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Lakewood Ends Summer The Coolest Way Possible While

FitzGerald Wins By A Landslide, Now Faces Dolan



photos by Taylor Trimarchi

Lakewood gets the news we are one of the “coolest cities to visit” according to Travel and Leisure Magazine. The Mayor announced it at the Melt with Matt Fish, the owner. Melt was mentioned as one of the many reasons, along with the Winchester Tavern and Pier W. To his left is Cindy Einhouse Director of The Beck Center, Mayor Edward FitzGerald, Councilwoman and State Representative elect Nickie Antonio and Director of The Lakewood Chamber of Commerce Patty Ryan. **Read more on page 11!**

Summer In Lakewood Still In Swing This Weekend

by Mel Page

The summer isn't over yet! Throughout this weekend there are a few outdoor events going on in Lakewood that deserve one last special mention. Spend time with friends, make a date with your favorite person, take the kids out, arrange for a babysitter. No matter who you are, or which event you attend, you'll be glad you did.

Friday night, September 10, from 6 to 10 pm Lakewood Christian Service Center will hold its annual fundraising event. LCSC has had a 42% increase in the total number of households coming in for emergency food over this time last year. With the help of creative partnerships you can come out to support a worthy cause while having an enjoyable experience. This event will take place at the community garden created for LCSC clients at Madison Park. Chef Jonathan Sawyer of Greenhouse Tavern will prepare the evening's menu using some of the produce grown by the LCSC community gardeners and will be assisted by Lakewood High School Culinary Arts students. There will be live music by Kristine Jackson and KJ Blues, as well as an auction of garden benches created by

local artists from 100% recycled materials. Tickets are \$50 (with \$20 of that tax deductible) and can still be purchased by calling 216-226-6466 or online at www.lcslakewood.org.

Saturday, September 11, 11 am to 5 pm the 23rd annual Lakewood Community Festival is free with something for everyone to enjoy. The purpose of this event is simple. Celebrate and bring the community together in our backyard park, Madison Park. The flag raising ceremony kicks off the event at 11 am. Local churches, organizations, and restaurants will offer for sale a range of foods and beverages during the full line up of live musical performances. See the festival advertisement on Page 11 for a detailed listing and schedule of activities and entertainment.

On Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon the Lakewood Historical Society will host its 10th biennial “Come Home To Lakewood” Patron Party and Home and Garden Tour. The house tour weekend festivities are the Society's largest fundraiser. This year's Patron Party house is an elegant brick Tudor with spectacular lake views. This

stunning private residence is not on Sunday's tour. Tickets are \$75 and you can expect to have a most enjoyable experience complete with fine food, drinks, and live music. Patron Party ticket purchase includes a Sunday House Tour ticket valued at \$15 and a portion of your purchase is tax-deductible.

Sunday's Home and Garden Tour features six historically or architecturally significant homes throughout Lakewood and the restored Nicholson House. This biennial home & garden tour is highly anticipated by Northeast Ohioans from all over. At only \$15 per ticket there is no better way to spend a Sunday afternoon. See the Tour advertisement on Page 9 for pictures of the private residences on the tour. Patron Party tickets can be purchased online at www.lakewoodmuseumstore.com until noon on Saturday. Advance \$15 Sunday tour tickets can also be bought online or from several local outlets along Detroit Ave. Outlet locations are listed on the website or by calling 216-221-7343. Day-of-tour tickets may be available on Sunday starting at 1pm at The Nicholson House for \$20.

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Lakewood Hospital Unveils The Harold C. Schott Pavilion



Mrs. Janice G. Murphy, RN, BSN, MSN, FACHE, president of Fairview and Lakewood Hospitals, Ms. Betty Jane Mulcahy, trustee, The Harold C. Schott Foundation, Mr. Ken Haber, president, Lakewood Hospital Foundation
by Anne Kunzel

Thursday, August 26 was a noteworthy evening at Lakewood Hospital, a Cleveland Clinic hospital. The hospital unveiled The Harold C. Schott Pavilion for Geriatric Neurological Health. There were many distinguished guests, including Cleveland Clinic physicians and friends of Lakewood Hospital, to witness the introduction. In December 2009, Lakewood Hospital Foundation received a \$1 million gift from The Harold C. Schott Foundation to expand and improve neurological and geriatric services focused on brain health.

On hand to help with the unveiling was world-renowned Alzheimer's researcher and neurologist Jeffrey L. Cummings, MD, Director of research and operations at the Cleveland Clinic Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health in Cleveland and Las Vegas. He

will play an integral role in developing programs that will be offered at Lakewood Hospital, Cleveland Clinic Main Campus, and in Las Vegas.

The Harold C. Schott Pavilion for Geriatric Neurological Health is part of Lakewood Hospital's Vision for Tomorrow strategic plan to meet the evolving needs of the community and to improve the patient experience. The plan places a particular focus on enhancing and integrating the hospital's SeniorCare Services and Cleveland Clinic Neurological Institute at Lakewood Hospital.

“I look forward to collaborating with the geriatric and neurological specialists at Lakewood Hospital to optimize patient care through teamwork,” said Dr. Cummings. He told the attendees that every 70 seconds someone receives a diagnosis of
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Calendar Page

This calendar presents various Lakewood events and notices for the next two weeks (excluding Lakewood Public Library sponsored events found separately on the Lakewood Library page). Submit your calendar event to our online calendar at www.lakewoodobserver.com on the Home Page. This printed calendar listing is primarily non-profit events relevant to Lakewood. However, our website calendar welcomes all Lakewood businesses and organizations to submit events. Compiled by Mel Page

Wednesday, September 8

1st Annual “Singing for Survivors” Karaoke Fundraiser

6:30 - 10:30 PM, Around the Corner Café, 18616-20 Detroit Ave.
\$5.00 donation to participate in karaoke, with 2 for \$1 raffle tickets sold for special prize giveaways all evening! 50/50 raffle! Half of proceeds go directly towards the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society annual Light the Night Walk campaign. For more info on LLS, please contact Sheri Kellner at (216) 910-1217 or at www.lls.org/noh.

Thursday, September 9

Prenatal Water Aerobics

5:30 - 6:15 PM, Lakewood YMCA, 16915 Detroit Ave.
Free for YMCA Members. \$35 for Non-Members. (includes \$25 program membership for a year). Starting September 6th- December 19th, Thursdays . Call 521-8400.

Friday, September 10

got green? Lakewood Christian Service Center event

6:00 - 10:00 PM, Madison Park, 13201 Madison Ave.
See story on front page and ad on Page 4.

Lakewood Early Childhood PTA Open House

6:00 - 8:00 PM, Harrison Elementary School, 2080 Quail Street
Lakewood residents with young children are invited to dance the night away to music courtesy of Rhythm Productions. Summertime crafts, pizza, water and juice boxes will also be provided. Guests do not need to RSVP but members should.

Saturday, September 11

23rd Annual Lakewood Community Festival

11:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Madison Park. See Front Page story and ad on Page 4

“Come Home To Lakewood” House Tour Patron Party

6:00 - 9:00 PM, 13908 Edgewater Dr.. See story Front Page.

Sunday, September 12

Art Workshop Bash @ Keyhole Gallery

12:00 - 6:00 PM, 11817 Detroit Ave.
Come meet the instructors for our upcoming workshops, and check out the art! You can participate in the two ‘Make and Take’ mini workshops for free! Refreshments will be served. <http://keyholegallery.blogspot.com>.

“Come Home to Lakewood” Home & Garden Tour

1:00 - 6:00 PM, throughout Lakewood
Featuring six historically or architecturally significant homes throughout Lakewood and the restored Nicholson House. Tickets are \$15 each in advance. See ad Page 9.

Monday, September 13

The Curl Advantage

7:00 PM, Main Library Auditorium 15425 Detroit Ave.
See Library Calendar Page 5.

Introductory Lakewood Block Club Meeting

7:00 - 8:30 PM, Lakewood City Hall Auditorium, 2nd flr, 12650 Detroit Ave.The meeting is for Residents interested in learning about the Lakewood Block Club program or forming Block Clubs on their streets.

Tuesday, September 14

Job Seeker Free Workshops

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM, Lakewood Public Library, Main Branch
Developing Your Job Search Plan. To register: call 216-529-6868 or email lakewood-familycollab@gmail.com. Space may be limited. Registration suggested. See ad Page 6

Catholicism 101

7:00 PM, St. Clement Church, 2022 Lincoln Ave. (corner of Madison & Lincoln Aves)
A four part series presented by Father Joseph Workman to help Catholics renew our understanding of the Church, Sacred Scripture, the Sacraments and the Mass. It is also an opportunity for those who are not Catholic to learn about the Catholic Church. Tuesdays, Sept 14,21,28 and Oct 5. Cost is \$5 for materials. Please call the rectory to register (216) 226-5116

10 Steps to Perfect Credit

7:00 - 9:00 PM, Harding Middle School, 16601 Madison Ave., Room 104
Learn which 5 factors in fluence your credit score the most and what are the fastest ways to drive your score upward. Learn the right way and the wrong way to repair your credit. Learn the three “C’s” of credit and why they are important. Every at-

tendee will recieve a copy of their credit report. There is a \$15 material fee paid to the instuctor. The cost is \$10 for residents/non-residents. Pre-registration is required. Call Lakewood Recreation at (216)529-4081 to register.

First Time Home Buyers Seminar

7:00 PM, Main Lakewood Library
See First Federal of Lakewood ad Page 19 for details.

Friday, September 17

My Fair Lady Musical

8:00 PM, Mackey Main Stage, Beck Center for the Arts, 17801 Detroit Ave.
Shows Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. See Page 15 for story. Call 521-2540.

Saturday, September 18

Child and Infant CPR Class

12:00 - 4:00 PM, Lakewood YMCA, Community Room
Includes Red Cross class, book, skill card, and Red Cross certification card. YMCA Member \$40. Non- Member \$45. Call 521-8400.

Lakewood High School Invitational Marching Band Festival

7:00 PM, Lakewood High Stadium
See Page 7 for details.

Sunday, September 19

Red Cross Babysitting Class

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Lakewood YMCA, Community Room
Designed for 11 to 15 year olds, the Babysitter’s Training course can help you— Care for children and infants. Fee \$55.00. Call 521-8400.

Monday, September 20

Dating Violence Presentation for Teens

6:30 - 7:30 PM, Cornerstone Among Women, 20340 Center Ridge Rd., Rocky River
For teens who know someone in a violent dating relationship, or are even experiencing violence in their own dating relationships. Learn how to recognize the signs of an abusive relationship and what to do about it. Teens and adults are welcome to come. If you have any questions or are interested in attending, contact 440-356-5565 or lbachman@cornerstoneamongwomen.org.

Financing Your Very Small Business

7:00 PM, Main Library Auditorium 15425 Detroit Ave.
See Library calendar on Page 5 for details.

Tuesday, September 21

Job Seeker Free Workshops

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM, Lakewood Public Library, Main Branch
Using The Grapevine To Get Results - To register call 216-529-6868 or email lakewoodfamilycollab@gmail.com. Space may be limited. Registration suggested.

Protecting Children: Ohio Internet Crimes Against Children


Task Force - 7:00 PM, Main Library Auditorium 15425 Detroit Ave. See Page 5.

Visit our calendar online for many more events at www.lakewoodobserver.com.



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Upcoming Submission Deadline	Publish Date
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Lakewood City News

Lakewood Outdoor Basketball Committee

by Paula Maeder Connor

The Lakewood Community Relations Advisory Commission endorses the important work that the Lakewood Outdoor Basketball Committee (LOBC) has been committed to for the past eighteen months. With the development of the city's diverse youth population in mind, LOBC has laid the groundwork for the return of free outdoor basketball.

Communities across northeastern Ohio have been solid in their support of outdoor basketball and recreation. In fact, Lakewood is one of the few cities that does not provide such to its youth. With a lack of a recreation center and mainly a pay to play recreation department, LOBC has worked feverishly with the City to provide a viable alternative. With community support, basketball will return in a safe and constructive way. The first

court will soon open at Kauffman Park and we hope that LOBC, the City and the Police Department will cooperate with one another in making sure free basketball works. In this age of childhood obesity and pay to play recreational activities, LOBC's mission of advocating an alternative, free outdoor basketball, is one way to assist Lakewood's youth and children in a healthier childhood.

Our Commission's commitment to diversity and engaging the community in thought provoking dialogue, has prompted the Community Relations Advisory Commission to make this important endorsement. We encourage stakeholders in our city and its government to follow our lead.

For the Lakewood Community Relations Commission
Paula Maeder Connor, Chair

Mayor Is Listening

by Keith A. Dewey

Mayor Edward FitzGerald has a program where he listens in person to what residents think about their City.

Listening To Lakewood (L2L) is a program where Mayor FitzGerald and members of his Administration visit residents in different neighborhoods each month. Mayor Ed FitzGerald listens to what questions and concerns you have about the City. After the visits a neighborhood meeting is held with Mayor Ed FitzGerald and his staff.

This meeting is a great way to

meet Mayor Ed FitzGerald, talk to him directly and get your concerns heard. The Mayor also gives a Power Point presentation addressing the city's issues and what he is doing to correct them.

This month Mayor FitzGerald is visiting the neighborhood of Clarence Avenue to West 117th Street between Detroit and Madison sections (sec.28&29 on the Lakewood Web site). The neighborhood meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 22 at 7:00 p.m. at Garfield Middle School, 13114 Detroit Avenue. Any Lakewood resident may attend.

Lakewood's Changing Political Landscape

by: Councilman Kevin Butler

In the coming months the political profile at Lakewood City Hall may undergo major changes. Although several elected officials have the potential to become a part of this re-shuffling, one vacancy is already a known quantity, i.e. Councilwoman (soon to be State Representative) Nickie Antonio. The procedure for replacing her at-large council seat can be found below. In addition, should Mayor Ed FitzGerald's pursuit of the newly formed County Executive seat be successful, a new face must be found for the office of Mayor. Clearly, the need to implement the Mayoral line of succession is still theoretical at this time, but the process that would be set in motion, should it become necessary, is also described below. The explanations of the processes set out by the City Charter for replacing both seats have been provided by Council President Kevin Butler.

Dear Members of Council:

With this letter I invite members of the voting public to submit applications for any vacancies created by the election of sitting elected officials in Lakewood to other offices.

Councilwoman Nickie Antonio's position as councilmember-at-large will become vacant on or about January 1, 2011, when her term as representative to the Ohio General Assembly begins. Qualifications for members of Council may be found in the Second Amended Charter, Article 3, Section 2, and Article 23, Section 3; and vacancies among councilmembers are governed by Article 3, Section 2 of the charter.

In the event Mayor Ed FitzGerald is elected to the county executive position, his term in that new office would also begin January 1, 2011. Qualifications for mayor may be found in the Second Amended

Charter, Article 2, Section 2, and Article 23, Section 3; and a vacancy in that office is governed by Article 2, Section 8.

Applicants for the position of mayor are informed that our review is subject to the following unknowns: (1) whether the mayor's office will become vacant as a result of the November general election; and (2) whether those in the line of succession under the city charter — law-director, finance director, public works director and council president — indicate in advance their unwillingness to accept the office should it become vacant.

In order to facilitate our review, applications for both mayor and councilmember should be submitted before the close of business Friday, October 1, 2010. Applications should consist of a cover letter and current résumé and be directed to the Clerk of Council, 12650 Detroit Road, Lakewood, Ohio 44107, or by email to mary.hagan@lakewoodoh.net.

Application materials should help give Council an appreciation of the applicant's reason for seeking appointment and his or her qualifications to serve in office. Any deadlines may be extended at our direction.

Following the general election, Council may conduct interviews of qualified candidates as appropriate.

It is worth noting that under the provisions of the charter, Mayor FitzGerald's and Councilwoman Antonio's appointed replacements would only occupy such office until the results of the November 2011 municipal election are certified. Any appointee wishing to retain his or her office past that date would be required to stand for election in 2011.

Very truly yours,
Kevin Butler



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Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased online at **lcsclakewood.org** by phone **(216) 226-6466** or at Lakewood Christian Service Center 14230 Madison Avenue daily from 10am – 2pm.

Honorary event co-chairs **Mayor Ed FitzGerald** and **Dr. Bill Wagner**, Principal, Lakewood High School



Lakewood Public Library Events

All Events and Programs Are Free And Open To The Public

Compiled by Martha Wood

Wednesday, September 8

MEET THE AUTHOR: Linda Legeza
Cooler Full of Fish, The Rainy Day House

Cleveland author Linda Legeza will answer your questions about writing and fishing. In her first novel, Cooler Full of Fish, a young man with a natural gift for rod and reel struggles to figure out the rest of his life. While his friends are moving on with relationships and careers, Jeff Grabowski is still taking care of his father’s charter fishing company. His half-hearted plan is to make the business such a success that his father no longer needs him. But what would he do then? The author will also bring along her new novel, The Rainy Day House. Both books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

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

Saturday, September 11

THE LAKEWOOD PUBLIC CINEMA: A Day at the Races (1937)
Directed by Sam Wood Not Rated

When the Marx brothers head out to the racetrack for a few laughs, describing the plot almost seems misleading. Needless to say, Harpo plays the harp, Chico cons everyone into thinking he can play the piano and Groucho dances and struts his way from one-liner to one-liner—this time as Dr. Hugo Z. Hackenbush, horse doctor and personal physician to the rich and gullible.

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

Sunday, September 12

SUNDAY WITH THE FRIENDS: InTransit
Diverse musical talents find a common beat in the body-moving polyrhythms of Latin America. This experimental jazz trio seamlessly blends original compositions with old favorites for an exciting new sound.

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

Monday, September 13

The Curl Advantage
Whether your ringlets are natural or manmade, Bonnie Fencl of the Carabel Beauty Salon can answer your questions about maintaining the health and beauty of your curly hair. She’ll also have some samples to try!

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

Tuesday, September 14

CLEVELAND’S GOLDEN AGE OF PRINT
With memories as sharp as a stiff Lake Erie breeze, the frontline witnesses of Cleveland history reflect on the things they did to get the story. Featuring interviews with legendary reporter Doris O’Donnell, the author of Front Page Girl, this series of short documentaries chronicles a bygone era with ink-stained anecdotes from O’Donnell’s friends, colleagues and collaborators. Originally produced by Storytellers Media Group in conjunction with the Cleveland Police Historical Society & Museum, as part of the Emmy Award winning PBS series, Doris O’Donnell’s Cleveland, these episodes are now available on DVD and will be available for sale at each screening.

Back when Cleveland had three major newspapers and a host of smaller ones, journalism was often the art of breaking the right rules to get your story.

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

Saturday, September 18

FIVE STAR FILMS: Broadway Melody of 1940
Directed By Norman Taurog Not Rated
The fabulous dance team of Fred Astaire and Eleanor Powell moves to the music of Cole Porter and the effect is electric! Two song-and-dance men vie for the affections of the same lady in one lavish production number after another. It simply

doesn’t get any better than this.
6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Sunday, September 19

SUNDAY WITH THE FRIENDS: Christine Lewis
Slow down and take the time to listen to this up-and-coming young woman. Her sepia-toned folk sound comes from serious time spent at a musical crossroads somewhere between earthy confessionals and blues rock love songs.

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

Monday, September 20

Financing Your Very Small Business
What options do you have when your startup is unable to secure traditional financing? Representatives from the WECO Fund invite you to participate in a workshop that covers everything from business plans to tax returns. You may be the right candidate for a microloan.

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

Tuesday, September 21

PROTECTING CHILDREN: Ohio Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force
Jesse W. Canonico from the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor’s Office provides parents, teachers and community members with the information they need to keep children safe from online sexual predators. Learn a little bit about the evolution of online crime prevention and find out what’s coming next in this ongoing battle.

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

Wednesday, September 22

LAKEWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY presents: Frank Lloyd Wright and the Usonian Home
Fred R. Unwin illustrates the humble genius of architect Frank Lloyd Wright with an appreciation of the Weltzheimer/Johnson house in Oberlin, Ohio. One of the few Usonian homes open to the general public, it stands as a brick and redwood example of Wright’s vision of stylish, affordable middle class living. It may still have much to teach us about making homes in the twenty-first century.

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

BOOK GROUPS:
Thursday, September 9

BOOKED FOR MURDER BOOK CLUB: New York CityLush Life by Richard Price
After a night of barhopping on Manhattan’s Lower East Side, three men are approached by two muggers. One man is shot to death and Detective Matty Clark is called to find the killer. Price’s knowledge of the city and gift for realistic dialogue make for a powerful representation of the dark side of New York City.

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

Thursday, September 16

BUSINESS BOOK TALK with Tim Zaun and Friends
Switch: How to Change Things When Change Is Hard by Chip Heath and Dan Heath
The bestselling authors of Made to Stick present a blueprint for successful change in the twenty-first century.

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

Tuesday, September 21

KNIT & LIT BOOK CLUB: Cry the Beloved Country by Alan Paton
Lynda Tuennerman hosts a social club for multitaskers—a combination book club and stitchery group. She’s looking for readers who can enjoy intense discussion of modern classics while relaxing with their latest stitching project. Come share your passion for great literature and show off your knitting, crocheting, counted cross-stitch, embroidery and quilting works-in-progress. At each meeting, the group decides what will be read next. Call (216) 226-8275, ext. 127 or visit www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.com/bookclubs to learn more.

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 SEPTEMBER CLASSES:

Thursday, September 9: JOB HUNTING WORKSHOP from 10: 00a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 11: WORD PROCESSING BASICS @ 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 18: WEB SEARCHING BASICS @ 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 25: E-MAIL BASICS @ 3:00 p.m.



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Events And News

Cleveland’s Golden Age Of Print

by Martha Wood,

Before the Internet and the 24-hour news cycle, reporters practiced the delicate art of breaking the right rules to get the story. This was the gilded age of newspapers, a time when Cleveland had three major papers and a host of smaller ones.

Lakewood resident Mark Wade Stone will present part one of his series, Cleveland’s Golden Age of Print, on Tuesday, September 14 at 7 p.m. in the Main Library auditorium.

Stone is the Emmy awarding winning producer/director of the series, Doris O’Donnell’s Cleveland. The O’Donnell series is recipient of four regional Emmy awards, winning two years in a row for best Arts/Entertainment Program. Originally produced by Storytellers Media Group in conjunction with the Cleveland Police Historical Society and Museum, these episodes are available on DVD and will be available for sale at each of the six programs in the series.

Doris O’Donnell’s Cleveland is based primarily on her memoir, Front Page Girl (The Kent State University Press, 2006).

“Few print reporters have known Cleveland as well or for as long as Doris O’Donnell Beaufait,” said

Stone. “She beat the pavement and reported the daylights out of a city on the make and on the move.” Doris O’Donnell worked for the Cleveland News, The Cleveland Plain Dealer and many other smaller newspapers. She also handled public relations for Mayor Ralph J. Perk and Cleveland Metroparks Zoo.

Learn first-hand about O’Donnell’s groundbreaking coverage of WWII, the 1956 Cleveland Indians, the Iron Curtain and the city’s political heavyweights at these monthly events.

Stone is the manager of Storytellers Media Group, Ltd., a multimedia company based in Lakewood, Ohio, where he has resided since 1996. Stone and Gary Manke and David Brodowski, have been producing educational and entertainment media in northeast Ohio since 2002. Stone also collaborates with author James Jessen Badal on Cleveland-based cold case documentaries, including Dusk & Shadow-The Mystery of Beverly Potts (2004), and The Fourteenth Victim-Eliot Ness and the Torso Murders (2003). Stone has an upcoming 2011 documentary in the works called Broken Rosary - The Frank Dolezal Affair; a sequel to 2003’s The Fourteenth Victim.



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Lakewood Schools

More Schools Than Ever Rated Excellent

by Christine Gordillo

The State Report Card data for 2009-2010 is in, and Lakewood has much to be proud of as the district improved its performance compared to the previous school year in nearly every major component. The district also boosted its number of schools with Excellent ratings including two – Grant and Lincoln elementaries – that received Excellent With Distinction, the highest rating possible. Joining Grant and Lincoln in Excellent ter-

ritory are Emerson and Roosevelt elementaries and Lakewood High School, which has been rated Excellent for all but one school year since 2004. Garfield and Harding middle schools, Harrison, Hayes and Horace Mann elementaries were all rated Effective and Lakewood City Academy was rated Continuous Improvement.

The State determines its ratings based on four overall measures: 1) Performance Index rating, which measures the overall testing results of all students

throughout the district; 2) meeting state indicators or targets, which mostly focus on subject matter testing but also include graduation and attendance rates; 3) Value-Added, which measures how much progress a student has made versus the previous school year; and 4) Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), a federal requirement of No Child Left Behind Act that says all students in all subgroups must make a certain measure of yearly progress in math and reading proficiency and attendance and graduation rates.

Overall, the district improved its Performance Index Rating, bumping up from 96.4 to 97.6 on a scale of 120; met 23 of 26 state indicators, or 88% vs. 86% for 2008-2009; and achieved “above expected growth” in the Value-Added category. The Value-Added assessment is one that the district is particularly proud of as it shows that Lakewood students are achieving more than one year’s worth of academic growth during the school year.

“We are very pleased with our Performance Index Score. It is the highest it has ever been for our schools,” said Superintendent P. Joseph Madak. “It’s a weighted average of how well all students of all groups in all the tested subjects and grades have performed on the state tests and we are pleased have improved on last year’s score.”

With all this good news and the realization that the majority of our students are learning at an accelerated rate, the State Report Card data is tempered by the fact that our district failed to meet our AYP measurements. For the 2009-2010 school year, three student subgroups – Students with Disabilities, Students with Limited English Proficiency and Asia/Pacific Islanders – failed to meet AYP. State law dictates that if a district does not meet AYP in more than one student subgroup, it can be rated no higher than Continuous Improvement, which is the rating the district earned for the 2009-2010 school year.

“Given that we did so much better than last year in so many areas, we are disappointed that the technicalities of this rating system are what they are. But we are committed to doing the very best that we can do for our students,” Superintendent Madak said. “We remain very proud of the outstanding educational opportunities we continue to provide our students.”

To view the district or individual school building’s State Report Card data, visit www.reportcard.ohio.gov.

Superintendent Emphasizes Key Points For Community

by Christine Gordillo

Each August the district staff gathers for its annual Convocation the day before the new school year begins and the Superintendent sets the tone for the school year about to unfold. This year, Superintendent P. Joseph Madak reminded everyone of the good that was accomplished last year and the challenges that lie ahead this year. Dr. Madak also relayed four important messages that he felt were crucial for the district to share with the community. Following are the four messages:

We are Conserving Our Resources

Strong fiscal management and proactive decisions have helped our schools weather these economic times better than many other school districts.

- * We continue looking for ways to

trim expenses while minimizing classroom impact.

- * We are finding ways to be more efficient and effective.

To work toward a better future and preserve what we have, we cannot afford to spend our money down. We must conserve resources and find new ways to be responsible with funding we do have.

Our Levy is Making Important Differences

Our successful levy campaign is making significant and important differences for our students.

- * Passage meant 50 staff positions were saved that would have been cut.

- * Passage helps protect some of the programs and technology our students need.

We Asked for the Millage our

Community Could Support

In May, we only asked for millage we thought our community could support.

- * To have asked for more millage in these hard economic times and have received no additional funding would have been an instructional and financial disaster for our schools.

We Must All Work Together

To continue our traditions of excellence for our students we must:

- * Focus and improve on the many good things we have rather than what we are losing through cuts.

- * Focus on what we can do for our students rather than on what we can’t do.

- * Recognize that we have been through even tougher times before and have been successful for our students.

- * Recognize that our current challenges are the result of the economy’s impact on our state funding and local property tax revenue. Our situation is due to forces beyond our control, but we are doing our best to prepare for it.

- * Recognize that over these next three years, all public schools will face these challenges.

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Lakewood Cares

A Hero Comes To Lakewood

by Annalisa Perez

You may have heard about a man named Mike Ehredt, who is running across the country to pay tribute to those soldiers who have lost their lives in Iraq. He began his journey on May 1, 2010 starting from Astoria, Oregon and has been running an average of 30 miles every day. He stops every mile to plant an American flag with a yellow ribbon and the name, rank, service, age and hometown of a soldier who lost his or her life fighting in Iraq. When he ends his journey in Rockland, Maine on October 14th, he will have run 4417 miles, each mile commemorating the lives of servicemen and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in Iraq.

As he passes through northern Ohio, Mr. Ehredt will be stopping to rest in Lakewood on Friday, September 10th. The H2O “Help to Others” youth volunteer program, sponsored by the City of Lakewood, is hosting a welcome rally at Lakewood Park from 5:00-5:30pm at the Veteran’s Memorial. The whole community is invited and encouraged to attend this gath-

ering to meet Mike and celebrate his spirit and commitment. When H2O director, Celia Dorsch, heard that he would be running through the area, she couldn’t have been more thrilled. Mike Ehredt’s heartwarming story of courage and dedication was the inspiration for this year’s H2O Summer Service Camp theme, “The Power of One.”

This excerpt from Mike Ehredt’s blog on September 2, 2010 conveys what motivates him as he runs:

“The word crossroads carries a special meaning today. As I climb to a top of a long hill I sense a truck pull up behind me. It is maroon and small, something economical. The woman who steps out is tall. I guess she is in her 50s. She is quiet and I don’t know what to expect till she says, ‘You have my nephew.....His name was Chad Lake, he was from Ocala, FL and was 26.’ I didn’t have his flag. It had been placed Aug. 19th on Blackjack Road, outside of Galena, IL. My aunt was with me and she had placed it. I remember it clearly. Whats the chances that I would

meet the aunt of this soldier on an obscure road out of 4417 names? That my aunt would place his flag? That I would even remember that? I noticed that she couldn’t speak. She had tears. Her lip was quivering. Then she walked away and I ran on.....Crossroads of America....towns and people....entwined.....”

For more information on Project America Run, check out Mike Ehredt’s website, www.projectamericarun.com. From there, you can visit his blog, read newspaper articles about him, learn more about his journey, or even sponsor one of the flags. We hope to see you at the Lakewood Park Veteran’s Memorial at 5:00pm on Friday!

Recovery Resources Partners With LGBT Center

by Monica Laco

Recovery Resources is pleased to announce a partnership with the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Community Center of Greater Cleveland. The two organizations will be working together on Project Reach Out (PRO), a discussion-based education program to assist LGBTQ individuals and their loved ones in making informed decisions regarding alcohol and other drug use.

“We look forward to providing vital addiction information and education to the LGBT community in partnership with Recovery Resources,” Jan Cline, executive director of the LGBT Center, said.

Approximately 30 percent of both the lesbian and gay male populations have problems with alcohol, and substantially higher proportions of lesbian and gay people use marijuana or cocaine than is the case in the general population, according to a report from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

The primary focus of PRO is to foster insightful discussion on the role of addiction within the LGBTQ community and to support members in identifying a broad range of solutions to problems. Weekly sessions beginning Sept. 13 will be held at the LGBT Center at 6600 Detroit Ave., Cleveland, OH 44102. There will be separate teen and adult-focused discussions. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, contact

David Menke, program facilitator at Recovery Resources, dmenke@recres.org or 216-431-4131 x1310.

Founded in 1975, the LGBT Community Center works towards a society free of homophobia and gender oppression by advancing the respect, human rights and dignity of LGBT and allied communities.

Recovery Resources is a 55-year-behaviorial health agency with a mission to help people triumph over mental illness, alcoholism, drug and other addictions. Recovery Resources’ Lakewood office is located at 14805 Detroit Avenue, Suite 200.

To learn more, visit www.recres.org or www.lgbtcleveland.org.

First Annual LCA Golf Open Is September 25th

by Paul Nickels

The great golfer, Ben Hogan, once noted that, “As you walk down the fairway of life, you must smell the roses, for you only get to play one round.” In that spirit, the Lakewood Catholic Academy Athletics Boosters organization proudly announces the First Annual Lakewood Catholic Academy Golf Open, scheduled for Saturday, September 25th, 2010 at the Bob-O-Link Golf Course in Avon.

The event, which begins with a shotgun start at noon, will include lunch, dinner, eighteen holes of golf with cart in a four-person scramble format, prizes, a silent auction, and more. The cost is \$85 per golfer. For those who don’t play golf but would like to support the event, dinner-only tickets are also available at a cost of \$35 per person.

For a brochure and registration form, visit the Lakewood Catholic Academy website at www.lakewoodcatholicacademy.com and look for a link in the “Events” column on the front page. Questions can also be directed to Paul Nickels at 216.521.0559, extension 3028.

All proceeds will benefit the CYO Sports Program at Lakewood Catholic Academy.



Outdoor Mass Opens School Year At LCA

Students at Lakewood Catholic Academy gathered in the school’s front courtyard for an outdoor Mass to begin the school year. After a very warm summer, the gentle lake breezes cooled the building just in time for class!

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Lakewood Observer

Twin Engine The Band Organizes “Lakewood Rocks 4 Music City” A Benefit Concert Event

by Scott Dockus

It’s been a busy summer for a few local teens. Twin Engine the band; consisting of Kent, Christopher, Michaela, Sam and Justice; (from Lakewood) have spearheaded a benefit event for the May 1, 2010 flood victims of Nashville TN.

It began after Kent (Violin and Bass) and Christopher (Guitar) visited Nashville over spring break just weeks before the flood. Still on a high from their trip, they were watching news broadcasts of the horrific flood and it touched their emotions.

When watching videos and news casts of the devastation, they asked their father, “What about the Wild Horse...?” “It’s gone,” said their father. “What about the ice cream shop...?” “It’s gone too.” “What about the store where you bought your hat...?” “It’s



Twin Engine the band chillin’ on the porch

gone.” “What about the Grand Ole Opera...?” “The stage is two feet under water...” As this began to settle, they decided to do something to help.

Talking with their band and family, they put together “Lakewood Rocks 4 Music City,” a benefit concert event with 100% of all proceeds going to the flood victims of Middle Tennessee. The event will be at Around the Corner; Sept. 11,

Lakewood Early Childhood PTA Presents Baby Bargain Bonanza!

by Caitlin Magner

On Saturday October 9, 2010, the Lakewood Early Childhood PTA will once again put on its Baby Bargain Bonanza event at Emerson Elementary School (13439 Clifton Blvd.). Doors

will open at 9am and the sale will continue until 1pm. Every shopper is sure to find a bargain at this season’s sale!

Baby Bargain Bonanza is your one stop to shop for tons of baby and kids items! Clothing, furniture, strollers,

toys, games, books, baby swings, Little Tykes, and more! Pick up an almost-new Halloween costume! Come browse the gently used selection and score some fabulous deals. Lots of items for the mother-to-be, too! Plus, don’t miss the bake sale with lots of goodies to keep your shopping energy up!

Admission to the sale is \$5 from 9:00 am to 10:00 am, and only \$1 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. All proceeds will support programs of the Lakewood Early Childhood PTA.

Have baby and kid items of your own that you’d like to turn into \$\$\$? Become a seller!!! Garage sales are time consuming, Craigs List is a chore. For a low price, you will get space and a table to display your wares, plus access to hundreds of shoppers all in one place! For more information on the sale, or to become a seller, send an email to lecpta@gmail.com with “BBB” in the subject line.

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11:30 am - Polka Pirates (Polka & Standards)

12:30 pm - Silhouette Dance & Arts performances

1:00 pm - The Rat Pack (Frank Sinatra & Dean Martin)

1:30 pm - Slovak Lucinka children dance group

2:00 pm - Riley Brothers (Rock & Roll, Oldies)

3:00 pm - Logan Wells (Country Western)

4:00 pm - Culkar Family Band (Polka & Pop)

Family-Friendly Activity Schedule

Zoo - Ride ponies, pet alpacas, and many visitors from the Lake Erie Nature Ctr.

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The band has since hooked up with The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee, www.cfmt.org, which is responsible for distributing such donations. They also teamed with Around the Corner Restaurant/Bar in Lakewood to host the event. Then came Jam Sessions Music School in Kent, OH who is who will be bringing other youth bands and B.E.Mann to perform.

Jennifer from CFMT said, “Our organization is thrilled to have this support and they too have set precedence to donate 100% of all proceeds. Meaning, no one is receiving these benefits except for those in need.”

On a recent follow-up trip to Nashville, the band was able to connect with local residents and merchants to discuss their recovery and this event. They learned that most did not have flood insurance as this area is not in a flood plain; however, to much of their amazement, the city is rockn’ again. It took most merchants about 2 weeks to make immediate repairs to reopen their doors – many doing it themselves.

They asked a home owner, “Didn’t you have time to prepare?” He said their house sat on a hill and thought they were out of its path. So they went to help a neighbor down the road, and came back 3 hours later to find their house 4 feet under water! No one ever imagined it rising so fast and so far.

As a young band, Twin Engine has a fondness of Nashville as they compare its charm to Lakewood. And what better way to support a city than with a concert.

To date, the band has achieved great success obtaining local and national sponsors for the event. They’ll have door prizes and a silent raffle – and great food from Around the Corner.

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Lakewood Proves It's Cooler By The Lake

Lakewood Is The “Coolest” To Visit

by Margaret Brinich

When Travel and Leisure Magazine recently named Lakewood one of the “Coolest Suburbs Worth A Visit” the buzz around this national distinction here in Lakewood was full of excitement. I too was thrilled to see the word getting out about the place I have called home since before I can remember. The article was brief, with nine other suburbs on which to report, none of the articles were more than two or three sentences. Lakewood’s description included our close proximity to Lake Erie, our successful (and unique) food scene, and of course, cultural diversity. Not bad, not bad at all for our moment in the sun in the national press.

Outside of Lakewoodites, what I heard in response to this positive press was a bit disheartening. Several of my colleagues from work were stunned by Travel and Leisure’s declaration. They live in either far eastern or far western suburbs and were shocked that little Lakewood would be at the top of the list in a nationwide competition. To them Lakewood isn’t an oasis of music, art, and food- mixed in with a vibrant culture of, as Travel and Leisure put it,



The view from Pier W, mentioned in the Travel and Lesiure’s article about “Coolest Places To Visit.” We also think a damn fine place to live, work and raise a family. “The young and urbane.”

Given the national media attention Lakewood has receieved over the past year (e.g. the Business Week featuring Lakewood as “The Best Place To Raise Your Kids: Ohio”) why do these accolades still equate to surprised faces when Lakewood turns out to be a great place to come visit? Until we help others see Lakewood through the same lens as the writer from Travel and Leisure or Business Week, Lakewood is a

pass through on the way home from work, a place to move away from when you decide to have kids.

Although these national magazine awards are a good start, a couple sentences will not change everyone’s mind. We each have a part to play in promoting our City for the gem that it is. Take a moment to think about what you have seen in the past year, five years, twenty years as Lakewood has evolved. Talk up the good stuff, think

critically and discuss the not so good stuff with your neighbors and community groups.

We may be the best place to raise kids this year and a cool place to visit, but we need to work together a unified community to keep it that way. How can we make sure the list of Lakewood’s assets continues to grow? How can we convince those in Lakewood who may not see the beauty of where our City and its residents stand today, that what we have to share is of value? That fostering our unique image in the midst of an ever expanding suburbia, is what draws the attention of both the national news and new residents?

I don’t have an answer, but we can start by embracing and projecting what we find in our everyday lives as Lakewood residents. So ask yourself, what would you add to the list of praises bestowed upon Lakewood?

In the photos below you will find a few Lakewood favorites that were recognized in more regional publications over the past year. These and each of the unique businesses found in Lakewood undoubtedly each played their part in the “Coolest Suburbs Worth A Visit” designation.



The Winchester also won “Best Music Venue” in a recent poll.

Besides being voted the coolest many of Lakewood’s businesses have won “Best of In The Area” by The Sceneand/or Cleveland Magazine. Here is a sample of those businesses that make Lakewood so cool!

Photos by Frank Lanza

“Best Pizza” - Angelo’s



“Best Bowling Alley” - Mahall’s 20 Lanes



“Best Place to Trim Your Locks”
---Crazy Mullets



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Wellness Watch

Wanted: Emergency Response Team Volunteers

by Tricia Granfors

Would you know how to help your family and neighbors in the event of a disaster or emergency? The Westshore Regional Community Emergency Response Team (WSC) is offering free classes on topics such as disaster preparedness, basic injury assessment and medical treatment, search and rescue procedures, fire suppression, disaster psychology, and much more. The 20-hour adult FEMA course is conducted by local safety professionals. Westshore residents who are US citizens, successfully complete training and pass a background check are eligible for team membership.

Do your part to keep our region safe and prepared. To register for the free classes or for more information contact WSC Coordinator Tricia Granfors at (440) 716-4135 or granforst@north-olmsted.com. Space is limited.

Training begins Saturday, October 2, 2010. The five consecutive Saturday morning classes will be held at the City of Westlake Service Center, 741 Bassett Road, from at 8:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

101 Year Old Erma White Celebrates With Family At Crestmont

by Bonnie Greenberg

Erma White was born August 15, 1909. When you think of a 101 year old you might picture them in bed everyday. Not Erma. Erma gets dressed and out of bed everyday. She spends a lot of her time in the activities room watching TV or being entertained with live musicians at the weekly happy hours. She participates in other group activities and has many family members who visit her frequently. Erma had two sons and she has 10 grandchildren. She has 40 great grandchildren and 15 great,

great grandchildren. Erma recalled a valuable lesson she learned as a young woman at her first job. Erma worked for a woman who told her, "You put half of every paycheck in the bank every week." Erma said that she had money for gifts at every Christmas after that. She was also able to buy each of her 10 grandchildren a car when they turned 16 years old. Erma worked at Wagner Awning and Steel for 44 years before retiring at the age of 72. Her hobby was quilting. Her family refers to her as "GreatMother".

Disaster Assistance For Special Needs

by Tricia Granfors

When disaster strikes, it is important that all Westshore residents receive the help and support they need, especially individuals who require specific forms of assistance due to physical or mental challenges. To help meet this need the Westshore Regional Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is launching the SafetyNet Program. The purpose of this program is to compile a confidential database of special needs residents in the Westshore Communities. If a disaster of any size or scope were to occur, professional safety forces could activate the Westshore CERT to make contact with registered residents in the affected areas to check on their welfare and help meet their emergency needs; a caring connection of neighbors helping neighbors. Westshore communities include Bay Village, Fairview Park, Lakewood, North Olmsted, Rocky River, and Westlake

A local and regional part of the Cuyahoga County Citizen Corps under Homeland Security, the Westshore Regional CERT is made up of trained volunteers concerned about community disaster preparedness who seek to make the Westshore communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to be both disaster resistant and disaster resilient.

Applications to register for the SafetyNet Program are available at Westshore community city halls, fire departments, senior centers, some police departments

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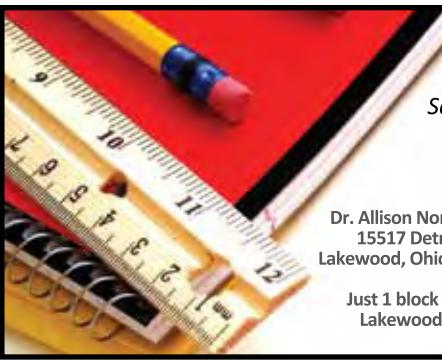
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Wellness Watch

Magnificent Magnesium

by Allison Norris

I'd like to spend a few moments introducing you to my favorite mineral, Magnesium. Magnesium is an essential mineral for the body and is involved in over 300 functions within the body. Its first documented use was in ancient Rome where it was used to treat many ailments through the communal salt baths. In today's medical world this mineral is making a comeback as the treatment of choice for pre-term labor, children with ADD and autism, restless leg syndrome, dissolution of certain kidney stones and even some heart conditions. Over the counter usage can benefit people suffering from muscle spasms, muscle fatigue, and constipation.

Magnesium is a "macromineral" which means we must get hundreds of milligrams daily from our foods or whole food supplementation. I like to

use the "greens," "seeds," and "beans" method of remembering which foods have magnesium. High sources are found in spinach and Swiss chard; pumpkin, sunflower and sesame seeds; soy, green, black and navy beans; broccoli, and even blackstrap molasses.

Magnesium is often classified as the anti-stress mineral because it calms the nervous system and can relieve fatigue when the balance of this mineral is restored. It is involved with many functions along with Calcium (bone structure, heart health, muscle usage), Vitamin C (memory loss help), and Potassium (digestion, kidney function). Even though it is rare to be truly deficient in magnesium you can become quickly temporarily deficient following illnesses involving vomiting and diarrhea and traumas to the body including whiplash or other extreme stress. It is difficult to ingest

a toxic level of magnesium, but people with kidney or heart conditions should be very careful with this mineral. As always no vitamin or mineral should be taken without consulting your doctor about your specific needs.

In my office I regularly observe patients experiencing muscle cramps and spasms. For many, Magnesium can offer a low cost, low risk option for battling symptoms. I recommend

it often following car accidents, falls, sports injuries, and often chronic conditions. I encourage people to evaluate their Magnesium intake either by food or supplementation and to consider using Epsom salts for bathing when faced with many of these ailments. If you think some of this could benefit you, talk to your doctor today about an evaluation!


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Kid's Corner

Lakewood Artist Featured In National Art Magazine



by Anthony Garnek

Using the beauty and spirit inherent in metal, Therese Taylor created a ‘Gilded Goddess’ art doll. The piece was submitted to Art Doll Quarterly in response to a metal themed challenge to artists across America. Among hundreds of entries, Therese’s doll was chosen to be published in the August 2010 results issue.

Cleveland’s metal industry cast off’s have long fueled artists to create various forms of ‘Green Art’. “Metal of all forms has always drawn me in, it’s such a beautiful and versatile medium,” says Therese. “And I enjoy the challenge of creating beauty from something that has been discarded.”

She is re-purposing metal scrap items and featuring them in a wonderful new form. From art dolls to home decor, her metal work is intriguing and stunning. Therese recently opened Keyhole Gallery at 11817 Detroit Ave. in Lakewood. She is a graduate of Virginia Marti College of Art and Design for jewelry design. The art doll, photos of unique gallery items, as well as upcoming workshops can be viewed

at: <http://keyholegallery.blogspot.com>
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Welcome To The Lakewood Observer Kid's Corner!

by Meg Ostrowski

The Lakewood Observer will periodically devote a corner of the paper to sharing the work of Lakewood kids. Lakewood residents, ages 2-14, can submit stories, jokes, poems, photographs, comics, drawings or images of three-dimensional items for publication here.

To get things started we challenge you to capture a piece of Lakewood in your submissions. Perhaps you could take a photo of a Lakewood sunset, build a model of Lakewood Public

Library using Lego or write a story about what kids are doing in your neighborhood.

You will need the permission of your parent or guardian to participate. Pieces should be submitted via the Member Center at <http://www.lakewoodobserver.com> or if necessary by mail to: Lakewood Observer Kid's Corner 14900 Detroit Avenue #205 Lakewood, OH 44107.

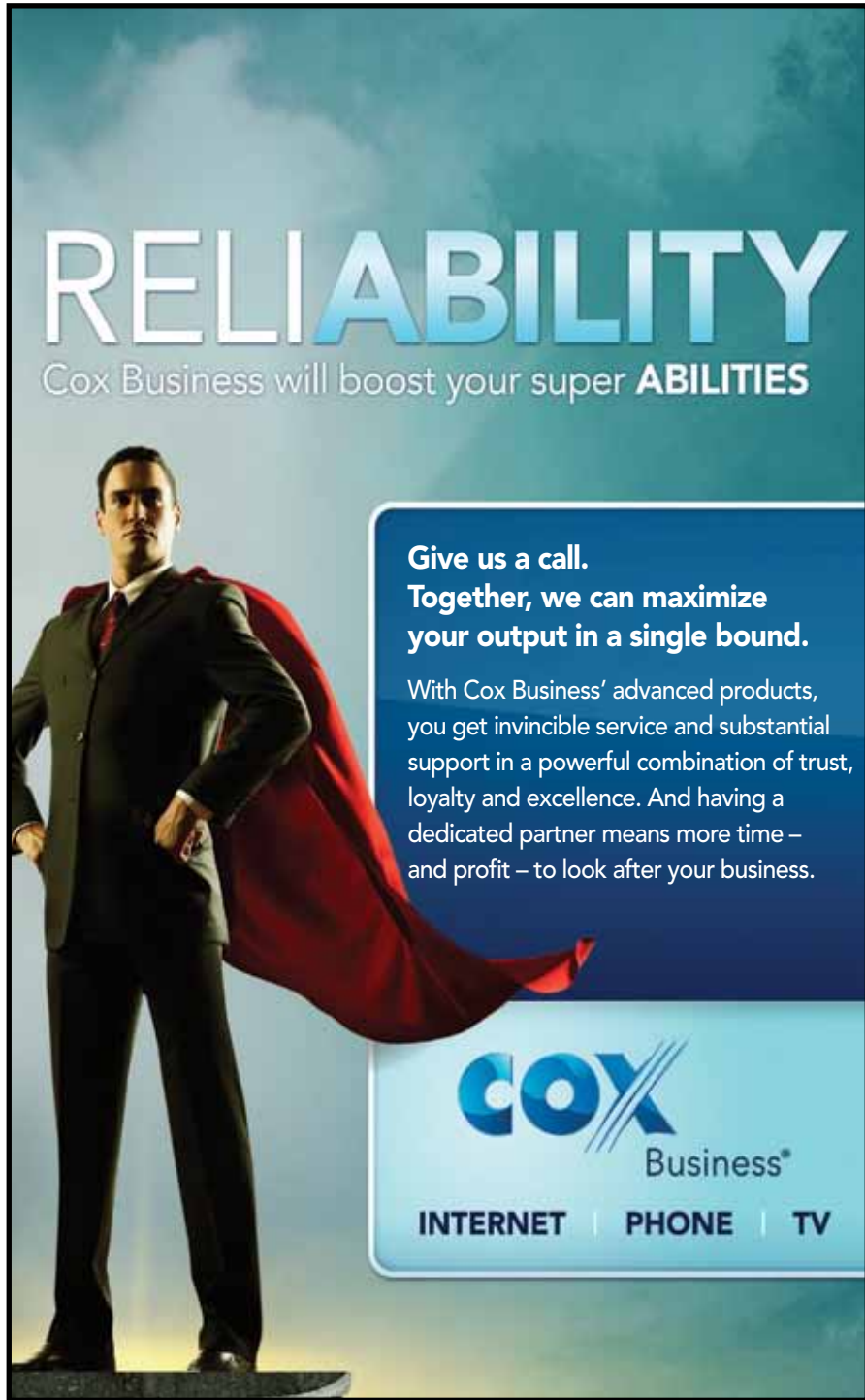
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Events

Beck Center Kicks Off New Season With My Fair Lady

by Fran Storch

Beck Center for the Arts proudly presents its production of the Tony Award-winning classic, *My Fair Lady*, on the Mackey Main Stage, September 17 through October 17, 2010. Show times are 8:00 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 3:00 p.m. Sundays.

Winner of six Tony Awards, *My Fair Lady* is “a timeless treat.” This esteemed classic musical adaptation of George Bernard Shaw’s play *Pygmalion* has stood the test of time to become a musical theater powerhouse and an all-time audience favorite. It features such favorites as “Wouldn’t It Be Lovely?,” “The Rain in Spain,” and “I Could Have Danced All Night.”

Paul Gurgol, Kalliope Stage’s former artistic director, returns to the Beck Center to direct and choreograph *My Fair Lady* after receiving rave critic and audience reviews of last year’s *Fiddler on the Roof*. This production features George Roth, who starred as Tevye in Beck’s *Fiddler*, as Alfred P. Doolittle, Bob Russell as Henry Higgins, and Valerie Reaper as Eliza Doolittle. Larry Goodpaster provides musical direction.

Opening Night attendees are invited to a post-show reception to meet the actors and crew. Theatergoers also will be delighted with special displays created by Marta Glazen, an award-winning hat designer and owner of the women’s boutique Busy Broad.

Tickets are \$28 for adults, \$25 for seniors (65 and older), \$17 for students (with valid ID), and \$10 for children (12 and under). An additional \$3 service fee per ticket is applied at the time of purchase. Preview night on Thursday, September 16, is \$10 with general admission seating. Group discounts are available for parties of 13 or more.

For tickets, call the Beck Center box office at 216.521.2540, ext. 10, or purchase seats online at www.beckcenter.org. Beck Center is located at 17801 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood, just ten minutes west of downtown Cleveland. Free onsite parking is available.

My Fair Lady begins Beck’s 2010/2011 professional theater season. It also includes Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Steve Martin’s *The Underpants*, and *Hairspray* on the Main Stage, and *Wings* and Jerry Springer: *The Opera in the Studio Theater*.

Beck’s Artistic Director Scott Spence had this to say about the season, “As is our tradition, our 2010/2011 theater season offers an eclectic mix of shows. I am especially excited that our Studio Theater returns after a year’s downtime. We have expanded and refurbished our seating to make the experience that much better for audiences.”

Beck Center’s production of *My Fair Lady* is presented by special arrangement with Tams-Witmark Music Library Inc. and is sponsored by Ulmer & Berne LLP, Cox Communications, Ohio Arts Council, and Cuyahoga Arts and Culture.

Beck Center for the Arts is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization that offers professional theater productions, arts education programming in dance, music, theater, visual arts, early childhood, and creative arts therapies for special needs students, and gallery exhibits featuring regional artists.

The Harold C. Schott Pavilion

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Alzheimer’s disease and there are 5.5 million cases in the United States alone. Unfortunately, the burgeoning elderly population will drive those numbers to unacceptable proportions. Dr. Cummings stressed that new treatments must be found to enable optimal ways for caring for affected patients and their caregivers.

Dr. Cummings also stated that patients hold the key to developing new treatments for Alzheimer’s and other neurodegenerative diseases. The vision of the The Harold C. Schott Pavilion for Geriatric Neurological Health at Lakewood Hospital will be similar to that at the Cleveland Clinic Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health which is focused around three “P’s”: Patient-centered, prevention and participation. The major focus of the program at Lakewood Hospital will be to encourage patient participation in clinical trials, which will help develop new treatment options for Alzheimer’s disease. Dr. Cummings emphasized the importance of providing a patient-centered program that provides high-quality, comprehensive services in a convenient location for patients and their family members.

Michael Modic, MD, Chairman of the Cleveland Clinic Neurological Institute, played an integral role in bringing the Neurological Institute to Lakewood Hospital. “This is an historic night for Lakewood Hospital,” said Dr. Modic. “This is the first philanthropic gift of \$1M or more in Lakewood Hospital’s history and represents our commitment to providing high quality neurological care for seniors and caregivers in our community.”

“Lakewood Hospital has been committed to caring for the aging population for generations,” said Janice Murphy, president of Lakewood and Fairview Hospitals. “The programs delivered through the Harold C. Schott Pavilion for Geriatric Neurological Health are taking it a giant step further. Having the opportunity to significantly improve the quality of life through all stages of Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias is priceless. The work done through The Harold C. Schott Pavilion for Geriatric Neurological Health will further support Lakewood Hospital in providing the best care, treatment and experience for our geriatric patients and their caregivers.”



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Green-Minded? Join EcoLakewood!

by Tom Bullock

Lakewood’s citizen “green team” is reconvening for a busy fall season

EcoLakewood, our community’s citizen “green team”, will be reconvening for a busy fall season. Are you green-minded? Have an idea for a sustainability project? Then please join us!

EcoLakewood is a volunteer committee that help our city plan and implement green, sustainable practices. We work across all sectors of the community: city, schools, residential, and commercial. Examples of our early projects include coordinating the art-decorated recycle bins on Madison and Detroit Avenues and cosponsoring the Earth Hour events during the spring. Project on the drawing board include expanding recycling at pubs and restaurants, helping property owners manage stormwater on their properties (through rain barrels and other solutions), and developing a green building code for our city.

There are many more worthy ideas, and we look forward to hearing yours and setting a course of action for the year ahead.

EcoLakewood meets the first Tuesday of every month from 6:30-8 p.m (location TBA). We hold a business meeting for the first hour and then adjourn for a social hour afterwards so members can visit and share ideas on an informal basis. To RSVP, contact Tom Bullock at tom.bullock@lakewoodoh.net.

Bark! Bark! It’s Time For The Third Annual Spooky Pooch Parade!

by Shannon Strachan

On October 16, Detroit Avenue in downtown Lakewood will be alive with spooky pooches and their proud spooky owners. The parade will begin at St. Charles Avenue and march down to Lakewood Public Library, then back to St. Charles Green for awards and festivities. Judging will take place in front of Panera Bread with 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards given for Spookiest Pooch, Best Dog & Child, Best Dog & Adult, Best Non-Motorized Float and Best of Show.

Last year, the event attracted over 200 dogs, 500 owners and 2,000 viewers. No one left without a smile, so be sure to put October 16 on your family calendar and join us (with or without your dog) for a great time. To register to walk in the parade, go to downtownlakewood.org. Pre-registration is \$10.00 and day-of registration is \$15.00.

Other pet-related activities include the Spooky Pooch Raffle, featuring various raffle baskets and the grand prize, sponsored by Pet’ General Store, dog food for a year! Raffle tickets will be available for purchase from Pet’s General Store and Pet-tique beginning in mid-September, as well as the day of the event. Tickets will be \$1 each or \$5 for six.

The Second Annual Spooky Pooch Coloring Contest will also take place this year. The coloring page may be downloaded from the website or you may pick it up at various places around town, including both branches of the Lakewood Public Library and Pet’s General Store. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes will be awarded for ages 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12. All entries must be received by October 14, 2010.

Don’t forget, there will also be vendors of dog-related products and

services as well as rescue groups, so be sure to come before the parade or stay after the parade to check out the vendors. To join Lakewood Hospital, Panera Bread, Pawsitive Influence and the City of Lakewood as a sponsor, or if you would like to have a table at the event, go to downtownlakewood.org for an application or call 216-521-0655.

LakewoodAlive is a 501(c)(3) economic development organization. Downtown Lakewood, a program of LakewoodAlive, is focused on the revitalization of Lakewood’s historic downtown district. All proceeds from the Spooky Pooch Parade benefit downtown revitalization and the Lakewood Animal Shelter.

Lakewood Perspectives



by **John Tamilio III**

I have purposely strayed from writing about anything political in my Ministerial Musings lately. I wanted them to be more spiritually edifying than anything else. However, there are

Ministerial Musings: Sponge Beck

occasions when clergy need to raise a prophetic voice to critique injustices and hurtful ideologies when they arise from the mire of human existence.

That said — if you are a fan of Glenn Beck, then you should probably stop reading at this point.

Glenn Beck is one of the most offensive and insensitive pundits I have ever heard. His self-absorption is so unparalleled that “Sponge Beck” is the most fitting appellation for him.

On Saturday, August 28, 2010 — the forty-seventh anniversary of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King’s legendary

“I Have a Dream” speech — Beck held a rally in front of the same Lincoln Memorial to call America back to God and to reinstate his understanding of “traditional” values. Beck touted the gathering on his radio and television programs (as well as on his website) as “Restoring Honor.” The word “honor” conjures up images of fairness, honesty, and integrity. Beck has been anything but honorable.

Mr. Beck has been quite vociferous as of late in condemning any religion, denomination, or church whose theology is rooted in social justice. According to Beck, salvation is about one’s individ-

ual commitment to Jesus Christ; it has nothing to do with communal responsibility.

Various schools of Liberation Theology (à la Gustavo Gutiérrez, James Cone, and Rosemary Radford Ruther, to name a few of its diverse pioneers) have added a much-needed corrective to traditional understandings of soteriology (the doctrine of salvation). Sin is not only individual; it is also corporate. Therefore, salvation has to do with the here-and-now as much as the what-is-to-come. It is deeply communal and connected to taking up the cause of the poor and the oppressed.

Jesus ministered to widows and orphans. He ate with tax collectors and sinners. He offered a healing touch to those with whom the Torah forbade physical contact. In a word, he associated with the marginalized of his time. To be true to the Gospel, we need to read it from that perspective.

However, that is not the Gospel of Glenn Beck. According to Media Matters for America, “Glenn Beck has repeatedly attacked the concept of social justice and churches that promote it, asserting that it is ‘code language for Marxism’ and warning that ‘when you see those words, run.’ In fact, numerous churches and religious faiths, as well as prominent religious scholars, espouse social justice, including the Catholic Church, the Conservative and Reform movements of Judaism, and the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.”

What was that? The Rev. Martin Luther King? That’s right!

This prominent leader of the Civil Rights Movement held social justice as the centerpiece of his ministry. It was MLK who refused to believe, “That the bank of justice is bankrupt.” It was MLK who stood in Washington, D.C. on that August day two score and seven years ago and declared that, “Now is the time to make justice a reality for all of God’s children.” It was MLK who said that we should, “Not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.”

But it was Glenn Beck who stood in the shadow of two great Americans who stood for equality for all people and deprecated the heart of Christ’s message. It was Glenn Beck who invoked King’s legacy for a purpose that stands counter to everything for which King stood. It was Glenn Beck who referred to any Christian who is part of a social justice-oriented church as a Nazi. According to Beck, I should be wearing a swastika on my arm.

Martin Luther King stood for social justice. Glenn Beck stands for Glenn Beck and should be ashamed for co-opting King’s legacy in such a deceitful way.

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Back To School

by **Bret Callentine**

As the hundreds of yard signs have been reminding me, school’s back in session. And as many of the people who know me will tell you, I will always count myself as a student. The older I get, the more I realize how little I know. Fortunately, unlike in high school, I’m now at a point in my life where I can determine my own course of study, which makes learning a lot more fun, but, surprisingly, not the least bit less challenging.

When you pick the topics, it becomes much easier to get tunnel vision, only researching ideas that support your own predetermined conclusions. It becomes easy to set aside books and papers that challenge your opinions. And, with no one but yourself to evaluate your work, it can become sloppy and incomplete. There’s no test to determine if you read every last page of a book or took the time to fully comprehend a research paper.

So, in solidarity with those returning to the classroom, I thought I would at least share with you my syllabus for

this year:

SOCIAL STUDIES: With a passion for historical study and an interest in economic theory, I’m planning to focus this school year on depression-era politics. On the recommendation of a friend, I’m starting my study with the book “The Great Depression: a diary” by Benjamin Roth, which I’m told is a very personal account of the effects of personal and political decisions on the life of a Northeast Ohio family.

LITERATURE: With my feet firmly planted in Christian conservatism, it probably won’t be any surprise that my choice of study here will be the book “The Screwtape Letters” by C.S. Lewis. The concept alone (fictitious correspondence between demons discussing how to get humans to sin) seems like a good read even outside of any greater philosophical discussion.

MATH/SCIENCE: Here’s where the schedule starts getting interesting. Having read enough books on economics to fill a small library, I’ve recently been trying to get to the root of the issues. For years, I’ve read books

and papers evaluating theories. But until recently, I hadn’t dedicated much time to actually reading the theories themselves. So to correct that shortcoming, my next selection will be “The General Theory of Employment, Interest, and Money” by John Maynard Keynes. Time to stop getting my information second-hand and go back to the original source.

GYM: Summer break hasn’t been kind to my waistline, and too much of the good work I did getting back into shape a year ago is starting to slip away. So I’m treating this as a non-elective. It’s definitely time to dust off the running shoes and get the bike back in working order. I’m just not sure if the wife will let me play dodgeball in the living room with my son.

SHOP & MECHANICAL ARTS: Unfortunately, this class takes on a whole new meaning when you get out of school. No more making birdhouses here, and the penalties for not turning your work in on time can be much more drastic. This year’s agenda: fixing the roof, window repair, and enough painting and plaster work to fill in any credits I still need for art class.

HOME ECONOMICS: Yet another class that becomes a non-elective once you’re out of school. Yet one that not many people value highly in the area of continuing education. This semester I’m planning to continue research into the core question behind my own personal Doctoral Thesis: Can a man bake his way out of the marital doghouse? (Tentative title: A Good Cheesecake Trumps a Good Husband)

INDEPENDENT STUDY: I used to love how the teachers would always walk into study hall and tell you that you should “use this time to your advantage,” as if that is going to inspire you to pull out all the homework you’ve been putting off for days. Well, with all that’s on my plate, both inside and outside the realm of continuing education, I can honestly say, the best way to use any free time “to my advantage” is probably just to put my head down and take a nice nap.

I’m hoping that by making this public, my friends (and even my adversaries) can keep me honest and on track in the area of personal growth. So good luck this year students...of all ages.

Mural Artists To Create Work For IngenuityFest

by **Mona Gazala**

What’s afoot at IngenuityFest this year just might be what’s underfoot—great art.

Line of Sight - The Bridge Span Mural Project, was the brainchild of show organizer Mona Gazala. “I took an exploratory tour of the Detroit Superior Bridge’s lower level back in March, wondering if there was a site that would inspire an art piece for IngenuityFest. And the plywood walkway going across the span was just screaming for an artist’s touch.” Inspired by a recent visit to Urban Scrawl, a plywood mural festival that takes place in Columbus, Mona proposed and was granted permission to organize twenty artists from Cleveland, Oberlin, Athens, and Columbus to join in a mural painting session on the walkway of the bridge. The murals will be on view during IngenuityFest, from September 24th to 26th.

So, by all means, DO look down as you go across the bridge!

Since September of last year, IngenuityFest, a celebration of art and technology, has moved from its

former home on the streets of downtown Cleveland to the lower level of the Detroit Superior Bridge, once used for trolley cars. This locale is an interesting urban space in and of itself, affording great views of the Flats and the Cuyahoga River.

Not only will the mural artists be working together to create art on the bridge, they are also the founding members of a new artists’ group, Cleveland West Art League, which will soon be headquartered in the 78th Street Studios on the near west side. “I wanted to form Cleveland West Art League in order to create an inclusive atmosphere in which people of many different backgrounds could share work, share ideas, and ignite each other creatively,” says Gazala. “And I can’t think of a better first exhibition for CWAL than all of the artists painting together for a collaborative work at IngenuityFest.”

For more information, please visit ingenuitycleveland.com and clevelandwestartleague.com.

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Labor Day

(May We Never Forget Those Bobbin Cones And Doilies!)

Ah, Labor Day. Time to invite the friends and family over for that picnic. Time to check to see whether that barbecue sauce in the door of the fridge is still edible. Time to pull the plastic wrap off those dogs and clean that nasty looking stuff from off that backyard grill and from around the ring of your ketchup bottle.

Time, as well, to celebrate our symbolic end of summertime. Time to put away those white clothes and dig out those brown and orange sweaters. Time to find, and pump up, that old football and get ready for a great game of backyard tackle.

Time to remember too... remember what, exactly? For whom is Labor Day celebrated?

We don't seem to talk very much about Labor Day, do we? On Veterans Day, we honor America's veterans with long speeches and patriotic parades. On Memorial Day, we decorate the graves of the fallen. We remember the right things to do, as well as the right people to remember on those days, do we not?

When's the last time that you've read any real remembrances as to why Labor Day was founded, or for that matter, who founded it? (Actually, that question seems to be unresolved.)

When it was founded... and perhaps more importantly, why? Because, dear readers, Labor Day was founded in struggle and yes, at times, violence. It was founded because of a few very simple principles: Beliefs that a work-

ing person should be paid fairly, should have safe job conditions, should have a work day that is limited in hours, and should have at least a little time during that day to pause for rest and refreshment. Most important was that there be a nationally recognized day of rest from the labors that built this great country of ours.

Other stuff, like paid vacation time, maternity leave, and dental care, would have to wait for awhile.

(And remember that children had to work back then too. In the big-city sweatshops and in the cotton fields of the south, children were taken from their classrooms and put to hard labor in the years following the Civil War, after slavery was supposedly abolished in this country. I can write "supposedly" here because anyone who really cares to knows that there are quite possibly more virtual "slaves" in this country now than there were in the days before the Civil War! We just pretend not to notice them, that's all. Just check out the statistics though. Whether those virtual "slaves" might be illegal immigrants, quietly working here "under the radar" and afraid to complain about their pay or working conditions, or perhaps those thousands of people who have been caught up in the horrible nightmare of human trafficking, there are indeed a great many virtual slaves among us...and this does not even include those who are forced

by Gary Rice



The cotton bobbin cone and the doily. Representing honored labor from two wonderful grandmothers.

to work for starvation wages in our present economic situation.)

First, with little, halting steps there came the union organizing, and then came the strikes. See, in the 19th century, when industry really got going and the huge factories and cotton and steel mills started up, there were no workers' rights at all. You worked as long as the boss wanted, and when and where he wanted, and if you got hurt or killed in the process, that was just too bad.

At first, those who tried to start up employee representation groups (unions) were simply fired. Later, many were shot, stabbed or burned to death, while their families looked on in horror or were killed right by their sides. Some of those early factories, mills, or mines were situated in "company towns" where the "law" was often controlled by the company itself and was often administered by their own private police forces.

Then there were the strikes, and they were many. So often they were brutally suppressed. These labor struggles continue on down to the present day, as America seems to constantly lose more jobs to outsourcing and off-shore manufacturing. International agreements such as NAFTA and DR-CAFTA may have increased trade with our Canadian and Latin American neighbors, but at the same time the cost in American jobs has been significant, as more and more companies leave our shores for cheaper labor and operating expenses elsewhere. In the last fifty years America seems to have lost most, or at times virtually all, of our jobs relating to the manufacture

of clothing, textiles, electronics, photographic and musical equipment, and too many other smaller enterprises to even begin to count them all. Sometimes the unions get blamed for this outsourcing, and sometimes there are those who think that the days of people needing unions has passed. Nothing could be further from the truth, in my own honest opinion.

As a union musician, for example, I can remember trying to convince other musicians to join the union, and all too often their response was that they were getting along just fine without it. At the same time, it should be noted that 40 years ago, bands often worked the local non-union club scene for about \$250. These days, they so often go out for the same money. See anything wrong with that picture?

I've been honored to be a part of a union workforce for most of my life. In addition to my musicians' union membership, I've served my teachers' association in a number of ways over the years, back when I was in the classroom, and I continue to be part of a retired association of educators.

I only hope that you all will realize during this Labor Day time that every vacation, every benefit, every shortened work day, and every medical or retirement package was originally developed through the struggles (and sometimes, deaths) of working men, women, and yes, even children, over the years.

In my home, one of my prize possessions is a simple bobbin cone from a cotton mill where my one grandmother worked for pennies a day. She once wisely told me that she never wanted me to forget where I came from. Another prize of mine would be a beautiful doily, made by my other grandmother (that the bobbin cone is sitting on) in the photo. She made it at a time when money was short, and simple string and a crochet hook were all that it took to create sublime beauty at a time when women could not even vote. She is the one who encouraged me to build the vocabulary that I apply for you here.

As you can easily see, the labors from those two lovely ladies continue to benefit others to this very day.

This column is a tribute to those ladies, and to the thousands of men, women, and yes, children, who struggled and sometimes perished in the struggles of the labor movement in this country.

The struggle continues. These days, as much as ever. Happy Labor Day to all!

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Lakewood Real Estate

Debunking A Common Myth In Estate Planning

by Rebecca Price

If someone had given you \$100,000.00 on your 18th birthday, no strings attached, what would you have done with the money? Would you have spent part of it on your college education, then saved the remaining money for a down payment on a house? More likely you would have thought "I'm rich!" Then you would have spent the money on essentials like a new fully loaded car, a vacation, new clothes, electronics, lifetime backstage passes to Dave Matthews concerts, etc., before realizing that \$100,000.00 doesn't get you quite as much as you thought.

In my continuing series on estate planning, I want to address one of the greatest misconceptions that people have: trusts are only for the very wealthy. Not only can a properly executed and funded trust make the administration of your estate easier when you pass away, but it can ensure that your children are provided for until they are truly adults.

In Ohio, any money left to a minor child in must be managed by a financial custodian or guardian until they turn 18. After their 18th birthday that

financial custodian or guardian has no power to control the inheritance if the child demands control of the money. However, if you set up a trust to hold your assets that pass to your children upon your death, you can arrange to have the trustee control 100% of their inheritance until they reach some goal, such as college graduation. The trust can also call for distributions of portions of the trust upon certain birthdays or milestones (graduations, weddings, etc). When a trust is in place your child has no right to any money unless the request to the trustee complies with the circumstances that you designated. How is that for peace of mind?

Not convinced you have enough money to make a trust fund worthwhile? Let's say you and your spouse each make \$45,000.00 a year, and you have two children ages 1 and 3. You and your spouse made sure that you had wills done when your kids were born so you could designate their guardian and make sure they inherited whatever assets you had. You never considered setting up a trust for their benefit because after paying your bills (including the astronomical cost of daycare and diapers) you don't have much money to put away in savings. However, let's say each of you has a modest life insurance policy through work with a death benefit of five times your salary (\$225,000.00 each). If something were to happen to

both of you simultaneously your children would each inherit \$225,000 on their 18th birthday (less whatever the guardian spent on their care while they were minors). Suddenly we are talking about a substantial amount of money that, if distributed wisely through a trust, can provide for them for life, or if spent on the "essentials" of an 18 year-old might not even cover a year of living expenses or a weekend in Vegas!

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Real Estate Reality

by Eric Lowrey

Tax Credit? We don't need no stinkin tax credit!

So, by the end of April many people had hurried up and purchased a home so they could take advantage of the federal tax credit for first time home buyers. Good for them. This helped sell homes which allowed those home owners purchase their new home (and, by the way, possibly take advantage of a federal tax credit of up to \$5600) and so on down the line. So far so good. People bought new homes and had some cash to improve their new home, or buy appliances, or, if they were very thoughtful, pay down the principle on their mortgage by \$8000.

But what about the rest of us HUMMMMMMMMMM? What if we never found the house of our dreams, or circumstances conspired against us, or we just couldn't decide what we wanted to do? What about us?

If you purchased a home in April the interest rate on a thirty year fixed mortgage was hovering around 5.25% at this moment the same loan is about one percentage point LOWER! This translates to a saving of over \$50,000 in interest payments on a \$200,000 loan over the life of the loan as compared to the rate in April. How do you like them apples Mr. \$8000 tax credit? How do you like that?

My point is it is better to purchase a home when you are ready, not for some artificial inducement. As you see, good things come to those who wait.

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Back To School:

The Three Rs

by Valerie Mechenbier

Unless you've been living under a rock, or unless you're very new to Lakewood, you are undoubtedly aware that Lakewood was selected by This Old House magazine as one of the Best Places in the Midwest to Buy an Old House in 2008. The article states "Queen Anne, Spanish Revival, Tudor, and Colonial Revival houses can be found with all their original details, including magnificent millwork and stained-glass windows." True enough. But are Lakewoodites of one mind about maintaining their homes? Do the terms remodel, rehabilitate, restore, and preserve have the same value to every Lakewood homeowner? Probably not.

Let's take a look at the dictionary definitions:

Remodel: to reconstruct, make over

Rehabilitate: to restore to good condition

Restore: to bring back to a former or original condition

Preserve: to protect sites, structures or districts which reflect elements of architectural history

Restoring a house to its original state is appropriate if the house has a

historical or architectural significance, symbolizing an important period or commemorating the life of an important person in history. The Oldest Stone House and the Nicholson House are Lakewood examples of restoration. Preservation is the ongoing process of maintaining and repairing existing historic materials and retaining a property's form in a structure that is over 75 years old (ie: 99% of Lakewood homes).

There is a certain amount of tension when preservation is mentioned around contractors and homeowners who rehab and remodel older homes. A preservationist would not fault a homeowner for wanting to update a 1920s electrical system so that a coffee maker AND a toaster could be used at the same time. But when the conversation turns to topics such as vinyl siding, replacement windows, laminate flooring, and "non sympathetic" additions (to name a few), the preservationist will strongly encourage the homeowner to choose alternate techniques, products, or designs that will combine the best of modern efficiencies while maintaining the historical integrity and aesthetic beauty of the home.

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