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Lakewood Chamber Of Commerce's 2011 Business Person Of The Year

Mary Anne Crampton Of LakewoodAlive

by Valerie Mechenbier

Congratulations to Ms. Mary Anne Crampton, Executive Director of LakewoodAlive, who has been selected as the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce 2011 Business Person of the Year.

Mary Anne Crampton has served as the Executive Director of LakewoodAlive since June 2007. LakewoodAlive is a 501-(c)(3) economic development organization dedicated to facilitating economic stability and growth in the City of Lakewood, a first ring suburb of Cleveland. Mary Anne leads LakewoodAlive's nationally accredited Downtown Lakewood Main Street™ revitalization program, its housing outreach service program that works to protect Lakewood's housing stock and LakewoodAlive's community engagement efforts that keep residents informed on topics of economic import to the city.

A native of Pittsburgh, Mary Anne relocated to the Cleveland area with Alcoa where she enjoyed her first career in



national account management before entering the nonprofit sector. Mary Anne holds a bachelor's degree in marketing from Michigan State University and a Certificate of Nonprofit Management from the Mandel Center for Nonprofit Organizations at Case Western Reserve University.

Mary Anne is a member of the board of the Lakewood Hospital Foundation where she serves on the governance committee. She is also a board member of the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, serving on the economic development committee. In 2009, she joined the board of the

Beck Center for Cultural Arts and chairs the board resources committee there. She is also a trustee and past president of Clifton Park Improvement Trust. In June 2010, Mary Anne was recognized by Heritage Ohio as Ohio's Main Street™ Manager of the year.

Mary Anne has been an active member of the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce and has been an invaluable partner on many Chamber initiatives, task forces, and committees.

During Mary Anne's tenure as the Executive Director of LakewoodAlive, she has worked to pursue changes in processes, practices and policies that have resulted in a revitalization of downtown Lakewood. The concerts, parades, beautification efforts, and promotional events that now seem commonplace are directly attributable to Mary Anne's leadership. The result of Mary Anne's tireless efforts in reaching out to business

stakeholders and recruiting and retaining a committed group of resident volunteers has made Lakewood not only a better place to live and do business, but a "cool" destination for visitors to our region.

Please join the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce at its Annual Awards Luncheon at Around the Corner on Friday, June 17th for the presentation of this well-deserved award to Mary Anne Crampton.

Ohio Chautauqua Next Week

by Mel Page

Next Wednesday, June 22 through Sunday, June 26, Lakewood will host the annual Ohio Chautauqua five-day traveling show. Each year the Ohio Humanities Council in partnership with OSU's Humanities Institute, brings this show to five communities across the state. Thanks to the work of the Lakewood Historical Society and its many Lakewood partners and volunteers, Lakewood will host the first of the five traveling shows this year. It is anticipated that more than 2500 people from throughout Northeast Ohio will visit Lakewood to participate in the festivities.



Ohio Chautauqua programs and shows are fun for the entire family and include a mixture of education and entertainment. This year's theme, The Civil War, will commemorate the sesquicentennial of our nation's most monumental conflict. Five historic performers will explore the lives and legacies of those who participated in the struggle that tore apart the nation. Daytime programs will be held at the Beck Center and Lakewood Public Library. Then

each evening on the shores of Lake Erie in our very own backyard at the Lakewood Park, live music entertainment and historic performances begin at 6 p.m. Look for the big red and white tent! The tent will have seating for 500 people but you are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets. Shows will run rain or shine. It is free and open to the public and is accessible to everyone.

Inside this issue of the Lakewood Observer you will find more information including a detailed schedule of events to help you make the most of this extraordinary experience being brought to our community.

Eat Local And Support LEAF During June At 56 West

by Annie Stahlheber

Every Tuesday evening, and all day each Wednesday in June, 56 West will be donating 15% of your bill to Lakewood Earth and Food Community (just say that you are a "friend of LEAF"). 56 West's menu features many local and sustainable ingredients. Enjoy a meal and support LEAF at the same time!

Lakewood Earth and Food (LEAF) Community is a 501c3 non-profit dedicated to the development of a more sustainable, healthful, and economically viable community through environmentally responsible actions producing broad access to fresh local foods, knowledge and culture. LEAF Community is very busy this time of year. Community gardens are being planted in 157 plots around Lakewood. Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program and



bulk dry goods are being delivered weekly at LEAF Nights. The Third Thursday Education Series is preparing for another great presentation on Going Green in Your Backyard on June 16 at the Beer Engine. Since LEAF Community is 100% volunteer coordinated, all of your donations go directly to the programs across your community. For more information, visit www.leafcommunity.org or find LEAF Community's page on Facebook.

LHS Girls Rugby Team Fifth In The Nation



The LHS girls' rugby team finished fifth in the nation thanks to their performance at the National Tournament in Utah in May. The team would like to thank all those who have supported them this season who helped make this once-in-a-lifetime trip possible.

Calendar Page

This calendar presents various public Lakewood events and notices for the next two weeks. Calendar items can be submitted at our website at www.lakewoodobserver.com on the Home Page. Whereas this printed calendar listing is primarily non-profit events relevant to Lakewood, our website calendar welcomes all Lakewood events.

Wednesday, June 15

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 for the Lakewood community. The Market will operate through September 14, 2011.

LEAF Night

5:30 to 8:00 PM, Lakewood Main Library Porch, Detroit Ave.
A weekly celebration of fresh locally grown food. We distribute food from our three CSA programs while featuring local musicians, artists and guest vendors, sign up at www.LEAFCommunity.org.

Thursday, June 16

Donatos joins in fundraising for 9-11 firefighter memorial

11 AM - midnight, 18100 Detroit Ave. (216)227-7200. Donatos will donate 20% of all proceeds just for mentioning the 9/11 memorial. See Page 8 for story.

Friday, June 17

Lakewood Chamber of Commerce June Luncheon Meeting

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM, Around The Corner, 18616 Detroit Ave. See Page 10 for info.
Meet & Greet with School Board Candidate, Kristine Pagsuyoin
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM, 15625 Detroit Avenue (SE corner of Westwood)
Join Lakewood voters at Jammy Buggars for a Meet & Greet with School Board Candidate, Kristine Pagsuyoin while supporting Lakewood’s newest locally owned and operated restaurant. For a \$20 donation at the door, guests can enjoy a drink and sample select items from the menu including a Taste of Lakewood favorite, Hawaiian Pulled Pork Sliders with Kona Coffee BBQ and Macadamia Nuts. Stay for dinner or a slice of one of their incredible homemade pies and Jammy Buggars will donate 15% of your bill to the Pagsuyoin for Lakewood Schools Committee. This event is hosted by Dave & Christina McCallum, J.T. Neuffer, Joe & Meg Ostrowski, Charlie & Mel Page and Betsy Voinovich. Hope to see you there. www.pagsuyoinforlakewoodschools.com

Friday Night Flick - Shrek Forever After (PG)

9:30 PM - 11 PM, Lakewood Park Bandstand, 14532 Lake Avenue
Come join us for this free movie in the Park. In the event of rain, the movie will be shown at 8:00 PM in the Lakewood City Hall Auditorium, 12650 Detroit Avenue. To find out if the movie has been moved indoors, call (216) 529-6650 after 5:00 PM on movie night or tune into Lakewood Radio 1660 AM.

Saturday, June 18

Give a Pair, Take a Pair Earring Benefit

4:00 PM - 9:00 PM, Crafty Goodness, 15621 Madison Ave. See Page 9 for story.

Five Star Films: In Brilliant Black and White

6:00 PM, Main Library Auditorium
“The Bitter Tea Of General Yen” (1933) Directed by Frank Capra. An American missionary, Barbara Stanwyck, arrives in Shanghai to meet her fiancée. Trapped in a civil war battle, she’s confined to the palace of a powerful warlord, Nils Asther. He’s attracted to her, and she becomes a moth to his flame.

Monday, June 20

Lakewood Board of Education Meeting

7:00 p.m. Lakewood High School, 14100 Franklin Blvd., Art Atrium

Lakewood City Council Meeting

7:30 PM, Lakewood City Hall, 12650 Detroit Ave.

Tuesday, June 21

Startup U: Perfecting Your Pitch

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM, Lakewood Public Library - Main Auditorium. See Page 4 for info.

Wednesday, June 22

Ohio Chautauqua: The Civil War

Runs through Sunday with daytime programs and evening performances. See Page 11

Thursday, June 23

Lakewood City Wide Street Sale

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Runs Thursday - Saturday. See Page 16 for details.

Ohio Chautauqua: The Civil War

Runs through Sunday with daytime programs and evening performances. See Page 11

Saturday, June 25

Saturday Lakewood Farmers Market

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM, City Center Plaza, near the intersection of Warren & Detroit
The market will operate every Saturday (except August 6) through October 1. This market is organized by a volunteer group, with the support of the City. 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.

New Youth Program - YMCA Running Club

10:00 AM - 12:00 AM, 16915 Detroit Avenue

Free Running Club Info Session.

Live Well Lakewood/Discount Drug Mart Historical Walk &

Cookout 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM, Start at Discount Drug Mart West, 15412 Detroit

See Page 15 for details.

Fundraiser Car wash For The Fire Departments 911 Memorial

11:00 AM - 5:00 PM, AJ’S Auto Body & Paint, 18246 Sloane Ave., See Page 8.

Cleveland Craft Coalition Trunk Show

12:00 PM - 5:00 PM, Crafty Goodness, 15621 Madison Ave.

The CCC is hosting a “Junk in the Trunk” show at Crafty Goodness! All the usual awesomeness you have come to expect will be there, brought to you by the lovely ladies of the Cleveland Craft Coalition. www.craftygoodnesscle.com

HUGS Foundation Golf Outing

1:30 PM, Stonewater Golf Course, I Club Drive, Highland Heights
Golf at a wonderful golf course and meet members of FOX news. Danny Coughlin will be the Honorary Starter for this even. All proceeds benefit families of chemically dependent adolescents. www.hugs4families.org

Sunday, June 26

Ohio Chautauqua Final Day - See Page 11 - 14 for details.

21st Annual Achievement Centers A Most Excellent Race benefiting Camp Cheerful

Registration 7:30 am. First event 8:30 am. Cleveland Hts.
5K and 10K timed runs, 5K fun walk. www.achievementcenters.org.

The First Annual Miss Lakewood Pageant 2011

2 PM, Lakewood High School Civic Center, 14100 Franklin Blvd.
www.tclelite.com

DATE CHANGE! DATE CHANGE! DATE CHANGE!

New Date For 4th Annual Community Dog Show

The date for the 4th annual community dog show held at Lakewood Senior Health Campus has been changed to Saturday, July 23, 2011. This fun free event open to all ages continues to grow every year. Proceeds from this event benefit the Lakewood Animal Shelter. Starting time is 11:00 am. Lakewood Senior Health Campus is located at 13900 Detroit Avenue at the corner of Bunts.

More listings at www.lakewoodobserver.com.



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Lakewood Council News

Mayor's Invitation To Discuss Detroit Theater

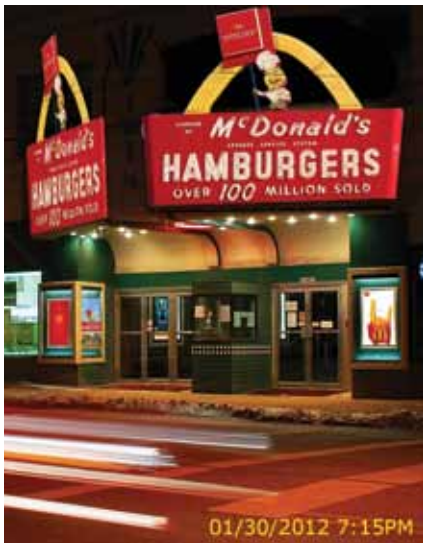
Dear Neighbor,

Please join me for a community forum on Wednesday, June 15th 2011, 7:00 p.m. at the Main Library Auditorium (lower level) to discuss the potential redevelopment of the Detroit Theater property.

As you may be aware, McDonald's has been actively looking for a site to relocate the existing Sloane Avenue store to Detroit Avenue. The administration was recently notified by representatives from McDonald's that the Detroit Theater site was their primary interest.

I committed to a group of residents from Woodward Avenue who attended a recent City Council meeting regarding this issue, that if we were informed the project was likely to move forward, my staff would facilitate a community meeting. The goal of the forum on June 15th is to provide clear, factual information regarding the City's role and responsibilities and to allow residents to hear from the developer.

The Detroit Theater has been actively on the market for many months and a restaurant is a permitted use in a commercial district. The City cannot control a real estate transaction between a private seller and buyer, nor can it prevent a property use that is permitted by zoning regulations.



However, the tools we have available to us can effectively manage development and address issues like building design, traffic, lighting, noise, odor and trash. Any development in the City of Lakewood will go through many layers of public input like community meetings and board and commission hearings.

So, please join me on June 15th, 7:00 p.m., at the Main Library. For more information, please contact the Department of Planning and Development at 216.529.6630 or planning@lakewoodoh.net.

Sincerely,
Michael P. Summers
Mayor

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Lakewood City News

The Mayor's View Of The State Of The City

by Stan Austin

When a governmental executive gives an annual "state of" speech the presentation is really a description of how that person views the subject entity. The choice of topics, the themes used, and any consistent emphasis or terminologies all are insights into the executive. The "state of" description is secondary.

On the first sultry day of the summer more than a hundred people turned out to hear Lakewood Mayor Michael P. Summers deliver the state of the city address in the Armory at The Beck Center for the Performing Arts.

With a screen displaying Power Point slides the Mayor titled his presentation, "Delivering essential services excellently." Summers' goals for Lakewood in 2011 are 1) Improve housing quality, 2) Gain financial strength for purposes of investing in our future, 3) Feel safe, be safe and 4) Improve service culture of our government.

First a snapshot of Lakewood from

the recent census shows that Lakewood is a young city with two thirds under the age of 50. Lakewood is mostly white with sixteen per cent non white. Over fifty five percent of the households are described as non family.

Summers provided an overview of the City's finances which show reductions in major categories of expenditures particularly in the last four years. This is the time frame that Summers has served as chair of the City Council's Finance Committee and was in a position to have an effect on the City's finances. It should also be noted here that Summers was appointed Mayor by Council just within the last year to fill out the term of Ed FitzGerald, who won election to the County Executive post.

Most of Lakewood's mayors have come from backgrounds of law or government. Mike Summers has served on the Lakewood School Board, but his experience is in the private business sphere. That influence can be seen in

his approach to Lakewood's 2011 goals. As most business persons know, your competitor is likely to develop and employ new methods and technologies. You have to adopt the best of these or be left behind in the marketplace. This applies to governments as well.

The Japanese auto industry has used the concept of "Kaizen" or, "Many small changes for the better," to achieve a premier position in the industry. Mayor Summers wants to take the "Kaizen" approach and apply it to training sessions with employees who have the most direct contact with citizens on a daily basis. The sessions will begin on June 21st and focus on good customer service, technology training, frequently asked questions training, and best practices and experience sharing.

Another novel approach will be the use of Geographic Information Systems. Using this approach a department's service can be centered

on a location or address. This way departments as different as police and building can link their services for greater efficiencies.

New technologies are usually adopted by business first, then government. Mike Summers personally bought a tablet computer when they first became available a short while ago. Now, he'd like to see those tablets used by building inspectors for quick on-the-spot service.

From a larger perspective, different ways of using and understanding and coordinating the data from the various city departments can promote service improvements. This can be combined with organizational design opportunities according to Summers. That means more closely matching citizen needs with city departments. These efforts and new directions will lead to what the Mayor is calling a "Lean Lakewood."

Much of the rest of the Mayor's state of the city speech included the "nuts and bolts" such as streets paved, tons of garbage picked up and houses inspected.

Providing essential city services excellently by using continuous improvement concepts and cost reduction opportunities is the Mayor's goal. And look for "Kaizen" many small changes for the better.

Lakewood Challenges Entrepreneurs To Generate Good Ideas

by Mike Belsito

For those residents of Lakewood and Northeast Ohio who have had an idea for a new business or product but have not had the chance to bring it to life - the time may be now.

Startup Lakewood, the City of Lakewood, and University Tees have partnered together to create the first ever Lakewood Ideation Challenge, a business plan and pitch competition geared to bring the best ideas out of Lakewood

and Northeast Ohio residents.

We wanted to inspire people with big ideas to do more than just talk about them. Our hope is that our Ideation Challenge can not only entice people with great services that will go to our winners, but more importantly, will empower individuals to turn their ideas into reality.

Two prize packages valued at over \$1,000 each will be awarded to winners from Lakewood and greater Northeast Ohio, respectively. Each package includes services provided by local businesses such as University Tees, Startup Lakewood, Vision 21, Melt Bar and Grilled, The Juris Agency, and LaunchHouse.

"We are excited to see ideas from fellow entrepreneurs in our local community," said Joe Haddad, Co Founder of University Tees. "This is a wonderful time to start a business, and our hope is that this challenge will give a few people the confidence to put their ideas into action."

Individuals and organizations alike are invited to participate by submitting an Executive Summary for a

new idea to Startup Lakewood by the July 1st deadline. All executive summaries will be judged and feedback will be given to all entrants. In mid-July, finalists will be named and will be asked to give an Elevator Pitch. The two winners will be named at the August Startup U event hosted by Startup Lakewood.

Startup Lakewood is also offering interested potential applicants an opportunity to hone their Elevator Pitch skills at their upcoming Startup U event on June 21st at 6:30pm taking place at Lakewood Public Library's Main Auditorium. Blake Squires, serial entrepreneur and Principal of Hatch LLC, a seed-stage investment and consultancy firm, will be the featured guest.

More information on Startup Lakewood and the Lakewood Ideation Challenge can be found at www.startuplakewood.com.

Police Bike Rodeo 2011



Mayor Mike Summers shows off his new bike registration, while Councilwoman from Ward 4 Mary Louise Madigan helps get kids their I.D.s.



Rodeo action with the police.



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Lakewood Schools

Students Bring LHS 2.0 Skills To AIDS Project

by Christine Gordillo

Students in Lakewood High’s 2.0 project brought together all the skills of technology, collaboration, team work and communication they have been honing all school year into a one-day AIDS awareness event held at Lakewood Park

on May 26.

The event at the Woman’s Pavilion was a culmination of a three-week unit that looked at epidemics and infectious diseases. As is the model of the 2.0 program, the unit was integrated across the core classes of biology, English and

social studies with each looking at a different aspect of the topic. AIDS was chosen as the epidemic. Biology classes looked at the scientific aspect of the disease and how it spreads, English classes tackled the social aspects of an epidemic like AIDS – discrimination, myths, stereotypes, etc. – social studies classes looked at the political aspect of the AIDS epidemic such as government’s role in managing the disease.

After studying how those three systems – biological, social and political – interact in an epidemic situation, the group came together to discuss their findings and to learn first-hand about the issues they discussed such as the discrimination and labeling suffered by AIDS victims.

When the 80 or so students arrived at the park, they simulated an exchange of bodily fluids. Each student was given a small cup with liquid. They then began mixing some of the liquid in their cup with another student’s cup of liquid, and so on and so on. Each cup was then “tested” and then the owner of the cup was notified whether or not he or she was HIV positive. Red t-shirts were given to those students who “tested” positive with the words “HIV POSITIVE” boldly printed

across the front. The t-shirts served to “label” those students and single them out just as actual HIV positive people may be treated.

Following identification as HIV positive, students were then immediately set up with an AIDS counselor, on loan from the AIDS Taskforce of Greater Cleveland, who led a counseling session just as he or she would with a true HIV positive client. Throughout the day, the students were challenged to explore all the causes, effects and consequences of the stigma of AIDS. A scavenger hunt led them to clues that were both facts and myths about AIDS, they identified real people in society with AIDS to debunk the stereotypes of who contracts AIDS and they had simulated doctor appointments to learn about the facts of the disease once it’s contracted.

This was all brought home with great impact by a 19-year-old HIV positive teen who shared his experience of living with AIDS with the rapt students. Finally, the students synthesized all they learned and discussed during the day by creating three-minute PSA videos on AIDS using the tech tools they had been mastering in class throughout the school year.

Garfield Group Gives Up Locks For Good Cause



Eighth-grader Rebecca Parks braces for the first snip of her long hair.

by Christine Gordillo

A dozen Garfield Middle School students and half a dozen staff members had their hair shorn after school on June 1 to donate to the Locks of Love club. The group, part of the school’s Locks of Love club, staged the hair-cutting party to donate hair to the national Locks for Love nonprofit organization to use in making hairpieces for financially disadvantaged children suffering from long-term medical hair loss from diagnoses such as children’s alopecia or cancer.

Nine stylists from a number of Lakewood salons - including Cuttin’ Loose, Revelations, Salon Bravissimo and the Brown Aveda Institute - donated their time to cut and style the contributors hair. The students had been growing their hair since the start of the school year to meet the minimum 10 inch length needed to donate for a hairpiece. Those with less than 10 inches of hair were still able to donate, as Locks of Love sells the hair to offset the costs of

manufacturing the hairpieces.

Club adviser Alina Sandoval said she got the idea for the club when her hairstylist suggested she donate some of her long brown hair to Locks of Love. She, along with co-adviser Elizabeth Street, got the students to commit to growing their hair and then solicited local stylists to help with the cutting and styling. The group turned one of Garfield’s science rooms into a salon for the afternoon with each stylist having their own “station” at a lab table.

According to Sandoval, the Garfield School’s donations are timely because the national Locks for Love organization sent much of its hair stockpile to the Gulf Region to be used as absorption material for the oil spill. The donations from Garfield’s participants will help replenish the group’s reserves.

Most of the donors were girls; however, a couple of long-haired boys came for the cause as well. One, Raney Powell, came in with a major afro and left with a buzz cut. Asked why he wanted to cut off his signature style, he said he wanted to “start fresh.” And a fresh start is exactly what some of the children who will benefit from these hair donations will have as well.



Raney Powell prepares to say goodbye to his ample head of hair for a good cause.



Raney Powell’s load is a whole lot lighter after the locks were shorn.

Brownie Troop Shows Support To The Marines

by Emily Trautmann

As we all know, Girl Scout cookie time has come and gone. This year calls for some special recognition. For the last two years, Lakewood Brownie Troop 415 has sent cookies to a U.S. unit fighting in Afghanistan. These third grade girls collected donations and raised money to buy cookies to send to troops defending our country. This year the cookies were sent to the United States Marine

Corps and the 2nd Recon Battalion Alpha Company 1st Platoon stationed with Corporal Dana Peters. Every box contained a handmade card with good wishes to the Marine and their unit. The girls wanted to send wishes from home to thank the soldiers and let them know we are thinking of them. Thank you to all who donated. I am sure the kind thoughts and delicious cookies were enjoyed and appreciated overseas!



(Row 1) Jane Kalinowski, Mary Grace Yarcusko, Lauren Brady, Gayle Petrick, Gwen Wojtkun, Katie Mathaios (Row 2-standing) Nicole Hudak, Emma Carson, Sophia Bumm, Adriana Gadd, Grace Quasebarth, Kelly Korpowski, Alexis Melnick, Katie Flannery, Lindsay Trautmann, Molly Griffin, Maddie Harden (not pictured Emily Kotansky)

Lakewood Schools

In The Words Of A Dreamer

by Luke Fesko, LHS Graduate 2011

Our final speaker graduates second in his class with a 4.4 cumulative GPA. He is president of the student body, a member of the Action Team and American Youth Foundation. He plays on the cross country team, swimming team, and boys tennis team. He is the president of Eaters of Lakewood. He also sings in the Chamber Choir and Vive L' Four. He plans to attend The Ohio State University Honors College next year with a double major in Political Science and German. Please welcome Luke Fesko!

As Langston Hughes has said, "Hold fast to your dreams, for without them life is a broken winged bird that cannot fly." Dreams drive us to achieve, and reveal a lot about our inner character. They sculpt us and influence a lot of important decisions in our lives. For example, when I was little, my dream was to be a hot dog eating champion. To prepare for this dream I ate as much as I could, all the time, and became the chubbiest and most awesome little kid ever. But my other childhood dream, to become a pastor, has influenced almost every major decision in my life and helped make me the man I am today.

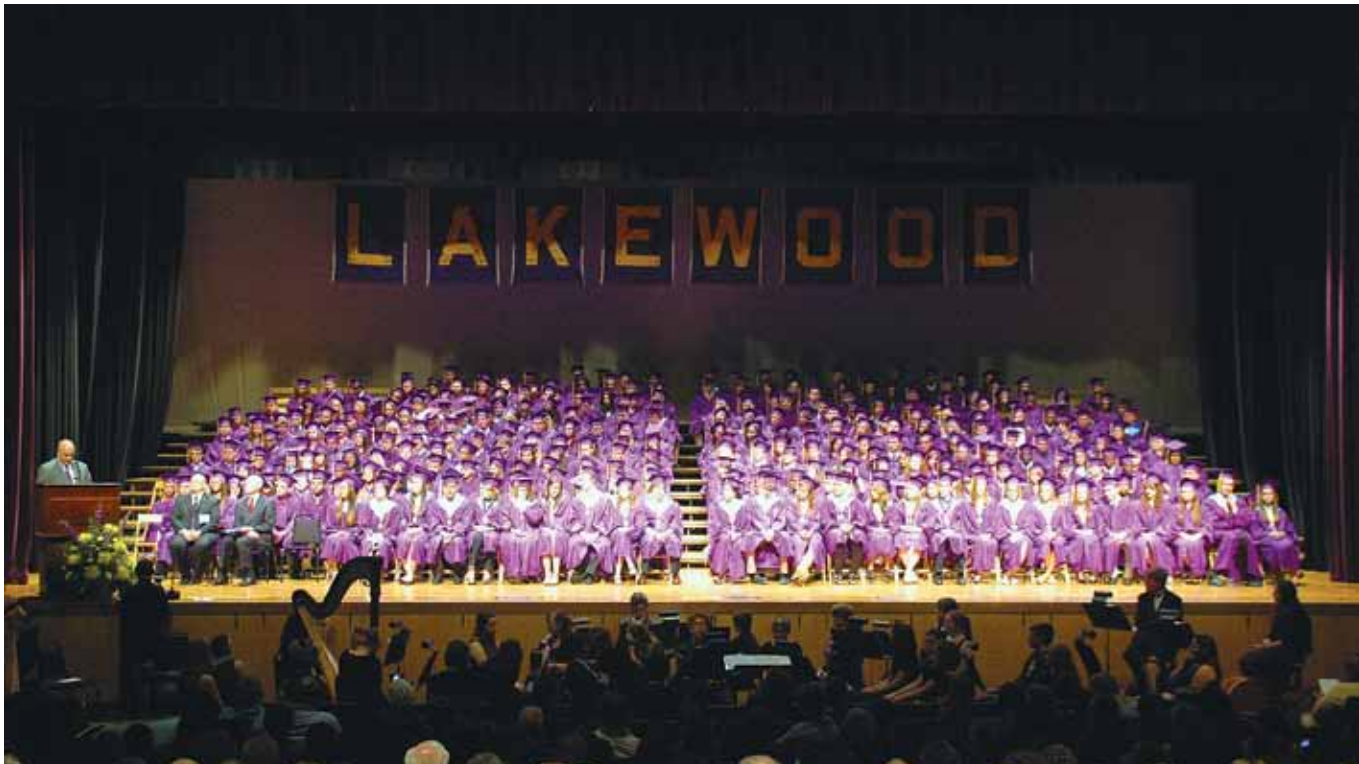
Dreams are very important. People with dreams and with the means and momentum to fulfill them drive the world. Without dreams we would not have world leaders like Barack Obama or John Boehner, or great comedians like Sarah Palin and Donald Trump.

School Board President Markling s Commencement Remarks To The Class Of 2011

by Matthew John Markling
Lakewood School Board President

On behalf of the Lakewood City School District Board of Education and the Citizens of the City of Lakewood, I would like to congratulate the Lakewood High School Class of 2011! We are blessed to live in a Community that places a high value on public education, and our Community is very proud of the legacy you left behind as the Class of 2011.

You will be able to tell your children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren that you are the first Lakewood High School class to experience four full years of walking across Franklin Avenue through rain, snow, blizzards, hail, sleet, hurricanes, tornadoes, and locusts...between both modular and state-of-the art technological classrooms...in the middle of hall freezes...three miles...uphill...



Lakewood High School's graduating class of 2011. You can read all of the Commencement Speeches and see a few more photos online at the Lakewood Observer, <http://lakewoodobserver.com>.

Those without dreams are the people with the unhappiest of lives, so make sure you create a dream to follow.

Dreams are driven by hard work, along with a little bit of luck. Without hard work, your dream has no means to flourish and therefore will wilt like an untended flower and die. This hard work, with a little bit of luck, is very important to make dreams come true. As Thomas Jefferson said, "I believe a great deal in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more of it I have." My mother worked very hard to fulfill her

dream, but was never able to until she luckily met a woman named Mari, and she made my mother's dream come true. This lucky encounter came from her hard work.

Along with hard work, meeting people is very important to fulfilling your dreams. Without guides to help you along the way, supporters to pick you up when you are down, and friends to convince you to keep following your dreams, your metaphorical flower may wilt and die. Oprah would be nothing without Gail. Woody would be nothing

without Buzz. And the Cleveland Cavaliers would be nothing without the Cavalier Girls. Without a group of friends and mentors helping you to achieve your dream, it can be a very difficult thing, so meet as many people as you can.

What are some of your dreams? Some dreams are inspiring, such as Martin Luther King's. Some dreams are terrifying, like Hitler's to become the world emperor. And some dreams are touching like a child or grandchild's dream to grow up to be just like their parents. Some of my favorite dreams are Nicolas Cage's dream to make a good movie, Ash Ketchum's dream to be a Pokemon Master, and Wilson Sackett's dream to be an 11 year old girl.

Next year, almost all of us will be off on our own, like a baby sea turtle left on the sand by its mother to grow on its own. It is the perfect opportunity to begin a new dream or to be able to see an old dream through, so take advantage of it and follow your dreams next year, no matter how ridiculous they may be. If you want to be a teacher or a scientist, follow that dream. If you want to create a new business or work to find a cure for AIDS, you can do it. If you want to become a Somali pirate or if you want to star on Whale Wars, work for it. Dream big and hard, even dream a dream, and dream another dream within that dream, and then meet Leonardo DiCaprio.

In conclusion, follow your dreams next year; wherever they may take you, as they say, the ride is as important as the destination. Work hard next year, for work is the way to make your dreams a reality. The more you put into your dream, the more you get out and the more likely your dream is to come true. Meet as many people as you can next year and make friends, for without friends and mentors helping you along the way, fulfilling your dreams may be difficult. And finally, as Aerosmith has written..."Dream on, dream on, dream on, dream on till them dreams come true."

each way..."every period, every day." Someday soon, you will be sitting in a coffee shop...reading your e-book reader...wearing a hoodie...and reflecting upon Anna Marburger's words that, "The problem with this place is all the choices and diversity that allows people to make all kinds of friends and pursue their interests!" Continue to be ambassadors for the Lakewood City Schools. Join the Lakewood Alumni Foundation. Pay it forward.

Someday soon, you will disagree with rules. Samantha Cross said, "We disagreed with every rule, yet even after putting up a fight for years, we soon began to follow those rules. Why? We want to move on." And, yet, some rules are worth putting up a fight in order to move on. Imagine what your high school education would have been like if a young attorney by the name of Thurgood Marshall was not willing to

fight against the rule of "separate but equal" to move public education on toward desegregation.

Someday soon, you will find yourself lost and alone. During those times...of which there will be many...remember Luke Fesko's words of wisdom, "Without guides to help you along the way, supporters to pick you up when you are down, and friends to convince you to keep following your dreams, your metaphorical flower may wilt and die." Take the time to thank your parents, friends, and family members who helped you reach this important point in your journey of life. Thank them today. They deserve your thanks...they need your thanks...and you will need their guidance and support as you follow your dreams.

As you follow your dreams, perspective is always the key. On a whim, my beautiful wife, Katie, and I decided to attend the Brad Paisley concert at Progressive Field last night, and I think the best advice I can give the Class of 2011 is summed up in the following lyrics from

"Letter To Me":
You've got so much up ahead
You'll make new friends
You should see your kids and wife
And I'd end by saying have no fear
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A Hair-Raising Success!

by Dawn Pyne

2011 ‘Hair of the Dog’ brings in big names and big bucks!

The Citizens Committee for the Lakewood Animal Shelter’s seventh annual ‘Hair of the Dog’ Happy Hour and Silent Auction proved to be their biggest and best to date! Thanks to their loyal supporters and donors, they raised over \$5,000 to assist with the Lakewood Animal Shelter’s spay/neuter program this year! That’s up almost 50% from years past.

Last month, on May 19th, CCLAS welcomed more than 100 guests to the Avenue Tap House, all bidding on their 40+ fabulous gift baskets. They also had some surprise appearances, by



Silent Auction Baskets.

Fundraiser Carwash For The Fire Department s 9/11 Memorial

by Rachel Parks

Please join us Saturday, June 25 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at AJ’s Auto Body & Paint to support and raise money for the construction of the 911 Memorial to be erected in front of the Fire Department on the corner of Warren and Madison Avenues. The memorial designed with the help of Lakewood students will honor fallen firefighters from the 2001 September attacks, along with four of our own firefighters who gave their lives in the line of duty. Help get the memorial completed in time for the 10th anniversary and get your vehicles clean at the same time. AJ’s is located at 18246 Sloane Avenue. See you there.



Dick Goddard auctions off some of his own merchandise!

Lakewood Mayor Mike Summers, City Councilman Tom Bullock, and Fox 8 meteorologist Dick Goddard!

CCLAS would not have been able to host such a successful event without the support of many local business and personal donors, which also included the Lakewood Observer’s Jim O’Bryan.



CCLAS foster coordinator, Justine, foster volunteer, Pam, and CCLAS president, Dawn!

The mission at CCLAS is simple: to improve and protect the lives of Lakewood’s pet companion population. Thanks to all who came out to ‘Hair of the Dog,’ they will now have extra funding for their ever-growing spay/neuter program this year! To learn more about this volunteer organization, please visit their website at www.cclas.info.

Donatos Joins In Fundraising For 9/11 Firefighter Memorial

by David Reichert

Jon Tallman will tell you that it takes a sense of pride in order to build community. He will also tell you that building a sense of pride begins with acknowledging what you have to be prideful of.

Tallman, a Lakewood resident and general manager of the Lakewood Donatos Pizza, will be very prideful when the new firefighter memorial is unveiled later this year. The monument, which will include two steel beams from 9/11 wreckage of the World Trade Center, will stand as a testament to the 343 firefighters who died during the attacks and the four Lakewood firefighters who have died in the line of duty.

To aid the cause, Tallman said the Lakewood Donatos will hold two all-day events: one on June 16 and the other on July 14. Customers simply need to mention that they want to contribute to the memorial on either of those days and Lakewood Donatos will donate 20 percent of the proceeds from the sale.

“This is a great way for our resi-

dents to help raise funds. All they have to do is eat at our Lakewood Donatos. I really hope we do well and can show pride for this city and all the things that make it a great place to live and work,” said Tailman.

For more information, call (216)227-7200 or visit the store at 18100 Detroit Avenue.

The Meal That Heals

by Elizabeth O’Brien

The 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 11, 2011 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 mascarpone 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.

Since 1986, North Coast Health Ministry has been providing health care to low-income individuals and families without medical insurance on Greater Cleveland’s West Side, www.nchealthministry.org

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Lakewood Boards & Honors

Lakewood Women’s Club Installs Board For 2011-12

by Margaret Wetzler

Members of the Lakewood Women’s Club (LWC) unanimously voted in the slate of officers presented by the Nominating Committee at the Annual Meeting on April 13, 2011. Margaret Wetzler will serve as President for a second term, Elizabeth Nici will serve as Vice President, Wendy Brickman will serve as Secretary, and Mary McKelvey will serve as Treasurer. The officers make up the Executive Board of LWC, and serve a one-year term.

The newly elected officers were installed at the annual Installation/New Member Appreciation Dinner on May 18, 2011. The dinner was held at Gathering’s Kitchen. Ms. Nici, who will be serving a second term as Vice President, said, “I’m pleased to serve on the board with these energetic and committed women, and look forward to

growing LWC in the year ahead. With the new name, and new identity, we hope that the Club will expand its reach and regain some of its past prominence in the community. And I look forward to playing a vital role in the process.”

Chairs of standing committees were also announced at the dinner:

- **Amber Weinfurtnr and Ashley Clements** will co-chair the Annual Pumpkin Fun Run, to be run on October 30, 2011.
- **Mary Dodge** will chair the Membership Committee for a second year.
- **Camille Gill** will chair the Scholarship Committee.
- **Melissa Kleehammer** will chair Community Affairs & Volunteer Activities.
- **Chrissy Pursifull** will serve as Corresponding Secretary.
- **Jillian Driscoll** will chair the

Social Committee.

- **Torey Worren** will coordinate Publicity.
- **Amy Thacker** will serve as editor of Magpie, LWC’s monthly newsletter.
- **Elizabeth Snyder and Melissa Kleehammer** will co-chair the Spring Fundraiser.

Outgoing officers and committee chairs were recognized for their service to the Club at the Installation Dinner.

Founded in 1962, with roots going back to the early 1900’s, Lakewood Women’s Club (formerly known as Junior Women’s Club of Lakewood) has provided, and continues to pro-

vide, a philanthropic organization for women who are interested in serving their community and stimulating their minds while enjoying a program geared to fun and friendship. The Club supports Lakewood through three distinct programs: an annual scholarship awarded to a female high school senior pursuing a higher education; funding for Project H20, Help to Others, a program dedicated to strengthening and enriching Lakewood by engaging its youth as community builders; and support of non-profit organizations selected by membership through an application process.

Rotary Honors Maryann Hanson

by Eileen McShea

The Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River gave one of its highest honors to a Lakewood business owner. Maryann Hanson, President and C.E.O. of Hanson Services Inc. received an honorary, lifetime membership to the Rotary Club.

The Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River surprised Maryann with the announcement at the June 6th meeting.

Maryann has been active in the

club’s exchange student program for many years, supporting fundraisers, socials and service programs for students. She created service opportunities to the youth exchange students so that they may participate in the student field trips to the Eastern and Western United States.

Hanson Services provides in-home assisted living, with offices in Northeast Ohio and Florida. Each office administrator has administrators who are active Rotarians.

Lakewood Hospital Foundation Elects New Trustees And Officers

by Kris Griesmar

Nancy Huffman, Marcello Mellino, MD, and Doug Spiker were each elected to serve a three-year term on the Lakewood Hospital Foundation Board of Trustees at its recent annual board meeting.



Nancy Huffman, a Westlake resident, recently retired as a speech pathologist from Parma City Schools. She is a graduate

of Cleveland State University and The College of Wooster. Huffman is active with The College of Wooster Alumni Association, North Coast Health Ministry and the Animal Protective League, and is a past president of the Westlake Junior Women’s Club.



Marcello Mellino, MD, is board certified in Cardiovascular Disease and Internal Medicine and is co-founder and president of

West Side Cardiology Associates. He

is an investigator with Cleveland Cardiovascular Research Foundation and chief of the Division of Cardiology at Lakewood Hospital. A resident of Lakewood, Mellino serves as a trustee of BAYarts.



Doug Spiker is a partner with the law firm Roetzel & Andress LPA, where he is Partner-in-Charge of the Cleveland

office. He also serves as Practice Group Manager of the Employment Services Group. Spiker is a graduate of Ohio Northern University’s Pettit College of Law and Mount Union College, and resides in Westlake.

Lakewood resident Tom Baker, a Partner in the Cleveland office of Tucker Ellis & West LLP, was elected as Secretary of the Board of Trustees. Re-elected officers include Ken Haber, OM Group, as President; Chas Geiger, Geiger’s Clothing and Sports, as Vice President; and Bob Potts, Wells Fargo, as Treasurer.

Additionally, Marvin D. Shie, III, MD, was recognized for his service as he concluded his term as a foundation trustee. Brian M. King and Peter E. Shimrak were named Honorary Lifetime Trustees in recognition of their contributions of time, energy and resources to furthering the mission of Lakewood Hospital Foundation.

About Lakewood Hospital Foundation: Founded in 1956 and guided by a dedicated and civic-minded board of directors, Lakewood Hospital Foundation operates exclusively to steward philanthropic gifts for Lakewood Hospital. The foundation supports the enhancement of hospital programs and services through building lifelong relationships with members of the community, raising funds and dedicating its resources to help meet the needs of those served by the hospital. To learn more about meaningful ways to support Lakewood Hospital’s lifesaving work, visit lakewoodhospital.org/foundation.

Gatherings Kitchen Named 2011 Outstanding New Member

by Valerie Mechenbier

Congratulations to Gatherings Kitchen, selected as the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce Outstanding New Member for 2011.

What began as a few intimate dinners in homes across Cleveland has grown into Gatherings Kitchen. Chefs Doug Zimmer and Ruth Kostadinov bring exceptional cuisine and impeccable service to any event – from a birthday party at home or on the beach, to a corporate cocktail party in an art

gallery or office to fund-raising galas and weddings. Gatherings Kitchen also offers Friday evening supper clubs, kids cooking classes, prep school classes and special occasion cooking parties at their Lakewood location at 17004 Madison Avenue. Gatherings Kitchen provides a complete range of services including creative menu development, budget flexibility and logistical planning.

Since joining the Chamber of Commerce in early 2010, Gatherings Kitchen has provided delicious and beautiful spreads at numerous Chamber of Commerce events, served with enthusiasm and style. From monthly Chamber luncheons to evening receptions, from the Chamber’s Centennial Gala to the Chamber’s annual Taste of Lakewood, Gatherings Kitchen has been a ready and willing event participant and a valued member of the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce.

Please join the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce at its Annual Awards Luncheon at Around the Corner on Friday, June 17th for the presentation of this well-deserved award to Ruth Kostadinov and Doug Zimmer of Gatherings Kitchen.

To learn more about Gatherings Kitchen please visit www.gathering-skitchen.com.



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CORRECTION

Dear Lakewood Observer,

I write to point out a correction to the story “Lakewood Arts And Culture Organizations Receive Over \$263,000 Cuyahoga Arts & Culture Grants Money From Cigarette Tax.”

In the article Ms. Jung states that we granted \$263,000 over the past four years for arts and culture programming by Lakewood based nonprofit organizations. That is incorrect.

In 2011 alone, we will have provided grants worth \$236,980 for arts and culture programming by Lakewood based nonprofit organizations. However, since our establishment, we have provided more than \$963,000 to Lakewood based nonprofit organizations.

Regards,
Jonah Weinberg
Director of External Affairs
Cuyahoga Arts & Culture

Lakewood Ohio Chautauqua FAQs

What is the Ohio Chautauqua?

- Ohio Chautauqua is a five-day event that combines living history, music and entertainment, education, theater, and audience interaction in an exciting cultural event the entire community can enjoy.
- The theme is The Civil War. This series will explore the legacies of those who helped shape our modern world. Characters for Ohio Chautauqua 2011 are President Abraham Lincoln, surgeon and winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor Mary Edwards Walker, physician, journalist and soldier Maj. Martin Delany, Confederate socialite Mary Boykin Chesnut, and soldier, spy and Underground Railroad conductor Harriet Tubman.
- The Ohio Humanities Council, the premier facilitator of humanities programs across the state, will present this exciting series. Additional support comes from The Ohio State University Humanities Institute.

What will happen during Ohio Chautauqua?

- Major presentations occur under the red & white striped tent and begin with local musical entertainment. Each evening, a different living history program is offered. During chautauqua presentations, a scholar becomes a figure from the past, giving a unique monologue that showcases the person’s importance in our culture. The audience then has the opportunity to ask questions of the character. The evening concludes after the scholar steps out of character to answer more audience questions. Audience members can meet and talk with the performers after the presentation.
- Concessions will be available, or bring your own picnic. Although there are 500 seats under the tent, some folks prefer to bring their own lawn chairs.

- In addition to the living history performances, other exciting activities include “behind-the-scenes” programs and workshops for adults and children, scholar presentations at local libraries and other organizations, and various publicity appearances.

Where and When Will Ohio Chautauqua be Held?

- Ohio Chautauqua 2011 will reach out to five communities across the state. Each venue will host the traveling tent show and make it an event that is unique to the community. In addition to Lakewood, venue hosts include: Westerville: June 30 - July 4; Lima: July 6 - 10; Chester: July 12 - 16; Coshocton: July 19 - 23.
- Ohio Chautauqua activities will take place RAIN OR SHINE.
- Free Ohio Chautauqua companion readers, programs, maps, and activity schedules are available in local libraries, businesses, newspapers, and bookstores prior to the chautauqua and at the events.

Is Ohio Chautauqua Accessible?

- Ohio Chautauqua sites and programs are accessible to everyone! Services for people with disabilities include designated parking, wheelchair seating areas, and a sound amplification system.

For Lakewood Ohio Chautauqua’s detailed schedule see next page. For questions specific to Lakewood’s event call Lakewood Historical Society at 216-221-7343.

For additional details about The Ohio Humanities Council visit their website www.ohiohumanities.org; call 800-293-9774.

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Under the red & white striped tent Lakewood Park

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, June 22

- 10:00 a.m. Children’s Program: The Every Day Life of the Civil War Soldier
- 2:00 p.m. Adult Program: “Please, Do You Have Any News?”
- 7:00 p.m. Evening Program: Harriet Tubman portrayed by Ilene Evans

Thursday, June 23

- 10:00 a.m. Children’s Program: African American Heritage: Stories, Games and Songs
- 2:00 p.m. Adult Program: Strategy and Planning for the Long Campaign
- 7:00 p.m. Evening Program: Mary Boykin Chesnut portrayed by Dianne Moran

Friday, June 24

- 10:00 a.m. Children’s Program: Dear Mr. President
- 2:00 p.m. Adult Program: The Port Royal Experiment: Rehearsal for Radical Reconstruction of the South
- 7:00 p.m. Evening Program: Mary Edwards Walker portrayed by Debra Conner

Saturday, June 25

- 10:00 a.m. Children’s Program: Civil War Diaries
- 2:00 p.m. Adult Program: Your Favorite Lincoln Stories and Mine
- 7:00 p.m. Major Martin Delany portrayed by Jim Armstead

Sunday, June 26

- 10:00 a.m. Children’s Program: Healthy Living, Civil War Style
- 2:00 p.m. Adult Program: A Literary Look at the American Civil War
- 5:30 p.m. Ohio Historic Marker unveiling
- 7:00 p.m. Abraham Lincoln portrayed by Richard Johnson

Music performances at 6 p.m. each evening under the tent

Locations

Children’s Programs:

Beck Center for the Arts, 17801 Detroit Avenue

Adult Programs:

Lakewood Public Library, 15425 Detroit Avenue

Musical Entertainment and Evening Programs

Lakewood Park (under the tent!), 14710 Lake Avenue

Lakewood Ohio Chautauqua

Youth Programs will be at the Beck Center for the Arts, 17801 Detroit Ave., each morning at 10 a.m.

Brown Bag Lunch And Movies and Daytime Programs will be at the Lakewood Public Library, 15425 Detroit at 12 p.m. & 2 p.m. each day (no movie on Sunday)

Evening performances will be under the Ohio Chautauqua tent at Lakewood Park, 14710 Lake Ave. each night at 6 p.m.

Free and open to the public

Wednesday, June 22

10 a.m. Youth Program - The Every Day Life of the Civil War Soldier -
“Difficult living conditions” doesn’t begin to describe the life of a Civil War soldier. Men were not properly clothed; medicine was in short supply; and it was impossible to maintain a clean living environment. The Civil War soldier traveled on his feet and lived off the land to a great extent. Nevertheless, he carried a load of more than 50 pounds of gear: a rifle, backpack, ammunition, blanket, canteen, rain cape, knife, rations, coffee, sugar, drinking cup, eating utensils, underwear, two pairs of socks, etc.... In this show-and-tell session, Dr. Jim Armstead will demonstrate some of the gear used by the “private” soldier and discuss his everyday living conditions while on campaign.

12 p.m. Brown Bag Lunch And Civil War Movie Shenandoah (1965) -
A 1965 American Civil War film starring James Stewart and directed by Andrew V. McLaglen. Though set during the American Civil War, the film’s strong antiwar and humanitarian themes resonated with audiences in later years as attitudes began to change toward the Vietnam War.

2 p.m. Adult Program - Please, Do You Have Any News? -
The slaughter that resulted from the Civil War was unprecedented. More than 600,000 soldiers died, equivalent in today’s population to six million deaths. For the first time in American history, massive numbers of soldiers died far from home, without family, often without acknowledgement or ceremony. The chaos of war left family members uncertain about the fate of their loved ones. These circumstances changed lives and changed our nation. In this workshop, we’ll learn how Americans dealt with these staggering losses.

6 p.m. Musical Entertainment - Julie Tabaj on Button Box and Duncan Virostko on violin
7 p.m. Historic Characterization - An Evening With Harriet Tubman -
Remembered as “General Moses” who led slaves through the Underground Railroad, Harriet Tubman’s greatest work may have been with the Union Army behind enemy lines, where she served as a nurse, cook, organizer, spy and soldier.

Thursday, June 23

10 a.m. Youth Program - African American Heritage: Stories, Games & Songs -
This workshop will introduce some of the stories and games, music and songs, chants and rhymes that the folks may have heard when they arrived at Port Royal South Carolina in the 1860s.

12 p.m. Brown Bag Lunch And Civil War Movie - The Littlest Rebel (1935)
A 1935 American dramatic film starring Shirley Temple, that also features the famous dance number between Shirley Temple and Bill Robinson.

2 p.m. Adult Program - Strategy and Planning for the Long Campaign -
When the war began, General-in-Chief Winfield Scott drew upon his 50+ years of experience as a soldier in the Regular Army, as well as his intimate knowledge of the South, to create a plan for victory. His plan combined Naval and amphibious forces as well as a robust land campaign to subdue the rebellious Southern States without destroying them. This evolved into what the press dubbed the “Anaconda Plan” because it strangled the economic power of the South and whittled away the capability of the Confederacy to wage war on a grand scale. This program examines Civil War strategy generally and the Anaconda Plan specifically as the recipe for victory. Most studies of the Civil War concentrate on specific battles. But to fully understand the war, a discussion of strategic concepts is necessary. This program will foster a better understanding of the nature of the war and the prerequisites for complete and final victory.

6 p.m. Musical Entertainment - Horace Mann Elementary Choir and Lakewood High String Quartet
7 p.m. Historic Characterization - An Evening With Mary Boykin Chestnut
Confederate Mary Boykin Chesnut kept detailed diaries throughout the Civil War. She speaks not only from the wealthy Southern aristocratic point of view, but surprisingly also as an outspoken abolitionist.

Friday, June 24

10 a.m. Youth Program – Dear Mr. President -
Dr. Johnson tells the delightful and inspiring story of Grace Bedell, the 11 year-old-girl who convinced Abraham Lincoln to grow a beard. He continues by reading more recent letters of children to U.S. presidents, and then encourages children to send a letter or a drawing to our current president. If a return address is provided, the letters will be sent to the White House and the child will receive a reply, a nice memento of our Chautauqua experience.

12 p.m. Brown Bag Lunch And Civil War Movie - Young Mr. Lincoln (1939)
A 1939 fictionalized biography about the early life of President Abraham Lincoln, directed by John Ford and starring Henry Fonda.

2 p.m. Adult Program - The Port Royal Experiment: Rehearsal for Radical Reconstruction of the South
This workshop explores different points of view during the Union Army occupation of Port Royal South Carolina from November 7, 1861 until the end of the war. Participants will be given the opportunity to engage and experience the story of some of the soldiers, missionaries, teachers, newly freed captives, nurses, cooks and spies through the eyes of Harriet Tubman.

6 p.m. Musical Entertainment - Vive L’Four Barbershop Quartet, Frank Blackman (LHS ’10), Lakewood High String Quartet
7 p.m. Historic Characterization - An Evening With Mary Edwards Walker -
Mary Edwards Walker was the war’s only female contract surgeon, working for the 52nd Ohio Volunteers, before spending several months as a POW. She was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor and later campaigned for women’s rights.

Saturday, June 25

10 a.m. Youth Program - Civil War Diaries -
Do you ever wonder about daily life during the Civil War? What roles did children take on when so many of their family members went off to fight? How did family life change? What were the experiences of those left at home? In this program, you will hear city residents as well as rural folks describe every day life through their wartime journals. At the conclusion of the program, Dianne Moran will share reproductions of Civil War items and two volunteers will be dressed in period clothing, helping us better understand daily life during that time.

12 p.m. Brown Bag Lunch And Civil War Movie - The General (1926) -
When Union spies steal an engineer’s beloved locomotive, he pursues it single handedly and straight through enemy lines. Starring Buster Keaton.

2 p.m. Adult Program - Your Favorite Lincoln Stories and Mine -
For many of us, Lincoln lives forever in a number of popular stories and humorous tales. Bring your favorite Lincoln stories and let’s swap stories for an hour. What stories do you recall from your childhood? What have you shared with your own children or grandchildren? What do you think is important for us to remember about Lincoln?

6 p.m. Musical Entertainment – Lakewood High String Quartet, Gary Rice on Banjo & Saw, Vive L’Four Choral Quartet
7 p.m. Historic Characterization - An Evening With Major Martin Delaney -
A doctor, judge, political activist, lecturer, journalist, author, explorer and soldier, Major Martin Delany was a true Renaissance man. He devoted his life to seeking full freedom and citizenship for African Americans.

Sunday, June 26

10 a.m. Youth Program - Healthy Living, Civil War Style -
Sarsaparilla. Garlic. Ginseng. Sassafras. These are a few of the ingredients used in tonics and home remedies that were popular during the Civil War era. What foods did people eat to stay healthy 150 years ago? In this workshop, we’ll sample a few “health” foods and learn what (if any) value they have.

2 p.m. Adult Program - A Literary Look at the American Civil War -
150 years later, the Civil War continues to rage on...perhaps most notably through classic stories by authors such as Ambrose Bierce, William Faulkner, and Stephen Crane. Join award-winning storyteller Dianne Moran as she brings the past to life by sharing celebrated literary works of the American Civil War. This engaging workshop will include stories such as Bierce’s The Mockingbird and Faulkner’s A Rose for Emily, as well as an original tale. Woven into the program will be interesting facts about daily life during the war. Relive the humor and the tragedy of the time through the compelling art of storytelling.

6 p.m. Musical Entertainment - Vive L’Four Choral Quartet; Gary Rice on Banjo & Saw; Lakewood High String Quartet
7 p.m. Historic Characterization - An Evening With Abraham Lincoln -
Considered by many historians to be one of the nation’s greatest Presidents, Abraham Lincoln worked to preserve the Union and abolish slavery as he led the country during the Civil War.

Lakewood Ohio Chautauqua

Ohio Chautauqua Musical Performances

by Lily Pollack, Sophomore
Lakewood High School

What’s an event without a little bit of musical entertainment? To be expected at the Ohio Chautauqua are various Lakewood musicians loaded with talent. Most are part of the Lakewood City Schools music department or were once affiliated with the Schools’ fantastic music program. The Ohio Chautauqua is an array of various historical performances and acts that bring a little bit of history back to Lakewood. It’s only appropriate to set the scene with a little bit of live performance.

Garfield Middle School band director and elementary band instructor Julie Tabaj will open up the five-evenings under the tent with a performance on Wednesday, June 22, on the button box. The button box is similar in style to an accordion with folded bellows in the middle but with only buttons on each end, no keys. Tabaj plays the button box in the Different Directions polka band, which plays all around Northeast Ohio. Joining Tabaj that first evening will be LHS sophomore Duncan Virostko on violin.

The next night, Thursday, June 23, includes the Horace Mann Elementary Choir, directed by Margie Hildebrandt, and one of the two LHS string quartets led by Elizabeth Hankins, Orchestra director at the high school, which will

perform various pieces that represent historical timepieces. The musicians are still determining which pieces they will perform. “We’ve worked with Ms. Hankins to pick authentic pieces and to separate out parts from a piano score to form a full quartet,” said senior, Abby Wimbiscus.

These quartets, which will be performed four of the five evenings, consist of Andy Peng (11th grade, violin), Devon Caskey (10th grade, viola), James Dilzell (10th grade, cello), Kent Dockus (10th grade, violin), Abby Wimbiscus (12th grade, violin), Hannah Gallovic (11th grade, cello), and Kendall King (9th grade, violin). Caskey will do double duty, playing in both quartets.

The LHS choral group Vive L’Four will also be making appearances on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 24-26, singing selections such as “Old Dan Tucker,” “Darkness on the Delta,” “Vive L’Amour,” and “Now Look Away.” “They were selected because they were all written during the Civil War period,” said LHS Choral Director, Dr. Lisa Hanson.

Vive L’Four is a group of four LHS boys, Sam Aprile (10th grade, tenor), Matt Majewski (12th grade, lead), Luke Fesko (12th grade, bass) and Chuck Kemp (12th grade, baritone). They rehearse two days out of every week and perform with the LHS Chamber

and Symphonic Mixed choirs. They sing typical barbershop, doo-wop, and spiritual pieces written for male, four-part a cappella. They have received superior ratings at the OMEA Solo and Ensemble contest, and perform around the greater Cleveland area for special events, receptions and at senior centers. They also frequently win the Tower City Barbershop Chorus High School Quartet Contest.

Class of 2010 LHS graduate, Frank Blackman, will give a vocal performance on Friday, June 24. Blackman was known for his many musical roles in the LHS Barnstormers’ productions, including

Captain Von Trapp in the 2010 spring musical, “The Sound of Music.”

Finally, Gary Rice, a former teacher and lifelong Lakewood resident whose father, Bob Rice, was a longtime Harding Middle School band director, will perform on the banjo and saw for Saturday and Sunday’s musical entertainment.

No matter which night you attend under the tent (and by all means, come to more than one!), you are sure to enjoy a musical delight as the historical presentations enlighten you. All music performances begin at 6 p.m. See the detailed schedule here in the Lakewood Observer.

On Kiwanis: Kiwanis At The Chautauqua Tent

by Gordon Brumm

This month the spirit of the big red-striped tent will arrive from the shores of Lake Chautauqua to the shores of Lake Erie, and Lakewood Kiwanis will be helping to welcome the participants and make their visit a rewarding one.

As Observer readers well know, the Chautauqua tent will be up in Lakewood Park from June 22 through June 26, featuring presentations and displays concerning the Civil War era.

Lakewood Kiwanis is one of the

sponsors of the event, contributing in three ways. Most notably, on the last day, Sunday the 26th, the Kiwanis hot dog stand will be open from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. near the tent and the bandstand. In addition to hot dogs (and chili dogs), candy and snacks will be on sale.

Kiwanis members will serve as greeters for the programs that evening. In addition, the Club has made a financial contribution to the event.

Abraham Lincoln

It’s exciting that Lakewood is participating in the 2011 Ohio Chautauqua on the Civil War. Here are stories written by two Lakewood High School freshman students as part of their unit on the Civil War, they studied the early influences on the politics and character of Abraham Lincoln. As you “meet” Mr. Lincoln, you might wish to keep in mind the events that shaped the character and politics of one of our greatest presidents. – Dr. Chuck Groenoff, LHS AP US History Teacher
By Nora Varcho

Abraham Lincoln once said, “God must love the common man, [for] he made so many of them.” This statement given by the sixteenth President of the United States holds true on many levels — not only does it directly correspond to Lincoln’s campaigning techniques and political platforms, but it also goes hand-in-hand with his own personal life and beliefs. Lincoln, born in the famed log cabin in 1809, had relatively humble beginnings, as his birthplace suggests. Though his father had been one of the richest men in the county in their home state of Kentucky, Thomas Lincoln and his family lost all of their property in 1816 due to faulty titles to the land. Stripped of nearly everything, the Lincolns moved to Indiana, hoping for a new start. However, when Abraham turned nine, his mother died of milk sickness, and soon after, his father remarried. Abraham liked his new stepmother, but he started to grow distant from Thomas. Lincoln felt a sense of regret for his father’s lack of educa-

tion, and he did not enjoy the tough labor that came with frontier life. He complied with the common obligation of a son to give all of his earnings and wages to his father, but he began to feel that his father was exploiting him and his work. This was when Lincoln first began to identify with the slaves. He realized that working for another person’s gain without getting anything in return is what the enslaved blacks dealt with for their entire lives. Because of his experience with his father, Lincoln sympathized with the slaves throughout his young adult life, his presidency, and until his death.

During Lincoln’s run for office and the earlier years of his presidency, his platforms usually didn’t directly include the end of slavery; rather, ending the expansion of slavery into new territories. While Lincoln most likely would’ve liked to abolish slavery from the start, he knew that if he took such a radical idea straight to the people before he was relatively well-known, he’d basically be eschewed for his “revolutionary concepts.” But he held strong with the notion of the wrongfulness of slavery, during the secession and through the Civil War. Once Reconstruction began, many Southern states claimed that the war had not been fought over slavery; instead, it’d been waged over certain “states’ rights” that hadn’t been met by the President and his government. Lincoln, however, always reminded the population that the argument had started and ended with the same issue: the idea

of humans as property. He issued the Emancipation Proclamation to free the slaves, and soon after he promoted the passage of the Thirteenth Amendment, which abolished slavery officially. Many people disagreed with Lincoln’s views (particularly and unsurprisingly, usually white Southerners), but his actions prevailed for the good of the country. Lincoln believed in equal rights for everyone — and he also thought that though blacks may have been intellectually inferior, they worked just as hard as white people and should be rewarded for it.

Lincoln’s upbringing can be seen as having both created a sense of empathy and the will to remedy injustice. Feeling somewhat exploited by his father, Lincoln understood the daily hardships of slaves. Given the loss of his mother and his relationship with his father, it can typically be seen that though Lincoln’s early life may not have been the best, it ultimately helped him and his country escape the terrible practice that was slavery.

By Sarah Neff

Abraham Lincoln’s childhood is well known for his birthplace -- the famous log cabin and how he read at every opportunity are common knowledge to many. It was during this period in which many of the opinions and beliefs that would later come to define him were shaped. His experiences, such as regret over shooting a wild turkey, formed him into the man that lead the United States through its

greatest crisis -- the Civil War. One of America’s most famous presidents, his experiences as a child and a young man would ultimately change the course of history. As you witness “Lincoln” in our upcoming Chautauqua, consider how the following events might have shaped his ambitions and ideas.

As a young man, Abraham Lincoln worked for a living. His father, however, would often take his wages, using them to prevent foreclosure on the family farm(s). The young Abraham was never comfortable with this arrangement. He felt that it was fundamentally unfair to take the hard-earned wages of another and keep them-- the basic tenet of slavery. This more than anything else shaped his views on slavery, forming the belief in his mind that it was wrong, and eventually, that the United States could not survive consumed by indecision over it. In his Second Inaugural address, Lincoln decried the exploitation of slavery and the South’s insistence that it was somehow divinely sanctioned: “It may seem strange that any men should dare to ask a just God’s assistance in wringing their bread from the sweat of other men’s faces...” Perhaps the memory of seeing slave families transported by wagons and boats also forced him to accept that slavery was an evil institution and needed to be eradicated to preserve the Union.

Lincoln’s mother died when he was nine years old. Fortunately for the Union, he quickly became close to

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Lakewood Ohio Chautauqua



Youth Programs will be at the Beck Center for the Arts, 17801 Detroit Ave., each morning at 10 a.m.

Brown Bag Lunch And Movies and Daytime Programs will be at the Lakewood Public Library, 15425 Detroit at 12 p.m. & 2 p.m. each day (no movie on Sunday)

Evening performances will be under the Ohio Chautauqua tent at Lakewood Park, 14710 Lake Ave. each night at 6 p.m.

Free and open to the public

Abraham Lincoln

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his stepmother, Sarah Johnston, who encouraged him to read and learn. Lincoln, never one to cherish physical labor, would attend school at every opportunity—only to be forced back into farm work by his father. Though he had only one full year of formal school-

ing, he was always enthusiastic about learning, and read as much as he could in his spare time. Lincoln’s reading left him extremely intelligent and a strong orator. It was this skill that allowed him to become a politician, convincing others he was right. In reading as a child, Lincoln laid the foundation for his later successes, such as the Lincoln-



Ohio Humanities Council brings five scholars into the community. Each scholar does a daytime program for adults and youth. Then in the evening, they perform a living history performance in the characteristic red-and-white striped tent in Lakewood Park. The scholars are pictured here in costume from left to right: Harriet Tubman by Eileen Evans, Mary Edwards Walker by Deborah Conner, Major Martin Delaney by Jim Armstead, Abraham Lincoln by Richard Johnson, Mary Boykin Chesnut by Diane Moran. - Photo by Dented Lens Photography.

Douglas debates, Gettysburg Address, and Second Inaugural address.

Abraham Lincoln is one of the most influential figures in American history. His inspired speeches and passionate defense of the Union were rooted in his childhood experiences in learning and work. He learned at a young age the toll slavery took on

those forced to work for no compensation, and also the value of reading and being literate. It was his childhood that shaped him into the man we recognize today as one of the greatest presidents this country has known.



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Wellness Watch

Stay Healthy On Vacation

by Karen Kilbane

Summer vacation is a time to travel and let it all hang loose. And, if you plan ahead, you can stay healthy and fit while enjoying your time off.

One of the easiest ways to exercise while on vacation is to stay in hotels that have fitness centers. But Jazzercise Founder and CEO Judi Sheppard Missett recommends making fitness a natural part of your summer vacation. Every little bit helps: if you burn an extra 100 calories every day for a year, you can lose up to 10 pounds.

Walk Before You Fly

If you have long layovers in airports, walk your time away. Many airports have art exhibits or muse-

ums so your mind will stay active, too.

Sightsee by Bicycle

Find out if your destination has a bicycle path, then rent bikes and get a closer look at the area while pedaling through. For a slower pace, ask if your vacation spot has a self-guided walking tour.

Try Something New

Whether you're traveling or enjoying a "staycation", try something new. How about stand-up paddling or kite-surfing? Ever wanted to learn ballroom dancing? Now's a great time. You'll always remember this summer as the time you learned to dance.

Plan an Active Vacation

Plan a trip specifically to bicycle through mountains, ride horses through the countryside or surf on a tropical island. Tour companies specialize in providing all the arrangements for you. Your only job will be to have fun!

Pack Snacks

Pack healthy protein or nut bars in your daypack in case you find yourself out and about for hours. You can eat the bars anytime, anywhere to keep yourself energized. When you finally sit down for lunch or dinner, you'll be well-balanced and make healthy choices.

Drink LOTS of Water

Stay hydrated while you are out having fun. Drinking water during your summer activities will assure a healthy, balanced body and mind.

When you plan fitness as part of your summer vacation, you'll return home feeling revitalized and ready

to bring that momentum into your daily life.

Judi Sheppard Missett, who turned her love of jazz dance into a worldwide dance exercise phenomenon, founded the Jazzercise dance fitness program in 1969. She has advanced the business opportunities of women and men in the fitness industry by growing the program into an international franchise business that today hosts a network of 7,800 instructors teaching more than 32,000 classes weekly in 32 countries.

The workout program, which offers a fusion of jazz dance, resistance training, Pilates, yoga, cardio box and Latin style movements, has positively affected millions of people worldwide. Benefits include increased cardiovascular endurance, strength, and flexibility, as well as an overall "feel good" factor.

Drug Mart To Drug Mart

5K Historic Walk

by Paula Reed

Ohio Chautauqua's visit to Lakewood and celebration of the Civil War coincides perfectly with the Drug Mart to Drug Mart 5K Historic Walk. At the time of the Civil War, the town of Lakewood did not exist—the settlement here was known as East Rockport. Following the war, the thriving little agricultural community began to grow and prosper. In 1889, the hamlet of Lakewood was established; in 1911, Lakewood officially became

a city. The first thoroughfare was the Plank Toll Road, now Detroit Avenue (the owners of the Plank Road Tavern at the corner of Lauderdale and Detroit did their homework!) with many spectacular homes built along its expanse.

The Drug Mart to Drug Mart 5K Historic Walk, sponsored in partnership with Live Well Lakewood, begins on June 25th at 10:30 a.m. in front of the West location, 15412 Detroit. Pick up your walking guide and proceed east on the north side of Detroit. Your guide will show you pictures of what used to be (and some still exist) on the south side of the street. Stroll at your own pace to the East location, 11900 Detroit, grab a bottle of water, flip your guide over, cross the street and return on the south side, looking at pictures of the north side of old Detroit Avenue. CityWide Street Sale will also be underway, so you might be tempted to check out some bargains in front of some of the stores along the way. Go ahead—it's all part of the experience, and why we love walking in Lakewood!

By the time you return to the start, we're sure you'll have worked up an appetite, so the good folks at Discount Drug Mart will have the water chilling and the hot dogs grilling from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Join us for the exercise, and see Lakewood from a different perspective to boot!

Asian Gazpacho (serves 6)

by Dr. Meg Gerba Perry

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6 tomatoes, seeded and finely chopped or one 28oz can chopped tomatoes

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4 thin slivers of fresh ginger
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2 cups vegetable broth

1 tsp. dry sherry

2 tbsp. chopped fresh cilantro

1 tbsp. light soy sauce

2 limes

Place the tomatoes, over low heat, in a 2 or 3 quart sauce pan. Add in the vegetable broth, sherry, cilantro, soy sauce, scallions, and ginger. Bring the mixture to a simmer and cook for 20 minutes. Remove from the heat and allow to cool for a few minutes. Puree in a food processor or blender. Chill. Just before serving, stir in chili sauce. Grate the peel of one lime and add to the soup. Squeeze the juice from both of the limes into the soup.

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STREET SALE

Second Annual CityWide Street Sale

by Tina Dolatowski

Summer has finally arrived in Lakewood. And what better way to kick-off the season than with city-wide savings? That's right folks! It's time for the Second Annual Lakewood City-Wide Street Sale, running Thursday, June 23 through Saturday, June 25.

Merchants throughout Lakewood are joining in, along with many individual residents and entire streets. The merchants will be offering deals or specials in their stores, and many will contribute to the festive atmosphere by displaying their bargains on tables outside. A sampling of the many businesses participating include,

at the West End- Breadsmith, Lakewood Antique Mall and India Garden; on Madison Avenue, Goddess Blessed, Beer Engine and Crafty Goodness. Downtown merchants include Lion and Blue, Paisley Monkey, Geigers, and Plantation Home. For a complete list of participants visit downtownlakewood.org. The merchant hours are from 10 a.m. -5 p.m. daily; residents set their own hours.

To add to the weekend's festivities, PNC Bank is sponsoring Lolly the Trolley on Friday and Saturday from 12 p.m.-5 p.m. Hop aboard, as the trolley will be circulating throughout Lakewood so you can enjoy all the sales the city has to offer.

While riding, enjoy games and trivia, and the First Annual PNC Scavenger Hunt!

Lakewood merchants and residents- there is still time to join in! For further information or to register, please call LakewoodAlive at 216-521-

0655 or visit downtownlakewood.org.

Whether you choose to participate by having a sale or by enjoying the sales offered, you're sure to have a good time during a festive summer weekend in Lakewood. Don't miss this fun event!

Lolly The Trolley & Scavenger Hunt

by Mary Anne Crampton

PNC is offering free Lolly the Trolley rides from noon-5pm on Friday, June 24 and Saturday, June 25 on a looped route along Detroit and Madison Avenues in support of Lakewood business owners, the City Wide Street Sale and Ohio Chautauqua. In addition, on those dates, PNC will be hosting games and activities at their Lakewood

branch located at 14205 Detroit Avenue.

Stops along the Lolly the Trolley route will allow riders on and off privileges to enjoy Lakewood's fine shopping and restaurants. During your ride you will be challenged with fun trivia questions for fabulous prizes. Riders will also have the option to participate in a Lakewood Business Scavenger Hunt. Scavenger Hunt details and cards will be provided to par-



A map of participating residents and businesses in the CityWide Street Sale.

ticipants by the Trolley host/hostess. Completed Scavenger Hunt cards can be taken to PNC for a gift and an opportunity to enter to win a variety of other prizes including Great Lake Science Center Tick-

ets, Rock n Roll Hall of Fame Tickets, a family YMCA membership and more.

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Downtown Lakewood Lakewood Baptist Prepares For Another Summer Of Service

by Rev. Jonathan Riley

Why would a church join The Downtown Lakewood Business Alliance (DLBA)? Why would a congregation elect to connect with LakewoodAlive? Why would any “faith community” foster partnerships with neighborhood leaders and merchants? Why? Because we believe it’s the right thing to do!

For more than 100 years, the ministries of Lakewood Baptist Church (LBC) have provided hope and healing for hundreds of people. As contemporary Christians, we honor the ways God cares about hospitality, liberation, and servanthood. Obviously, none of us is perfect. We all have our shortcomings and challenges. We all have “junk” in our lives. But as our church bulletins remind us each week: “We are a theologically diverse congregation united by our profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. We are conservative & liberal. We are traditional & progressive. We are young & old. We are fresh faces & seasoned members. We are the many shades of God. And we are

united in the tall task of Community!”

Notice the emphasis on Community. And not just the “community” of those who attend our church, but the broader “community” as well, the community of Lakewood which we believe we’ve been called to serve. Of course, the notion of “servanthood” is not always a popular one. Even within Christian communities, the idea of being servants is often overshadowed by an emphasis on having the “right” ideas about God...the “right” practices...or the “right” kind of people in the pews. But as a congregation heeding Biblical instruction, we truly feel summoned as servants “for a time such as this.” And what an exciting time it is for Lakewood - a time of increasing diversity, a time of great growth, and yes, a time of great needs.

I am consistently delighted and amazed by the changes and investments unfolding in our fair city. And I am inspired and humbled by our partners at Lakewood Alive and the DLBA. Our shared efforts are fueled by a common

conviction: Community is crucial.

Located in the heart of downtown (at the corner of Lincoln and Detroit), LBC is honored to be part of Lakewood’s ongoing transformation. This summer, we will once again host our “Worship-on-the-Green” Events: five Sunday morning gatherings in July, rich with fellowship, food, and worship- start time: 10:30 a.m. All are welcome, and there’s no cost to anyone attending. We will also be hosting our “PraiseFest” in Lakewood Park at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, August 28. This family-friendly experience will include free food, music, games, crafts and attractions, and again all offered at no cost.

Please contact the church office for more details at 216-221-4005. And visit us on the web at lakewoodbaptistonline.org.



Volunteers at Lakewood Baptist Church

Getting To Know Dramatics Hair Salon

by Colleen Batton

Specializing in hair, skin waxing and natural nails since 2005. Dramatics Hair Salon is the oldest and most trusted privately owned salon in Downtown Lakewood. Our location has been a salon for over 40 years, only changing owners three times. In our busy life styles, it’s nice to go somewhere that reminds us that taking time for ourselves is a necessity not a privilege. Looking good makes you feel good and it doesn’t have to cost an arm and a leg.

I bought the salon from my previous boss at the young age of 22, just a

pup, many said I’d sink. Still floating and soaring high, thanks to our loyal stylists and faithful clients, we always know the latest styles and trends. The Artists at Dramatics have experience, Colleen has been doing hair for 11 years, Susan has stood behind her chair in this location for over 16 years and 25 in Lakewood. Eva has been teasing up styles since 1965. Barb’s no stranger to the 44107, she’s been snipping strands with us for the past 5 years and in Lakewood for 15.

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Getting To Know Blue Onion Take Out & Catering

by Judy Towner

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Perspectives

I Don't Want McDonald's As My Neighbor...But Neither Does Anybody Else

A few issues ago, when the front page of the Observer announced the possibility of McDonald's taking over the old Detroit Theater, the news came as a surprise to many Lakewood residents. I probably spoke to at least ten people that day about this piece of information, ALL of whom expressed disgust (and that's a mild descriptor) at having McDonald's move into a much more exposed area of our neighborhood... into a historical landmark, at that.

But as the day went on, I became more curious about just how far anyone would go to prevent this from happening, and how truly disgusted they really were. Why DON'T we want McDonald's in our community? I started asking everyone who was willing to talk about it if they ever eat at McDonald's restaurants. The answers ranged from, "Never!" to "Sometimes, if it's the only option," (which I strongly believe never

by Erika Durham

to be the case, but I'll save that rant for another day), to "Once a week."

How can we be saying in the same breath that we hate McDonald's, but still want it around for those occasional indulgences? Is McDonald's like the mistress of our diets--hidden back on Sloane, where we can access it when we get a craving, but don't have to be constantly reminded that it's there? Add to that the irony that the McDonald's is almost in the same parking lot as Nature's Bin. Appalling!

I tried answering the "Why don't we want McDonald's?" question from a friend recently, and my first blurted response was, "Because I don't want Lakewood to turn into a crappy neighborhood!" In a way, I had put my foot in my mouth. Does McDonald's really create "crappy" neighborhoods? Why do I associate the two? Would I rather McDonald's

be in a much less economically inclined section of the city? The hypocrisy of that initial thought is embarrassing, but it brings a lot of good points to light.

You would NEVER see a McDonald's in a truly wealthy neighborhood, yet you DO see Jaguars and Mercedes passing through the drive-through windows, along with the Toyotas and Fords. The truth is, people want McDonald's, we just don't want them in our own backyards. So, within our power, we continue to push them out of our neighborhoods until they get far enough down the chain to reach people without political or economic leverage.

Although it seems as though the McDonald's/Detroit Theater project is going to happen, there is at least one more opportunity for those who are interested to voice their concerns. At 7

p.m. on Wednesday, June 15th, in the Main Library Auditorium, there will be a community forum to discuss this very issue. While I stick to my belief that the world would be better off without fast food at all, the reality is that this is something we have to deal with. And honestly, I would like to hear some opposing arguments, if only to get the discussion going.

Let's show up, stay vocal about this, and try to have more of a say about what happens in our own backyards.



Tic-Tac-Doh!

I don't mean to brag, but I'm pretty much unbeatable at tic-tac-toe. Yup, if there were a tic-tac-toe hall of fame, they'd have to dedicate an entire wing to commemorate my active winning streak. After all, I haven't lost a game in close to 30 years. And I know what you're thinking, but even in this modern sports era, not once have I ever been convicted of doping or using performance enhancing drugs. Yes, there was that unfortunate incident at the Helsinki Championships when some say I should have been penalized for use of an improperly formed "x", but I was eventually exonerated.

Realistically, outside of the mandatory game you must play with your son or daughter using the kids menu placemat, does anyone over the age of 12 really care about tic-tac-toe? If you're like most people, at some point in your childhood, you realized that there were only a limited number of moves, even less strategy involved, and no real tactical planning required. In fact, if you're like me, you sat down one day and actually went through all the options, discovered that all but the most obviously inane choices led to a tie and promptly declared, "This game is stupid."

In general, the more simple the game, the less spectacular any possible

by Bret Callentine

outcome.

People rarely play games when there is no challenge, where there is no room for innovation and creativity, and when they already know the outcome. For as much as we hear that "winning is everything", winning really is nothing without overcoming adversity, without rising above yourself, and without feeling the rush of conquering a worthy opponent.

As I'm writing this article, LeBron James is close to winning an NBA championship with the Miami Heat. While I have no idea if James will win this year, I'm guessing that he will win eventually. However, completely aside from game scores, I have a much bigger prediction to make. While he may win a championship in Miami, he may never experience what it feels like to be a true champion.

What I don't think he realizes is that by leaving Cleveland and joining an already powerful team, he eliminated many of the odds stacked against him, and effectively lowered the level of individual expectations on him. He saw the difficulty of the obstacles before him here, and like too many people in today's world, instead of rising to the task, he chose to lower the bar.

Winning a professional champion-

ship in Cleveland has become the Mt. Everest of sports. But instead of finding a good Sherpa, hooking up another bottle of oxygen and climbing on, James chose to take on the less spectacular summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro. Had he faced the adversity and stuck it out here, he could have elevated his reputation and reward. Win a title in Cleveland, and they will name streets after you, win a title in Miami, and your jersey sales might get a temporary jump.

Unfortunately, his example is all but becoming the norm. Society today is filled with far too many cases where, when faced with seemingly insurmountable obstacles, we choose to lower the bar rather than raise the level of our determination. We try to limit the possibility of failure, not realizing that we're providing only the opportunity for hollow victory.

I don't get invited to deliver commencement speeches at graduations, but if I did, the message that I would have for those just starting life on their own would be this: I would rather try and fail spectacularly than succeed at living monotonously. And I'm not just talking about sports. Life is full of obstacles and opportunities, and many

of them come with a hefty price tag of time and effort. Some may come with the possibility of humiliating defeat, but cowards won't cure cancer, and quitters will never solve the problems of hunger and homelessness.

It doesn't matter if your goal is financial gain, world-wide fame or intellectual glory. You will never experience that "Miracle on Ice" moment if you only stick to playing tic-tac-to.




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Opinion

Class Struggle Continued

by Helen Brinich

In his splendid article in the May 3 edition of the Lakewood Observer Chris Perry makes a very credible case in arguing that class struggle continues to be an element of our society. I can't disagree with his description of how our present economic system is tilted to benefit the rich and powerful. I am troubled by framing it as class warfare. In the long run we all benefit from a just society and are harmed by the fact that so many of our fellow Americans live in poverty. We all depend on the commonweal and need to contribute to it. Enmity and hatred will not get us to where we want to go.

In 1986 the National Conference of Catholic Bishops issued a pastoral letter entitled "Economic Justice For All." It is as much, even more, relevant

today as it was then. The guiding principle states "All people have a right to life, food, clothing, shelter, rest, medical care, education and employment. Government doesn't have the exclusive responsibility for ensuring these rights, but in a democracy it is a means by which we can promote our common values." It goes on to insist that creation is a gift to all men and women. Appropriation of the world's resources by a minority of the world's population for their own benefit is fundamentally unjust. The right to private property is not without limits. The concentration of privilege that exists today results far more from institutional relationships that distribute power and wealth inequitably than from differences in talent or how hard one works. In our largest corporations the top management

earns 300 times as much as the ordinary worker. No man or woman is that much more valuable than any other.

The taxation system should be based on assessment of the ability to pay so that social obligations can be met, and should be evaluated in terms of its impact on the poor. This is certainly not the case in our present system. An option for the poor does not mean pitting one group against another but rather strengthening the whole community by assisting the marginalized to become productive citizens.

In our free market economy the individual worker has little power to negotiate a labor contract compared with his employer. He has a choice between an inadequate wage or no wage at all. Workers have a right to form unions to secure their rights to

fair wages and working conditions. Collective bargaining is necessary for workers to maintain their dignity.

Democracy is a work in progress. Until a few decades ago we were progressing, but then we started to lose ground. As moneyed interests have gained more control, the gap between them and the rest of us has grown to proportions that endanger our democracy. I'm afraid that the inequality that exists in our country today is largely a result of apathy. For democracy to work, the citizenry must be attentive, take time to be informed and to participate in its functioning. Most Americans pay more attention to how their sport teams are doing than to what their legislators are doing. Maybe the present assault on the right to collective bargaining will wake us all up. I hope so.

Gifted Programs?

by Bill Call

I'm bored.

Parents hear that a lot from their children, especially about school. Is it learning that is boring or is it school that is boring? Can school be exciting, challenging, enriching, goal-oriented and fun? Can gifted students be offered challenging programs that will not leave out the rest of the students? Can schools offer a productive learning experience for all levels of ability? There are some new ideas and some old ideas made new that open up some unique opportunities for such an outcome.

I still remember being in the sixth grade in a class of 50 students. Someone had the bright idea of putting the "smartest" kid in the class in the first chair of the first row, the second smartest kid in

the second chair and so on until they ended up with chair 50 occupied by the "dumbest" kid in the class. That poor kid was Gary T. who wasn't dumb by any stretch of the imagination. He later told me that that year was pure hell for him. I think all the kids knew it was wrong. The only ones who didn't know it was wrong were the people who ran the schools. Or maybe they did, that was the only year that "system" was used.

A well-run gifted program would allow students in the program to progress as quickly as possible through the learning experience. What can be wrong with that? Well, some people think that resources used in the gifted program could be better used providing extra assistance to students who struggle with reading, math, science,

technology or history. Others point out that separating students by ability short changes everyone and ostracizes everyone. Not every quick-learning child wants to be segregated into a group. On the other hand, why should students who want to learn more and learn faster be left sitting and staring at their feet while they are "taught" things they knew two years ago?

So, is there a way to have it all?

Some school districts are experimenting with doing away with grade levels. Rather than progress from one grade to another, the students progress from one level of accomplishment to another. The system is sometimes called standards based education. The goal is not to reach the next grade level but to reach the next level of competency.

At the May 16th school board meeting at Harding Middle School, I had the opportunity to see some very good and energetic teachers in action with their students. The students were receiving recognition for taking part in the Power of the Pen, Model United Nations and Harding Mock Trial Team. Lakewood City Schools are blessed with a lot of very good teachers who would be even better if given the autonomy to run their classrooms and a system of teaching that enables each child to learn at their own level without segregation, ostracism or being bored out of their minds.

The schools won't be getting more money so it's time to think about how to get more FOR our money. Maybe standards based education is one on the answers. What do you think?



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Opinion

A Response To Mr. Chris Perry’s “Class Struggle, Ever Present”

What Is Wrong With Capitalism?

by John A. Green

Mr. Chris Perry’s article, “Class Struggle Ever-Present” in your opinion section, has all the elements of a socialist agenda. He doesn’t even know how great it is to live in a capitalist country where people are free to make money. Where people are free to succeed, and equally free to fail.

I don’t think Mr. Perry is using the word “capitalist” however, to define a person who uses capital (money) to make money. I think he means rich people. People who have so much money they just don’t know what to do with it but spend it. They are the people who own things, like banks, and steel mills, and sugar plantations, and factory farms, and publishing companies. They also own thousands of acres of land in various parts of the world and enjoy a lifestyle I want. But, in a socialist agenda utopia, nobody owns anything. Nobody can own anything because in a socialist utopia the government owns it all and decides who should be allowed to use it. I hope Mr. Perry understands that he too owns things. He owns the furniture, the knick knacks, the nice stereo, the laptop computer he typed his article on, and maybe he owns a car. A car, Mr. Perry? Don’t you care about the environment?

Unlike Mr. Perry, I like capitalism and I like capitalists. I like living in a country, under a free market system where capitalists spend money to make money. They spend money and by spending money they create jobs. Jobs I had, and have, and the jobs I want in the future. They make things I like to own and they do things that create even more jobs. They are the people who pay for the most ridiculous things to allow those people who provide those things a chance to live off the profit they make when that capitalist spent his/her money on that thing.

Ask the people who build private jets if they like the money the capitalist will spend on that private jet. Ask the pilot if he likes the money he gets for flying that private jet, ask the servers and the bag handlers too. Then ask a capitalist, say, Oprah Winfrey if she likes her private jet. As she said, “Those people who say they do not like their private jet are lying.” So thanks Oprah for being a capitalist and buying a private jet.

I also like capitalists because they do things for the community that no other person will do. They help build pools, and parks, and museums, libraries, and theaters. They fund scholarships for young people who want to grow up to be capitalists too. They also fund the buildings and the universities. Thanks Mr. Gates. Thank Mr. Wade for the beautiful Cleveland Museum of Art and Wade Park. I thank Mr. Wade for being the capitalist he was and giving to me a museum I can walk into for free and see one of Edgar Degas’ great paintings.

It’s true that capitalists own things. A capitalist owns that chain of coffee shops across the country. How evil he must seem to the anti-capitalist. Those who want everybody to own everything and therefore only the government elite to own everything.

But wait, the lady who owns and operates the little coffee shop across the street from the franchise of the chain of coffee shops, she too, is a capitalist. Regardless of what her intentions were when she opened the shop, her real motive is to make money, why? Because she is a capitalist. She wants to make as much money as she can so that maybe, she can open another coffee shop, or maybe to buy nice furniture, a nice home, a nice vacation, and maybe, someday, that private jet. Does Mr. Perry think she is giving away 90% of her profit to end the class war? She is definitely giving a good percent of her income to taxes to support the endless bureaucracy that hinders her ability to make a profit.

Yes, she too is a capitalist even if she doesn’t want to be. And as capitalist she will do far more for the neighborhood than any government bureaucrat will ever do. She will employ eight to ten people who pay taxes and spend money in the neighborhood; she provides space for her customers to talk amongst themselves, write letters to friends, or write their novels. She will serve nice meals, and offer a cup of coffee to people who love drinking coffee, never mind it costs far less money to make that cup of coffee at home. And the guy who owns the chain of coffee shops across the street is doing the same thing.

Class struggle is just another word

for competition. There is nothing wrong with struggle, the working class, or competition. We all need to work and Capitalists (rich people) seem to work harder than any of the classes that struggle. After they leave their offices at 7pm they go home and do more work, while I, the crass working class slob, go home to watch TV or lounge around my apartment watching the sun set. It is too easy to just give things to people without making them work for it; cash for clunkers, homes without rent, a job for life without any standard and without any fear of losing that job. Hence, the bloated city, county, state, and federal payrolls with cushy working class tax payer funded pensions. I’ve worked in a government agency, there were six people making six figures doing exactly the same job. And yet, it takes six weeks to get a passport, go figure.

Mr. Perry is right in one respect. The rich do have the politician’s ear far better than I do. I could never get a mayor to blight some poor man’s home so he could buy it on the cheap so his rich friends could buy his expensive condominiums with a metro-park view. It seems that every politician who has enough money to pay higher taxes will listen to the billionaire demanding higher taxes on earned income knowing all along his investment income is taxed at a different rate. He wants the working class doctor, lawyer, construction worker, and plumber to pay more taxes to buy more bloated bureaucracy.

At the same time everybody is paying higher prices for food and gasoline.

Those who hate capitalism should go to the grocery store more often. The cookie aisle is the best place to start. In the cookie aisle I see twenty feet rows of packaged cookies six tiers high. I see the chocolate cookies, the vanilla cookies, I see the crunchy cookies, and the chewy cookies. I see a cookie made by five different companies that looks exactly the same. And if I don’t want any of those cookies, I may go to the bakery to buy fresh cookies. Yet I may want a hot cookie, so I go to the refrigerated section of the grocery store to find the cookie dough already prepared, ready to go into the oven.

But wait and wait again, I may race over to the baking aisle to buy a box or pouch of cookies to be made with my own hands and if I am in a particularly adventurous mood, I may just buy flour, vanilla, chocolate chips, sugar, and all the fixings to make my own cookie. And let’s face it, how many doctors and fitness gurus will tell me I don’t need any cookies?

I can’t afford the good chocolate sandwich cookie, I can’t afford the Mrs. Somebody’s cookie or the Famous guy’s cookie but the capitalist said to himself, ‘I have a cheap cookie to sell to somebody; who will buy them?’ I raise my hand and say, ‘I’ll buy them because you were smart enough to know I’m too poor to buy the other fancy cookies.’ And this is why I like Capitalism and that is why I like the Capitalist.

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My Oath Of Enlistment Has No Expiration Date! Robert Rice
The American Veterans Last Salute March... (A War Story...
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This is one column that is both easy and yet incredibly difficult to write. I really don't care to write anything that might seem in any way self-serving. Dad and I really do want to help others as best we can, and the cause of service to others is what this column is all about.

There is one group of people who never complain about my writing. They are silent and respectful, because they must be. They are the dear honored departed who once lived as we do now, but now lie at rest in our nearby cemeteries. Among those whom all of us have most recently revered are our veterans, and particularly those who have gone on before us. I've heard one astonishing statistic, for example, that puts the number of veterans lying in Lakewood Park Cemetery at over 3,200.

No, this column will not and cannot be self-serving for my family. Please do not read it as being thus.

Still, there is a wonderful story here that does involve my family and all American veterans. It's one of those stories that just has to be told.

That our veterans are one of our most valuable national resources is a given. The passing of America's last WWI veteran reminds us that America's WWII veterans are now leaving us at an estimated rate of over a thousand lives every day. With my 91-year-old WWII vet dad, that point comes home to me daily in no uncertain terms. Others have noted that Dad's generation saved a world from tyranny and dictatorships,



Robert Rice in action, directing the Garfield Band.

and went on in the post-war era to build a national economic juggernaut second to none. Whatever happened on the beaches of Normandy or in the forests around Bastogne (or for that matter, on those deadly chemical weapons training grounds where my father served) was all left behind, as families were raised and lives were rebuilt.

As human beings, we want to believe that we can compromise and come to agreement with others. We believe, we must believe, that there has to be some way, somehow, that people can learn to get along in peace...and yet, sometimes...there comes that line in the sand where principles are involved

that cannot and must not be compromised. That's where our soldiers come in. They stand between us and many others who, quite frankly, would like to see our country vanquished.

I think that I'm starting to ramble on a bit here. It's just that there are so many facts, so many angles to all of this story. "Human interest," I think they call a story like this, so let me come to the point.

My dear late mom, Betty Rice, passed away nearly seven years ago. She and Dad were married for nearly 60 years. I knew that I had to get Dad busy very quickly after she died. Because he was a retired band and orchestra director, with musical composing and arranging experience going back to the days before WWII, I thought that if I could teach him about the computer and a music-writing program, maybe that could help him pass the time and ease his grieving.

We loaded up a music program into a laptop computer and started from square one. Dad had to learn that a "mouse" doesn't necessarily squeak. He learned how to get online, read e-mail, and how and why he should save his work. He found that lesson out rather abruptly when he was on about page 35 of writing his autobiography when the computer's power failed, and he lost every bit of his project. Still, he took to writing music on computers like ducks take to water. When the laptop's screen began to dim over time, we found him an over-sized screen to ease his eyestrain. In the past seven years, Dad has created many compositions on the computer, and, with my help, has created full band marches for Garfield School, Lakewood High School, St. Edward High School, Lakewood Catholic Academy, and for the All-Ohio State Fair Band. (He had already composed a "Harding March" for the school where he taught in Lakewood.)

Not long ago, Dad received several packets in the mail. One was from a Pennsylvania state representative awarding Dad a medal for his WWII service. The other was a packet of appreciation sent from the U. S. Army. After receiving that packet, my then 90-year-old father wanted to go straight down to the recruiter and re-enlist! Dad believed, with all of his heart, that his oath of

enlistment had no expiration date. He seriously wanted to get back into uniform! After a few days of talking about all of this, Dad and I came up with a more constructive and realistic way for him to continue to serve his country.

We discovered that the veterans of this country apparently had no song of their own. There were any number of songs honoring our Armed Forces, but songs for veterans? None that we could find. Now, here was a mission that was right up Dad's alley!

In an incredibly short period of time, "The American Veterans' Last Salute March" was born. This was a full band march written to be played by any number of small ensembles, as well as for a large band. We enjoyed doing it together as a father-son project. Basically, Dad created the music, and I wrote the words.

During WWII, Dad noticed that during a march-past, the melody of a song was often carried by only one section of instruments. For most of the march-past, the reviewing stand would hear only the other parts of the piece. Dad came up with a brilliant system that is still in use today in the services, where all parts are written for all main sections of the band, so that not only will the melody not be lost in a march-past, but virtually any small combo can form, and be given melody and harmony parts to play, when deployed in the field or at a hospital.

This past Memorial Day weekend, "The American Veterans' Last Salute March" was featured by the Cleveland area Letter Carriers Band at several area cemeteries. A community John Shepherd remembrance was held in North Royalton at the SouthWest Unitarian Universalist Church by the municipal cemetery where Revolutionary War survivor John Shepherd (117+ years-old) is buried. The Cleveland Shrine Band performed on that occasion, and at all three of these occasions, Dad directed the bands while I performed drumming duties. At the Shepherd event, Dad and I were presented proclamations by Congressman Kucinich's office, and Dad also received an American flag that had been flown over our nation's capital.

"Glorious gifts" indeed come in many packages. They comprise the summation of the positive time and talents that everyone, everywhere gives to others, every day of our lives, both in this country and around the world. These gifts are especially apparent when they come from ordinary people who do extraordinary acts of kindness that benefit others, with little or no hope of return for themselves.

Hats off to America's veterans, and to you all, especially those of you who serve others in whatever way that you are able. Hats off to Lakewood's hundreds of civic volunteers, and to our safety forces, our teachers, and our municipal and school support personnel.

Hats off, too, to all dads everywhere, and especially to you, Dad. Happy Father's Day. Thank you for your own glorious gifts to the pulse of this city, and to our nation.

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Lakewood Living

Bring Your Leashed Dog To The Park(s) And Please Know The Rules

by Jeff Barbalics

Lakewood now allows dogs in two of its parks: Lakewood and Kauffman. However, if you just skimmed the headlines, you may not be aware of the various rules that apply when you take your leashed dog into the park. Here's a refresher of what is in the City ordinance. Please obey these rules and help out others who demonstrate that they are not familiar with them.

Clean up after your dog. To put it more bluntly, use a bag or other pickup device to pick up dog waste – right away! And then put it in a trash can. This is true throughout the City.

Use a 6-foot leash, or if you use an extension leash, only extend it 6 feet in the parks. Collars and/or harnesses must be appropriate to the size and strength of the dog. In no case allow your dog off the leash in Lakewood or Kauffman parks, or elsewhere in the City, except in the Dog Park. Lakewood is fortunate to have a Dog Park, and recently won a legal battle to keep it open.

Dogs must be under control of a person with the discretion and physical strength for reasonable restraint and control relevant to the animal's weight, size and strength. For example, small children should not walk big dogs in the parks. Also, please restrain your dogs from their



Bethany Thomas with Hershey and Kelley.

natural impulses to meet and greet people and other dogs unless they are expressly invited to visit. Even the friendliest of dogs sometimes surprise their owners. Please be respectful of others.

On paths, yield to anyone else walking or riding on them.

There are several areas where dogs are not allowed:

- a. Playground equipment, playground areas, and 30 feet immediately surrounding them (if entering Kauffman

Park from the North entrance, move past the playground equipment with your dog on a short leash without stopping);

- b. The softball fields, whether or not they are in use;
- c. Any garden or decorative areas planted with vegetables, flowers, shrubs, or other decorative vegetation;
- d. The Kiwanis Pavilion;
- e. The handicap-accessible ramp which extends from the eastern end of the top of the bluff to the lower Lake-

front Promenade.

Dogs will not be allowed in the parks on days when there are special events, notably all day on the Fourth of July. Signs will be posted.

Some Suggestions: Bring an extra bag or two to help pick up after others. The cleanliness of the parks is one of the things on which the program's continuation will be based.

Also, remember the bag stations are “take one, leave one,” so if you can bring some extras to keep them full, thank you very much in advance! There also is a drop-off box for bags at The Furry Nation pet store (15800 Detroit Avenue) and GreenSmartGifts (14534 Detroit Avenue).

If you are interested in joining our team and/or would like to discuss extending this to other Lakewood parks, please contact us at leasheddogsinalakewoodparks@yahoo.com, visit www.leasheddogsinalakewoodparks.com, or “like” us on Facebook and come to a committee meeting. We meet on second Saturdays of the month at 9 a.m. During the warm weather we gather at Lakewood Park in the parking lot in front of the Women’s Club Pavilion for committee business and dog-related park maintenance. (In case of rain, the meeting is the following week.)

Make The Switch To Electric

by Chris Bata

Is your old gas-powered lawnmower wheezing and sputtering in its final death throes? If so, consider switching to a quiet and clean electric mower. From basic push models with cords to self-propelled cordless models, there are mowers to fit any budget, from well-known manufacturers like Black and Decker, Toro, Craftsman, Homelite, Earthwise, Neuton, and Worx.

Why mess around with smelly, toxic, possibly carcinogenic gasoline

when you can just plug in your mower? Today's rechargeable 36-volt models have enough power to mow one-third of an acre--more than adequate for most homeowners here in Lakewood.

An electric mower always starts the first time, with the push of a button, and you will never need to carry it precariously in your car's trunk for a tune-up. By cutting your lawn with an electric mower, you will end up wearing only the sweet smell of freshly mowed grass instead of reeking of small-engine exhaust. You will

not breathe in all that gasoline-engine pollution, either. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, "Operating a typical gasoline-powered lawnmower for one hour produces the same amount of smog-forming hydrocarbons as driving an average car almost 200 miles under typical driving conditions."

Black and Decker, as an example, offers nine electric mowers, from a basic corded model for \$174 MSRP to a self-propelled 36V model with a 19" cutting swath and removable battery for \$479. Consumer Reports has given three Black and Decker models its coveted "Recommended" rating.

In 2010, Toro entered the electric mower market with a 20" steel-decked

mulching model named the e-Cycler. Toro's suggested retail price for this light-weight 77-pound mower is \$419. A quick survey on Google Product Search (google.com/prdhp) and Amazon.com shows the e-Cycler earning an impressive four out of five stars.

Lakewood Hardware on Madison can special-order a mower for you which will be delivered at no cost to you to their store on Madison, or you can order online at <http://www.doitbest.com> and have it delivered free to Ingersoll Hardware on Detroit. Regardless of which model you buy, the electric lawnmower is a great replacement for a gas-powered model.

2011 Preservation Month Scavenger Hunt Winners

by Martina Edman

The first, second, and third place winners of the Lakewood Historical Society's Scavenger Hunt held in May are Dale Gallis, Jarod Macaluso, and

Luanne and Bob Becker. Congratulations! Thank you to all the local businesses and organizations who donated over \$300 in prizes, and to everyone who participated.



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by Annie Jones

It may be sunny and warm outside, but LakewoodAlive is already planning ahead for our winter festival, Light Up Lakewood. You can be a part of it, too. We are looking for submissions for a new logo for the festival. If you live, work or go to school in Lakewood, you may enter a digital submission. Virginia Marti College of Art and Design and the Light Up Lakewood Committee are generously offering a \$100 prize plus lots of great publicity for the winner. For all details, go to our Facebook page: LightUp Lakewood. The contest runs from June 1 to July 31.

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Lakewood Living

Front Porch Concerts Return To Library Steps

by Mary Anne Crampton

LakewoodAlive is proud to announce that the popular Front Porch Concert Series will be expanded to eight performances in 2011. Celebrating community through the shared music experience, the free Front Porch Concerts will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Fridays in July and August on the steps of the Lakewood Public Library, located at 15425 Detroit Avenue:

July 8 - Joe DeJarnette Quintet featuring renown jazz trumpeter Joe De Jarnette.

July 15 - The Champagnes are an “Old School” Americana style band featuring the song stylings of the early 60 s. From Elvis, Orbison and Nelson to the “Mersey Beat” sound of the Beatles.

July 22 - The Hipsters are all about vintage rock, R&B and the Blues Tour Student Rock Bands

July 29 - The Sultans of Bing Cosmic Jam Band

August 5 - Vance Music Studios Student Rock Bands Summer Tour

August 12 - 15-60-75 “The Numbers Band” has been praised by almost

every national music publication and several international publications since the beginning of their 30 years of live performances and recordings.

August 19 - Diana Chittester Acoustic, folk and indie music solo act that sounds like a 4 piece band!

August 26 - The Revolution Brass Band Cleveland’s newest experimental second-line, afro-beat, new jack swing, free-range, certified organic, fully-operational shape-shifting brass band.

The concerts are presented by LakewoodAlive with premier sponsorship support from Discount Drug Mart, Lakewood Hospital and Lakewood Public Library along with

Vance Music Studios, Panera Bread, stART NEO and the City of Lakewood.

The public is encouraged to consider picnicking in Kauffman Park or frequenting one of the many downtown dining establishments before or after the concerts. In case of rain, performances will be held in the library’s auditorium.

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by Fran Storch

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own musical talents at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays for Open Mic Nights. Visit www.beckcafe.org for a performance schedule, or call 216-712-4746. Beck Café is located at 17801 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood, adjacent to Beck Center for the Arts



Jeff Sherman performs on the Red Stage on the Beck Café’s patio.

Beck Center Introduces “Connect To Beck” Kick-Off Event July 16

by Fran Storch

Whether you are a new patron, former student, self-proclaimed “Beck Head,” or looking to expand your interests, the Beck Center for the Arts invites you to be a part of a newly-created group that will enjoy the art and culture of the Beck Center in a unique way. “Membership in Connect to Beck, or C2B, is designed

to introduce new audiences to Beck through social, cultural and insider events,” says Erin Currie, co-chair of the group. “We are hosting an informal meeting on Monday, June 20 at 6 p.m. at the Beck Center, which is open to anyone interested in learning more about C2B.”

The Connect to Beck Kick-Off event is 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 16 at the Beck Center, 17801 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood. The cost is \$50 per person and includes socializing, local fare and beverages, with special guest Mark O’Donnell, playwright of Hairspray. Attendees will also receive a ticket to the 8pm performance of Hairspray immediately following the kick-off, and one-year membership to C2B.

Reservations can be made at www.beckcenter.org, or call 216-521-2540 x10.

Yoga At Lakewood Park And The Return Of Rock ‘N Roll Yoga

by Aryn Youngless

After one of the longest winters we can all remember, summer is finally upon us, bringing sunshine, fresh air and outdoor fun! With so many ways to celebrate Summer, there is always room for more!

Join me, a yoga instructor who teaches locally in and around Lakewood, each Friday (weather permitting) at Lakewood Park to practice yoga for FREE! Practice will be held north of the bandstand, please bring your own mat, water and the entire family if you would like to celebrate summer and yoga in Lakewood.

The class will be vinyasa yoga, meaning breath with movement, linking each pose with a series of movements designed to keep your heart rate up as the breeze off Lake Erie keeps you cool. It’s the perfect class for beginners to advanced, with suggested modification for any and all yogis making the yoga perfectly yours.

Class begins at 6:00 p.m. (donations are welcome).

Also coming this June, the return of Rock ‘n Roll Yoga at the Five O’clock Lounge (11904 Detroit Rd.)! Class will be held on it’s newly renovated patio, Thursday June 23 from 6:00- 7:00 p.m. Then stay for some Rock ‘n Roll Karaoke!

Rock ‘n Roll Yoga is a fast paced vinyasa style yoga class, set to the sounds of rock, indie, reggae and alter-

native music. From the Rolling Stones to Social Distortion with a little Florence and the Machine, Michael Franti and Blur in Between, get your downward dog on and your heart pumping to the tunes we all love- “...for when the music hits, I feel no pain at all...”

Rock ‘n Roll yoga combines the essence of Rock and the spirit of Yoga, and is suitable for the new to seasoned yogi. Drop in cost is \$10 per person (no reservations required).

You can find Aryn online at www.arlyoungless.com and on facebook at www.facebook.com



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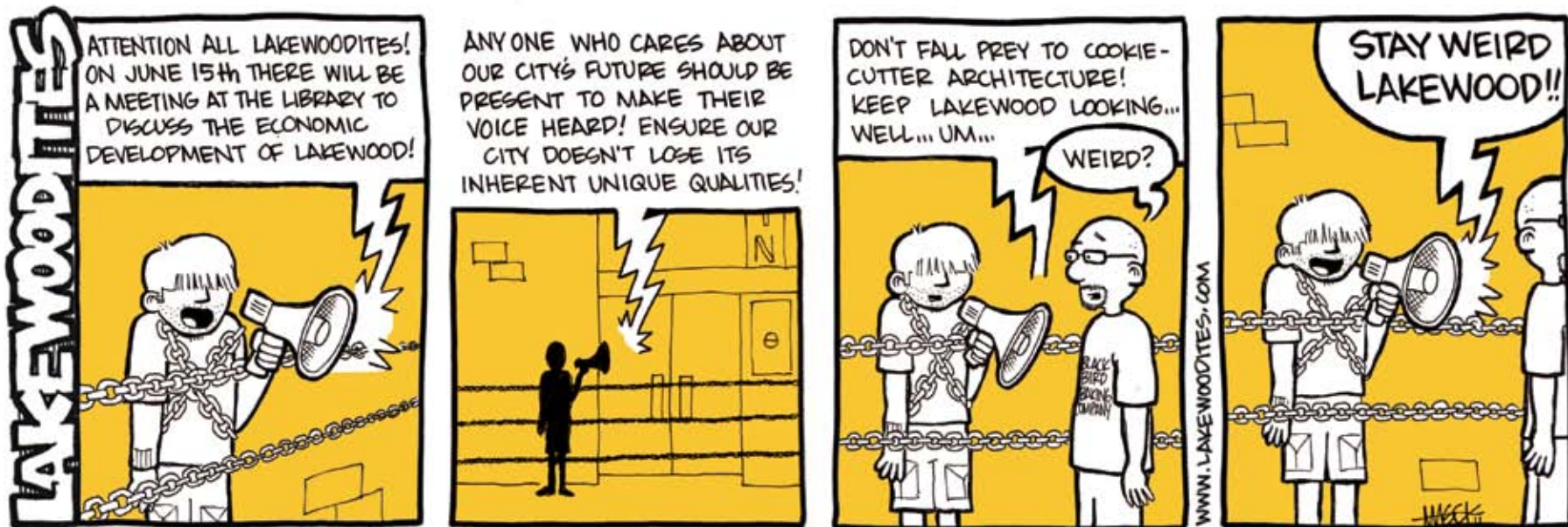
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