ian has tracked down many toys ranging from hand puppets to puzzles and board games. His collection also includes Munsters lunch boxes, model kits, comic books, character dolls, and even doggie chew toys! One of Ian's favorite items is a target game made by the Ideal Toy Company. Rumor has it that there are only three of these games in existence. The other two target games belong to Ian's collector friends, Tony Greco of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Kevin Burns of Beverly Hills, California. Tony has the largest collection of Munsters memorabilia. Tony's prized Munsters possession is a life size Drag-u-la car that can actually be driven! He has exhibited his Drag-u-la at various toy shows, and Ian has had the privilege of being one of only a few passengers! Kevin Burns, a two-time-E Emmy-Award-winning Hollywood producer, is the proud owner of Grandpa's original electric chair! Ian has enjoyed the privilege of being electrified in this chair! Tony and Kevin have helped Ian in acquiring some of the hard-to-find items, such as the Target Game, as well as introduce him to some of the show's surviving cast members. Butch Patrick, who played the lovable Eddie Munster, and Pat Priest who played the beautiful Marilyn Munster are two actors Ian has been fortunate to befriend. They both have been intrigued with Ian's love of a television show that had been off the air twenty-five years before he was even born!

So, how did Ian become interested in this old monster sitcom? "When I was just a little boy, the Munsters show was being shown on Nick-at-Nite and I just loved the crazy antics of Herman and Grandpa," says Ian.

Unfortunately the show's star, Fred Gwynne who played Herman Munster, passed away in 1993 when Ian was only two years old. Recently, Al Lewis, who played Grandpa died in 2006, and the illustrious Yvonne De Carlo, who played Lily Munster, died last year. But,



Ian Memmer with his Munsters collection

their memory lives on and on in Ian's third floor 'mini museum'. Autographs and pictures of all the actors adorn the walls, as well as personalized let-

ters from several of the actors and guest actors. But, if these walls could talk, oh what crazy mixed-up tales they would tell of a boy so enamored

with this short-lived television show. Of his immense love of collecting, Ian quotes his friend Tony Greco: "I do it for the love of it!"

A Hungarian Village In Lakewood

by Hajnal Eppley

This November, Lakewood citizens will get a little taste of Hungarian village life as the Hungarian Scout Folk Ensemble celebrates their 35th anniversary at the Lakewood Civic Auditorium. On November 15th, the ensemble will present an evening of song, dance, and music showcasing the seasonal customs of Hungary. The performance will feature local musicians Walt Malhovich and other members of Harmonia as well as Kalman Magyar from Toronto.

The Hungarian Scout Folk Ensemble is made up of high school and college students and adults from all over the Greater Cleveland area. Many members of the ensemble live in Lakewood. Kristof Duna, who graduated from Lakewood High School in 2000, says he joined the group "for many reasons...to enjoy and develop my interest in Hungarian culture, see friends, get exercise, and in some small way to pass along the importance of knowing [your] culture and understanding it." All of the members, many of whom are second or third generation Hungarians, have kept their cultural heritage alive by speaking, reading, and writing their native tongue. According to Julie Madzsar of Magnificat High School, "My culture is one of the most important things to me and to be able to participate in the Hungarian Scout Folk Ensemble is a great experience."

The group aims to preserve dying folk arts of Hungarians living in the Carpathian basin. In 2001, for example, the ensemble spent ten days in



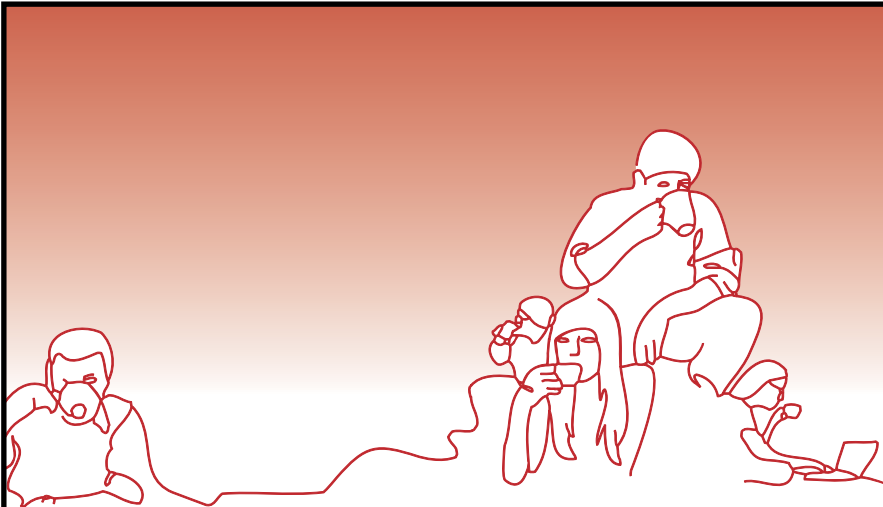
Andrea Horvath, Silvia Kovacs, Krisztina Kovacs, and Paul Duna prepare for their performance at the International Folk Festival in Playhouse Square.

a Kazar, a small village in northern Hungary. There they learned dances, songs, crafts, recipes, and traditions straight from older villagers who strive to keep their cultural identities despite the modernization and westernization of their communities. "Each generation has to own these traditions or they will be lost," says Kristina Walter, who has been a member for nine years and traveled to Kazar with the group. In addition to weekly practices and weekend performances in venues such as the Cultural Gardens, the Allen Theater, and Cleveland State University, members practice some of the same customs they will present in their upcoming performance in their daily lives. On Easter Monday, for example, the boys

present poems to the girls and sprinkle the girls with water or perfume while the girls return the favor with hand-painted Easter eggs. This custom of Easter locsolas or "sprinkling" will be portrayed during the show, along with other customs and traditions practiced throughout the year. While the ensemble continues many of their traditions, the audience will also see more archaic customs that are seldom used today. Girls will reveal the secret methods used to predict the man they would marry and the ensemble will demonstrate what happened to eligible girls and boys who didn't get married by Lent.

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