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Primary Election 2012

Kaptur And Wurzelbacher Move On

by Margaret Brinich

On an evening when the nation's attention was fixed squarely on the Republican Presidential Primary, here in Lakewood, avid supporters of all three candidates for the 9th Congressional District waited anxiously for the results of this hotly contested race. In recent weeks the battle for District 9

had become, just that, a battle between two veteran Congressional Representatives, with newcomer Graham Veysey joining in the brawl to remind voters that he was not your typical Washington insider. While Veyseys' campaign made a hard push to gain last minute visibility wit

"Veysey" signs promi-

nently displayed across the city anywhere from street corners to polling locations, the early returns made it abundantly clear that this primary would be a fight to the death between Kucinich and Kaptur. As the evening progressed, the vote spread across the newly drawn District saw Kaptur begin to pull away with a healthy lead.

However, within Cuyahoga County, the hometown favorite won his home turf handily.

On the other side of the aisle, Republican Primary Voters selected Samuel J. Wurzelbacher. In a race that serves to remind us all about the power of just 1 vote, Wurzelbacher, inched out Kraus,

with the two men less than 400 votes apart

In other major races, familiar faces also dominated, e.g. the County Prosecutor's race being easily won by Timothy McGinty, who outshone his next highest opponent by nearly 12,000 votes.

Letter From Superintendent On School Safety

by Christine Gordillo

Note: This letter was sent to district families in wake of the tragedy in Chardon.

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As we are all saddened by the tragedy that happened at Chardon High School on Feb. 27, on behalf of the district, I offer our condolences to the victims, their families, staff, students and the Chardon community.

This is a good time to emphasize with parents the importance of open communication lines between the schools and its families and vigilance of student behavior. I also want to reassure parents that the district's safety procedures are sound and secure.

The best way to prevent a tragedy such as what happened in Chardon from occurring is for parents and students to report any criminal misconduct, violence, threats and

bullying on the part of our students. Should an incident occur off school property, we encourage you to contact the Lakewood Police Department. Otherwise, please report such incidents to a building principal, teacher, guidance counselor or other staff member. All reports will be taken seriously. You can also call the district Security Hotline that is monitored 24/7 at 227-5311. Calls can be made anonymously to the Security Hotline and district personnel are notified immediately when a call is placed. Once the district receives a report, school officials will investigate and notify the Lakewood Police Department when necessary.

The Lakewood Police Department is also a critical partner with the district in preparing and implementing our safety procedures for our school buildings. Our staff is trained each year with the help of the Police Department on lockdown and evacuation procedures.

Our students and staff practice the lockdown drill four times throughout the school year. Our staff is well-prepared to handle any situation that may arise and will always put your child's safety first. The Police Department is also well-prepared to respond to school emergencies and utilizes our facilities to train for crisis situations.

Our safety plan is continually reviewed and updated when needed and a thorough review will be conducted once investigation reports are available from Geauga County law enforcement agencies to see what can be learned from their experience in Chardon.

On a day-to-day basis our safety measures include secured entrances and video cameras at all school buildings. In addition, at Lakewood High School students and visitors must pass through a staffed security entrance and there are also eight security personnel on duty during the school day. There is also a Lakewood Police Department presence at the high school through its School Resource Officer/D.A.R.E Officer.

When an emergency situation arises, the district will notify parents via phone and email with the AlertNow system. Please make sure that your contact information is updated with your child's school office and remember to let the school know whenever there is a change in address, phone number or email. If you have not provided an email to the district and you would like to do so, please also

Ninth Congressional District

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Republican

Samuel Wurzelbacher	15,008	51%
Steven Kraus	14,144	49%

Democrat

Marcy Kaptur (Inc.)	42,451	56%
Dennis Kucinich (Inc.)	29,892	40%
Graham Veysey	2,874	4%

LPL Amnesty: "Food For Fines" Clear Your Card

by Leana Donofrio-Milovan

To celebrate National Library Week, the Lakewood Public Library is offering its first amnesty programs since the 90s. Between April 10 and April 14, everyone is invited to come back to the Library and clear their account of late fees without spending a dime.

First, old late fees can be cleared with the donation of a non-perishable item. Just bring the item to the front desk of the

Main Library or the Madison Branch and all your late fees will be forgiven. All donations will go to the Lakewood Community Service Center.

Second, long overdue books, magazines, CDs, DVDs and videos can be returned during the week without incurring a fine. Why let our items collect dust on your shelves? Set them free! Amnesty Week applies only to late fees not bills for lost or unreturned items.

Patterson To Report Back To Community On March 8

by Christine Gordillo

Superintendent Jeffrey W. Patterson has wrapped up his Community Engagement Meetings in which he heard from hundreds of citizens on their thoughts and vision for the district and about what they value most in the Lakewood City Schools. Now, it's time for Superintendent Patterson to report back to the community on his findings.

On March 8 at 7:00 p.m., Superintendent Patterson will hold a meeting in Lakewood High's East Cafeteria to summarize for the community what he's heard from the gatherings he has held throughout the city over the past six weeks. He will

share what the priorities will be as he and his administrative team prepare a recommendation for the Board of Education for at least \$4 million in cuts over the next two years.

"It's been uplifting to hear from so many in our community about what they value in our district and to hear how proud they are of the Lakewood City Schools," Superintendent Patterson said. "We have some tough decisions ahead, but I am confident that with the community behind us, we will make the right ones for our students."

Child care will be available for the March 8 meeting. Please call 529-4074 to reserve your space.

LHS Holds Hilltopper Day



Members of Lakewood High School's Symphonic Mixed Choir show their support of the Chardon community by wearing red and black. LHS declared March 2 "Hilltopper Day," where student wore Chardon's colors and sold red and black ribbons to raise money for the United Way: Chardon Healing Fund.

photo by: Courtney Shaw

Calendar Page

Thursday, March 8

World Kidney Day Screening

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Join Stephanie Tubbs Jones Health Center for World Kidney Day Screening!
Free screenings for kidney disease include: blood pressure, weight and kidney screening.
Kidney healthy cooking demonstrations will also be provided.
Stephanie Tubbs Jones Health Center
13944 Euclid Ave., East Cleveland, OH 44112
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216.444.3641 or 800.548.8502
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Community Room - 2nd Floor
16761 South Park Center
Strongsville, OH 44136

Saturday, March 10

YOGA108: A Beginner's Yoga Series

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM
You will receive much personalized instruction in this five-week course (Saturdays 3/10-4/7) that introduces fundamentals of yoga. Our highly trained instructors encourage questions and discussion while presenting yoga basics: healthy body alignment, varied breathwork, conscious relaxation, brief yoga history and philosophy, and whole-self wellness. You will explore classic Hatha yoga postures, experiment with modifications and props, and become comfortable with the nature of American Yoga as well as studio community and etiquette, all in the presence of beginners like yourself. Wear comfortable clothing, avoid eating one hour before class, and bring a yoga mat, blanket, and notebook. Contact pinklotusyo-



ANNUAL LAKEWOOD OLD HOUSE FAIR

MAY 5TH

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

The Lakewood Observer is proud to sponsor the Lakewood Old House Fair again this year. Save the date for Saturday, May 5th from 11am to 4pm at Harding Middle School.

Any Lakewood home improvement and home-related business is encouraged to exhibit. Registration forms are at Lakewood Hardware store, 16608 Madison Ave., Lakewood.

Bringing Lakewood home-related resources and businesses together to serve the needs of Lakewood homes and the residents who care for them.

Location: Harding Middle School, Lakewood, Ohio

gastudio@gmail.com or 216-632-0816 by March 8th to make your reservation Fee: \$95.00.
Pink Lotus Yoga: 18103 Detroit Avenue; Lakewood

Crafty Goodness Anniversary Party

12:00 PM - 9:00 PM
It's been a year already??? I can't believe it!!!
Please join us for a day filled with festivities and help kick-off Crafty Goodness' second year in operation.
Lots will be going on including:
1. Craft Demos
2. Food & Drinks
3. A Trunk Show featuring Lakewood Artists For-lorn Dolls & Zombie Socks
Hope to see everyone on Saturday, March 10th!
Crafty Goodness
15621 Madison Avenue

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JOIN US at LiveWell Lakewood's 3rd annual Eat Well Lakewood! Sign up for one of our special executive chef demos, featuring Ernie Logsdon from Nature's Bin, Robert Geul from Jammy Buggars, and Demetrios Atheneos from Deagan's Kitchen & Bar. In addition, from 12:30-4:00pm you can browse displays; get a FREE glucose screening, and pick up tips on nutrition.
For more information or to register for a demo, go to LiveWellLakewood.org or call 216.529.7695.
Lakewood High School
14100 Franklin Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio 44107

Saint Joseph Academy's "Night at the Races"

6:00 PM - 12:00 PM
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This always fun event is Saturday, March 10, from 6 p.m. to midnight in The Academy Center. Cost is \$20 per person. Race horses are \$20 each.
For more information and to order tickets, call 440.669.6617 or Patty Finau at 216.548.4485, or go Saint Joseph Academy -The Academy Center
Click here for more information

Friday, March 16

March Breakfast Meeting: Dr. Robert Weil, President of Lakewood Hospital

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM
Join us for a presentation by Dr. Robert Weil, President of Lakewood Hospital. Dr. Weil will be discussing the importance of community partnerships.
\$15 members, \$20 non-members. RSVP by calling 216-226-2900 or via email to info@lakewood-chamber.org.
This meeting is sponsored by UA Lakewood.
UA Lakewood
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City News

Council Makes March ‘Save Our Homes’ Month

Council President, Brian Powers, called the February 21, 2012 meeting of Council to order at 7:33 P.M. The first order of business discussed was a communication from the Committee of the Whole regarding a letter from the Mayor discussing a memorandum of agreement with the Lakewood City Schools. The agreement deals with reciprocal use of facilities between the City and the Schools. Where normally each would charge someone to rent out their facilities for one use or another, this agreement outlines a shared use of facilities without compensation. The City and the schools have had this cooperation for some time, and both sides decided it should be revisited and put down on paper.

Council adopted the resolution. Next Councilman Powers (At-Large) asked Council to consider passing a resolution which would make March ‘Save Our Homes’ Month. Lakewood

would be joining a county-wide effort to educate Cuyahoga County residents on the Foreclosure Mediation Program and other free programs designed to help residents remain in their homes. The program helps bring all parties together and from new mortgage terms and other agreements that can be mutually accepted by the parties. This helps prevent the adverse social and economical consequences of vacant and abandoned houses while at the same time helps families stay in their homes. Council passed the resolution unanimously. Finance Director, Jennifer Pae, then asked Council to pass a resolution that would allow the City to trade in a 2001 fire truck. The truck would be traded into Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus, LLC and would give the City \$160,000 dollar credit toward the

purchase of a new truck for the Fire Department. Finance Director Pae then asked Council to consider a number of items regarding Bond Anticipation Notes (BANs). The items include \$6.025 million in bonds to pay for refunding 2003 bonds and \$1.948 million in renewal bonds for 2011 notes. These two sets will be using six month BANs until the City receives information on 2012 property values, when it can make a better decision on whether the bonds should be short or long term. There are items also asking for about \$2 million in new notes which correspond to the City’s 2012 capital improvement programs. The capital improvements these BANs would help pay for include street reconstruction, roof repairs on various city buildings, Madison Avenue traffic signal replace-

ment project, and for the City’s portion of the Refuse building renovations. The total issuance of BANs would be \$9,973,000. All the items regarding the bonds were referred to the Finance Committee for further discussion. Fire Chief Gilman asked Council to pass a resolution that would allow the City to accept funds in the amount of \$80,761 dollars from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. These funds would go towards the replacement of communication devices and equip the self-contained breathing apparatuses with Emergency PASS alarms. This equipment would allow firefighters to do their job more efficiently and more safely. The Grant requires the City to make a 20% match which Chief Gilman said had already been budgeted for in the 2012 budget. Council passed the resolution.

Coming to the end of the agenda items and with no one from the public there to make comments, Council President Powers adjourned the meeting at 8:27 P.M. Council meetings are held every first and third Monday of the month at 7:30 P.M. in the City Hall Auditorium. The next regularly scheduled council meeting will be held on March 19, 2012. For a copy of the agenda or for any other information regarding the Lakewood City Council, you can find it at onelakewood.com/citygovern_council.html.

Fixing Foreclosed Homes Is Focus For Mayor Summers, Congresswoman Kaptur


Lakewood Mayor Mike Summers and Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur recently toured a foreclosed Lakewood home on Cranford Avenue that the City is repairing with the help of federal dollars. They were joined by Lakewood City Councilmembers Brian Powers, Monique Smith, Shawn Juris, and Tom Bullock, as well as by members of the Cranford Avenue Block Club, who have closely monitored conditions at the vacant home. Kaptur, a long-time Congresswoman who is running to represent Lakewood as part of the newly-drawn 9th Congressional District, said she learned a great deal about conditions in Lakewood neighborhoods and will return to Washington with renewed focus on helping cities contain the damage done to neighborhoods by the foreclosure crisis. “I stood up against irresponsible banks who created the foreclosure crisis, and I want to follow through so the mess in neighborhoods is cleaned up,” said Kaptur. “Neighbors get hurt by sinking property values if a bank forecloses and allows a vacant property

to deteriorate. That’s not right, and it’s why Congress allocated funds to help.” The City of Lakewood has been using \$250,000 in federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program funds to acquire and rehabilitate foreclosed and dilapidated properties that have been too extensively damaged to sell in the private market. Once fixed or demolished, the City sells the properties to a private owner, thereby stabilizing property values in the neighborhood. “We can use the funds,” Summers told Kaptur, citing additional properties the City is monitoring and plans to address. Summers said the federal funds are helping to manage the problem more quickly than the City could without the emergency federal dollars. Kaptur said she was impressed by Lakewood’s proactive strategy for managing the foreclosed properties. “Lakewood is doing an excellent job of mapping housing quality and prioritizing the properties most at risk. That’s excellent stewardship of federal dollars,” said Kaptur. “I want to help the federal government partner with cities more effectively – all the more

important given recent state budget cuts to cities and school districts.” Councilman Bullock thanked Kaptur for coming in person to see conditions in Lakewood neighborhoods and said he knows she’ll be “a great partner to Lakewood.”




Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur recently conducted a site visit of a foreclosed Cranford Avenue home with Mayor Mike Summers and Lakewood City Councilmembers (left to right) Powers, Smith, and Juris. The City is using federal funds to repair this and other vacant properties at risk of damage from the foreclosure crisis.



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Lakewood Public Library Events

compiled by Leana Donofrio-Milovan

March 8

20 Minute Resume Tune-Ups

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Thursday, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Learning Lab

Booked For Murder: Bury Your Dead by Louise Penny

Repeat Agatha award winner, Louise Penny triumphs again with 2010's Bury Your Dead. While searching for the remains of Samuel de Champlain the founder of Quebec, an archaeologist is murdered in the basement of the Literary and Historical Society. Could a 400 year-old secret be buried with Champlain? Chief Inspector Gamache investigates this mystery deeply rooted in the past conflict between the province's French majority and English minority.

Thursday, March 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Meeting Room

March 10

Western Cinema

The Great Train Robbery (1903) Directed by E. S. Porter

On August 29, 1900 near Table Rock, Wyoming Butch Cassidy and his gang held up Union Pacific's Train #3, blew up the safe and got away with \$5,000. Three years later, pioneer filmmaker Edwin S. Porter shot an 11-minute one-reeler inspired by that event, and thus the western movie was born.

Tumbleweeds (1925) Directed by King Baggot

William S. Hart was the first of a long line of western heroes and Tumbleweeds is his masterpiece; it is also one of the finest silent films ever made. The centerpiece of the action depicts the infamous Oklahoma land rush of 1893, an event filmed many times since, including 1992's Far and Away. Many observers believe that no movie has captured this event better than Tumbleweeds.

Saturday, March 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

March 15

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Documentary Film: Mad City Chickens (2008) Directed by Tashai Lovington and Robert Lughai

This sometimes whimsical look at city folk raising chickens in their own backyards provides serious food for thought. Chicken experts join barnyard authors, a rescued landfill hen, an inexperienced family taking the poultry plunge and a mad professor with a giant hen taking to the streets. This humorous and heartfelt trip is presented by Cherise Sims of Hens in Lakewood, an urban agriculture education group.

Thursday, March 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

March 17

Lakewood Public Cinema: Love and Death (1975) Directed by Woody Allen, Rated PG

Woody Allen takes on the Russian novel and falls in love... Then he dies, too. Arguably his most ambitious film, it's been largely ignored because it's also hilarious. A pre-Annie Hall Diane Keaton joins in the fun, nailing Tolstoy to the wall with battlefields, duels, doomed marriages and a remarkably inept attempt on Napoleon's life. Put a bookmark in your tattered War and Peace and see for yourself.

Saturday, March 17 at 6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

March 18

Sunday with the Friends: Dos Gatos: Latin Love

Classical guitarist Robert Gruca and soprano Liz Huff embark on a romantic tour of Latin soundscapes, drawing inspiration from the language, music and styles of Spain and Brazil. Influences of American folk and jazz give it texture and bring it home.

Sunday, March 18 at 2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Meet the Author: A Conspiracy to Love by River Smith

A social justice educator, activist and psychologist specializing in stress and healing, River Smith is known for lecturing on such diverse topics as social justice, love, gender roles,

assertiveness, communication, empowerment, and organizational development. His book is about encouraging generosity towards oneself and all those who cross our paths. Learn to grow through joy and pain and find the necessary ingredients for love and happiness. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

Sunday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

March 20

Knit and Lit: Daughter of Fortune by Isabel Allende

Gail Eaton hosts a social club for multitaskers - a combination book club and stitchery group. She's looking for readers who can enjoy intense discussion of modern classics while relaxing with their latest project. Come share your passion for great literature and show off your knitting, crocheting, counted cross-stitch, embroidery and quilting works-in-progress. At the close of every meeting, the group decides which book will be read for next time. Visit www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/bookclubs for a complete list of the books being considered and find out which title you should read for the next discussion.

Tuesday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Meeting Room

March 22

Introduction to Ancestry: Library Edition

The Ancestry genealogy resource is free to use every day at the Library. How far back would you like to trace your family tree? Genealogist Deborah Abbott will show you how to unlock the secrets held by census reports, military records, birth certificates and death notices in this hands-on workshop. Unravel your history with professional results. Space is limited. Call 226-8275, ext. 127 to register

Thursday, March 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Learning Lab

March 24

Five Star Films: Chariots of Fire (1981) Directed by Hugh Hudson, Rated PG

During the 1924 Olympic Games in France, English university student Ben Cross and Scottish missionary Ian Charleson compete for England. The Scotsman runs for the glory of God. The Cambridge man runs against prejudice. Both athletes have trained to the maximum. A world-class American team is their biggest threat.

Saturday, March 24 at 6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Children/Youth Events

compiled by Arlie Matera

Saturday, March 10

Tail Waggin' Tutors *For school-age children*

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

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room.

Saturday, March 10, March 24 and March 31

Teen Lit Circle: Hunger Games *For teens ages 13 - 18*

Read the Hunger Games series? Have thoughts about the story? Questions? Opinions? We want to hear them! Join us for a peer-driven literature circle where you are the key to guiding the discussion. To register, please stop in or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 140.

Saturdays, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room.

Wednesdays, March 14 - May 2

Strokes of Genius *For students in second through fourth grade*

Art activities and stories open up the world of art. Learn about renowned artists and the history of creativity. To register, please stop in or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 140.

Wednesdays, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room.

Thursdays, March 15 - April 19

Picture Book Award Committee *For students in second through fourth grade*

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Take A Journey To Love And Healing With River Smith

by Elaine Rosenberger

Discover how to achieve goals and how to attract love, joy, and power when Lakewood Public Library hosts a special Meet the Author night with River Smith on Sunday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium. A social justice educator, activist, and psychologist, River Smith is the author of *A Conspiracy to Love: Living a Life of Joy, Generosity, and Power*. Initially published in 2009, *A Conspiracy to Love* was revised and reissued in 2012. On

March 18, talk show host Sandra Bishop will interview Smith about this newest release.

With *A Conspiracy to Love*, Smith explores how to attain goals, how to improve relationships, how kindness can promote healing, and how love and generosity can bring peace and justice to the world. A person of many talents, Smith is a psychologist who specializes in stress and healing. He is the co-author of *Lessons from the Color of Fear: A Teacher's Manual*; he is a nationally

known poet and columnist; and he has also created a CD, *A Conspiracy to Love: On the River*, which takes the listener on a journey along the river of life to an ocean filled with possibilities. With tracks such as "Beginnings," "Always Sometimes," and "Freedom," the CD is, "a journey of meditation, celebration, and healing."

In addition to appearing at Lakewood Public Library's Meet the Author Night, River Smith is also conducting a five-part Power Living series



at the Library during the Month of April. Topics in the Power Living series include Power Getting, Power Loving, Power Healing and Joy, and Power Eating. The Power Living series will be held each Monday during the month of April.

Meet the Author with River Smith will take place in the Main Library Auditorium on March 18 at 7:00 p.m. As always, admission is free. Copies of *A Conspiracy to Love: Living a Life of Joy, Generosity & Power* will be available for sale and signing at the event.

The Vibrant Wind Dancers Return

by Marge Foley

This past September, the Vibrant Wind Dancers enthralled audience members at the Lakewood Public Library with a program of Middle Eastern style interpretive dance. They are returning to the library on March 24, 2012, but this program has a twist. As before, the performers will be wearing costumes of flowing skirts, hip scarves, and nine-foot silk veils. Once again, their gestures will include neck, rib, hip, and hand movements. Poetry will continue to be an integral part of this performance. The big difference, or twist, will be the music. The Vibrant

Wind Dancers often perform to different types of music, including Middle Eastern, Celtic, New Age, South American, classical, folk, pop, and rock. For the upcoming program, the dancers will move to children's music. Lively tunes by Raffi, Greg & Steve, the Chenille Sisters, and Sweet Honey in the Rock will fill the room and inspire the performers. Families will be tapping their feet as they recognize songs from popular movies, including *Madagascar*. This fun-filled act, designed especially for boys and girls, will capture the attention of all who attend.

Bring your youngsters to the

Lakewood Public Library on Saturday, March 24 at 7:00 pm to enjoy a program that is sure to be memorable. Children in the audience will be invited to come up and dance the final song. All programs are free and open to the public. This event, generously funded by the Friends of Lakewood Public Library, will be held in the Multipurpose Room, which is located in the Children's Department.

On Stage At Lakewood Public Library: Dos Gatos

by Lisa Calfee

Guitarist Robert Gruca and soprano Liz Huff are the two classically trained cats that make up Dos Gatos, an accomplished duo inspired by the romantic music of Spain and Brazil. On Sunday, March 18 at 2:00 p.m., please join us for a relaxing afternoon of passion and pathos as the talented pair takes the stage at the Main Library Auditorium as part of our "Sunday with the Friends" series.

Robert Gruca and Liz Huff have been on a long musical journey that started at the Cleveland Institute of Music where they first met. While Liz Huff took her voice and went on to perform in musical theater and with the Cleveland Pops Orchestra, Rob-

ert Gruca and his guitar toured with the Cleveland Orchestra, won national competitions and developed "complete technical command over his instrument."

Together again, Gruca plays and Huff sings a captivating blend of classical, folk and jazzy music by (mostly) Spanish and Brazilian composers. Huff goes on to say, "It's fun! The music is vibrant and lively with a strong emotional connection."

So plan on visiting Lakewood Public Library on Sunday, March 18 for an afternoon of Latin inspired harmonies. And as always, this Sunday with the Friends program is generously funded by the Friends of Lakewood Public Library and is free and open to the public!



Suzanne Weber is the Manager of Customer & Automation Services at LPL.

Who's That Librarian?

by Arlie Matera

- Name/Position/Department:** Suzanne Weber, Manager, Customer & Automation Services.
- Birthplace:** Right here in Lakewood!
- Tell us something interesting about you:** I love to do jigsaw puzzles and I love geology and the study of earthquakes.
- How long have you worked at LPL?** 21 years.
- What's your favorite spot in the Library?** I would have to say the non-fiction stacks on the second floor. I love to walk in the aisles and look at all the different books. There's been a book written about anything you can think of.
- What are you reading right now?** *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury. I've always wanted to read it, so when my daughter started reading Bradbury, I picked it up.
- If you were stranded on a deserted island, what three books would you want in your backpack?** "Blink" by Malcolm Gladwell, because it's an interesting book, and good decision-making is important; "The

Playful Brain: The Surprising Science of How Puzzles Improve Your Mind" by Richard Restak, because I wouldn't want my brain to turn to mush; and "Lord of the Flies" by William Golding, which, come to think of it, might freak me out, but it's a great read!

8. Do you have a favorite childhood memory of the library? The children's room in the old building. I used to love to sit on the floor and read *Curious George*. The books always had a very distinctive 'library' smell to them.

9. Suddenly you find yourself living the life of a book character. Who are you and why? Well, I guess it would be a toss-up between Sherlock Holmes and Huckleberry Finn. Sherlock Holmes because I would love the challenge of solving mysteries/problems. And Huckleberry Finn because I would love the adventure of living day-to-day, not knowing what each day would bring.

10. What might surprise us about your work at LPL? I really enjoy sorting books and putting them in order. It relaxes me. That and the fact that, after 21 years of working here, I am still learning new things, which I love!



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Lakewood Schools

Geiger's Steps Up To Fill Students' Need

by Christine Gordillo

In a recent series of Community Engagement Meetings the district has conducted over the last six weeks, one of the resounding themes heard is that Lakewoodites value the diversity of our schools and our community. We welcome newcomers with open arms and hearts. In the schools, many of our newcomers over the past few years have been refugees coming from countries such as Nepal, Myanmar and Somalia. They come with many needs and our community tries its best to meet them.

On a recent weekday after school, four Lakewood High refugee students found their needs generously met with one quick email to one of Lakewood's stalwarts in giving back to the community: Geiger's Clothing & Sports.

These four young ladies wanted to work out with the girls' soccer team in hopes of making the team next fall. The girls, all from Nepal and all but one in our district for only a year, didn't know when team workouts started, so they approached their ESL teacher, Kelly Brion, for help. She helped them find the info they needed and helped them

West Shore Career-Technical District Announces Outstanding Work Ethic Award Winners

by Valerie Mechenbier

The West Shore Career-Technical District's 2012 Outstanding Work Ethic Award winners were honored at a luncheon at the Women's Pavilion at Lakewood Park on February 24. The Lakewood Chamber of Commerce and the Lakewood/Rocky River Sunrise Rotary Club welcomed over 80 members, students, parents, employers, work supervisors, and guests to the 6th annual awards event. Seventeen West Shore Career-Tech students, one representing each program at West Shore, were recognized for their exceptional dedication to their studies, extra-curricular activities, and, most importantly, to their places of employment.

Nancy Ralls, Career Development Coordinator at West Shore Career-Technical District, and Patty Ryan, CEO and President of the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce presented the awards to the students. They were joined by Jeff Patterson, Superin-



The young players with their new gear (from left): Cahmbika Kadka, Deo Dahal, Tom Willard of Geiger's, Rewati Poudel and Nirmala Dahal.

find the gym and the weight room, but she never considered that they would not have the right equipment.

While the girls' soccer team coach hoped he would be able to provide the new players with some equipment once the team did some fundraising in the spring, Brion felt the girls should have the equipment as soon as they could. She consulted with fellow ESL teacher Lisa Shaffer-Gill and they decided to

turn to the Lakewood Alumni Foundation and its executive director, Teresa Andreani.

Andreani shot a quick email to Geiger's owner Gordon Geiger asking if there was anything that the store could do for the girls. "Send them in. We'll take care of them," he wrote back.

The girls, escorted by Brion and Shaffer-Gill, stopped in at Geiger's a few days later and after some personalized attention by employee Tom Willard to make sure each girl was fitted properly, Chambika Kadka, Deo Dahal, Rewati Poudel and Nirmala Dahal walked out ready to take the field with top-of-the-line soccer gear. Each girl received new

cleats, shin guards and purple-and-gold soccer socks.

"They felt really special," Brion said.

From Gordon Geiger's perspective, offering the free gear is just what he and his brother, Chas, do as longtime Lakewood business owners and community members.

"Something that we feel has always been our mantra is to give back to our community as best that we are able. It's pretty much as simple as that," Gordon Geiger said. "But the first thing that came to mind ... was how great for these kids new to Lakewood to have this opportunity when so many of us take it for granted."



The girls trying on their new cleats.

tenant of Lakewood City Schools, Dr. Michael Shoaf, Superintendent of Rocky River City Schools, Linda Thayer, Director of Career-Technical Education, and Kathy Berkshire, President of the Lakewood/Rocky River Sunrise Rotary. Each student received a certificate, a commendation from Ohio Senator Michael Skindell, plus a door prize and a gift bag of items donated by local businesses.

Congratulations to the 2012 Outstanding Work Ethic Award winners:

Lakewood High School:
Scott Reichard, *Automotive Technology*
Ryan Cleary, *Biotechnology*
Cy Spowls, *Business Management*
Jamie Gibson, *Community Based Training: The Bonne Bell Company*
Ben Fitchwell, *Construction Trades*
Elizabeth Viiberg, *Early Childhood Education / Senior Services*
Ben Cather, *Electronic Technology*

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Lakewood High School Principal Dr. Bill Wagner and Director of Career-Technical Education Linda Thayer with the 2012 Outstanding Work Ethic Award winners

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Lakewood Schools

LHS' Wagner Named Ohio Principal Of The Year

by Christine Gordillo

Lakewood High School principal Dr. William W. Wagner has been chosen as Ohio's MetLife/NASSP High School Principal of the Year by the Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators.

Dr. Wagner has led Lakewood High, a school of approximately 1,800 students, since 2003 and joined LHS as a House Principal in 2001. As Ohio Principal of the Year, Dr. Wagner will now be eligible for the MetLife/NASSP National Principal of the Year Award and will be recognized for his Ohio honor at OASSA's fall conference in October.

Under his leadership, Lakewood High has earned an Excellent rating from the State of Ohio six out of the last seven years. He has also helped bring in nearly \$1 million in federal and state grants over the past five

years including a \$250,000 federal grant to create model 21st century classrooms that integrate technology and project-based learning. His leadership has helped maintain the legacy of Lakewood High as a vibrant, culturally diverse learning environment that gives its students real-world experiences and a wealth of opportunities inside and outside the classroom.

"I am truly honored," said Wagner. "This recognition is a testimony to the work of the many great teachers, administrative team, support staff, parents and students of Lakewood High School as well as the tremendous support I've received from the Lakewood Board of Education, the superintendent of the Lakewood City Schools and his cabinet and central office staff. Special thanks also to Mayor Michael Summers, the various

city departments with which we partner and the many community support agencies that work with us every period, every day."

Said Superintendent Jeffrey W. Patterson: "This award certainly speaks a lot about the leadership Dr. Wagner has provided to Lakewood High School over the years as well as to the teaching and support staff at Lakewood High."

In a letter in support of Wagner's nomination, House Principal Brian Siftar called Wagner's "knowledge, humility, work ethic and ability to communicate clearly with all stakeholders ... a blueprint for school leaders to follow at every level." He added that "Dr. Wagner exhibits the highest degree of professionalism and has the personal qualities that resonate with everyone with whom he works."



Dr. William W. Wagner, High School Principal of the Year.

Dr. Wagner holds a Bachelor's degree in Science Education from Ohio University, a Master's degree in Educational Administration and a doctorate degree in Educational Leadership. Dr. Wagner also holds a Superintendent's License. He is a past president of the Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators' Executive Board, and currently serves as National Association of Secondary School Administrators State Coordinator for Ohio.

As Ohio's Principal of the Year, Dr. Wagner will represent Ohio at a symposium of educational leaders sponsored by MetLife Insurance and the National Association of Secondary School Principals in Washington, D.C., in the fall.

Kindergarten Registration Set For March 21

by Christine Gordillo

Kindergarten registration will take place in all Lakewood elementary schools on Wednesday, March 21, 2012, from 2:00 – 6:30 p.m. Children may register at their neighborhood school on this day only; if you are unable to register on March 23, you will need to register at the Lakewood Board of Education (Student Services, 2nd floor), 1470 Warren Road (between 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.). Parents may register a child who will turn five years of age on or before September 30, 2011.

You will need to provide the following documents at registration:

Child's Information:

- Certified copy of birth certificate (Passport or Visa)
- Social Security card (optional)
- Immunization record, doctor's name and phone number

Parent Information:

- Valid driver's license / picture I.D.
- Residency (provide two): 1. Current gas/electric bill – portion showing your name & address; 2. Faxed confirmation of new utility service: (216) 529-4104 (Attn: Ms. Griveas); 3. Fully

executed lease: includes landlord contact information and all persons living at this address; 4. Owner Affidavit completed in full and notarized by landlord/property manager (only when numbers 1, 2, and/or 3 cannot be provided); 5. Residency and Custody Affidavit completed in full and notarized by resident

- Official Documentation of Custody (required only when child does not live with birth parents)

If you would like to have a kindergarten packet sent to your home, please call 529-4203. If you have friends or

neighbors who have a child eligible for kindergarten in August but do not currently have a child attending Lakewood City Schools, please share this information with them.

Children enrolled in Lakewood City School's pre-kindergarten program are already enrolled in the District and do not need to re-register. Kindergarten information will also be sent to these families.

If you have any questions regarding registration, please contact your neighborhood school.

LHS' March Madness Puts Emphasis On Healthy Living

by Christine Gordillo

Students at Lakewood High School were treated to a full-fledged health fair on February 23 sponsored by Grow Well Lakewood with more than 20 booths available to do some jazzercise, taste some health snacks, have blood pressure read and learn about other health-promoting organizations in the community. The event served as a kickoff to Grow Well Lakewood and the high school's March Madness program, an initiative that aims to get the students moving and enjoying healthy activities throughout our community.

Throughout the month of March, students can earn points for participating in activities that promote personal wellness and a healthy lifestyle. The top three point earners will win prizes,



Andy Buck (left) and Hugh Campbell learn about the health services offered by the Hospice of the Western Reserve at the Grow Well LHS Health Fair.



LHS cheerleaders lead a group of students in the L-Room to a fitness flash dance.

including an iPad2 for the grand prize winner. Organizers of March Madness have compiled a list of suggested activities where participation can be confirmed for earning points that includes taking a fitness class at the YMCA, shopping at Nature's Bin, playing dodgeball in the Recreation Department's organized event March 6 and donating blood.

The health fair on the 23rd offered the students of mix of information with hands-on activities. Students attended during their physical education and health classes. Some students

were even part of the health fair, such as students in West Shore Career-Tech's Medical Office Management, which had a booth to take blood pressure readings. Members of Help To Others were also on hand to collect toiletries for their Toiletries for Teens campaign that will provide teens aging out of foster care with necessary supplies.

During lunch periods, students were surprised with the cheerleaders performing a fitness flash dance modeled on one created by Beyonce for First Lady Michelle Obama's Let's Move campaign.



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Free 7th Grade Boating Education Program

by George Christ

Get your child involved in a free boating education class this summer where they can learn to boat safely and earn an Ohio Boating Education certificate. The program is run in association with the Bay Village Schools and uses the nationally recognized Spirit of America curriculum. Students who register will complete the OBEC (Ohio Boating Education Class) on Saturdays May 12 and May 19 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. This meets the Ohio Law which requires that, "Any person born on or after January 1, 1982 must show proof of completing a NASBLA approved boating education course



Students learn to operate a PWC.

to operate a vessel over 10 HP." These classes are mandatory and students must pass an exam.

Students will then spend three Mondays at Whiskey Island Marina learning to operate a variety of boats

with hands-on experience. This includes power boats, sail boats, kayaks, canoes, and personal watercraft. These dates are June 18, 25 and July 2 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Students are instructed by trained volunteers who follow a prescribed curriculum.

Registration forms are available at the Lakewood Public Library or go to the Spirit of America web page at www.spiritofamerica95.org and look at the Bay Village/Cuyahoga location. If you need more information you may email cuyahoga@spiritofamerica95.org. This program is sponsored in part by the ODNR-Division of Watercraft Safe Boating Education Grant.

Spring Youth Programming At The Lakewood Y

by Mark Edwards

Looking for something for your child to do at the YMCA? Check out our Spring 2012 programs and events for more details on how your child can get involved and have fun with the YMCA of Greater Cleveland.

Youth Basketball League

League games begin Saturday, March 17 and will group participating children by the following age groups: 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-11, and 12-14. Registration deadline is Sunday, March 11. There will be a \$5 late registration fee if after March 11. Games will start on Saturday, March 17, at 9 a.m. with the youngest age group and proceed according to age.

We are actively looking for volunteers for the positions of Head Coach and Assistant Coach.

Power in Pink – Girls Only Basketball League

Also, there is a Girls Only, "Power in Pink" league for girls ages 5-6 and 7-8. This gives young girls the chance to play against other girls their age.

League games begin Saturday, March 17. Registration deadline is Sunday, March 11. There will be a \$5 late registration fee if after March 11. Games will start on Saturdays at 10 a.m. on March 17 with the youngest age group, and proceed according to age.

We are actively looking for female volunteers for the positions of: Head Coach and Assistant Coach.

Schedules for both Youth Basketball and Power in Pink, will be e-mailed out and posted on the YMCA website by Wednesday March 14. There will be a coaches' meeting Tuesday March 13 at 6:15 p.m. in the Lakewood Child Care Room. There will also be a Parents' meeting Wednesday March 14 in the Lakewood Child Care Room. The league communicates via e-mail and by posting information on the YMCA web pages under youth sports/leagues.

Cost will be \$45 for YMCA members and \$85 for YMCA program members. Price includes a red/white reversible mesh jersey. If the participant already has a YMCA jersey, \$5 will be taken off the cost of registration. We group participants based on age and skill level. Coach/Parent requests will be taken, but not guaranteed as we need to ensure team parity. The league is for members of the YMCA Lakewood, West Shore, and West Park. All games will be held in the Lakewood gymnasium.

YMCA Summer Sports Camp

Sports Camp will be during the weeks of 6/11-6/15, 6/18-6/22, 6/25-6/29, 7/2-7/6, 7/9-7/13, 7/16-7/20, 7/23-7/27, 7/30-8/3, 8/6-8/10, and 8/13-8/17. The camps will be a version of our "fun camps," with a different sport/focus each week with a wide arrange of sport related activities, including swimming every day!

YMCA Sports Camp focuses on improving sport skills through team-

work and friendly competition. There will be a variety of sports to choose from with each session lasting one week. Sports campers will be given the opportunity to learn and develop new skills, and play games. Activities take place at the Lakewood YMCA.

Program fees per week are \$100 per member and \$125 per non member. The week of July 4th will be prorated to reflect the holiday. There is a deposit fee of \$25 per week to hold the camper's spot and will then be used towards the weekly balance. Each camper will receive a t-shirt for every 2 weeks he/she is enrolled in camp. Additional t-shirts can be purchased for \$10.

Maximum campers for each camp is 36 kids. The camp is for children ages 6-12 who have interest in developing sport-specific skills and making friends. Registration is currently open. Parents will need to pack a lunch, swim suit, and a water bottle.

Floor Hockey League – At West Shore YMCA

League games begin the week of March 11 and will group participating children by the following age groups: 5-6, 7-8, and 9-11. Registration deadline is Sunday, March 4. There will be a \$5 late registration fee if after March 4. Games will start on Sundays at 1 p.m. on March 11, with the youngest age group and proceed according to age. The league is for members of the YMCA Lakewood, West Shore, and West Park. All games will be

held in the West Shore gymnasium.

Cost will be \$45 for YMCA members and \$85 for YMCA program members. We group participants based on age and skill level. Coach/Parent requests will be taken, but not guaranteed as we need to ensure team parity. We are actively looking for volunteers for the positions of: Head Coach, Assistant Coach, and Parent Helper (organize snacks/drinks for each game). Schedules will be e-mailed out and posted on the YMCA website by Wednesday, March 7. The league communicates via e-mail and by posting information on the YMCA web pages under youth sports/leagues.

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Lakewood Cares

Soul Food Highlights Artists' Support Of Hunger Relief In Lakewood

by Jason Weiner

On Saturday, March 31st from 6:30 – 11:00 p.m., original artwork from dozens of local and national artists will be auctioned off at the Third Annual Soul Food, raising awareness about hunger in Lakewood as well as funds for one of Lakewood's most dynamic and fastest-growing hunger relief organizations, Trinity Lakewood Community Outreach (TLCO). Soul Food will take place at the Lake Erie Screw Building (13000 Athens Avenue, Lakewood).

Founded in 2009 as the secular outreach arm of Trinity Lakewood Church, the mission of TLCO is fostering a healthier community through collaboration, education and meeting basic needs. TLCO accomplishes its mission by providing four community hot meals each month, a free monthly produce distribution (between April and November), a community garden that supports the hot meal program, and community-based health and wellness programming, supporting our neighbors in need.

Following two years of success, Soul Food is back for a third year and poised for continued growth.

The night will be highlighted by a live auction with pieces donated by local artists. Committed artists to date include Brooke Figer, Tate Davidson, Rachel Shortt, Lori Bellman and Kris Williams, among many others. Chef Matt Somich will return to Cleveland to again prepare his creative culinary offerings, available alongside of wine and delicious desserts. Caribou Coffee has generously donated coffee for the evening, and 100 local businesses are expected to donate raffle and silent auction items to the event again this year. Highlighted items include a Kindle Fire (donated by Hyland Software) and a weekend getaway to Kelly's Island. Xe La will spin soul and R&B music during the event, and the soulful sounds of Cleveland's own We the People will play us out into the night at the first ever official Soul Food after-party.

Admission is just \$10.00 and includes all food, drink and entertainment. Event is cash only and all proceeds will support the hunger relief efforts of TLCO. For more information, contact Jason Weiner, TLCO Vice-Chair and event co-organizer, 216-394-9695 / jasonhweiner@yahoo.com.

John Litten Hired As Society Of St. Vincent de Paul Cleveland Executive Director

by Natalie Schrimpf

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Diocese of Cleveland has hired John Litten as its new Executive Director. Litten most recently served as Director of Camp Christopher, Catholic Charities Community Services of Summit County since 2005. He previously was employed as Program Coordinator, CYO Camp Christopher.

"The Diocesan Council selected Mr. Litten not only because of his prior excellent management record and recent degree in nonprofit management, but most importantly for his enthusiasm to make a measurable

increase in our service delivery to the poor, needy and disadvantaged in the diocese," noted Bob Reuter, president.

Litten holds a Master of Public Administration from Cleveland State University, and a bachelor's degree in graphic design from Ohio University. The eldest of six children, this Cleveland native is a graduate of St. Edward High School and resides in Lakewood with his wife, Carrie Anne, and three children. He serves on the Lakewood Hospital Association Board of Directors and is a member of St. Luke the Evangelist Church.

"I am honored to be part of such a

worthwhile, locally-based organization that provides immediate, emergency person-to-person assistance to those in need," he said. "I look forward to the opportunity to take what I've learned through my experiences at Camp Christopher and share that spirit with our Vincentians and with those who need our help."

Founded in 1865, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Cleveland (SVDP) is a local human service and welfare organization comprised of area neighborhood volunteer groups from its 59 participating parishes ("Conferences") throughout the Diocese of Cleveland's eight-county area. Volunteers ("Vincentians") provide immediate, temporary emergency direct assistance to those in need, regardless of their race, ethnicity or religious affiliation. Last year alone, some 167,000 low-income individuals received more than \$3 million in aid, which included food donations from SVDP's four food pantries (Ozanam Centers), clothing, furniture and assistance with utilities. SVDP's central office is located at 1404 East Ninth Street, Cleveland. For more information, call 216.696.6525, ext. 3150 or <http://www.svdpcle.org/>.

Spring Bargain Baby Bonanza Is Coming In April

by Sharon O'Donnell

Spring is coming. So is spring cleaning. Buy a table at Lakewood Early Childhood PTA's Bargain Baby Bonanza and make some money from all the kids' stuff clogging your closets.

Don't miss this opportunity to sell your gently used baby and youth clothing, accessories, toys, furniture, maternity clothes and more and save a fortune by kitting out your kids without paying store prices.

Tables are now available at \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. The money you make is yours.

The Spring Bargain Baby Bonanza will be held at Emerson Elementary School at 13439 Clifton Boulevard on Saturday, April 21 2012.

Registration forms and guidelines are available at www.LECPTA.com or email BBB.LECPTA@gmail.com.

Activists Gather For Social Justice Teach-In

by Trudy Hutchinson

On Saturday, February 25, local Human Rights activists gathered at Magnificat High School to deepen their knowledge of and commitment to the shared belief in the dignity of every person on the planet. The 12th Annual Social Justice Teach-In sponsored by the InterReligious Task Force on Central America (IRTF) featured workshops on militarism in Central America, recent developments in Fair Trade organizations and local justice issues that focused on imprisonment, gender relationships and labels that are used to define groups of people.

Participants in the teach-in represented a range of ages, religious affiliation and background. Some participants attended past events and other participants were there for the first time. State Representative Nickie Antonio attended as a friend of IRTF and spoke particularly to the young participants when she defined social justice as "service we bring to others." Ms. Antonio reminded participants to also think of what they receive from those who are served.

Kara Tellaisha of Lakewood attended the teach-in for the first time. The workshop "Hands-On Nonviolence" was one that complements her work with the Cleveland Mediation Center. Ms. Tellaisha said that she liked the discussion of different community scenarios that invited participants to explore a by-stander's response in a tense situation that involved a stranger. She said that although the workshop affirmed that there are no right

or wrong answers, participants were encouraged to think about how he or she might react as a witness to bullying or another type of abusive behavior.

Laura VanDale, also of Lakewood, attended because of her personal interest in social justice. She is also on the staff of the Presbytery of the Western Reserve and has a professional background and education in peace and justice. She observes that these issues are never black and white.

It is in this context that activists come together year after year to discuss the status of Social Justice work in the local community and in the world. The conversation may change over time but the commitment is lasting.

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Lakewood Is Art

Regional Premiere Of Coble’s “The Velocity Of Autumn” At Beck Center

by Fran Storch

Beck Center for the Arts proudly presents the regional premiere of “The Velocity of Autumn” by Cleveland’s most prolific playwright, Eric Coble, March 23 through April 29 in the Studio Theater. Show times are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are now on sale.

“The Velocity of Autumn” had its world premiere at Boise Contemporary Theater in April 2011. Reviewers called



it a “funny and touching new play... that takes you someplace real within yourself...and it leads to a sweet and satisfying resolution.” The Beck Center’s production of “Velocity” includes some recent script rewrites by Coble such as name changes for the two characters, Alexandra and Chris.

Directed by Eric Schmiedl, “The Velocity of Autumn” stars the grand dame of Cleveland theater, Dorothy Silver, as the aging artist Alexandra, and David Hansen as her estranged son, Chris.

Despite her children’s efforts to move her into a nursing home, Alexandra, an elderly woman with a wicked sense of humor, is determined to spend her final years in the Brooklyn brownstone she calls home. Her long lost son, Chris, is forced back into her life after years of separation when she threatens to blow up her home in a final act of desperation.

“Velocity” is the third part of Coble’s “The Alexandra Plays,” a trilogy of plays about the same strong-willed, opinionated and witty character in different stages of her life. The first play in the series, A Girl’s Guide to Coffee, premiered last month at Actors’ Sum-

mit in Akron, and tells the story of a young barista extraordinaire named Alex who “speaks the truth” regardless of the social consequences.

Tickets for “The Velocity of Autumn” are \$28 for adults, \$25 for seniors (65 and older), \$17 for students (with valid ID), and \$10 for children (12 and under). An additional \$3 service fee per ticket is applied at the time of purchase. Preview Night on Thursday, March 22 is \$10 with general admission seating. Ask about our

Flex Passes and save. Group discounts are available for parties of 13 or more. Purchase tickets online at beckcenter.org or call Customer Service at 216-521-2540, ext. 10. Beck Center is located at 17801 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood, just ten minutes west of downtown Cleveland. Free onsite parking is available.

Beck Center’s production of “The Velocity of Autumn” is sponsored by Cuyahoga Arts and Culture and the Ohio Arts Council.

Contemporary Fiber Art Exhibit On Display At Beck Center

by Fran Storch

Material Matters, a contemporary art exhibition featuring the distinctive work of six female fiber artists is on display through March 19 in the Jean Bulicek Galleria at the Beck Center for the Arts. This exhibit is free and open to the public. For gallery hours, call Customer Service at 216.521.2540, ext. 10. Beck Center is located at 17801 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood. Free onsite parking is available.

Material Matters features the work of Liz Burgess, Si-Yun Chang, Linda Grashoff, Sue Copeland Jones, Ruta Marino, and Kathleen Van Meter. These women who reside all over Northern Ohio from Beachwood to Wakeman, have been

expression, they all share a common passion and commitment to the creative process.

Each artist uses different materials – such as photographs, paper, quilted cloth, silk, needlework, and embroidery – as well as a various processes in her uniquely personal work. Together they exemplify the development of contemporary fiber art beyond traditional textile production to the broader exploration of concepts, materials and processes. Traditional materials are

GemStreet USA Show Brings One-Of-A-Kind Finds To Cleveland

by Laura Briedis

Local artists along with exhibitors from around the world will showcase the latest in jewelry, beads, gems, fossils and minerals at the GemStreet USA Show & Sale, March 9-11 at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds in Berea.

Featured exhibitors from Ohio are Val and Frank Bennett of The Crystal Connection. If you are looking for that something different, you will find a bevy of crystals and minerals, including Vivianite, a rare blue stone from Australia; naturally forming apothphy-lite from India; vibrant amethyst from Brazil; and from the United States some Septarian geodes mined in Utah. “People like these beautiful specimens that can be used for home or office décor, added to a personal collection, or for their metaphysical energy,” says Val. “We also have beautiful colored gemstones featured in a jewelry collection using the more colorful gems such as citrine, tourmaline and garnet complemented with 14K gold and diamonds.”

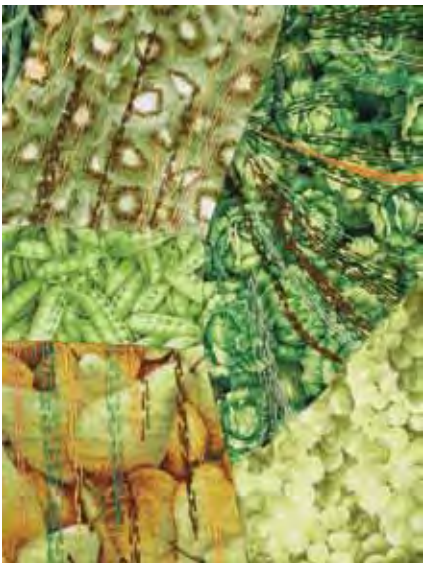
In addition to the Crystal Connection, the show will also feature jewelry

artists and exhibitors spanning from the East Coast to Hawaii. Show-goers can browse aisles of faceted gemstones, crystals, pearls, silver, gold, pewter, copper and petrified wood. Those who make their own jewelry can find a great selection of beads, supplies, tools and educational materials. Plus, a host of rare fossils and minerals will appeal to both novices and serious collectors.

Show hours are Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tickets are \$7 general admission, \$5 for seniors and students, and free for children under 12. The ticket is good all weekend and parking is free. The Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds is located at 164 Eastland Road, Berea.

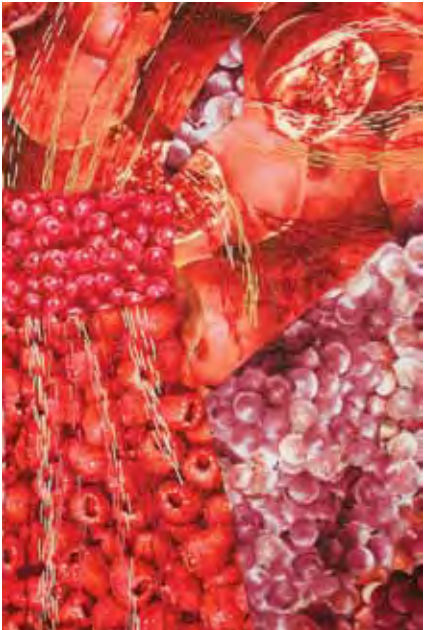
GemStreet USA is produced by Strieter Productions--Lakewood resident Jane Strieter Smtih and her sister Gail Strieter. Based in Lakewood, Ohio, GemStreet USA hosts major gem and jewelry shows in the Midwest.

For more information, contact Jane Strieter-Smith at 216-521-4367 or www.gemstreetusa.com.



“His” fiber art by Ruta Marino on display at Beck Center through March 19.

meeting monthly for several years to provide each other with criticism and support. While clearly divergent in their choice of materials, process and



“Hers” fiber art by Ruta Marino on display at Beck Center through March 19.

used in nontraditional ways, new materials are introduced and techniques are adopted from other disciplines and cultures.

For more information about the artists and a calendar of upcoming art exhibits at the Beck Center for the Arts, visit beckcenter.org.



“Life” fiber art by Si-Yun Chang on display at Beck Center through March 19.

Letter From Superintendent On School Safety

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contact your school office.

To reiterate, all of the district administrators, faculty and staff take any threats of violence, criminal misconduct and bullying very seriously and urge parents and students to report any such incidents. Your child’s safety is our first

priority and with your cooperation and support we can help prevent any potential harmful acts from occurring in our schools.

Sincerely,
Jeffrey W. Patterson
Superintendent

Wellness Watch

Eat Well Lakewood

by Paula Reed

Spaghettios and ramen noodles. What were we thinking?! While most everyone made it through college with less sleep and more junk food than their bodies deserved, we know now how important both adequate rest and a diet rich in fresh fruits and vegetables are to sustaining a healthy, energetic life.

The purpose of Eat Well Lakewood is to help you do exactly that. For the third year, Live Well Lakewood is sponsoring this event as a fun way to spotlight the joys of eating nutritiously, both at home and when dining out.

On Saturday, March 10, from 12:30 - 4:00 p.m. at Lakewood High School you'll have the chance to sample tasty, good-for-you foods from local purveyors and pick up information on healthy eating. The vendor fair is free and open

Nature's Bin Recipe

Golden Beet Slaw

Complied by Josie Duennes in cooperation with Live Well Lakewood

This was the popular favorite at the recent Lakewood High health fair. Since it uses some lesser known vegetables, we urge you to give it a try. This is a good time to put the shredder function of your food processor to work, or get your kids to help shred. The students were surprised that they liked it!

- 4 cups (4-5 med) golden beets, peeled and shredded
 - 2 cups (2-3) Granny Smith apples, cored and shredded, NOT peeled
 - 1 cup carrot, peeled and shredded (1 large)
 - 1 cup thinly sliced fennel bulb (1 med.)
 - finely chopped fennel fronds (whatever is on the bulb)
 - 1/2 cup lemon juice (about 2 lg. lemons)
 - 1/4 cup vegetable oil (any mild flavored)
 - 1 tbs. agave syrup or honey
 - salt and pepper, a pinch or 2 to taste
- Put all the vegetables in a bowl. whisk the lemon juice, oil, agave and seasonings to blend. Pour over the vegetables and toss thoroughly to combine. Let chill for a few hours or overnight. This is a great lunch bag or picnic dish because it can sit around at room temperature for a while and still be great.

West Shore Announces Award Winners

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Alyssa Wangler, *Health Careers Technology*
Amy Mahnke, *Medical Office Management*
Ryan Sarkis, *Networking / Cisco*
Timothy Watkins, *Project Lead The Way*
Steven Safos, *Transition to Work*
Westlake High School:
Mohammed Widdi, *Community*

Based Training: Cleveland Airport Marriott
Michelle Borato, *Community Based Training: Rae Ann Suburban Nursing Home*
Rocky River High School:
Cheyenne Smith, *Culinary Arts / ProStart*
Nicole Matthews, *Interactive Media*
James Henry, *Service Occupations Training*



Sabine Kretzchmar describes Breadsmith's varieties

to the public. Participants include: A Touch of Sugar Healthy Lifestyle Foods, Aladdin's Eatery, Breadsmith, Buck-

eye Beer Engine, Discount Drug Mart, Holistic Lakewood, Jammy Buggars and Green Vista Farms, Lakewood Farmers' Market, Lakewood Public Library, Dr. Laubmeier, DMD, Nature's Bin, Root Cafe, Sullivan's Irish Pub, Sweet Designs Chocolatier, 56 West and Zapatelli's Pizza. Surprised because some of the names on the list aren't ones you associate with healthy food? Come learn about the menu options they offer that support wholesome eating.

Discount Drug Mart will offer free

glucose screenings; at the American Cancer Society's table not only can you get tips on eating to minimize your risk of cancer, you can sign up for Relay for Life, a fundraiser in a festival atmosphere at the LHS stadium on June 15 and 16.

Featured are the 45-minute Chef Demos, which require registration and a \$5/session fee, \$1 of which will be donated to the Lakewood Community Services Center. Held in Lakewood High's state-of-the-art Culinary Arts classroom, the demos will show you how to prepare the dish you'll be sampling at the end.

The 1:00 p.m. session features Ernie Logsdon of Nature's Bin cooking with the nutritional powerhouse quinoa. At 2:00 p.m., Robert Geul from Jammy Buggars teams with Farmer Jonathan Berger of Green Vista Farms to explore the benefits of grass-fed beef for those who would like a healthier red meat option. At 3:00 p.m. join Executive Chef Demetrios Atheneos from Deagan's Kitchen & Bar for a selection from their Wednesday Vegan Night menu.

For more information or to register for a demo, go to www.livewelllakewood.org, or call the info line at 216-529-7695. Don't miss this delicious event!

Dress Up Your Heart 2012

by Elizabeth Dauber

With the purpose of raising awareness of heart disease as the number one killer of women, the Dress Up Your Heart Committee recently held their 5th annual fashion benefit for the American Heart Association's "Go Red For Women" campaign. Nearly 200 supporters attended the event, which takes place in Lakewood each year. Keeping with the red dress symbol, the highlight of the evening was a unique and creative fashion show featuring ten one-of-a-kind red-print wrap dresses which were then sold at auction. The featured dresses were all designs of Susan Dauber, a former Lakewood resident and a Cornell University graduate with a degree in Fashion and Apparel Design. The evening was once again a huge success in bringing a community together for heart health awareness.



Model Cindy Eschweiler & Designer Susan Dauber.

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Wellness Watch

A Mom’s Life: Frazzled And Frantic

by Jana Christian

As if this is any surprise... Patti Neighmond recently reported Working Moms Multitask, And Stress, More Than Dads (Shots - NPR Health Blog, Dec. 2, 2011). I would venture to guess that the research would also include stay-at-home moms as I have yet to encounter one that sits and eats bonbons all day... more likely, she is tackling work-from-home assignments, crafting for pleasure or money, contributing to community organizations and/or volunteering for causes she believes in while also maintaining a home and multiple schedules.

In short, every mom is busy (and frazzled). Research backs up my completely unscientific conclusion... (and makes it clear that no mom is exempt from stress).

To be perfectly honest, this most recent study relieves a bit of my “Mommy Guilt” (which has a tendency to dominate my thoughts at times). I thought I was the only one who felt chronically distracted. And the frustrations did not end when I turned in my resignation letter (despite thoroughly enjoying my new status as stay-at-home mom).

One surprising study claims the answer to lasting happiness is part-time employment. Because I enjoyed part-time employment for seven years as a mother, I can speak for the positive aspects of this arrangement... I kept up my career skills, had adult relationships and brought home a respectable income but only missed a few hours of playtime with my young children each day (as they napped most of the time I was at work).

However, there came a time when even that compromise did not work for our growing family’s needs. No matter what your work status, I think the key to balancing work and family is finding peace within yourself.

For me, that means: meditation - I admit I’m addicted. There’s nothing like the peace and clarity that meditation offers. And Acenda Yoga offers a FREE meditation class every Sunday afternoon so there’s no excuse!

mindfulness - Multitasking is implicated in nearly 80% of car accidents according to The National Safety

Commission (October 4, 2007 Alert: The Dangers of Multitasking) and makes you less efficient... so why do I continue to do it?!

creative expression - Finding an outlet for my creative energy is essential to my personal health and well-being. Obviously, my blog (<http://writeonjana.com>) satisfies some of that nervous energy. Even if you’re not an artist (and I most certainly am not),

there are many other ways to create an artful life... the medium is not important (it could be baking or knitting, scrapbooking or home decorating), the key is expressing yourself.

emotional intelligence - Learning about my unique body chemistry and recognizing the positive (and negative) ways I react to stress have been critical components to peaceful living.

So, tell me... is there such thing as

peaceful motherhood?

Jana Christian is a health nut and passionate communicator who is excited about raising her family in Lakewood, and whose enthusiasm for research and passion for natural health and wellness have been critical to resolving personal health issues and made it possible for her to adjust her family’s diet to accommodate multiple food allergies and environmental sensitivities.

Traditional Flower Remedies

by Rachel Anzalone

“Health depends on being in harmony with our souls.” ~ Dr. Edward Bach, 1932

Traditional Flower Therapy was founded on the theory that the personality of the individual is as important in the healing process as the state of the physical body. This unique therapy is the result of the work of Dr. Edward Bach, a medical doctor and surgeon from London, England and is commonly referred to as Bach Flower Therapy. During his career as an immunologist and bacteriologist in the 1920s, Dr. Bach felt dissatisfied with his colleagues’ focus on disease rather than the wellness of their patients.

He observed that the same treatment did not always cure the same disease in each patient and he noticed that a remedy which would cure some had no effect on others. He also observed that patients with similar personalities or mindsets would often respond in an identical way to the same remedy while others of a different temperament needed another remedy to affect a cure.

Through these observations, Dr. Bach came to believe that “illness is the effect of disharmony between body and mind,” and that “symptoms of an illness are the external expression of negative emotional states.”

He soon left the medical world to study homeopathy and eventually developed the non-invasive system known as Bach Flower Therapy. Dr. Bach believed that healing should be gentle and painless and that the patient deserved individual treatment, not a mass remedy for that certain disease. He understood that the mind

controlled the physical and that by normalizing the mind, a sick body would correct its own infections.

His observations led him to classify individuals into groups who acted and reacted in the same manner. He found that there were several types of moods which were evident in those who were sick. He identified them as fear, terror, worry, indecision, uncertainty, indifference, apathy, doubt, discouragement, over-caring, weakness, impatience, self-distrust, over-enthusiasm, pride and aloofness.

Dr. Bach sought out natural botanical essences which would stimulate the healing response in the body by counter-balancing the vibrational

energy associated with disease. He then determined the appropriate botanical by observing the personality, reactions and mood of the individual.

There are 38 flower remedies as categorized by Dr. Bach. They may be used individually or in combinations such as the common “Rescue Remedy” or “Calming Essence,” which is composed of Rock Rose, Impatiens, Clematis, Cherry Plum and Star of Bethlehem and is useful in times of emotional and physical stress. Remedies are taken by tincture with a few drops on the tongue.

Rachel Anzalone is an Herbalist and Naturopath at Holistic Lakewood. www.HolisticLakewood.com

Safety And Disaster Preparedness Training

by Tricia A. Granfors

Are you and your family prepared for a local emergency or widespread disaster? Community preparedness starts with you! The Westshore Regional Community Emergency Response Team (WSC) is offering free classes on topics such as disaster preparedness, basic injury assessment and medical treatment, search and rescue procedures, fire suppression, disaster psychology, and much more. The 20-hour FEMA course is conducted by local safety professionals. Westshore residents who are over 18 years of age, successfully complete training, and pass a background check are eligible for team membership.

Do your part to keep our region safe and prepared. To indicate your interest in the free classes or for more



information, contact WSC Coordinator Tricia Granfors at (440) 716-4135 or granforst@north-olmsted.com. Space is limited.

Training begins Saturday, March 17. The five consecutive Saturday morning classes will be held at St. John Medical Center, 29000 Center Ridge Road and the City of Westlake Service Center, 741 Bassett Road, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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Business News

GreenSmartGifts Celebrates “The Lorax”

by Andrew Harant

As you enter GreenSmartGifts (14534 Detroit Avenue, near Aladdin’s,) look on the wall above the front counter and read the quote, “Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It’s not.” This is the store’s motto, which owners Donna and Shawn Witmer

continued to use after taking over the business in 2010. The quote comes from iconic children’s author Dr. Seuss and appears in The Lorax, which, in case you haven’t heard, has just hit the big screen as a movie this past weekend.

The Lorax, which was originally published in 1971, features a fuzzy,

little, mustached critter who “speaks for the trees.” This picture book call-to-arms for the environmentalist movement speaks to the ecological damage brought about because of our pursuit of progress, and it does it in true Seussian fashion by using nonsensical words, high imagination and a light-hearted rhyme scheme.

GreenSmartGifts owner Donna Witmer notes a local connection in the original publication—as the Lorax watches and comments on industrial waste being dumped into a pond, a humming fish remarks, “I hear things are just as bad up in Lake Erie.”

GreenSmartGifts has been running trivia contests, a raffle and other promotions, both in-store and through their Facebook page, in anticipation of the movie’s opening. Taking part in the recent Gingerbread House Tour during the holidays, the store decorated their front window with the Lorax’s house, made of gingerbread of course, amidst a forest of pretzel-rod truffula trees. In addition to the wide assortment of ecologically-friendly gifts available at GreenSmartGifts, you can find tote bags, books, pencils and hats from The Lorax Project, an initiative that helps generate funding, raise awareness and inspire earth-friendly action.

When people start caring “a whole awful lot,” change can most certainly happen. Witmer notes that after 14 years, Dr. Seuss removed that line about Lake Erie from subsequent printings after learning from research assistants about clean-up efforts.

Preparing For The Next Financial “Black Swan”

by Jonathan Clark

History has taught us that events such as the Tech Bubble, the 9/11 attacks, 2008’s Market Crash, and the most recent Flash Crash can have devastating effects on investors. Nassim Nicholas Taleb, a noted finance professor coined these events, “Black Swans.” These “Black Swan” events have caused retirees’ 401(k) accounts to be tragically referred to as ‘201(k) accounts’! Traditional asset allocation strategies using stocks, bonds, and mutual funds to limit risk through diversification have mostly failed to protect the investor during “Black Swan” events. Preparing for the next event could mean the difference between a comfortable retirement and not being able to sleep at night! There are a variety of strategies you and your advisor can use to try to minimize the potential for losses in a “Black Swan” occurrence.

Since 2008 many have flocked to money markets, savings accounts, fixed CDs, and cash accounts. This approach can silently impact your wealth as much as the “Black Swan” over time because those dollars start to have less buying power due to inflation. Although inflation is present, it is critical to have a percentage of your wealth in these types of accounts for liquidity. This percentage should be determined by your overall cash flow and comfort level. The last thing you want is to be FORCED to sell mutual funds or stocks when they are low because of a need for cash!

Being prepared for the next “Black

Swan” does not require you to avoid traditional asset allocation strategies, but it does challenge you to find alternative investments that can work in conjunction with traditional strategies. This will potentially give your portfolio “balance” in many market environments. A couple of alternative investments could include but are not limited to Market Linked CDs, Fixed Indexed Annuities, and market neutral investments that seek to profit in both increasing and falling markets through the use of options.

There are pros and cons to each of these strategies. Market Linked CDs and Fixed Indexed Annuities require a time commitment, generally between 5 to 10 years in exchange for the safety they provide. These accounts tend to grow more slowly than your traditional asset allocation during bull markets, but they protect your principal during unforeseen historical events. It is important to consider the financial strength of the brokerage or company when choosing a custodian for your money. Market neutral investments try to “hedge” investments they hold in their portfolios. Portfolio managers “hedge” their investment purchase using options as a type of “insurance” if the market were to decrease.

Whatever your approach to investing moving forward, it is becoming clear that using only traditional asset allocation strategies potentially exposes your retirement to “Black Swan” events. Including alternative investment strategies can help limit

your overall exposure and provide potentially higher returns than money market or cash accounts. When using a professional to help determine which investments to use, it is helpful to know which licenses they hold and how they are compensated for their work. This will help you understand the potential biases that maybe affecting their recommendations.

Jonathan is part owner of Clark Financial Services and is an Investment Advisor Representative with Investment Advisory Services offered through Brookstone Capital Management LLC, an SEC Registered Investment Advisor.

Cox Scholarships Available To High School Seniors

by Stacie Schafer

Applications are now being accepted for the 2012 Cox Scholarship program. Eligible high school seniors who excel academically, demonstrate strong community involvement and are interested in pursuing a degree in communications, telecommunications, engineering or technology are encouraged to apply. Scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$1,000 each.

“Through these scholarships, we hope to continue our role in helping young people to reach their fullest potential. Cox is committed to being the most trusted provider of communication and entertainment services in America and in the communities we serve,” said Paul Cronin, senior vice president and general manager, Cox Communications New England-

Cleveland.

High school seniors interested in applying for a Cox Scholarship can obtain an application from their guidance office or contact Stacie.schafer@cox.com. Students can also visit <http://ww2.cox.com/myconnection/cleveland/community/editorial1.cox> for an application.

Completed applications must be received by April 5, 2012. A selection committee will review all applications and five students from the Cox Cleveland market will be selected to each receive a \$1,000 scholarship. Students must live in, or attend school in one of the following communities: Brooklyn Heights, Broadview Heights, Fairview Park, Parma, Parma Heights, Seven Hills, Rocky River, Lakewood, Olmsted Falls, Olmsted Township.

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Letters To The Editor

Manor Park Residents Speak Out

Joining in on an ongoing conversation in the community and a hot topic on the Observation Deck, the following letters were received from Manor Park residents regarding the recent removal of the traffic light at the intersection of Manor Park and Detroit. A description of the official reasoning presented by the Mayor can be found here <http://www.lakewoodobserver.com/forum/viewtopic.php?f=7&t=10662&start=30>. At the time of publication, the traffic lights and crosswalk signals at both Detroit and Manor Park and Detroit and Mars have been removed.

Jeff Lambert-Shemo, Manor Park Resident

The more I watch the intersection and speak to neighbors and parents at Emerson School, the more I see and the more stories I am already hearing regarding pedestrian issues and crossing Detroit at Manor Park.

I have watched 3 separate senior citizens try to cross Detroit in the last week who had to stop and walk back numerous times because traffic was not yielding to them in the 'crosswalk.' My neighbor, Cathe Step, had a car screech to a stop behind her because she DID yield to a woman in a red coat with a cane cross-

Heather Lambert- Shemo, Manor Park Resident

We are really concerned about the safety of pedestrians on all crosswalks around this very busy intersection. We were very disappointed by the (lack of) response from our council person and our mayor. It defies logic that we are using a study from three years ago to justify this change. For the record, we think the removal of the light actually helps REDUCE traffic on our street which is a good thing. But, we are really concerned about the impending car accident or pedestrian injury that will most certainly occur as a result of its removal. Sad, considering Lakewood is supposed to be one of the most walkable cities.

If you have a chance, try crossing Detroit heading North or South on Manor/Blossom Park. Or, try to turn left or right heading North or South. No matter which way you are going from North or South, you cannot get a clear sight of traffic. Therefore,

you MUST pull into the cross walk, putting pedestrians in danger. Another big issue is now with the light gone, the cars from Get Go that used to pull onto Manor Park to use the light, are darting out of the Get Go Station from all of the driveways.

Today, I noticed that the city has put caution tape across the crosswalk entrance heading North and South. Clearly, this is absurd. I watched two people try to cross there...they just walked around the tape. Furthermore, I think the bigger danger is pedestrians in the crosswalks heading East and West.

If putting the light back at the intersection is not going to happen, we need a lighted blinking crosswalk (think about the ones in Coventry) where pedestrian safety is priority versus cars "proceeding smoothly" through Lakewood on Detroit. Furthermore, something needs to be done to control the traffic flow in and out of Get Go.

ing the 5 lanes of traffic without the light. I hope that you [council and the mayor] will find time to ask the appropriate individuals who are responsible for the removal of the light to watch the intersection for a few hours and notice that it is a very difficult intersection to cross. I do not feel that Bunts or Marlowe are reasonable secondary crossings because of the distance to walk to those intersections from here.

Is there a specific reason that this light was chosen? I have been trying to have the individuals who have expressed concern call or email on their own behalf, but cannot know

if they are, so that the city may take another look at this choice. At the least, I would hope that you [council and the mayor] would consider conveying the message to have a secondary option, or create a more visible crosswalk option, prior to fully removing the current signal, because even the blinking signal as it stood was better than no signal at all.

Karen Forte, Manor Park Resident

In a way it can be nice not having to wait for that light all the time but, I agree, there will be an accident there soon. The traffic from Get Go makes the intersection much busier than other side street intersections. As you mentioned there are cars shooting out from 3 drives at Get Go(why do so many people using that gas station seem a bit crazed and unaware

of basic traffic laws?) , from the bank, and the dentist office. With the Giant Eagle on the corner there is a lot more foot traffic, especially from the 2 senior buildings. Add that it's also a main route to Lakewood High, St. Eds, and Garfield Middle school, it seems to be one of the busiest foot traffic intersections around.



“Are We There Yet?”

by Edward C. Denk

How many of us remember the days of our drives to “Grandma’s house” when we heard the plaintive cry of a child from the backseat, “Are we there yet?” Well here we are fellow Americans, having to ponder the prophetic analysis of the Austrian economist Friedrich A. Hayek in his provocative studies of European economies and governments in “On The Road To Serfdom.”

Consider some of his conclusions in this excerpt from his study on “The Totalitarians In Our Midst”: “Apart from the intellectual influences of pre-Hitler Germany...we should have to consider such new organizations as the “Forward March” on the “Commonwealth Movement” of Sir Richard Acland or the activities of the “1941 Committee” of Mr. J.B. Priestly...in England and the impetus of the move-

ment toward totalitarianism...from two great vested interests: organized capital and organized labor. They do this through their common and often concerted support of the monopolistic organization of industry, and it is this tendency which is the great immediate danger.”

Today, then, what are we to think of the monopolistic tendencies of our own: “...two great vested interests...i.e. big government, taxing, spending and regulating our lives...and big labor, controlling millions as a voting block to enhance progressive ideology toward socialism”? Americans, stop and study the headlines of the day, read our Constitution, Hayek’s studies, Thomas Paines’s “Common Sense,” then educate your family, friends, neighbors, and become informed to ask yourself the question, “Are we there yet?”

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Lakewood Observer

Interview With Radio Legend And Former Lakewood Resident, Jeff Kinzbach

by Thomas George

Jeff Kinzbach was a broadcaster and spent nearly thirty years in the radio business. For twenty of those years he was the morning personality at WMMS in Cleveland, Ohio that earned record high ratings. Kinzbach and the rest of WMMS were major players in the drive to bring the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame to Cleveland. He is a member of the Radio Television Broadcaster's Hall of Fame and now lives in Dallas, Texas with his wife and daughter. This interview is dated Dec. 22, 2011.

Again, I don't want to take a lot of your time:

As a youngster growing up in the 60s in Lakewood, Ohio, how did you first become involved with WMMS?

I was always interested in radio as a kid. I built everything from crystal sets to shortwave radios from kits. I would put up large antennas so I could listen to shortwave radio stations from all over the world. When I was 9 years old my Mom bought me a cheap little tape recorder. She was a single Mom raising 3 kids by herself so we didn't have much money. But that kit enabled me to put together sounds which later led me into radio. When I went to Horace Mann Jr. High, in 8th grade, I met 2 kids that became my best friends, Tom Kelly and Steve Lushbaugh. We liked music and we all liked radio. We all became members of the Television Crew at Lakewood High in 10th grade. John Newland was the instructor and he was great. We learned a lot and we became involved with an internship program at WUAB-43 in Parma. My sister, who was 5 years older than me, married a TV director from WTOL in Toledo. So I was hooked.

In 10th grade I called every radio station looking for a job. Finally, one of them hired me to answer their request lines - WIXY-1260. It was a huge radio station and it was a thrill to be a 10th grader and to work for WIXY. I met great radio personalities like Chuck Knapp, Lou King Kirby, Chuck Dunaway, Big John Roberts and Billy Bass. Steve and Tom would always come up to the station and hang out with me. We all got



Lakewood High's 1970 student television crew, with Jeff Kinzbach circled in yellow.

to know Billy Bass pretty good. When I was in 12th grade I landed a job on the air at a radio station in Flint, Michigan. I had been visiting my sister that summer and ended up finishing high school there and working at the radio station. Tom Kelly replaced me at my job with WIXY. As time went by, Billy Bass left WIXY to do a start up of a new type of radio (progressive rock) at WNCR-FM. Not many people were listening to FM at the time but Billy put together a great staff and they were playing some really great music like Led Zeppelin, Emerson Lake and Palmer, etc. He hired Tom Kelly and Steve to work there too. The 3 of us always remained very good friends. I was working in Michigan and did part-time stints at CKLW, and WCAR in Detroit.

In 1972, Tom Kelly called me and said that Billy Bass had left WNCR and started working at WMMS-FM. This was to compete with WNCR which had made some changes that Billy Bass and the rest of the air-staff did not like....Steve and Tom followed them to WMMS. WMMS was owned by Metromedia and they were having success with progressive rock in Philadelphia, San Francisco and Los Angeles so they tried it in Cleveland. In 1973 I received a call from my friend Tom. He was being transferred to KMET in Los Angeles and WMMS needed a production director. They could not find one. So I applied and was hired. I did all of the production of commercials and promotions and filled in on the air when needed. While there, I met a guy who was writing news for our sister station, WHK....his name was Ed Ferenc....and we became good friends. In 1976, they asked me to do the morning show. Ed "Flash" Ferenc would be the newsmen.

As I recall during the 60s the we all know the competitive radio in Cleveland market included AM stations WIXY, WHK, WKYC, but also CKLW in Windsor...many younger

people are unaware that CKLW dominated local Cleveland radio during the late 60s...any thoughts about the competition and, prior to WMMS emergence, where was your AM dial tuned?

Since I was a big fan of radio, I was listening to WIXY, WKYC, CKLW, WLS and WCFL in Chicago and WABC in New York. I listened to Big Jack Armstrong, Wild Child-Dick Kemp, and all the rest in Cleveland as well as John "Records" Landecker, and Bill Bailey at WLS, Bob Dearborn and Larry Lujack on WCFL. Needless to say, Ted Richards, The Duker (Larry Morrow), Jim Jackson and plenty more on the Big 8 CKLW. It was great radio with great personalities and content. I was young and knew that the "new" radio was emerging on FM. The signal was cleaner and the music sounded so much better with all that dynamic range that FM provided. Also, the teeny bop music was on AM....we played good rock on the FM. Many people had to buy FM converters because the car radios did not have too many FM radios at the time. We did not really worry about competition....we just built a radio station that we wanted to listen to. And it turns out we were correct. We were tired of the formula top 40 and while the AM's were playing Donny Osmond, we were playing David Bowie and Bruce Springsteen. We also played music with very few interruptions. And it did not take long for people to find us. It wasn't always an easy path but we stuck with it and learned a lot. And we became very defensive when a competitor would try to worm their way into our format.

Growing up on Westlake Avenue I've heard you attended Horace Mann Jr. High...true? Any special memories of Lakewood schools and Lakewood in general?

Growing up in Lakewood was great. Our street, Westlake, was loaded

with kids. We played football in the street, we played tackle football and baseball at Andrews Park behind Manner's Big Boy. We would walk the tracks to the store, get ice cream at Franklin's, ride bikes and swim at the pool all summer at Lakewood Park. My Mom would sew the metal swimming pass tag onto our swimming trunks. We played outdoors and had a lot of fun. At night I would turn on the radio. We did not have air conditioning or an attached garage. But we had a great park system and we had fun. Who remembers sneaking into Clifton Park and the beach? How about slot car racing? On the way home from high school we would stop in at Melody Lane and buy 45's. There was a little t-shirt shop in the back of the store...it was run by Daffy Dan. It was his first business that eventually became huge. I was a quiet kid in school. Horace Mann was just ok. I learned to type there. Ha. But, Lakewood High was really good. I took electronics, was a member of the TV crew, and learned to drive a car with brand new cars that were provided. Not bad. I often wonder whatever happened to all the kids that I grew up and went to school with. Most were really good kids. They can find me on Facebook if they want. I have never been a big fan of reunions. Guess I should have been.

Finally any wish list items, such as "if I had the power I'd put so and so in the Rock Hall of Fame", or "if I had my way, so and so would NOT be in the Hall of Fame", or "I should have gone into computers instead of radio"?

I really don't have a wish list. I pushed really hard to get the Rock Hall in Cleveland. There is plenty of time to get all of our favorites into the Hall. However, an old friend of mine, Barry Gable, had a great observation....Bruce Springsteen is in the Rock Hall. But, shouldn't the E. Street Band be in too? Music is the common thread that bonds all of us...I think the Rock-n-Roll Hall of Fame does a great job...and I'm glad it's here. There are not too many things I would change. I have been blessed to have grown up with some of the greatest music and to have been in radio at that time, especially WMMS. What a ride. I am a big fan of this area, but most of all, the people here. I believe they deserve better. I have a very low tolerance for corruption in government. Maybe I need to run for office but we all need to work together and do better. Politicians, unions....all of us have to step up and do better. I have not told anyone this....but I will mention it to you. A lot of people have given up on radio. It is not the same great product that it once was. But I miss it. I think if you have the right quality product, people will embrace it. So, you never know, I might be back.

Thanks for your time...you are fondly remembered by many, many listeners.

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Pulse Of The City

“Ridgerunner” Rice? A Hillbilly Story...
(The Question Being...Can ‘Ya Pick The Wildwood Flower?)

If there’s one thing in life that I don’t like to hear, it’s when people make generalizations about other groups of people. Most of us would probably agree that putting whole groups of people into categories is a very dangerous and slippery slope that all too often in the past has led to racism, concentration camps, and even ethnic exterminations. It’s also been the all-too-sad story of the human race.

Often these days and in the past, one nation vilifies the people of another nation in order to goad their own side into fighting a war with ever greater hatred and determination. Stereotypes and scapegoating were well-known techniques in the propaganda artwork of WWI and WWII. Nationalized scapegoating continues to this day whenever national, political, or economic interests perceive that they can gain by such techniques. The topics of scapegoating and prejudice then enter into millions of private dinner table conversations. Most of us are aware of the prejudices of the past. At the same time, we often fail to realize the manufactured prejudices that are assaulting us in the present, particularly as the drums of war continue to beat around the world.

Of course, here in America, we have some of the best laws in the world protecting people from prejudice. At the same time, very powerful groups of people in this country and elsewhere continue to attempt to convince people that it’s OK to make generalizations about people of “different” ethnic or religious traditions whenever it suits their own agendas to do so.

One of the more disrespected American groups in the 20th century, one that continues to be maligned with relative impunity (and a group that continues to suffer from highly prejudicial perceptions), would be the people of Appalachia, who are sometimes derisively called “ridgerunners” or “hillbillies.” This is the group of people from whom my own strong roots are sprung. Dad’s people were from the foothills of the northern Appalachians, while Mom’s were from the southern range of Lookout Mountain.

To this day, negative Appalachian characterizations continue almost without let-up on TV, in books and magazines, and on the internet. The American Eastern Hill People have been under intense political, economic, and religious persecution since before the United States even came into being. Often accused of being poorly educated, ignorant, and in need of condescending “help,” the truth all too often has been that the powers-that-be simply could and still cannot tolerate the fact that there is a significant body of people out in those “hills and hollers” who simply like to think for themselves.

People have often escaped to the mountains over the years to avoid persecution. Many of the eastern hill



Gary’s Lakewood Observer banjo brings a bit of the “hills and hollers” to Lakewood.

people of our country are descendants of people who fled the clutches of both civil and religious authorities in order to be able to live free from the dictates of authoritarian councils of any sort. The hill people knew very well that whenever some group of people joined into a formal association, rules would be drawn up, and there would be other people who simply could not abide with those rules. The litmus test for a group, therefore, became how that particular group would treat their own dissenters. The answer to that question, all too often, was with persecution. In the hills, on the other hand, you made your own rules. Your neighbors left you alone, and you could live out your own life on the side of your own mountain in peace- with your God, your neighbors, and yourself.

In the hills, and in the absence of those authoritarian societal “rules,” many people married between races and ethnic backgrounds, many years before it was fashionable to do so. No one whom I knew back in those so-called “hills and hollers” cared a tinker’s darn where your family came from, or what your last name was. In my case, I have such a bewildering mix of ethnic groups in my personal bloodline it could frustrate the most dedicated genealogy researcher. If you did start to ask your family any such bloodline-related question back then, you would quickly be told that the Bible tells us to “avoid useless genealogies.” See, “up thar” in the hills and hollers, we were VERY religious, but just as quickly we were told that God didn’t stick any labels on us either. If one church said something we didn’t like, we’d just move on down the road to the next one, or even start our own up. For a good part of my youth, my family worshipped in a non-denominational meeting house where we learned about an accepting and inclusive Jesus. It wasn’t until we came to the city that I learned that so many churches having labels on their doors could be so UN-

inclusive, but that’s another topic... (and of course, was a very good reason why many of the people of Appalachia fled to Appalachia in the first place!) As the 20th century dawned, modern civilization began to intrude into those hills and hollers, as mining companies and related industries followed the coal and the oil trails. Some of the hills were drilled for oil or leveled out by strip mining, while others were honeycombed by deep tunnels constructed for the extraction of coal. Highways began to cut through those hills and hollers. In my home state of Pennsylvania, when they needed to build that turnpike, they blew their way straight through the Appalachians and constructed mammoth tunnels to keep the wheels of progress turning. As store-bought goods and services came into the hills and hollers,

money became more important, and of course there was never enough of it to go around. Those “civilized” groups that the hill people had run from three centuries before started two huge world wars, and thousands of the people from the hills and hollers finally decided to drive that new turnpike to Pittsburgh, or up Route 21 to Cleveland, Lorain, or Detroit, to find work in those steel mills in order to feed their starving families. The people of Appalachia were sorely aware of the price of war, however. Many of their families, like my own, had moth-ridden blue or gray uniforms hanging from their attic rafters that had once been owned and worn by family members who went off to fight in the Civil War. Many young men from Appalachia did not return from that war either, as they were among the hardest fighters. The word “surrender,” you see, was just not part of the vocabulary of those people from the hills and hollers, whether they were Northern or Southern. Music, of course, was a huge part of our Appalachian culture, and it’s well known that Country and Western music, and even a significant branch of the roots of Rockabilly and Rock and Roll, can be traced to Appalachian soil. Music ran deep on both sides of my family. Ancient Scottish, Irish, and German ballads mixed with African and Native American melodies and the music of a hundred other ethnic backgrounds up in them-thar hills and hollers into a magnificent musical porridge that continues to bubble over to this day. One of the more interesting questions put to aspiring musicians in Appalachia, phrased almost as a rite of passage into a secret society, is the

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Lakewood Living

Kauffman Park Friends Claims Responsibility For Record Low Snowfall

by Meg Ostrowski

After our 2011 “Afternoon in the Park Winter Event” (which was to include a snow sculpting contest) came up short of the white stuff, Kauffman Park Friends (KPF) decided to try again this winter. Determined to beat the odds, we opted to run this year’s Snow Sculpting Contest over several weeks increasing the likelihood of snow and opportunities for interested artists.

Four families braved sub-freezing temperatures to participate in the contest during the only weekend in January with adequate snow. The results inspired many to start planning their creations with anticipation of the next “big” snow. KPF extended the deadline with expectancy. You know the rest, record low snowfall and spring-like weather throughout February. It seems the only chance of ensuring snow before the end of the season is to wrap up our effort and start planning for 2013.

Congratulations to all of the artists in the Banfield, Kompier, Pagsuyoin and Williams families! All artists will enjoy a hot beverage, compliments of The Root Café and be entered into a raffle drawing. Prizes include tickets to The Beck Center for the Arts Youth Theater’s production of Willy Wonka, May 4-6 & 11-13, a Gift Certificate for programming through Lakewood Recreation Department and Gift Cards from local businesses.

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Snow Dragon

Before The University Of Akron, The Ohio State University Was Lakewood’s College

by Thomas George

The University of Akron’s recently opened satellite branch in Lakewood is a welcome addition to the Lakewood community. However, many may not know that prior to the arrival of U of A’s satellite, The Ohio State University had a satellite branch in Lakewood.

As the baby boom’s teenagers matured, college enrollments began to soar in the mid-to-late 1960’s. According to Ohio State’s historical enrollment figures, the main Columbus campus had 23,813 students in 1960. By 1970 that number had nearly doubled, to 46,074. As a result of these overflowing enrollment numbers, Ohio’s universities took steps to accommodate this influx of students by undertaking massive campus construction projects and by establishing satellite branches.

Ohio Governor James A. Rhodes boasted that Ohio would have a college located within 30 miles of every potential student. New colleges sprung up throughout Ohio, including Wright State University in Dayton in 1964 and Lima Technical College, now Rhodes State, in 1971. The Lima News of June 12, 2008 recalled that “the late Gov. James Rhodes took the first strides in making a college education available to all.”

As there was no state university within Cuyahoga County to meet his 30-mile goal, Rhodes championed the conversion of Fenn College, a small private college located in downtown Cleveland, to Cleveland State University.

Cleveland State University was officially formed in 1964, but prior to its opening, Ohio State had opened a satellite campus in Lakewood at the high

school in 1962. According to the October 1965 Ohio State Alumni Magazine, the Lakewood branch would “have 41 full- or part-time faculty to instruct an estimated 700 freshmen and sophomores in classes that run from 4 to 10 p.m.”

The Alumni Magazine further states that Ohio State’s branch in Lakewood operated from 1962 through June of 1966, when it became part of Cleveland State University.

Then Ohio State University President Novice G. Fawcett noted, “The Center has helped fill a critical need for higher education facilities in northeastern Ohio during a period of heavy enrollment growth. It now appears that those needs can be satisfied by Cleveland State University.”

So, for four years Lakewood was home to the Buckeyes. This is all good


news for those who on a Saturday afternoon cheer on the scarlet and gray. After all, they are Lakewood’s “hometown” team!

“Ridgerunner” Rice?

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question: “Can ya pick the wildwood flower?” This is in reference to a 19th century song made famous on record in 1928 by Mother Maybelle Carter, of the Carter Family, when she picked perhaps the world’s first famous “lead guitar” solo-- “Wildwood Flower.”

Yeah, I can and do pick the wildwood flower. Hooray for Appalachia. May that land (and Lakewood!) always be free.



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Lakewood Living

Prepare For Spring

by Matt Chase

Many people believe the best time to list their homes for sale is in the spring. Historical sales records will even back that assumption up, to a point. This year Northeastern Ohio has enjoyed an unusually mild winter, and home sales have stayed pretty level. If you are one of the homeowners waiting until spring to get your house in shape for sale, wait no longer! The unseasonably warm weather has kept home buyers active in the market, and waiting until April or May to list your home for sale could eliminate a sizable number of potential buyers from see-

ing your home.

It's easy to understand the attraction of a spring sale: trees are in bloom, everything is greening up and the curb appeal of a home is at its best. The challenge now is to maximize the curb appeal of your home without the added assistance of nature. Don't worry too much though, everyone who is selling their home right now has the same drab surroundings to deal with. Why not give your home a little added help? The first impression a potential home buyer has is what they see as they approach your home for the first time. Normally in this season, we have snow to cover a multitude of visual prob-

lems caused by the severe weather of a normal Ohio winter. This year our winter yards are completely bare and open to view by everyone passing our homes. First impressions do matter, so try a few of the following tips to present a clean and neat appearance when nature isn't giving you any help.

Clean up and dispose of any fallen branches from recent wind and snow storms

Clean up any of the paper refuse that always magically appears in the beds around our yards

Sweep the walks and driveway clean of gravel and dirt that accumu-

lates from plowing and shoveling the snow that did fall.

Pick up some inexpensive perennials or greenery from a local nursery, Home Depot or Lowe's to give some color to our pre-spring surroundings

Clean exterior windows on one of these warm days to provide a bright, crisp appearance to the outside of your home

Anything you may do to make the exterior of your home look neat and clean will give you a great advantage as people pass your property or approach for a tour. Pricing is extremely competitive and only the best of the best homes command the highest re-sale prices. With the large number of homes currently available, these easy tips may make the difference and show your home at its best. We all want to sell quickly when we need to. Take a few minutes to make sure you have the best chances possible to find the right buyer at the right price, for you!

Matt Chase is a licensed Realtor® and the owner of Chase Group real estate.

Lakewood In The Civil War:

Soldiers From Rockport

by Mazie Adams

The Lakewood Historical Society continues to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War with a series of articles focused on Rockport Township (now Lakewood) during that time.

The state of Ohio sent over 320,000 soldiers to fight for the Union during the Civil War. Over fifty of these men came from Rockport Township which covered what is now Lakewood, Rocky River and parts of Fairview Park and Cleveland), a community that had under 2,000 total residents.

Who were these men? Census data, information at the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument, enlistment records and other documents helped to piece together a picture of the Rockport men who served in the Civil War.

Most were twenty years old or younger, although the oldest Rockporter to enlist was 45. The older men left a variety of occupations when the enlisted, included a shoemaker, farmers, servants and laborers. Of the 50 who came from Rockport, six were discharged with disabilities and ten did not survive the war. Two – Nathan Hawkins and Ansel Jordan – were captured and died of disease in Andersonville Prison in Georgia. Many of the men came from families whose names are still familiar to use today: French, Gleason, Tegar-

dine and Andrews. Jacob Tegardine, who enlisted at the age of 20, later served as the fourth Mayor of the Hamlet of Lakewood (from 1900-1901). His home at the southwest corner of Detroit and Warren served as City Hall for many years.

Rockport resident and soldier Latimer Dike kept a diary during the war. Most of his entries are brief and matter of fact, but he did mention some of the items he made as the cook for the 67th Ohio Regiment, including gingersnaps, bread pudding, rice pudding and lots of pies.

The Rockport men served in sixteen different units. The largest number (14) served in the 103rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry. The 103rd was involved in the General Burnside's campaign in eastern Tennessee, the siege of Knoxville, the siege of Atlanta, the Nashville campaign and several other military actions. The regiment also spent the winter of 1862 and 1863 encamped near Frankfort, Kentucky, where they helped build Fort Hill. The original forts is still standing today.



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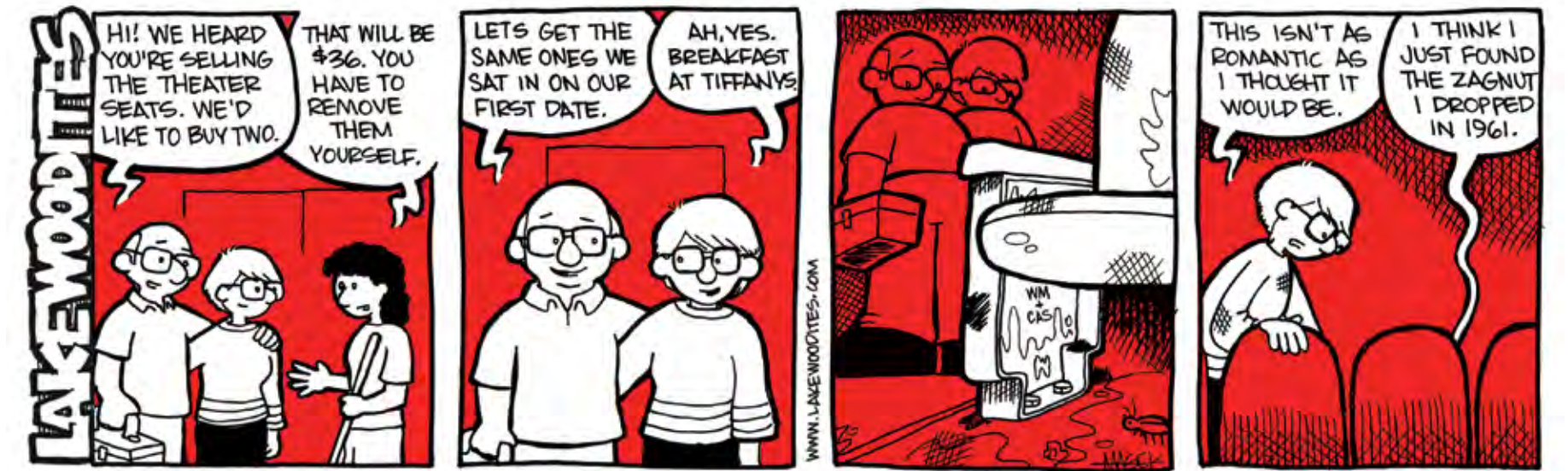
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March 10: Morrison & McCarthy @ 9pm

March 16: Pompous Ass @ 8:30pm

March 23: Donnegal Dogs @ 9:30pm

March 24: Mossy Moran @ 9pm

March 30: Feast @ 10pm

March 31: Marys Lane @ 9:30pm

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Sunday
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