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Top 1,600 Schools List Is A Fraud

Newsweek Is Burned In The Wood

Jim O'Bryan
Publisher/Resident

Today was yet another sign of the growing backlash over Newsweek's reprinting of their error-ridden "America's Best High Schools: The List" in which "Lakewood High School, Lakewood, Ohio" was reported as 229th, 6th best in Ohio. It then turned out that Newsweek meant Lakewood High School

in Colorado. Lakewood High School in Ohio did not even make the list.

While it was a shock to Lakewoodites that their High School was not on the list, it was what followed that really started to burn some residents. Newsweek themselves and the regional press took a very nasty slant on the magazine's

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Virginia Marti Leads 4th Of July Celebration

by Melissa Garrett

Lakewood Mayor Ed Fitzgerald today announced that Virginia Marti Veith, founder of Virginia Marti College, will serve as the Grand Marshall for the City's Fourth of July parade. The parade is scheduled to step off on Sunday July 4, 2010 at 12:00 p.m. on Lake Avenue at Kenneth Drive and conclude at Lakewood Park.

Virginia Marti Veith grew up with a passion for quality fabrics and fashion. Her father was a furrier, owning a store in Cleveland. Early on, Mrs.

Veith understood that quality sewing and construction skills would open up a world of design possibilities for her. She began studying fashion in New York City, then moved on to Paris to study the Haute Couture method of design, with its emphasis on quality fabrics and customizing detail.

When Mrs. Veith moved back to the States several years later, she opened her own bridal salon. Unable to find expert staff, Mrs. Veith began training new students. Five students attended her first

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Heritage Ohio Honors Lakewood Schools With Another Award

by Christine Gordillo

The Lakewood City Schools recently accepted their third award in recent months for the historic renovation and conversion of Emerson and Horace Mann from middle schools to elementary schools. Heritage Ohio bestowed the district with the "Best Civic Benefit" award at its annual Preservation and Revitalization Awards Ceremony at Ohio University on June 17. Treasurer Rick Berdine was there to accept the award on behalf of the district.

"It's wonderful that respected organizations recognize the projects as worthy and beneficial to the community. The district is blessed to have such a supportive community

that values both education and the heritage of its buildings," said Berdine.

Earlier this year, the district was honored by the City of Lakewood's Heritage Advisory Board and by the Cleveland Restoration Society and American Institute of Architects' Cleveland chapter for the historic renovations on the 1920s-era "twin" school buildings. The renovation project was completed in August at a cost of \$36 million.

"All the communities, individuals and organizations receiving awards today have demonstrated a local commitment to sustaining and growing the preservation and

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Telling Their Stories At The Coffee Pot

by Kara Daley

Harrison Elementary School is located in the heart of Bird Town. The enrollment is approximately 425 students in grades Pre-K through five. This year there are seventy-three students (K-5) served by the district's English Second Language program at Harrison. In February the two ESL teachers in the building (Jeannette Sgambellone and Kara Daley) started meeting every Thursday with their Beginner students in grades 3-5. The meeting was a time to eat lunch together, learn about table manners, share their experiences as immigrants and refugees and socialize in a small group with their English learning peers. The name of the group was "Tell Me Your Story." The children had homework each week that required them to

converse with their parents and record the details of their family history in their native country as well as their migration to, and life in America. As culminating activities the students are writing paragraphs to summarize the information gleaned through their homework assignments and going on a field trip to a nearby restaurant to practice their table manners. The owner of the Coffee Pot restaurant graciously agreed to serve as host and funding was donated by Harrison School PTA and "Micky," a gentleman who frequents the restaurant, heard about the kids and wanted to contribute.

On Thursday, May 27, the thirteen boys and girls and their teachers walked to the Coffee Pot for the big day. Everyone was so excited and ready to use their

English skills to order lunch from the waitress. The students filled two tables and inspected new things like mini coffee cream containers and pepper. Each child introduced themselves to JoAnn, the restaurant owner, by telling her their name and the name of their native country. (Countries include: Puerto Rico, Iraq, Nepal, Russia, Thailand, Kenya and Congo) The teachers had previewed the menu with the students so that they had a good idea of what they would like to order and how to properly pronounce the words so that the children could order for themselves. Chicken strips was the most popular choice! We all had such a wonderful time and the food was delicious! Easily, one of the most fun days of my career as a teacher!



Harrison students enjoying a good meal at the Coffee Pot, while LPL Director Jim Crawford says hello.

Calendar

This calendar presents various public Lakewood events and notices for the next two weeks (excluding Lakewood Public Library sponsored events found separately on the Lakewood Library page). Calendar items can be submitted at our website at www.lakewoodobserver.com on the Home Page. Whereas this printed calendar listing is limited to non-profit events relevant to Lakewood, our website calendar welcomes all Lakewood events!

Community Calendar Compiled by Mel Page

Wednesday, June 30

Wednesday North Union Farmer’s Market
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Kaufmann Park Parking Lot behind Drug Mart, 15412 Detroit
Locally grown produce along with freshly baked breads and pastries, artisans and craftspeople who help to create a festive market atmosphere.

LEAF Night
5:30 to 8:00 PM, Lakewood Main Library Porch

Live Well Lakewood Wellness Challenge
7:00 - 8:15 PM, Woman’s Club Pavilion, Lakewood Park
Post-Program Health Assessment: This last session of the challenge is a re-evaluation so participants will be able to assess their progress on the path to maximum wellness. For more information, visit <http://livewelllakewood.org> or call (216) 529-7695.

Lakewood Block Club Informational Meeting
7:00 - 8:30 PM Lakewood Public Library Auditorium, 15425 Detroit Ave.
Please attend an informational meeting about the Lakewood Block Club program. At this meeting you will: Learn how to set up a “Block Club” on your street; Meet with Local Ward officers; Receive information on City services; Discover how a Block Club on your street will benefit you and your neighbors.

Thursday, July 1
Downtown Cleveland’s Star-Spangled Spectacular
5:00 - 10:00 PM, Public Square in downtown Cleveland.
Pre-concert festival features a diverse line-up of Cleveland-area youth performing arts groups appearing in the hours leading up to the Orchestra’s concert. Concert starts at 9 PM. Assistant Conductor Tito Muñoz leads the Orchestra’s 21st annual free downtown concert. Grammy-nominated and Cleveland-native violinist Caroline Goulding to perform “Summertime” from Porgy and Bess, Gypsy Airs, and Variations on “Yankee Doodle”. Fireworks follow the concert! The 9:00 p.m. concert will be broadcast live on 90.3 WCPN and WCLV 104.9 FM.

Saturday, July 3
Saturday Lakewood Farmers Market
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the City Center Park, in front of Marc’s on Detroit Ave.
The market will operate every Saturday (expect August 7 due to the Lakewood Arts Festival) through October 2. This market is being organized by a volunteer group, with the support of the City, who saw a need to offer an additional market during the weekend. Their mission is to connect local residents with fresh, local, homemade/ handmade/homegrown produce and products while encouraging local entrepreneurship and unify the community through sustainable endeavors.

Riders To Bring Back Daily Lakewood Circulator bus meeting
3:00 PM, Lakewood Public Library 15425 Detroit Ave., multi-purpose meeting room.
Attend this public meeting To Bring Back The Daily Lakewood Circulator, which RTA wrongly eliminated September 20. Phone 216-221-2724. Your help is needed.

Sunday, July 4
Lakewood Fourth of July Parade
12:00 PM, Lake Avenue between Kenneth Drive and Lakewood Park
The Lakewood Fourth of July Parade steps off at 12:00 PM at Kenneth and Lake Avenues and continues east on Lake Avenue to Lakewood Park. After the parade, festivities will continue in Lakewood Park with games, food, activities and information provided by several of Lakewood’s not-for-profit organizations.

Summer Band Concert - The Lakewood Project
7:00 PM, the Lakewood Project, Lakewood High School’s Youth Rock Orchestra, will perform at the Bandstand at Lakewood Park. Join us for this free concert in the park.

Lakewood Fourth of July Fireworks
9:30 PM, Lakewood Park, 14532 Lake Ave.

Wednesday, July 7
Wednesday North Union Farmers Market
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Kaufmann Park Parking Lot.

LEAF Night
5:30 to 8:00 PM, Lakewood Main Library Porch

Friday, July 9
Friday Night Flick - “Thomas and the Magic Railroad ”
9:30 PM, Lakewood Park Bandstand, 14532 Lake Ave.



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One World Music Front Porch Concert
7 PM, Lakewood Main Library Porch, African Village Music with Halim El-Dabh
See Page 16 for more details.

Saturday, July 10
St. Augustine Trash and Treasure Sale
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM, St. Augustine Health Campus at 7801 Detroit Ave. Cleveland
Spring cleaning or looking for a bargain? Come to the Trash and Treasure sale. Admission is free and you can have your own table for \$10. Please call Linda Brown at 216-939-7711 to register for a table.

Madison Library Branch Learning Garden Grand Opening
10:30 AM, Behind Madison Branch Library See Page 6 for story.

Lakewood Senior Health Campus “Community Dog Show”
11 AM - 1 PM. Lakewood Senior Health Campus 13900 Detroit Ave.
Free Admission. Contests, Prizes, Food, Fun. See Ad on Page 20.

Saturday Lakewood Farmers Market
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the City Center Park, in front of Marc’s on Detroit Ave.
See details under July 2nd Calendar item.

Sunday, July 11
Western Reserve Cup Historic base Ball Tournament
12:00 - 5:00 PM, Lakewood Park - Old Stone House Field
The four historic base ball clubs of the Western Reserve meet to play for the coveted honor of “Champions of the Western Reserve”. Event sponsored by Lakewood Historical Society. See Page 14 for full story.

Summer Band Concert - “Ki Allen, Lady Jazz”
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM, Lakewood Park Bandstand, 14532 Lake Ave.
Join us for this free concert in the park. In the event of rain, this concert will be held in the Lakewood City Hall Auditorium, 12650 Detroit Ave.

Monday, July 12
North Coast Health Ministry’s “The Meal That Heals”
5 PM - 9 PM, Players Restaurant, 14523 Madison Ave.
Fundraiser for the West Side’s free clinic for the low-income uninsured. Cost is \$35/person for a three-course prix fixe meal, excluding alcoholic beverages and gratuity. Reservations can be made by calling Players on Madison at 216-226-5200. See Page 16 for story.

VBS - Saddle Ridge Ranch (Runs Monday, Tuesday, & Wed)
6:00 - 8:00 PM, Grant Elementary School
Saddle up for VBS 2010 where kids will be ridin’ the range and roundin’ up questions like: “What is God’s plan for me?” and “How can I be like Jesus?” At the end of the day, they’ll discover that God’s Word has all the answers. They’ll have a lot of fun along the way with music, games and crafts. Come out to Grant Elementary Monday-July 12th, Tuesday-July 13th, and Wednesday-July 14th to earn your deputy badge!
Register Online at www.crossptchurch.com

Visit our calendar online for many more events.



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Lakewood City News

City Of Lakewood Financial Update And Bond Rating Upgrade

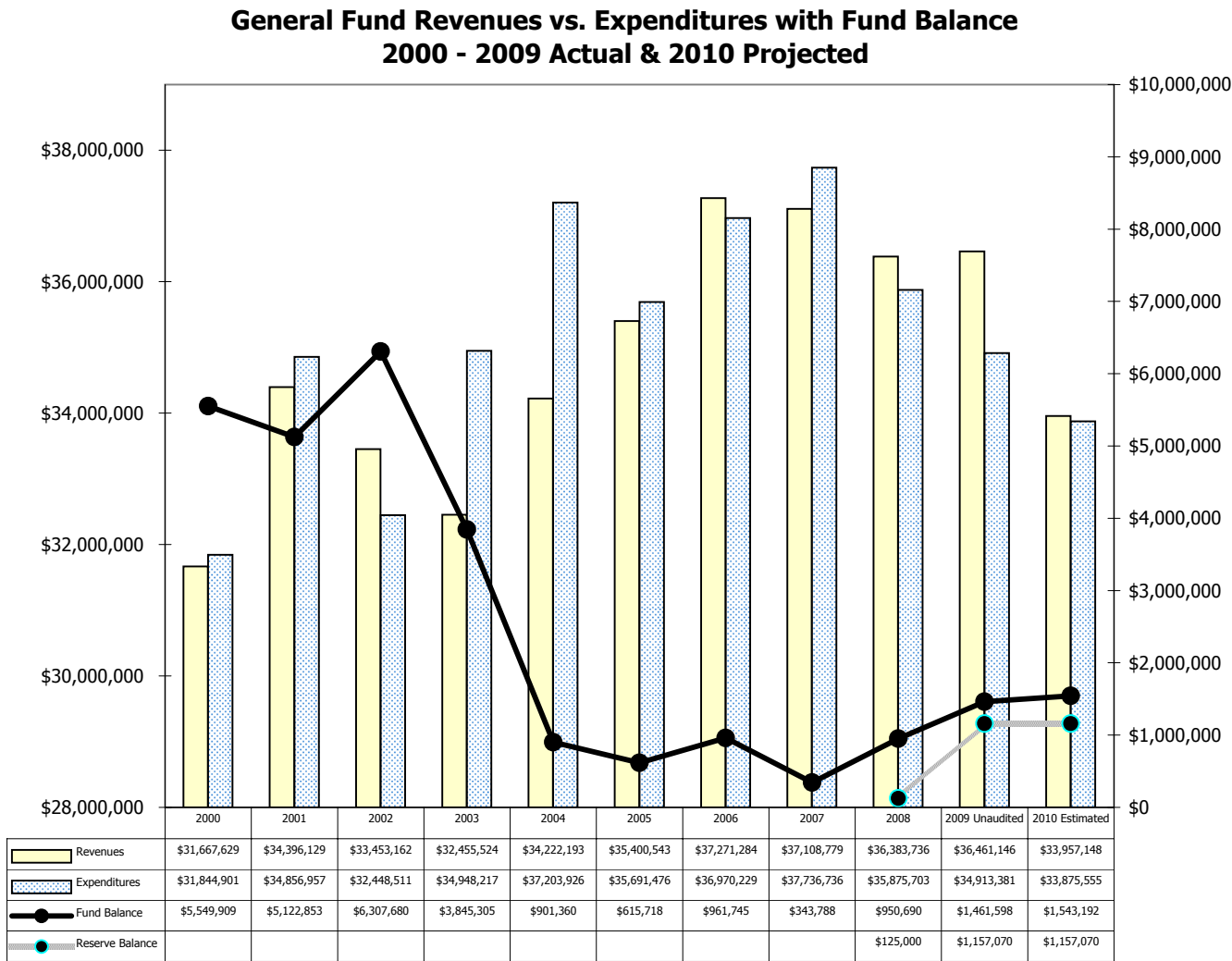
by Jennifer Pae
Finance Director, City of Lakewood

National economic conditions continue to press on Lakewood’s budget. While we’re far from out of the woods, we’re in better shape than many of the nation’s other cities that waited too long to take prudent steps towards shoring up their budgets. The City’s budget is still very tight, but fiscal responsibility is already delivering results, including the ability to sell Bond Anticipation Notes at historic lows.

Knowing that revenues would be much lower in 2010 due to the economy, the City of Lakewood projected property tax, income tax and other charges to be 7 percent lower than what was received in 2009. That might not sound like a lot, but it is a \$2.5 million reduction, and a significant impact on the City’s operations. However, no services or events have been eliminated in 2010.

On December 21st, Lakewood City Council passed a structurally balanced 2010 General Fund Budget of \$33.9 million. The General Fund is the City’s primary operating budget that supports core services such as police, fire, refuse and recycling, parks, etc. Structurally balanced means that budgeted expenditures do not exceed projected revenues, and no prior year-end balances are used to make up any revenue short-falls. Therefore, the City is rebuilding a financial cushion that at its highest was \$6.3 million at the end of 2002 and its lowest was less than \$350,000 at the end of 2007.

By passing structurally balanced budgets for the past three years, the City was able to build back its fund bal-



ance to nearly \$1.5 million at the end of 2009. A healthy fund balance level should be about 10 percent of General Fund expenditures, so the City should have a balance of around \$3.5 million. The City is on the right track and still has a ways to go which is especially challenging during these trying economic times.

Why should a healthy fund balance matter? It matters a lot. A healthy fund balance means that the City has funds available in the event an unforeseen expenditure occurs or anticipated

revenues do not materialize. It means that the City is able to pay its creditors and employees in case of an unanticipated event.

It is important to stress creditors, since the City has borrowed money through notes and bonds to pay for streets, parks and other infrastructure projects. This ability to pay investors is reflected in the City’s bond rating.

The City of Lakewood is proud to announce that on April 23, 2010 its bond rating was raised by Moody’s Investor Service from Aa3 to Aa2.

Moody’s has been going through a ratings recalibration process to bring its municipal ratings more in line with corporate ratings, and was done in recognition of the historically low level of defaults in general obligation backed debt. In the world of credit scores, this is very good, since approximately 40 percent of Ohio rated cities are Aa2 or higher. It can be thought of as a B+/A-grade in school.

On April 6th, the City of Lakewood sold \$7.771 million in General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes at an interest rate of 0.65%. In other words, it will cost the City about \$51,000 to borrow nearly \$8.0 million. Not only is this a reflection of the lowest municipal debt interest rates in anyone’s memory, it is also due the City’s bond rating and increasing financial strength that enables the City to borrow at such a low rate.

Lakewood Social Security Office Moving To New Location

by Brandon Smith
The Lakewood Social Security office, which is currently located

at 14650 Detroit Ave, suite 200, Lakewood, OH, will be moving to a new location in late July. The new

location will be 17513 Detroit Ave, Lakewood, OH. The Lakewood office will begin the moving process on Friday, July 16th. There may be reduced levels of service available from Monday, July 19th through Thursday, July 22nd. Members of the public will still be able to use our online services at www.socialsecurity.gov and our national toll free number at 800-772-1213. Both the current and the new office locations will be closed on Friday, July 23rd. The new office will be open for business to the public on Monday, July 26th.



Lakewood resident Lieutenant Ryan Patrick Demro (second from left), pictured with fellow graduates of the John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School’s Mobilization Civil Affairs Qualification Course. Demro was one of two students to make the Commandant’s List for exceeding course standards.



The new Social Security Office.

The one-year notes are used to finance capital projects that took place or began in 2007, 2008, and 2009. These include over 40 street improvement projects, the Madison and Wagar Park improvements, and traffic signal upgrades on Clifton and Detroit.

At the end of the first quarter of 2010, the City’s revenues are on track as projected, which is over \$400,000 lower than this time last year. The City’s expenditures are also within budget over the past three months.

For more information, go to the City of Lakewood Finance Department’s web page at <http://www.onelakewood.com/Finance/Default.aspx> to view the 2010 Year-to-Date Financial Report as well as other financial documents.

Lakewood Public Library Events

All Events and Programs Are Free And Open To The Public

Saturday, July 3

THE LAKEWOOD PUBLIC CINEMA: The Simpsons Movie (2007)
Directed by David Silverman Rated PG-13
For the Fourth of July Weekend, what could be more American than the Simpsons? Okay, so maybe you can think of some better movies, but this is the one we picked. If you like laughter or doughnuts—or if you’re just concerned about our rapidly deteriorating environment—then bring the whole family.

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

Friday, July 9

FRONT PORCH CONCERTS - presented by LakewoodAlive
Celebrate Lakewood’s rich diversity and youthful talent with live, family-friendly entertainment in front of the Library—Lakewood’s Front Porch! Bring a chair and a happy heart and don’t forget your dancing shoes!

Lakewood Is Art: One World Music Series: African Village Music with Halim El-Dabh
7:00 p.m. in front of the Main Library

Saturday, July 10

BACK TO THE MOVIES: Vintage Hitchcock -- Young and Innocent
(1937) Directed by Alfred Hitchcock Not Rated
A man with a twitching eye argues with his movie-star wife. Later, she is found dead and another man is seen fleeing. This man, whose eyes are perfectly normal, commandeers a car with a constable’s daughter in it. Together they search for the real killer. Did I mention the twitching eye? Have you ever seen a movie where a character with a twitching eye is innocent? This movie’s big reveal has been featured in every cinema textbook ever since.

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

Sunday, July 11

SUNDAY WITH THE FRIENDS: JODY GETZ & FRIENDS
An award-winning songwriter rediscovers her voice with help from two of her favorite musicians. Guitarist John Lucic and bassist George Lee join Jody Getz for a return to center stage. The blues can’t be far behind—along with folk and pop originals.

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

BOOK GROUPS:

Thursday, July 8

BOOKED FOR MURDER: Dante Club by Matthew Pearl
When a murderer uses torture methods straight out of Dante’s Inferno, the police call upon the unique talents of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Oliver Wendell Holmes and James Russell Lowell to put out the fire.

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

LEARNING LAB CLASSES:

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. All classes take place in the Main Library Learning Lab on the 2nd floor.

- UPCOMING JULY CLASSES:
- Sat. July 3: WEB SEARCHING BASICS @ 3:00 p.m.
 - Tues. July 6: WORD PROCESSING BASICS @ 7:00 p.m.
 - Sat. July 10: WORD PROCESSING BASICS @ 3:00 p.m.
 - Thurs. July 15: JOB HUNTING WORKSHOP from 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
 - Sat. July 17: INTERNET BASICS @ 3:00 p.m.
 - Tues. July 20: SPREADSHEET BASICS @ 7:00 p.m.
 - Sat. July 24: E-MAIL BASICS @ 3:00 p.m.

LEAF COMMUNITY 2010

Every Wednesday night at 5:30 p.m. on the Main Library’s Front Porch through the Harvest.

CHILDRENS & YOUTH SERVICES

WEEKEND PROGRAMS:

Madison Branch Learning Garden Grand Opening & Storytime
Join Lakewood Public Library and LEAF Community for the grand opening of the Learning Garden at the Madison Branch library. The brief dedication of the garden will be followed by a special Storytime and hands on work in the garden. Children will plant sunflower seeds which they will take home, cultivate, and return to the garden for future planting.

Saturday, July 10 at 10:30 a.m. in the Madison Branch Learning Garden

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.

Main Library: Friday: 10:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.
 Saturday: 10:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 4:00p.m.
 Sunday: 2:00 p.m.

Madison Branch: Friday 10:30 a.m.

Main: July 2, 3: Celebrate!

July 9, 10, 11: Pails of Fun

Madison: July 2, 3: Under the Sea

July 9, 10, 11: Celebrate!

WEEKENDS WITH WEE ONES: For families with children under 2 years old
Spend a part of your family weekend time clapping your hands, tapping your feet, singing nursery rhymes and, of course, sharing books. We will provide materials and ideas for families wishing to continue the fun at home. Programs are offered every weekend throughout the year, and there is no need to register in advance.

Saturdays at 11:30 a.m. and Sundays at 3:30 p.m.
Madison Branch Children’s and Youth Services Department

TAIL WAGGIN’ TUTORS: For children ages 7 – 12

Bone up on your reading skills by reading to a dog. Drop in for a one-on-one session with one of our dogs and owners that have been certified through Therapy Dogs International.

Saturday, July 10 from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room

PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH AND TEENS

GAMES GALORE: For youth entering sixth through eighth grade
Looking for something to do with all of your free time this summer? Do you like videogames? Scavenger hunts? Characters from Nintendo? Then join us for an hour of excitement and fun! Drop in for one or for all!

Tuesday, July 6: Wii Night
Tuesday, July 13: Twilight Scene-It

WHAT NOVEL IDEAS!: For youth entering sixth through eighth grade
Need to read before school begins? Participate in book discussions designed to help with your summer reading assignments. Look for dates and titles in the Children’s and Youth Services Department, on the web at www.lkwdpl.org/sumread, and in summer reading assignment packets from Lakewood City Middle Schools.

MOVIE MAKING MAGIC: For teens entering ninth through twelfth grade
With a little creativity and a digital camera, you can create a cinematic wonder. Learn the skills of the Hollywood big shots and get ready to make your own masterpiece.

Thursdays, June 24 – July 29, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room

Finished films premiere on Saturday, July 31 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

SUMMER READING CLUB 2010

KNIGHTS OF THE READING TABLE: For children age birth through fifth grade
Be it known across the land, all noble, brave and chivalrous readers are summoned to join the Summer Reading Club and choose to complete 30 books or 30 hours of reading. Visit the Reading Club table once a week to collect medieval stamps and tickets toward prize drawings. Receive a certificate, a nameplate and a special reward befitting a knight when you finish.

Monday, May 10 – Saturday, August 14
Children’s and Youth Services Dept. at Main Library and Madison Branch

DARK DAYS OF KNIGHTS: For youth entering sixth through twelfth grade
Lighten up in the Dark Ages! Join our Summer Reading Club for teens. Choose to complete 30 books or 30 hours of reading and earn prizes. Stop by the Reading Club table to sign up or for more information.

Monday, May 10 – Saturday, August 14
Children’s and Youth Services Dept. at Main Library and Madison Branch

CRAFTS OF THE KINGDOM

Create medieval-themed crafts fit for kings and queens using modern craft supplies. Drop in for a different craft each week of summer programming.

Mondays – Thursdays, 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., June 21 – July 29
Children’s and Youth Services Dept. at Main Library and Madison Branch

AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES: For the whole family
Watch medieval movies on our big screen. Bring a snack if you wish.

Tuesday, July 6: The Tale of Despereaux
Tuesday, June 13: Shrek

WORKSHOP WEDNESDAYS: For children entering first through fifth grade
Beat the heat with workshops that are cool. Each week will be a new and exciting program to broaden the mind, build skills and inspire creativity. To register, please stop in or call Main Library (216) 226-8275, ext. 140.

Wednesday, July 7: Design a T-Shirt
Wednesday, July 14: Medieval Mayhem

MEDIEVAL FRIDAY PERFORMANCES: For the Whole Family
These programs are generously funded by Cuyahoga County residents through Cuyahoga Arts and Culture along with our longtime sponsor, the Friends of Lakewood Public Library.

July 9
Jungle Terry: It’s a jungle in here! Jungle Terry and his safari animals will get closer than you ever thought possible for your education and entertainment.

3:00 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room

Lakewood Public Library

Camp Half-Blood: A Library Role-Playing Adventure

by Emmie Hutchison

Children’s and Youth Services at Lakewood Public Library recently finished a seven-week role playing program titled Camp Half-Blood. The twenty registered participants played games every week and enjoyed a feast on the last night, a program tradition. They created their own fictitious characters and contributed, in teams, to developing a story that went along with each week’s themed games. At the conclusion of the program, we compiled pieces of their writing to form this Lakewood Original Adventure, in the spirit of the Percy Jackson series:

Campers were assembled based on tip-offs from their teachers at mortal school and their parents. Somewhere in each camper’s lineage, there was the blood of a god. These brave kids were heroes and Demi-gods. It didn’t pack the privileges that you might associate with being related to powerful gods. It meant training and vigilance. They trained at camp and were called upon to use their wits, skills, and powers to keep the rest of Lakewood safe. Unfortunately, before they were even fully trained in combat, there was trouble brewing over the waters of Lake Erie.

We were suspicious that the leaders of some other suburbs were jealous and trying to subvert the power of Lakewood’s awesomeness unleashing monster minions on our community. We began training strategically to combat each specific threat.

We assembled for training on the first week and found that the very base of our camp, Lakewood Public Library, was

under attack by those demons of death, HARPIES!! Since we could hear their shrieking as they flew over Lakewood, we knew to prepare for them. Hunter (son of Hades), Nathen, Travis and Andrew tried to learn about harpies in the Juvenile non-fiction section. Upon discovering that harpies had corrupted Juvenile non-fiction books with charmed decoys, our young demi-gods threw the books at the harpies and ran to Goddess Blessed, hoping to find a way to fend off the demons. When they arrived, they found the cashier desk had been overtaken by the harpies. Fortunately, all the heroes had the shields they had made and summoned Poseidon’s son, Andrew’s Pegasus, to help defeat the harpies.

With the heroes’ powers and skills growing, the foes of Lakewood were

forced to hatch another plan. They stocked Green Smart Gifts with a not-so-smart gift: Jealousy. It was released by a customer and ignited a pizza war. Jealousy was raging through the pizza industry, a real staple of Lakewood business.

After the “gift” of jealousy unleashed fear and internal tension within the ranks of the heroes Pandora herself unleashed even more chaos upon the fractured team. Suddenly they were being pelted with evil blobs. Vanity whizzed by Jenna’s head. Plague barely missed Rachel’s knee. Jealousy and its siblings were reaking havoc on Lakewood’s community spirit!

Suddenly, hunger hit Charles and he had to take a pizza break. Fortunately, he was hungry enough to support all the pizza businesses and hold their

jealousy at bay. The heroes had to work for weeks on a public service campaign to get everyone in the city to let go of the evils. Harmony was restored!

Lakewoodites know that the lake is one of the most wonderful parts of living here... which made it a perfect target for attack! The dual fighting force of Scylla and Charybdis at the mouth of the Rocky River made it seem like no one would ever pass there again. Face one and be eaten by multiple heads; face the other and get caught in a whirlpool of destruction! Was this a lost cause? Not for the half-blood heroes of Lakewood. They had the very clever idea to sail a boat of mannequins into the passage. The mannequins were full of Phoenix coffee. When the monsters drank it, since Lakewood Phoenix doesn’t exist anymore (now the Root!) the monsters got un-existed. Magic prevailed over might!

When the heroes were nearly exhausted they had to summon one last burst of energy to face the mighty hellhound of Hades, Cerberus. He was hiding under the bleachers of Kaufman Park and burst out onto the baseball diamond in front of kids on the playground. Xeno, the son of Hephaestus, built a Cerberette and Cerberus fell in love with her. While they were walking away together, Xeno destroyed Cerberette by a remote explosion and so destroyed Cerberus as well. In the end, Lakewood is still upheld as a very desirable place to live, thanks to the power of its awesome kids!



Young Half-Bloods, Dominic Winans and Andrew Kerr

Madison Branch Learning Garden Grand Opening

by Dan Slife

You and your child can be among the first to experience the joy of gardening at the Madison Branch Learning Garden. On Saturday, July 10th at 10:30 a.m., the Lakewood Public Library and LEAF Community will celebrate the grand opening.

After a brief dedication, Children’s Librarian Julie Strunk will take your child on the journey from seed to sprout with Sunflower House by Eve Bunting. Several other gardening stories for children will follow.

As storytelling draws to a close and the sun nears its zenith, children and

parents will do their part to brighten the Learning Garden by planting sunflower seeds to be taken home, cultivated and returned to the garden for planting.

Over the coming years, the Madison Branch Learning Garden will serve as a vehicle for teaching Lakewood’s youngsters about natural life cycles, ecology, sustainability, healthy eating, and hunger awareness. With the support of LEAF Community, Help2Others and other community volunteers, the Learning Garden will provide Lakewood residents of all ages a place to think about sustaining our community, our earth, and ourselves.

Mark your calendar for future programs at the Learning Garden! All programs take place on Saturdays, at 10:30 a.m. in the Learning Garden, behind the Madison Branch library.

- * August 14th: Storytime continues with gardening themes
- * September 18th: Foster Brown performs songs about sustaining the earth and sharing with others
- * October 9th: A final Storytime that touches on the themes of harvest and hunger awareness. Following the program, participants will harvest the

final crops from the season and package them for delivery to local families in need through the Lakewood Christian Services Center.

The Learning Garden at Madison Branch is made possible by a grant from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services, awarded by the State Library of Ohio, and by the collaborative efforts of Lakewood Public Library, Lakewood Earth and Food Community, the City of Lakewood, Help2Others, Friends of Madison Park, and the Lakewood Christian Services Center.

What Novel Ideas!

by Arlie Matera

With summer vacation in full swing, most teens are giving about as much thought to school as they are to snow boots. The bad news is there’s one summer requirement no Lakewood middle school student can ignore for long. The good news is...it’s summer reading! What better way to spend a long, lazy summer afternoon than stretched out on a porch swing or a beach towel with a good book? And what better place to find that book than the Lakewood Public Library?

Every summer the library partners with the schools to make summer read-

ing as easy and enjoyable as possible. Lost your assignment sheet? Just stop by the children’s desk to view our copy. Not sure a book is age appropriate? Ask a librarian. Need a recommendation? We can help with that too! We order extra copies of popular titles and we’ll get you on a holds list quicker than you can say “Dewey Decimal System” if the book you want is unavailable.

All Lakewood youth entering sixth through eighth grade in the fall are required to read two books before school resumes on August 25th. Students need to prove they read the books, of course, and here again, the

library is ready to help. For the classic essay response option, students can choose any book at their reading level. For those who’d rather talk than write, the library offers a series of book discussions with ten titles to choose from. All book discussions are registered events, and space is limited so call or stop in soon to reserve a spot. Now, grab a cold drink and a good book, and get reading!

To register for a middle school book discussion, or to find out more information on summer reading, stop in or call the children and youth services desk at (216) 226-8275 ext. 140.

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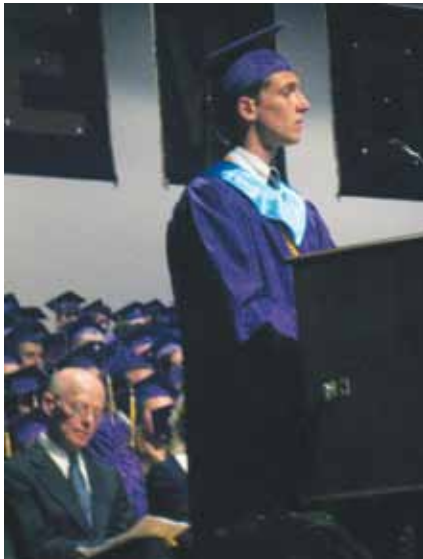
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LHS Salutatorian Speech Reflects The Rewards of Perseverance

by Kristian Hila

LHS Salutatorian 2010

The following is the commencement speech given by LHS Class of 2010 salutatorian Kristian Hila. Kristian emigrated to this country in 2002 from Albania and at the time could not speak a word of English. He has flourished in the Lakewood City Schools and finished his high school career with a 4.482 cumulative grade point average from coursework that included 6 advanced classes and 9 Advanced Placement classes. In the fall Kristian, who was also captain of the LHS soccer team, will enter the University of Notre Dame.



Class of 2010 Salutatorian Kristian Hila.

“A Road Map”

First off, The Lakewood High School Class of 2010 would like to thank all the relatives, friends, staff, and administration for being a part of our graduation day. Thank you all for being with us along our journey and for celebrating with us today.

This is a time in our lives when we are reminiscing about our experiences both in and out of school. On the path to arriving here today, we can see moments of both joy and hardship. Some of us have marched easily and firmly from start to finish. For most

of us, however, the road to finishing high school has not been as level as the newly-paved Bunts Road is today, but rather resembles the condition of that road a few years ago—bumpy and unpredictable, full of potholes and crooked lines—with warning signs and red lights thwarting our journey.

These first two decades have not always been “smooth sailing” for everyone on this stage. We have faced roadblocks that have tried to hinder our progress. Whether it has been the loss of a beloved friend, a family tragedy, personal illness,

or the disruptive move from another country or crime-stricken neighborhood in search of a better education and a better life, we’ve all faced obstructions in one way or another. Despite these difficulties, we have found ways to overcome such obstacles and persevere.

Wait...We haven’t just persevered. It has been a much greater accomplishment than perseverance. We have taken these difficulties and laid down the struggles in order to create some of the strongest and most important foundations of our lives. We have labored for countless hours doing seemingly endless projects, conditioning for sports, setting up stages, sometimes to exhaustion—and then we have started again with bigger dreams and hopes. We have hoped for better days, for a better future. Each one of us has had dreams, whether they have been to become a great athlete or a great performer, whether to get the highest grades in the toughest classes or to even pull a D- in a class we didn’t like. Today, we are victorious as we can clearly see that many of these dreams have come true. We have succeeded, and in doing so we are rewarded with the ability to be on stage and to graduate from Lakewood High School.

Yet, the closing of our high school

career is not the end of our dreams. We’ve reached another obstacle, a momentary stop. Now, we proceed into the next part of our lives. Very soon, each one of us will be thrust into the “real world”—a world with less protection from family, an adult world with no more “freebies” for our actions, with no more “do-overs” and no more “extra credit”. Right now, some of us may be suddenly realizing that the comfort and safety of home never sounded so sweet. But we must take this next journey, which will undoubtedly be filled with bigger warning signs, larger orange barrels, confusing detours, and breaks in the road. This may seem like an intimidating challenge, and that’s because it is!

However, just because the road ahead is difficult does not mean that we won’t be able to conquer it. We just need to count on the strong foundations that we’ve already laid. Then, we need to hope and dream bigger, and use the tools that we will learn in the future to fix the potholes and build the bridges to get to the other side. We’ve done okay so far—and we just need to keep going! Travel safely—but please don’t stop moving! Lakewood Class of 2010—I’ll see you all out on the road!

Grant Staff Serenades Principal On His Way Across The Street



Grant staff sings to Mr. G at the Talent Show.

by Danielle Masters

On Friday, June 4th staff and students wished their beloved principal Mr. Gleichauf good luck after eight wonderful years as the principal of Grant Elementary School. Luckily for Grant and the entire district, Mr. Gleichauf is not really leaving; he will merely be across the parking lot as the district’s new Director of Teaching and Learning. The entire staff, wearing pink (Mr. Gleichauf’s “favorite” color) serenaded him with a special rendition of “Leaving on a Jet Plane” by John Denver:

Your desk is cleared, You’re ready to go
You’re standing here, outside your door
We hate to interrupt to say goodbye

But the dawn is breakin’, It’s early morn
Madak’s waitin’, A new job is born
Already we’re so lonesome We could die

So remember and laugh for us
Tell us that you’ll vouch for us
Grant School will always be your home
Cause you’re leavin’ on a short walk
From Big Bird to the Board of Ed
We know you have to go

There’s so many times you’ve made
us laugh
So many times you’ve played around
We’ll tell you now they mean everything
Ev’ry Varejao wig, we’ll think of you
Ev’ry corny joke heard, we’ll laugh for you
When you come back, we’ll make your
chili lunch

So remember and laugh for us
Tell us that you’ll vouch for us
Grant School will always be your home
Cause you’re leavin’ on a short walk
From Big Bird to the Board of Ed
We know you have to go

Now the time has come to leave us
One more time. Let us nag you
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No recess buddies, or teachers at
your door

So remember and laugh for us
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District Seeking To Find All Children With Disabilities

by Christine Grodillo

Child Find is the process of identifying, locating and evaluating all children from ages 3 to 21 who may have a disability and be in need of special education and related services, regardless of the severity of the disability. The Lakewood City School District seeks to identify, through child find, all children in the district who attend a public or non-public school in the district or who are homeless or wards of the state who may be in need of special education and related services.

A child with a disability is a child having a cognitive disability (e.g. mental retardation), hearing impairment (including deafness), visual impairment (including blindness), a speech or language impairment, a serious emotional disturbance, an orthopedic impairment, autism, traumatic brain injury, other health impairment, specific learning disability, deaf-blindness, or multiple disabilities.

Parents, relatives, public and private agency employees, and concerned citizens are asked to help the Lakewood City School District find any child who may have a disability and need special education and related services. If you are aware of a child who may have special needs, please notify Lakewood City Schools, Department of Student Services at (216) 529-4201.

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LHS, Harding Awarded Big State Tech Grants

by Christine Gordillo

Lakewood High School and Harding Middle School each recently were awarded coveted eTech Ohio grants that will give each school \$225,000 over the next two years to help build technology-rich learning environments. The Ohio Department of Education American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Title II-D Round 2 Competitive Grants go toward teams at each building that will work over the next two school years implementing new technology into the learning process. The first year will focus on building a professional development plan and the second year of the grant is for student implementation.

“This grant dramatically increases the ability of LHS teachers to incorporate 21st century instructional techniques and provide real-life learning opportunities for students,” said Dr. Bill Wagner, principal at LHS. “The teachers involved will be able to share what they learn with their colleagues so the entire school can benefit.”

Added Harding principal Keith Ahearn: “We are very excited to integrate 21st Century skills into the curriculum using best practices in the use of technology in education. It is crucial that our students become literate in the effective use of technology and information.”

Through sustained, collaborative, job-embedded professional develop-

ment and the use of research-based methods, the school teams from each awarded building will experience new models and strategies for teaching and learning. Teachers will become facilitators and co-learners and create technology-enabled learning environments in which students will meet or exceed the state academic content standards and develop 21st century skills.

The schools will look to engage the students more with the technology that surrounds them everyday and to grow their technological competence and sophistication by using more web-based multi-media content and formats such as I-Tunes University, wikis and blogs. The open source course management program MOODLE will be a large component of the program. Currently, the high school has a pilot program for the use of MOODLE, which allows for secure online interaction between students and teachers. Part of the Harding team’s goal is to introduce MOODLE to the middle school classrooms with the mentoring help of the LHS team.

Lakewood High School’s team consists of Andre Bruwer, Ken Kozar, Karen Wheeler, Sean Wheeler, Lisa Wiegand and principal Bill Wagner. Harding Middle School’s team members are Alex Cammock, Katie Gerard, Lisa Hoy, Ann Pesta, Amy Miller and principal Keith Ahearn.

Team members have already begun taking an 10-week online course about

21st century technology tools and will be working throughout the summer, including some daylong seminars, to be ready to hit the ground running once school resumes in August.

The money for the grants comes from \$650 million in federal stimu-

lus money earmarked for Education Technology state grants. Ohio received approximately \$23 million under these ARRA Title II-D grants. These latest round of grants amounted to about \$10.4 million awarded to 38 districts across the state.

Lakewood’s Dana’s Legacy Foundation Pairs With Lakewood Catholic Academy’s Green Team To Plant Garden



Lakewood Catholic Academy Green Team members and parents proudly display Lakewood Park’s newest garden spot!

by Paul Nickels

Let the flowers grow!

The Lakewood Catholic Academy Green Team partnered with the City of Lakewood’s Dana’s Legacy Foundation to plant an inaugural flower garden on May 26th. Dana’s Legacy Foundation, created by a Lakewood resident in honor of her daughter, was established to beautify Lakewood’s parks through natural plantings of trees and flowers. The foundation’s motto is, “Celebrating life cycles through beautification.”

The Green Team is an after-school nature club at Lakewood Catholic Academy comprised of students in grades two through eight. The Green Team’s mission is to foster and nurture environmental awareness and respect primarily using the outdoors as a classroom for experiential education, and also to explore nature’s connection with our faith. The Green Team

engages in service projects not only at the school, but also in the community.

Armed with shovels, Green Team members eagerly began digging and a perennial flower garden was planted in Lakewood Park near the entrance circle. A colorful variety of perennial flowers were kindly supplied by the Foundation and will beautify the park for years to come.

In addition to Green Team members and parents and Judy Frankel, founder of Dana’s Legacy Foundation, Holly Lauch of the City of Lakewood was on hand to offer a City Proclamation for the occasion. The Proclamation was accepted on behalf of the Green Team by Marianne Quasebarth Usiak, creator and parent moderator of LCA’s Green Team.

Come visit Lakewood Park and see the garden this summer!

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Teaching At Lakewood High School

by Chuck Greanoff

“Love” is our overused word—it seems that everything from junk food to ones’ favorite TV show enjoys, at some point, the status of being “loved.” Love that taco!! Having said that, I offer no apologies for the following sentiment - I love teaching at Lakewood High School. It is an immeasurable privilege to spend my days teaching US History to outstanding young people. I learn something every day, I laugh every day, and find inspiration in the myriad passions, talents and hard work of our students. I work with creative, dedicated and caring colleagues. To top it all, I get to teach at the alma mater of myself, my sisters, and my parents. This is a special place.

Let me explain. LHS is an Opportunity Rich Environment. Just last week, one of the two Fulbright Scholars from the class of 2006, Adrienne Strong, a scientist from The Ohio State University, stopped by LHS for a visit. The other 2006 Fulbright scholar is Lucia Stavros, a musician from the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston. (See this Lakewood Observer article-<http://www.lakewoodobserver.com/read/6/9/lhs-alum-stavros-awarded-fulbright-scholarship>). While these students are exceptional, in my five years at LHS I’ve seen students head off to a rich variety of public and private colleges, to gainful employment and to serve their county in the military. There is no way to capture the essence of LHS in one or even a series of articles. A few examples will have to do.

Students not planning to go to college immediately, or at all, or who plan to go to college but have specific interests to pursue, have a rich array of career-technical programs to choose from, including auto technology, culinary arts, health careers, etc. Let’s face it, any high school that calls itself “college prepara-

tory” either exists in a community that is not representative of the nation as a whole, or seeks to serve only a select portion of the population. Thus, we are a “Comprehensive” high school. But, don’t take my word for it—next chance you get, have lunch at the Ranger Café.

Students enjoy a wide variety of athletic opportunities, in which they learn discipline, teamwork, leadership and perseverance. I am always so happy for our kids when they win, but I am so proud of them when they take defeat with dignity and determination to keep fighting for the desired outcome. I have seen kids enjoy the fruits of victory—a direct, immediate payoff for their efforts. I’ve also seen them bounce back from the most heartbreaking setbacks and persist in the face of one disappointment after another. They keep trying without the promise of the immediate reward of a victory. As the NCAA advertisement aptly states, the vast majority of student athletes are planning to go pro in something other than their sport. There is enduring value of athletic participation. But, don’t take my word for it--check out some games this year. Better yet, for maximum inspiration, stop by the football field in mid August when our football players are enduring two-a-day practices.

LHS also provides students an equally wide variety of musical and artistic opportunities. If you have seen any of our band, orchestra or theatre performances, or an art show, you don’t need to be told how splendid they are. Like athletics, these programs are a celebration of our student’s collective talents, and commitment of our teachers, the students and their parents. Ask anyone who saw our spring musical, The Sound of Music. Our rock orchestra, the Lakewood Project, the first of its kind in any U.S. high school,

is quintessentially Lakewood in its blending of tradition and innovation, the old and the new. An early suggestion---see the Lakewood Project at the Band Shell on July 4th.

We have too many clubs to list, from the esoteric “Eaters of Lakewood”—students dedicated to eating together (not a hard sell for teenagers) but who explicitly set out to support Lakewood businesses—to the Model United Nations Club, in which students immerse themselves in conference and debate preparation. We have service clubs like Help to Others (HTO), foreign language clubs, Race and Diversity and Facing History. Due to the year-long efforts of RAD and Facing History, students from LHS were chosen as the Ohio representatives to attend the Grammy Awards/Black History Month Celebration in D.C.

It’s been a great year for our school. Clearly, no bullet-point summary can capture the essence of Lakewood or it’s high school. But one example from commencement might help. Afterwards, I was talking with several students. At one point, I encountered a young woman who is headed off to a prestigious college, filled with optimism about her future and gratitude for the opportunities that the citizens of Lakewood provide via the schools. Two minutes later, I ran into a student I have known for three years. He, too, was filled with optimism about his future as an auto mechanic (he’s employed in Lakewood) and likewise expressed gratitude for the his oppor-

tunities in Lakewood. Both are two of the nicest people you could ever meet. They seemed like an almost perfect microcosm of LHS, which is a near perfect microcosm of Lakewood and the larger society.

In the end, LHS is a natural byproduct of Lakewood - a walking community that has family and local businesses, sidewalks, the entire range of housing opportunities and persons from all walks of life. We walk places and run into each other all the time. Sure, we use our cars and have fast food restaurants, but we are not constantly confronted with spiritless big box stores, sterile and isolated sub-divisions, endless strip malls, and contrived chain store shopping meccas like Legacy “Village.” The physical and social structure of our community engenders a mind-set that nurtures a sense of common purpose reflected in the support citizens give our students and schools. This support — and the sense that our fates are tied together — has created the dynamic in which the individual talents and ambitions of a highly diverse student body are cultivated. As an LHS teacher, I am thrilled to play a small part in helping students achieve their goals and in maintaining the excellence of our schools. But I feel a deeper satisfaction when I realize that the hope and achievements we celebrated at our 166th annual commencement on June 13th is function of a bedrock Lakewood tradition - nurturing the talents of all our students. Such is the ethic of caring bequeathed by our ancestors. That is the real legacy of our real village. Long Live Lakewood.

LHS Chemistry Classes Mix Science With A Periodic Table Quilt



by Christine Gordillo

Memorizing the periodic elements was never a fun task for any high school chemistry student. But students in Lynn Eckert’s LHS chemistry classes were able to turn learning about the periodic table into a hands-on, artistic experience as they created fabric squares for a 9-foot-by-5-foot quilted periodic elements table. It’s a work of art that was a perfect blend of science and art.

Each student was given an element and some colored fabric and asked to cut a 7.5” x 7.5” square. They were then asked to research their element and write a short summary including all the known facts and uses for their element.

Finally, the students were asked to design a unique representation of their

element on their square piece of fabric. The 118 pieces of fabric representing the elements is each unique and creative in its own way.

One of Mrs. Eckert’s students, Erin Thorpe, pieced all the squares together in a quilt with the help of her mother and grandmother.

“Besides being cross-curricular and individually expressive - it’s beautiful!” said Eckert. “I’m so proud of the final product and surprised at its size. I know art (class) does this sort of thing all the time - but this is so cool for my chemistry students.”

The students are set to display the quilt at the June 21 Board of Education meeting to show the district Board members how Lakewood students learn in all kinds of ways!

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Join a growing group of concerned citizens to stay informed and add your name to the list of people who support maintaining a central elementary school by sending an e-mail message to: centralelementary@yahoo.com or mail a note to PO Box 771512, Lakewood, Ohio 44107.

DON'T LET THE MIDDLE BECOME THE GREAT DIVIDE.

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Newsweek Burned

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error-filled list. Comments like “How could Lakewood residents ever believe they would be rated that high?” and “Well they should have known,” were comments made by local media about Newsweek’s blunder.

Well the fact is, Lakewood is damn proud of its school system, and the city’s dedication to education.

How proud?

In a downturned economy, in a region that is still suffering from steel heading to China, Lakewood citizens have invested over \$25 million dollars in the construction of three state-of-the art schools, and the renovation of four others. So dedicated are residents to their schools that they recently once again reached into their pockets and overwhelmingly passed another levy to make sure the system had enough funding to continue. While Lakewood schools needed to make significant cuts, they did not need to make the massive devastating cuts other schools in the area had to make. So dedicated that the school has started numerous innovative programs to bring real-life job skills to their students with local businesses, including the community-written hyper-local paper that was started by Lakewood High School graduates, and is changing the face of print media, enlarging and growing faster than papers are closing around the country.

Another commitment this inner

ring suburb has made to education is their newly rebuilt \$12 million library, designed by Robert AM Stern. This is a city that refuses to turn its back on education no matter how bad the economy is.

Yes, Lakewoodites believed it, and were proud of their collective work.

Then word started to travel through the community that Newsweek had made a mistake. Someone in their editing process had confused Lakewood, Ohio with Lakewood, Colorado. Simple enough mistake, both are called Lakewood High School, both are in cities where the local paper is called the Lakewood Observer. Both are in America. But had the staff of Newsweek paused for even one second they would have realized that Lakewood High School, along with other schools in Ohio, had NO chance of being on the list because it was never even asked to submit judging criteria.

Hmmmmmm, really.

Where did they get this list and how could they call it “America’s Best High Schools” if they hadn’t collected and surveyed information from all of America’s High Schools?

This list was faulty way before Newsweek’s editors started confusing their cities, it’s nothing more than a gimmick to get people to go to Newsweek’s website to see if “my kid’s school made it.”

As soon as they call up the site, they



are bombarded by at least 5 different ways to register for “stuff” that would all but guarantee Newsweek a great harvest of new emails to send subscription items to or to sell the email lists themselves. The fact is that Newsweek is for sale, and they’re getting desperate because no one’s interested in coming to the firesale. As one of the headlines from Yahoo News put it last month: “Likely Newsweek buyers not exactly thronging the market.”

Well, Lakewood was not alone

in the mistakes made in the Newsweek list. Independence High School of Columbus, Ohio, was also on the list and they had the credentials that should have taken them to 1,594th. But alas, Newsweek Contributing Editor Jay Mathews said the honor didn’t belong to the Independence High in Columbus. The list should have referenced a high school in northeastern Ohio. Perhaps they were talking about

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Independence High School in Independence, Ohio. But why worry about facts, fact-checking, or even creating a real list that allows all schools to submit, not just those invited?

Even worse, it would seem that most, if not all, of the materials in Newsweek's assessments of cities, were lifted directly from Wikipedia. Let's be honest, while Wikipedia is growing and is a noble project, it is hardly the pillar of 100% truth that is associated with official, credentialed encyclopedias. In addition, we have not seen any credit given to Wikipedia for writing as much as two thirds of the piece.

When I first heard of the "award," I was wondering who, in this era of schools struggling for survival, and massive teacher layoffs, would pit school system against school system. I then heard it was "Newsweek" and wondered whether there had been some mistake. . . I thought back to how much I used to enjoy reading Jonathan Alter in Newsweek and how much I now look forward to his reports on MSNBC, happy that he's landed on his feet after Newsweek has gone out of business. I guess they're still in business- well kind of.

While sixth in the state does not really sound like number one, I didn't think that this little bit of fluff would have any impact on the city of Lakewood, but it did. The first sign of it was regional papers like the Plain Dealer and the Sun printing the article right away on their websites. Desperate to get there first at all costs, they didn't bother checking the facts, if the Fourth Estate says it is so, it must be true. What was troubling was the glee they then took in recanting the story, after Newsweek admitted its mistake. The regional media loves being tough on the inner-ring suburbs, but not their own hometowns. Most, if not all, took great relish in pointing out what schools in the area were, in their opinion, better than Lakewood.

So we decided to do something about it.

We are starting with running Newsweek out of town. Our drive to get Newsweek subscribers to cancel their subscriptions is underway. To date we have only found two people in town willing to admit they still subscribe to Newsweek. One was too embarrassed

to admit it and finally claimed it was a present for her 80th birthday. Her son thought she would enjoy it, as she likes the tabloids. The second mentioned that he only reads Jonathan Alter, but enjoys seeing him on MSNBC more, and would not be renewing. Both of these people have been invited to the ad hoc "Burn Newsweek Party."

Others in the community have said...

Dr. Joe P. Madak, Superintendent of Lakewood Schools:

"It was a shock, to think Newsweek would make so many mistakes in an article. They have never asked us for any information about our schools. We are proud of Lakewood High School and of our Lakewood Schools. We are proud of our students, staff, parents, and community for the good schools



Lakewoodites Nadhal Eadeh, Michael Gill, and Steve Davis get a good look at the back of Jonathan Alter at the Presidential Debates at CSU.

we have. There are so many good things about Lakewood High School and Lakewood Schools that we do not have to promote ourselves at the expense of other schools to make us look good. There are so many good things about the ways in which our Lakewood community values and supports education that the quality of our good schools and our good community is not diminished by this questionable research nor singular "Newsweek" event. We will continue to work with our community to keep our Lakewood Schools and our Lakewood community strong."

Matt Markling, father of three, lawyer, school board member:

"Lakewood High School is one of the premier high schools in the State of Ohio. Had Newsweek actually collected data on

our high school, we may very well have been ranked higher than first reported based upon the criteria which appears to have been used by the magazine."

Heidi Hilty, mother of three - community organizer, financial advisor:

"What is so disappointing about Newsweek is not their incredible faux pas, but rather their failure to investigate and report on communities who support their school districts by passing levies and bond issues and have actively engaged citizens."

Steve Davis, father of five, sales rep:

"They really blew it. The criteria for the Newsweek schools study was a joke, and the research was worse. If Lakewood Schools had won first place, a lot of people would celebrate, but it

going to give much credence to anybody's ranking (we never have) because we know firsthand what a great education our kids get. We will always accept a good ranking, but we don't work hard to be excellent because of that, we do it because we value education and our kids."

Betsy Voinovich, mother of three - filmmaker:

"My mom subscribed to Newsweek throughout my childhood and doesn't believe that Jonathan Alter, with his journalistic integrity and ability, could have had anything to do with this. My son informed me that his fourth grade teacher doesn't allow her students to use Wikipedia because of the potential it has for providing faulty, biased information. And if they use information without quoting the source on a report, they have to start over."

Jim Marquard, sales rep:

"One of the reasons I moved to Lakewood was the schools. I think it shows poorly on Newsweek for not even looking into the schools on the list. This city is all about education, and accountability."

Chuck Reidy, father of three, engineer:

"Newsweek? Haven't seen one in years."

Winston Churchill, father of five, Prime Minister of England, 1940-1945 and again from 1951-1955 (from Wikipedia, rechecked at <http://Nobelprize.org>, Official Website of the Nobel Prize):

"All men make mistakes, but only wise men learn from their mistakes."

So the question is, will Newsweek learn from their mistakes?

This reporter thinks not, unless Jon Meacham acquires it, or it goes out of business.

As for hiring Jonathon Alter at the Lakewood (Ohio) Observer, we always will have a desk waiting for him, or other good reporters like him.

In actuality only one Newsweek was destroyed in this photo shop. Lakewoodites are not "book burners." Not to mention we had to drive two cities away just to find a copy of Newsweek on a newstand!

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Lakewood People

Head Among Stars, Feet In The Ground – VMCAD Designer Successful And Humble

by Alexis Li

Ali Rahimi is a bona fide designer for the stars. A partial client list of Mon Atelier salon includes Reese Witherspoon, Eva Longoria-Parker and Amy Adams, among many others. Rahimi has also dressed gentlemen, such as Eric Mabius, Blair Underwood and William H. Macy. Yet despite such an illustrious portfolio, Rahimi's attitude toward his clients and his designs is humble and grounded, resonating with the mid-western values of Northeast Ohio, where he attended Virginia Marti College of Art and Design (VMCAD) in Lakewood.

Rahimi was born in Iran and educated in England. Growing up, he was always interested in fashion. Raised in an environment of artistic appreciation, Rahimi often sat at the feet of his graphic designer uncle and visited couture salons with his mother. These early experiences nurtured him as an artist and shaped his concept of design. When Rahimi voiced his desire to come to the United States for post-secondary studies, his parents entrusted him with relatives teaching at Case Western Reserve University. With research, he discovered VMCAD, the school that he would come to describe as the best thing that could have happened to him at that time in his life.

At VMCAD, Rahimi sharpened his fashion design skills and discovered a career path. He credits VMCAD with honing his technical abilities and



with providing invaluable practical experience. In addition to these fundamentals of design, his well-rounded education also stressed the organization and discipline required to run and sustain a business. According to John Barle, Rahimi's partner at Mon Atelier salon, "Even though I did not attend VMCAD, I felt like I attended, because the education Ali received was of such high quality and so applicable to the real world. It provides the foundation for everything we do."

Rahimi still stays in touch with his VMCAD teachers and holds what he learned from them close to heart. He returns to visit whenever he finds time in his busy schedule. He returned several

years ago to celebrate VMCAD's 40th anniversary with a fashion show at Cleveland's Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Speaking to students, he described his VMCAD experience as a "tremendous opportunity" and one that both nurtured and challenged him.

Superbly constructed, Rahimi's designs are classic and timeless, yet still have a contemporary feel. Blending high style and quality craftsmanship, Rahimi

creates fashions for each individual. According to Barle, trust and service distinguish Mon Atelier from others. "We don't advertise," he said. "Our business is primarily word of mouth. Our attention to detail and the personal service we provide work to bring clients back again and again." One such customer first came to the salon as a flower girl and returned fifteen years later for her wedding dress. "It is

not just a business," emphasized Barle. "It is a way of doing business. It is an extension of who we are and how we believe people should be treated."

Dressing brides is a very personal experience for Rahimi and one in which he takes great pride. "I am honored that people choose me for that very special day in their lives," he says. But eveningwear is his real love. "It's really about meeting a client's needs. That's the thing to remember. I design to fit a woman's body and select fabrics and styles that complement a client's natural beauty."

So what is on the horizon for Mon Atelier? When asked about ready-to-wear, Rahimi admits it is something he is considering. The challenge is giving up the one-of-a-kind designs and personalized service for which he and Mon Atelier are known. Currently, Rahimi oversees every fitting, making it a unique experience for each client. Like many artists, he is weighing the pros and cons of mass production and commercialization against the

prospect of making his visions more accessible to a broader consumer base.

Other exciting ventures for Mon Atelier include dressing the stars of the hit Fox television show Glee. Rahimi will also be the guest curator at the Avenir Museum of Design and Merchandising at Colorado State University for their tribute to Mr. Blackwell at the end of October. He is already hard at work on several designs for the Emmy Awards in September.

When asked how he envisioned his legacy in the fashion world, Rahimi quickly stepped back from the question, referring instead to his focus on clients and his deep gratitude for being able to do a job he loves. "Making a living doing what you love is the reward," he says. "And," adds Barle, "Our job is to serve the needs of the clients. We just want people to look and feel their best."

Looking forward, Rahimi raises the importance of maintaining art programs in the schools, citing his own experience as a testament to the power and impact of places like VMCAD. This is one of the reasons Rahimi and Barle have spent many hours working with schools and foundations. "We are blessed with this gift of our work," says Barle. "It is part of our responsibility to pay it forward." Perhaps that will be Rahimi's true legacy.





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Chamber Of Commerce

Lakewood Chamber Of Commerce

Honors Business Person Of Year

by Valerie Mechenbier

At the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Luncheon at Around the Corner on Friday, June 18th, the Chamber honored the following individuals and members. We congratulate and thank them for their support and service. Each of them has contributed to the strength, longevity and success of our organization.

2010 Business Person of the Year: Scott Duennes of Natures Bin

Scott Duennes has been the Executive Director of Cornucopia and Nature's Bin for the past 24 years. He is responsible for providing day-to-day leadership and management of Cornucopia, Inc. consistent with its non-profit mission of helping people with disabilities develop skills, confidence, and workplace potential. This includes the operations of the Nature's Bin retail natural foods store, the rehabilitative and development functions, and all of the related administrative activities (including finance, human resources and marketing) associated with running the organization. Scott has a bachelor of arts in communications from Cleveland State University.

Scott has successfully guided Cornucopia and Nature's Bin through more than two decades of growth and change. This past year (2009) the organization provided over 262 vocational services to 180 individuals with severe disabilities. More than half of the program referrals came from the Cuyahoga County Board of MR/DD with others coming from the State of Ohio and local school districts. Their disabilities vary and include Autism, Mental Retardation, Development Disabilities, Physical Disabilities, Hearing or Speech Impairments, Mental Illness and injuries resulting from accidents and illness. Scott has also recently put in place a new initiative focused on Autism, as we begin to see a growing number of young adults diagnosed as being on the Autism Spectrum.

Vocational training takes place in three community based training programs, at Nature's Bin in Lakewood,



Scott Duennes

Eliza Jennings Senior Care Network facility on the west side of Cleveland, and the Jennings Center for Older Adults in Garfield Heights. Cornucopia's Employment Services assist people with disabilities in gaining and retaining competitive employment in the community.

On the retail side of the business, Scott has led the retail management team through the expansion and renovation of Lakewood's only full-service natural and organic food market. Annual retail sales at Nature's Bin have increased from \$325,000 in 1986 to over \$5 million in 2009. The operation of Nature's Bin is a model of Social Enterprise where a nonprofit organization operates a business that helps them fulfill their mission. Cornucopia's operation of Nature's Bin provides 76% of the funding required to support the entire organization. The store also provides a unique platform for the vocational training program and Nature's Bin has been recognized nationally for its blending of social services with a very successful, full-service natural foods market.

Scott (and Nature's Bin) has been an active member of the community and of the Chamber of Commerce of Lakewood for over 25 years, serving several terms on the board of directors.

2010 Outstanding New Member: Diane Helbig of Seize This Day Coaching

Diane is an internationally recognized business and leadership development coach, author, speaker, and workshop facilitator. As a certified, professional coach and president of Seize This Day Coaching, Diane helps businesses and organizations operate more constructively and profitably. She evaluates, encourages, and guides her clients.

Diane is also the author of Lemonade Stand Selling, a sales book for small business owners, and a contributing author to Chicken Soup for the Soul: Power Moms. Diane has a radio show--Accelerate Your Business Growth--on BlogTalkRadio (www.blogtalkradio.com/dhelbig) every 2nd and 4th Monday at 1pm EST. To learn more about her coaching practice, please visit www.seizethisdaycoaching.com.

Congratulations to the following Chamber members for their years of continuous support:

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Out And About

Play Ball!

by Mazie Adams

Join the fun on Sunday, July 11, when four vintage base ball teams battle for the Western Reserve Cup in Lakewood Park. Vintage Base Ball (yes, it was originally two words) is baseball played by the rules and customs of an earlier period. Ballists don period uniforms and re-create the game “as it was meant to be played.” The Lakewood Historical Society is excited to host the Western Reserve Cup, a vintage base ball match between four teams (the Akron Blackstockings, the Forest City Base Ball Club, the Cleveland Blues and the Whiskey Island Shamrocks) on Sunday, July 11 at 1 p.m. at the Stone House Field in Lakewood Park.

The Western Reserve Championship began in 1865 with teams from the area playing each other in base ball matches that would determine an overall champion of the Western Reserve. The winner received a silver ball and rosewood bat made by Tiffany’s Co. The Western Reserve Champions included the Oberlin Penfields (1865), the Forest City Base Ball Club (1866

and 1867) and the Railway Union Base Ball Club (1868).

In 2009, the tradition of a Western Reserve Championship was renewed when the Akron Blackstockings, Forest City BBC and Cleveland Blues met for a tournament at Lakewood Park. The event was sponsored by the Lakewood Historical Society. The Champion Club receives a trophy that will be passed on to each successive champion in future seasons.

The mid-nineteenth century game was considerably different than it is today. Ballists played with bare hands until the 1880s and balls caught on one bounce were outs until the mid-1860s. Balls are considered fair by where the ball first touches the ground. That is, a ball hit in front of home plate that then spins into foul territory is still a fair ball. There are numerous other differences, but modern spectators will still recognize our national pastime.

This event is free and open to the public. Peanuts, popcorn and vintage pop will be available for purchase at the event. For more information on the events, contact the Historical Society at 216-221-7343 or museum@lakewoodhistory.org.



Members of the Akron Blackstockings

Business Bits & Bytes

by Maggie Fraley

The BIG EVENT this month was “The Taste of Lakewood” presented by the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, Lakewood Hospital and 13 other local sponsors. (Photos in this issue!) Tickets were sold out again this year as 22 restaurants shared delicious tastes of their best recipes. 2010 Event Newcomers are Root Café (not just a coffee shop -try vegan or other healthy “goodies”), Beck Café (homemade soups, good food and a patio at the Beck Center), Greek Village Grille (great gyros), The Gathering Kitchen (group cooking classes and more), and Cozumel (Mexican cuisine opening soon on Detroit and Ethel)... Another ‘newer’ business, Eclectic Mixx, is recognizing its first year as a fun ‘mixx’ of antiques, collectibles, plus funky and traditional décor accessories. Owner, Bill Brenner, expanded his store with a move to central Lakewood and plans to open a second shop in Avon... BGE Technology just celebrated 40 years in the business of caring and customer service. They meet your technology needs with reasonable prices and a commitment to customer service that the

‘big box’ stores simply can’t compete with!... Owner of It’s a Party, Barbara Pennington, retired from a long career in health care, thinking that life without working sounded good, until she tried it! Then she looked into opening her own party center business and said it took “a lot of faith” (she invested

her retirement savings in it!). After 35 years of living in and loving Lakewood, her positivity and work ethic have led to celebrating her new business’s 2 year anniversary!... We have a smorgasbord of interesting people and unique businesses in Lakewood; so why not think globally, shop locally and take your own taste of Lakewood by enjoying the many flavors in your neighborhood?

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Out And About

Lakewood Community Day At The Crushers

by Maggie Fraley

The 2009 Frontier League Champion Lake Erie Crushers proudly present our second annual Lakewood Community Day on Sunday, July 18th at All Pro Freight Stadium in Avon. You can cheer on the team as the Crushers battle the Windy City Thunderbolts at 5:05 pm. Lakewood residents will receive a discount on tickets by showing a valid ID when purchasing tickets at the stadium ticket office. After the game, kids can run the bases!

Community Days are a great way to enjoy a game with family and friends and also provide a unique way to showcase a local business. They provide great exposure in addition to direct contact with fans in a warm and friendly environment.

As a business, Crushers Community Days provide an affordable marketing program that includes 40 tickets, announcements, a game program advertisement and a table display. The Crushers also make a donation back to youth baseball and softball leagues within each community. Community Day sponsorships start at just \$400.

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Front Porch Concerts

by Mary Anne Crampton

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One World Music Concert Schedule:

Fri., July 9 - African Village Music with Halim El-Dabh

Fri., July 16 - Saborit Latin & Soul

Fri., July 23 - Carlos Jones and the P.L.U.S. Band

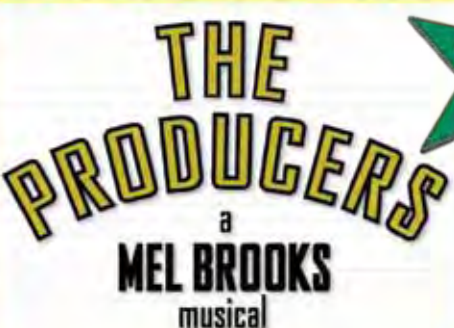
In anticipation of a large crowd, Detroit Avenue, between Arthur Extension and Mars Avenue will be

closed for the Carlos Jones event.

The One World Music program was conceived by Ruth Koenigsmark and Barb Michel of Lakewood Is Art in 2009 and is presented by LakewoodAlive with the generous support of Lakewood Hospital, Panera Bread, City of Lakewood, Lakewood Public Library, Lakewood Is Art, and Downtown Lakewood.

Jim Crawford, Lakewood Library Director expressed delight in the series moving to the library's front porch venue. "The library serves as a crossroads for the community and at any given moment the diversity of our city is well represented here. The shared experience of One World Music will enhance and strengthen Lakewood's social capital-and be a lot of fun, too!"

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The Meal That Heals At Players To Benefit North Coast Health Ministry

by Jeanine Gergel

The second annual Meal that Heals, a dining benefit for North Coast Health Ministry, the West Side's free clinic for the low-income uninsured, will be held on Monday, July 12, 2010 at Players on Madison from 5 to 9 p.m.

The evening's menu liberally incorporates seasonal produce and features a soup/salad course with a choice of tomato bell pepper bisque, mista salad or Caesar salad and the following entrée selections: penne al vodka with shrimp and sundried tomatoes; lemon and oregano glazed chicken breast with

basmati rice, haricots verts, toasted almond-orange salad and Mandarin orange-pommery vinaigrette; potato-encrusted Norwegian salmon with roasted garlic mashed potatoes, lemon buerre blanc, leeks, haricots verts and wild mushrooms; grilled hanger steak and mashed potatoes, baby arugula, roasted tomatoes and artichokes with balsamic syrup. For dessert, diners can choose between triple chocolate tart, crème brûlée, or lemon and marscapone tart with raspberries.

Cost is \$35 per person for a three-course prix fixe meal, excluding

alcoholic beverages and gratuity. Coffee, tea and soft drinks are included. Players will donate 25 percent of food sales that evening to NCHM.

Reservations can be made by calling Players on Madison at 216-226-5200. Players is located at 14523 Madison Ave., Lakewood, Ohio 44107.

About North Coast Health Ministry

Since 1986, North Coast Health Ministry has been providing health care to low-income individuals and

families without medical insurance in western Cuyahoga and eastern Lorain counties. A faith-based free clinic located in Lakewood, Ohio, NCHM is a bridge to better health for more than 2,400 patients who have no other route to care. With the support of approximately 150 volunteer physicians, nurses and other caregivers, NCHM is able to provide primary health care, specialty referrals, prescription assistance, and health education to the medically underserved.

Hit The Links And Raise Funds For Recovery

by Kate Gluck

The HUGS Foundation, a local non-profit focused on providing funding and support for families of chemically dependent adolescents will be holding their annual golf outing Monday, July 26, 2010. Proceeds will help HUGS provide the necessary financial support to assist families in defraying the cost of extended addiction recovery treatment.

The HUGS Foundation was launched in late 2008 by Lakewood resident, Dianne Vogt, after she saw first-hand, (first as a mother dealing with her own son's addiction, then as a volunteer at Oakview Behavioral Health Center helping families dealing with the same problem) the need to "bridge the insurance gap" and provide funds to help families afford the staggering costs of addiction recovery programs. HUGS stands for Hope, Understanding, Gratitude, and Serenity. Hope for the future; Understanding of where they have been and where they want to go; Gratitude for those who have helped them and Serenity to enjoy life and the person that they were meant to be.

Since then, "donors and recipients alike have been very positive about what we are doing," said Vogt.

"The most important thing right now is to make the treatment centers and the public aware of what we are doing. There are so many families struggling – as evidenced through the volunteer work that I continue to do at Oakview. The rooms are never empty," she said.

The outing, which will be held at the Stonewater Golf Course, 1 Club Drive, Highland Heights, OH, will include breakfast, lunch, a Chinese raffle, and an ice cream social in addition to 18-holes of golf, a putting contest, skill prizes and a Hole-in-one contest for a chance to win a car donated by Gary Mundson of Advantage Leasing.

The day will begin with registration at 8:00 am, followed by a putting contest at 9:15 am. Shotgun start will be at 10:00 am.

Hole sponsors include: Linton & Hirshman, Buckingham, Doolittle and Burroughs, Thacker Martinsek, Cleveland Clinic Transplant Center, Giant Eagle, Cleveland Clinic Alcohol and Drug Recovery Center, PDQ Signs, New Directions, Hazelden, Lubrizol, Hyland Software, and Force Indoor Sports. HUGS is still looking for a few additional sponsors. Interested parties should contact Vogt at 216-521-5568.

"The fact that so many companies were willing to donate as Hole Sponsors for the golf outing affirms that HUGS is fulfilling a need for those families who are struggling with adolescent addiction," said Vogt.

Cost is \$150 per person. Register as a foursome or individually.

For questions, or to register, contact Dianne Vogt at hugs@hugs-4families.org. You may also download a registration form or register online at www.hugs4families.org.

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Lakewoodites Observed

Lakewood's Littlest Angel Leaving On Scandinavian Tour

by Susan Butler

Lakewood's own Billy Butler (11 years old) is a member of Cleveland's Singing Angel's Performing Chorus. Billy has always been a great believer in making others happy.

In 2008, the City of Lakewood presented him with a resolution for his outstanding community service. He has held (2) annual events to benefit charitable organizations since 2005 (at which time he was 6 years old) when he held his first lemonade stand and donated the proceeds (\$730) to Katrina victims.

This year will be Billy's 5th year with the Singing Angels and he has just recently joined their junior dance

troupe. He is the youngest Angel to be performing on an upcoming tour to six countries in the Scandinavian area.

Please read on to see his itinerary in the Singing Angels' Press Release below:

The Singing Angels Announce Annual Summer Concert Tour to Six Countries

Cleveland, Ohio --- The Singing Angels, Cleveland and Northeast Ohio's world-renowned youth chorus, will visit and perform in London and, for the first time, in Copenhagen, Stockholm, Helsinki, Tallinn, Estonia, and St. Petersburg. Forty three musical youth ambassadors from the Performing Chorus, ages 11-18, leave on a 16

day concert cruise tour on June 22.

The Angels will sing and dance a musical cavalcade of pop, Broadway, barbershop, and patriotic songs and dances in Hyde Park in London and will continue their performances in Stotoget, the oldest square and histori-

cal center of Stockholm, and the Town Hall Square in Copenhagen. They will perform at Tempeliaukio Church, which is quarried out of the natural bedrock, and is one of Helsinki's most popular tourist attractions.

The Singing Angels will enjoy a cultural exchange and joint concert with Golden Gates Russian Youth Ensemble, St. Petersburg. The final concerts are at St. John's Church, Tallinn, and Covent Garden, London. The Angels will also entertain on the cruise ship, before a large, international audience. In addition to these scheduled concerts, the Angels perform impromptu concerts where ever there is a friendly crowd. The group has learned special songs in Swedish and Russian.

The Singing Angels is generously funded by Cuyahoga County residents through Cuyahoga Arts and Culture. For additional information, contact Jean Mader at The Singing Angels, 216-432-5555 x 13 or go to the website at www.singingangels.org.



Lakewood's own Billy Butler

LakewoodAlive Executive Director Receives Statewide Award

by Jenni Baker

Heritage Ohio recently awarded the "Main Street Manager of the Year" to Mary Anne Crampton, executive director of LakewoodAlive. Crampton accepted the award Thursday, June 17 at Heritage Ohio's Annual Preservation and Revitalization Awards Ceremony held at the Baker Center on the campus of Ohio University. The Awards Ceremony is held in conjunction with Heritage Ohio's Statewide Conference.

Crampton was hired as the Executive Director of Lakewood Community Progress, Inc. (LCPI) in June, 2008. With a background in the private sector and a Certificate in Nonprofit Management from Case Western Reserve University, she was involved in the citizen-based LakewoodAlive since its inception. Although Lakewood was accepted as a Main Street™ community in 2005, under Ms. Crampton's leadership, LakewoodAlive received national accreditation by the National Main Street Center in February, 2009 and again in March, 2010.

Under Crampton's leadership, LakewoodAlive has recruited many new volunteers. In 2009, an estimated 4,762 hours, valued at \$96,430, were logged by volunteers. Additionally, Crampton has overseen community wide events, including:

- * Lakewood Alive & Well Streetwalk,
- * Spooky Pooch Parade,
- * Lakewood Chocolate Walk
- * Light-Up Lakewood,
- * Downtown Lakewood pARTy,
- * Holiday Happy Hours
- * Outdoor concerts

Crampton has worked with the City of Lakewood Planning and Development Department to create "guiding principles for new design guidelines" for the downtown commercial district. She has also worked with a subcommittee to complete the design of a new wayfinding and signage system. Under her guidance, beautification projects such as the Downtown Lakewood Blossoms flower boxes, graffiti removal and litter control have expanded significantly. Recently, LakewoodAlive has begun the process of obtaining status for Lakewood as a nationally recog-

nized historic district.

More than \$6 million was reinvested in the downtown district in 2009, culminating with the opening of four new dining establishments (Panera Bread, Five Guys Burgers and Fries, Two Dads Diner and Root Café) which represent more than 50 new full-time jobs. Finally, LakewoodAlive and the city of Lakewood were jointly recognized with an Economic Impact Award from Team NEO in June, 2009 for their work in attracting Wholesome Development headquarters to Lakewood.

"Mary Anne's exceptional leadership has helped our community in so many ways," said Jennifer Baker, president of the board of LakewoodAlive. "She enthusiastically embraces the Main Street™ Four-Point approach to further the mission of LakewoodAlive. Her vision, communication skills and hard work make her uniquely qualified to be Heritage Ohio's Main Street™ Manager of the Year."

Heritage Ohio is the statewide, not-for-profit preservation organization, dedicated to encouraging and assisting people and organizations to protect, preserve and revitalize Ohio's heritage. Formed in 1989, Heritage Ohio has more than 500 members ranging from individuals and households to organizations and local governments. In 2002, Heritage Ohio was designated as the statewide partner of the National Trust Historic Preservation.

Heritage Ohio encourages the development, redevelopment and improvement of downtown and neighborhood commercial districts. Heritage Ohio works as a catalyst for downtown development by bringing together downtown organizations, conducting statewide seminars and conferences and providing a network to share knowledge, common experiences and challenges concerning downtowns.

LakewoodAlive is an economic development corporation whose mission is to improve the quality of life of residents by creating alliances with community leaders, leveraging community assets and expanding the pool of available resources in order to facilitate economic stability and growth in the City of Lakewood.

Kiwanis Club Of Lakewood Awards \$100,000 In Scholarships To Class Of 2010

The Kiwanis Club of Lakewood is pleased to announce the ten recipients of \$10,000 academic scholarships to the following Lakewood residents who are graduating with the class of 2010. Awardees were selected based upon overall academic performance, community involvement, and extra curricular activities.

Over the past 40 years, Kiwanis Club of Lakewood has awarded over \$1.3 million in academic scholarships which are payable \$2500 annually for 4 years of advanced study.

From Lakewood High School: Mary Beth Donahoe, Sarah Speice, Zachary Urbach, Mary Leach, Bella DiFillipo, and Kristian Hila. From St. Edward High School: Patrick Murray. From St. Joseph Academy: Emily Polk. From St. Ignatius High School: Jack McLinden and Christopher Wank.

The students received their awards from Kiwanis Club President John Mumma, based upon the recommendation of scholarship committee chairman Matt Rawlins at the June Lakewood Kiwanis Club luncheon.

Lakewood Resident Completes Professional Tutor And Governor Program

by T. Stewart

English Nanny & Governess School of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, is pleased to announce the graduation of Joshua Lavelle of Lakewood, Ohio.

Mr. Lavelle successfully completed the academic curriculum of courses in Child Growth, Behavior and Development, Nutrition, Health, Safety, Cultural Enrichment, Professionalism and Interpersonal Relations.

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cognitive and cultural development of his charges in a safe home environment.

English Nanny & Governess School has earned the reputation as America's premier educational institute for the training and placement of Professional Nannies and Professional Governesses.

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Lakewood Native Receives Law Degree From The Ohio State University Moritz College Of Law

by Rob Phillips

Valerie Ann Kunze graduated from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law in May.

Kunze is a 2003 graduate of Lakewood High School in Lakewood, Ohio. Kunze is a 2007 graduate of The Ohio State University where she studied Psychology and Political Science.

Kunze is the daughter of Duane and Debra Kunze of Lakewood, Ohio.

The Moritz College of Law has served the citizens of Ohio and the nation since its establishment in 1891. The nationally recognized college has played a leading role in the legal profession through countless contributions made by graduates and faculty. The college's more than 9,000 alumni include justices of the Ohio Supreme Court and courts of federal appeal, current and former members of the U.S. Congress, managing partners in law firms of all sizes, leaders in some of the nation's largest companies, and representatives of nonprofit agencies across the country.

Notes From Afghanistan

Konduz And The Secret Tunnels

by Eric Smith

One of the peculiarities of living in Northern Afghanistan is that no one can predict the weather with any degree of certainty.

Modern meteorology depends on collecting data from fixed stations over time and then building predictive models that use complex algorithms to arrive at conclusions like “A warm front descending off the central Asian steppe will collide with cold air in the Hindu Kush and produce prodigious amounts of dust.” Or perhaps the significant (to me), “Humid air rising off the Amu Darya will mix with airborne particulates creating low cloud cover, inhibiting the use of unmanned reconnaissance drones and helicopters.” Sadly, our weather predictions are considerably more bland. “This week it will be hot.”

The only data we have access to is Soviet, now over two decades old at best. Rumors persist that the Persians to our west are sitting on a wealth of weather readings, but petulantly keep it to themselves. In a few months a US military weather detachment will arrive and presumably start filling the skies with large balloons broadcasting weather readings to hungry ground stations everywhere.

But they’re not here yet, so my guess is tomorrow will be hot, based on the fact that today was hot and so was the day before. At some point in the next week we’ll get a violent dust storm that turns the air orange, covers us all with gritty powder, and bends radio antennas at awkward angles. That’s my prediction.

Several weeks ago, I couldn’t help but think about the importance of the weather as I descended to the Konduz plateau inside a German airplane. I’m not a pilot, but I know they spend a lot of time discussing wind direction, humidity levels, and visibility. I imagine as they’re landing their biggest concern is the current weather, not what it will be a few days from now.

We were soon shuffling off the tailgate, blinking in the bright sunlight. I cut through the terminal building, a squat, solid, cement structure covered with German soldiers behind sandbags, and found a platoon of American vehicles. They were my ride, and I hopped in for the short drive to FOB (Forward Operations Base) Konduz,



Old Soviet Equipment Outside of the Wall



The Konduz Airport Terminal

home of 1-87 Infantry, my old battalion when I was in Iraq.

The Konduz plateau sits about 20 meters above rivers to the east and west. Beyond the rivers, stony mountains ring the horizon. The plateau itself is grassland, wheat and thistle, with the occasional orange poppy providing color to the broad swathes of green. It looks just like Wyoming and, had a band of Sioux come across the airfield on painted ponies, they would not have looked out of place. At least not to me; the Afghans would probably have been surprised.

Konduz was once a major Soviet base and the crumbling detritus left behind by the Red Army was everywhere. I saw rusted cranes, piles of rocket launchers, tanks stacked on top of each other like toys, helicopters decomposing silently on taxiways, and a complex road network that led to nowhere – the buildings it served long since gone.

I tried to call back to the brigade headquarters to tell them I had arrived safely, but my phone wasn’t getting any service. No bars at all. The local Taliban had just started an intimidation campaign to get all the cell towers to turn themselves off at 1900 each night, and they were punctual. Being in an austere environment where the whole country depends on cell phones for the telecommunications backbone, I guess

they figured this degraded our ability to operate. We have all sorts of other ways to communicate, so the outages affected the civilian population more than it did us, though it was annoying.

At FOB Konduz I linked up with my friend, Major Jake Larkowich, the battalion operations officer. This was my first trip out to the FOB and he was eager to show me around. It was kind of odd, walking around my old battalion but not being part of it. Last deployment I was the guy who met the visitor and showed him around. There were still plenty of old comrades

there and as we toured the FOB I felt a disconcerting comfort – the signs on buildings, the charts hanging in the HQs, the patois soldiers make while standing in line for chow, it was all the same, but different enough to remind me that I was the visitor now.

At one point I saw several large smokestack-like pipes, about thirty feet tall, coming straight out of the ground and surrounded by rusted vehicle hulks. They looked like the lonely chimneys you see the morning after a tornado hits a small town, standing by themselves in a field of splinters.

“What’s with the chimneys, Jake?” I asked.

“Those are vents, we think. And they lead to the old Russian tunnels.”

“Vents? How deep do they go?” I was interested. I liked the idea of secret Soviet tunnels.

“We don’t know really, we keep dropping chemlites in them and trying to count until they hit something, but we can’t hear it, so we figure they must go pretty deep. We’ve tested them for radiation, you know, just to be sure.” Then he added, “But still, I wouldn’t stand too close.”

I was fascinated. Growing up I loved to go spelunking with my father. There was something always intriguing about tunnels that led to mysteries deep in the Earth. And the idea these could hold an old Soviet command center or piles of gold bars or dusty stacks of munitions captivated me.

“What do you think is down there?”

“I don’t know. Godzilla? The guy from Lost? It’s probably a bunch of flooded bunkers. I just hope the FOB doesn’t collapse into a giant sinkhole.”

“I’ll send a survey team out here just in case. We ought to be sure these things aren’t releasing something toxic.”

“Thanks.”

The next day we drove through Konduz City, and visited several police stations. The radio chatter between vehicles and the headquarters was all familiar to me. I knew the callsigns, but I didn’t recognize the voices. At one point someone came on the radio calling “Summit 5, Summit 5” – my old call sign. I started to answer and then caught myself. I’m not Summit 5 anymore.

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Spilled Ink

Lakewood Observer Invites All To Join Parade!

by Margaret Brinich

This July 4th the Lakewood Observer is trying to start a new interactive tradition for parade spectators. In this year's 4th of July parade we will be asking all of you to join us as we pass by and walk the remainder of the route with us to Lakewood Park. We will, in effect, try to turn the parade inside out.

"I think this is an important moment in Lakewood's History. A time when we should all stop, enjoy, and then join in the parade with our friends and neighbors. Take the time to talk, meet and walk with each other and share the year for what it has been," said publisher of the Lakewood Observer Jim O'Bryan. "When the project was first started it

was all about joining in, one seat at the table, a place to openly meet, discuss and vet ideas and share stories. This is part of the natural progression. Just as we asked Lakewoodites to join in with their community paper, we will now encourage them to get off their butts and join with us on the 6th anniversary of Lakewood declaring its independence from regional and mainstream media that merely sees the city as a place to come and sell papers."

This first year we will just try to get people to walk/parade with us. In 2011 we will be asking people to not only join with us in our walk, but also celebrate at a picnic/party immediately following the parade. It will be Lakewood's chance to bask in

the glow of the residents' successes and share our stories of empowerment from throughout the previous year.

Ever since the first year's pig roast, the LO has been looking for more ways to get Lakewood involved, and to give all residents a place in the parade. After all, the success of the Lakewood Observer as the fastest growing media project in America,

is really thanks to all of you- the people of Lakewood.



Virgina Marti Leads 4th Of July Celebration

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Fashion Design class at the new Virginia Marti College of Fashion and Art in April 1966. In 1970, the coursework evolved into a Fashion Design Associate Degree Program.

Virginia Marti College of Art and Design is a nationally accredited, two-year career college for students who are ready to advance their education and careers in fashion design, fashion merchandising, interior design, graphic design and digital media. Specialized, project-based curriculum and hands-on training prepare aspiring designers to compete in creative fields with the most dynamic growth potential. Virginia Marti College moved to current location in Lakewood in 1985, with major renovations and additions completed in 2003. This site was custom designed to include a gallery, which showcases the art and design work of the students.

"We are pleased to honor Virginia Marti Veith for all she has given to the Lakewood community" said Mayor FitzGerald. "We are proud to have her serve as Grand Marshall of the Fourth of July Parade."

Joining in the parade will be musical favorites, the Lakewood High School Ranger Marching Band, St. Edward High School Band, the Lochaber Pipe Band and Red Hackle Pipe Band.

After the parade, festivities will continue in Lakewood Park with games, food, activities and information provided by several of Lakewood's community organizations. At 7:00 p.m., the Lakewood Project, Lakewood High School's Youth Rock Orchestra, will perform at the Bandstand at Lakewood Park.

The Fourth of July festivities will conclude with Lakewood annual fireworks extravaganza at approximately 9:45-10:00 p.m.

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Heritage Ohio Honors Lakewood Schools With Another Award

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revitalization movement.... The inspiration these award winners provide will pay dividends far into the future," said W. Kevin Pape, chairman of the Board for Heritage Ohio, in a statement.

More than 20 communities, organizations and individuals submitted nominations for consideration. The awards recognize the numerous preservation and revitalization

accomplishments of downtowns and neighborhoods across the state.

Heritage Ohio is a statewide not-for-profit preservation organization dedicated to encouraging and assisting people and organizations to protect, preserve and revitalize Ohio's heritage.

The commitment the citizens of Lakewood made by passing a bond issue to pay for the beautiful restorations of Emerson and Horace Mann are perfect examples of the mission of Heritage Ohio.

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Home And Garden

Keep Lakewood Beautiful Going Green

by *Melissa Meehan*

Keep Lakewood Beautiful (KLB) took being green literally this spring with many green events. First of all, a big THANK YOU to all the residents, block groups, girl scouts and community groups who participated in our Great American Cleanup in Lakewood on April 24. This annual event, sponsored by Keep America Beautiful, had many registered groups picking up trash, recyclables and yard waste in Lakewood and beautifying our public spaces. What a great response and what a difference groups coming together can make. Again, thanks to the many who helped with this year's clean up.

And, what better way to be green than to give trees? KLB gave away almost 200 trees to residents during two events this past month. Trees were given away at our Spring Humus Sale, where residents bought 40 yards of rich humus for their gardens and Adopt-A-Spot volunteers picked up 200 flats of

beautiful and colorful flowers for our 55 Adopt-A-Spots, tucked in neighborhoods across the city. Residents also picked up trees to be planted in their front and back yards.

Trees were also given away at the very popular Meet the Trucks event held at Lakewood Park. Families not only got a free tree and a lesson on how to care for it, but got to hug and shake hands with Lakewood's only walking and talking tree. Our very live tree was a huge hit amongst the kids.

KLB hopes these trees and any other recently planted trees in yards and tree lawns get the water they need to establish their root system. Be sure to water them during these hot and dry summer days so that we can enjoy the "greening" of our streets and neighborhoods for years to come.

Keep Lakewood Beautiful, a volunteer sponsored city board, would also like to encourage residents to nominate a home for our annual Beautiful Home Awards. A plaque hon-

oring the home owners with a Beautiful Lakewood Home is awarded in each of our elementary school districts. The award is based on the landscape, maintenance and the overall beauty of the home. Winners are honored in the fall. Nominations are available on our website and will be accepted until mid-July.

So Lakewood, keep watering those trees, recycle, compost, thank an Adopt-A-Spot volunteer who works in

your neighborhood, nominate a home for the Beautiful Home Awards, and walk the streets of Lakewood to enjoy the "green" of our tree-lined streets!

For more information about Keep Lakewood Beautiful, KLB's Beautiful Home Awards, or to get a free tree, go to our website: www.onelakewood.com/KLB or email us at KLBgeneral@lakewoodoh.net

North Union Farmers Market In Lakewood Accepting SNAP/EBT Cards

by *Tiffany Leeper*

Beginning in July, North Union Farmers Market will begin accepting SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) Cards at its Lakewood location. SNAP recipients may bring their Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards to the farmers market and obtain tokens which may be used to purchase fresh, local vegetables, fruits, dairy products, meat products, honey, preserves, baked goods, plants used to produce food at home and much more. SNAP recipients should first visit the "Market Information" tent to receive tokens before purchasing items.



operates certified, producer-only markets. SNAP recipients who purchase local food from the market will receive fresh, nutrient-dense produce and all natural farm products.

This is the 12th season for the North Union Farmers Market in Lakewood. Market vendors will also continue to accept WIC and Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program Coupons.

Market Locations and Hours:
North Union Farmers Market in Lakewood
Arthur Avenue Extension in front of Kauffman Park, behind Drug Mart
Wednesdays, 10am to 1pm through September 30, 2010

For more information visit www.northunionfarmersmarket.org or call the office at 216-751-7656.

Garden Planning

by *Paul Bilyk*

Spring has finally arrived and now is the time to prepare the yard for a summer of enjoyment. Sometimes this can seem like a daunting task, especially if you've suffered damage from recent storms, the lawn lost a fight with grubs last summer, or you just want to grow some vegetables. Starting with a plan is the best way to achieve the success you desire.

When devising a plan, work on a three to five year time table. Be sure to consider what you want and decide if it is feasible. Perhaps after planting grass under the big oak five years in a row, it is time to embrace the fact it won't work. If the vegetable garden gets too much shade then consider moving it or trying a plot in a local community garden. Being realistic with what you have is the first step to success in the yard.

Consider time and money when planning the yard. Landscaping can add ten percent to the value of your home. Spending wisely will save you time later, but make you money in the

end. But time is the other major factor to consider when planning which landscape tasks to tackle. Plants are living things and need attention in order to thrive. If a summer of vacations lies ahead perhaps it's time to consider low maintenance options.

Divide and conquer. Having decided what is a priority and how much you can put into the yard, break it up in to tasks to avoid overwhelming yourself. Decide what to tackle and when to do it. Perhaps this summer ignore the weeds in the grass and focus on getting it green. If you want to have vegetables in the summer, prep the beds and plant soon. Maybe next year tackle the patio in the back yard and the year after put in the pond. Set goals you can meet.

Regardless of what you want from your yard, having a plan will increase your chances for success. Work on a schedule, budget your time and money, check off the list.



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Home And Garden

Is Painting My Aluminum Siding A Bad Idea?

by Don Milewski

Many Northeast Ohio homes that were built in the 60s, 70s and 80s were finished with aluminum siding. Homeowners were led to believe that the exteriors of their homes would be “maintenance free.” If you own a home that was built in that era, or if you own a home that was resided during that time, you have no doubt realized that this is not the case. Because of exposure to the sun, most aluminum siding begins to become “chalky” and fades after about 15 years. Once this happens, the original baked-on enamel coating washes off with heavy rain.

If this describes your home’s exterior, you may be looking for a way to improve its appearance. Many homeowners are quick to dismiss the idea of painting their aluminum siding for fear of it chipping right off. But is replacement really your only option?

The Possibilities of Paint

Actually, repainting your alumi-

num siding is a great solution if it is done correctly. Under normal circumstances, a properly completed job will last upwards of 15 years. Most homeowners will power-wash their siding before painting, and this is an essential step. However, the key to a long-lasting job is to hand-scrub the entire exterior surface with detergent during this process. Many people—even some painting contractors—skip this step because it’s very time consuming and requires a lot of elbow grease, but this single step can make your paint job last up to four times as long! It is also important to note that some companies mix bonding additives to the paint before applying it, claiming this allows them to skip the power-washing and scrubbing steps entirely. I have found that this solution is not effective because the paint still needs a sound surface with which to bind.

So why not just replace it with a vinyl product? First, it is much more cost effective to repaint aluminum

siding. In fact, refinishing aluminum siding is approximately one-third the cost of new vinyl siding. Moreover, vinyl siding is not as “maintenance free” as you might think. After about 15 years, the vinyl begins to fade and lose its finish as well. Finally, while vinyl siding manufacturers may offer a dozen or so color choices, paint offers almost limitless color possibilities.

Better to Hire a Pro?

While it is possible to repaint your aluminum siding on your own, keep in mind that the materials and equipment needed to do the job are expensive. This cost, coupled with the extensive prep work exterior painting requires and the fact that mastering a paint sprayer is harder than it looks might make house painting too challenging for most homeowners.

If you decide to hire a professional for your siding project, research the contractors that advertise this service. Ask for references that extend back

at least five years. This will give you a better idea of their workmanship and the longevity of their completed jobs. Also, check with the Better Business Bureau. A good contractor should have an A rating, or at least will have resolved any complaints made against their company. Also, make sure that all job specifics, including products to be used, length of time to complete the job and any warranty information, is spelled out in the contract. Repainting aluminum siding is a viable and economical solution. However, getting a professional result requires intense surface preparation, high-quality products and proper execution of the project from start to finish.

USPS Safety Corner: Let’s Keep The Mail Safe

by Carmen Bernazzoli

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