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District Presents Plan To Reduce Budget

by Christine Gordillo

Lakewood City School District Superintendent Jeffrey W. Patterson introduced a financial plan at the May 21 Board of Education meeting that will put the district on more solid financial ground going forward. District officials developed the plan in accordance with the priorities expressed by residents during the community engagement meetings held in January and February. The plan honors the

wishes of the community by minimizing the direct impact on student programming and keeps job losses low.

"It's never easy to recommend budget reductions. However, we have developed the best plan possible that still provides the resources to ensure our students are achieving at the highest level and are well-prepared for success in the 21st century. This plan preserves that which the community values in our school

district," Patterson said.

The Board is scheduled to vote on the recommended plan at its June 4 meeting.

Following successful negotiations with the Lakewood Teachers Association (LTA), the district is able to save \$2 million through Fiscal Year 2014 that it would otherwise have made in reductions. Teachers will take a 0% base pay increase in 2013-14, pay 5% more for health care beginning in 2012-13, and participate in a retirement incentive program in 2013-14.

Superintendent Patterson commented, "We appreciate the LTA coming to the table and working with us to accomplish these savings. We recognize that this is something that they did not have to do, but they saw the need and helped us develop a plan that will maintain the financial security of the district for years to come."

Part of the \$8.6 million in savings the district will realize through the plan includes the elimination of twenty-five and a half full-time equivalent positions, many of those being jobs of employees retiring that won't be replaced. The reductions include the elimination of full-time and part-time jobs and in some cases, reduction in employees' hours.

The reductions affect employees at every level and include five positions at the

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Aerial view of Meet The Trucks. Great fun for kids!

Meet The Trucks Set For June 2nd

by Melissa Garrett

The City of Lakewood and the Lakewood Early Childhood PTA invite you to attend the 7th Annual Meet the Trucks on Saturday, June 2, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Lakewood Park, 14532 Lake Avenue. Come see, touch and explore the City's fine fleet of trucks and vehicles.

Vehicles on display will include an aerial truck, dump truck, refuse truck, fire truck, police car, police motorcycle, SWAT vehicles, Cleveland MetroParks Eco Explorers Traveling Bus and more. In addition, the Lakewood Early Childhood PTA will offer crafts, a balloon twister, a DJ, bounce houses, raffles and

numerous exhibits. Jungle Bob will be performing two shows, the first at 11:00 a.m. and the second show at 12:30 p.m. The St. Ed's Trash Talkers will also be on hand to kick off the event! Free popcorn and bagels will be available (while supplies last) and hamburgers, hot dogs, fries, pizza, drinks, and snow cones will be available to purchase.

Many community groups will also be in attendance offering children's activities and sharing information about their organizations. Attendees are asked to bring a canned good which will be donated to the Lakewood Community Services Center, the City's food

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New Boat For Fire Department To Protect Our Harbor



The Lakewood Fire Department took delivery of their new Ribcraft 7.8 Offshore last week courtesy of Homeland Security. This \$48,000 boat was given to Lakewood last week so that we could protect our harbor.

LHS Girls' Rugby Runner-Up In National Championships



Team members of the national runner-up LHS girls' rugby team pose at Stanford Stadium, where the national high school tournament took place in mid-May.

by Christine Gordillo

Lakewood High girls' rugby coach Andre Bruwer expresses his thanks and thoughts on his team's second-place finish in the nation at the national high school tournament held in California recently:

I am super proud of

our Lakewood girls and our Lakewood parents and community who have helped year long with fundraisers. It took more than just pure guts to achieve a 2nd in the nation, it took a community supporting us financially to help us get there, so a big thank you to

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Lakewood Fire Department met the Fire/Police Memorial Day Motorcycle Run at the entrance to the Emerald Canyon with their giant flag! Nice way to welcome nearly 1,500 bikers.

Calendar Page

Wednesday, May 30

LHS Jazz Band Concert
7:30 PM
Tickets \$3, \$2 seniors, \$1 students
Location:
Civic Auditorium
14100 Franklin Blvd.

Thursday, May 31

“Hair of the Dog” Happy Hour and Silent Auction

5:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Eighth annual ‘Hair of the Dog’ Happy Hour and Silent Auction Citizens Committee for the Lakewood Animal Shelter (CCLAS) It’s time for an evening filled with music and comedy, pizza, appetizers, open bar drinks and fantastic raffle baskets, all while helping our furry friends! 100% of the proceeds will benefit the homeless and abandoned animals in the community. For more information on this exciting event and advance ticket purchases, visit us online at <http://www.cclas.info/HOD2012.html>
\$25.00 per ticket
Avenue Tap House, 18206 Detroit Avenue

Happy Hour Spa Night for Charity

7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

We are excited to announce our 4th Annual Happy Hour Spa Night for charity. This year’s charity is Lakewood’s own H2O “Help to Others”. All proceeds from this event will benefit this important organization.
Please join us for an evening of relaxing spa treatments, fun music with Cats On Holiday, and yummy eats and cocktails from Around the Corner. This year we are offering even more spa services, 50/50 raffles, and fantastic door prizes every hour! This event sells out every year, so don’t delay, go to the link below to register or RSVP. <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e5rh8ffr2ecedb87&llr=7dgp5kcab>
One ticket price gives you access to the services on the list, cocktails and apps! You will be automatically entered into the door prize drawings and will have the opportunity to participate in the 50/50 raffle.
Come out, celebrate Spring and enjoy a relaxing night while supporting this great charity!
Location:
Russell Chiropractic & Around the Corner
18624 Detroit Ave.

Saturday, June 2-3

MedWorks Offers First Of Its Kind Cancer Screening Clinic For The Uninsured And Underinsured
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
On Saturday, June 2, and Sunday, June 3, 2012, MedWorks, its partners, The Free Medical Clinic of Greater Cleveland, University Hospitals Seidman Cancer Center and the Cleveland Clinic-Taussig Cancer Center, and volunteers will provide two days of free cancer screenings at a MedWorks clinic.
This first of its kind, large scale cancer screening event unites the city’s leading health care providers in providing urgently needed preventative care for

the underserved. According to the American Cancer Society report Cancer Prevention & Early Detection Facts & Figures 2012, “studies have shown that those who lack health insurance are more likely to be diagnosed at an advanced stage of cancer, when survival rates are much lower and treatment is more extensive and costly.” The MedWorks Cancer Screening Clinic will offer access to vital screening tests which are proven to improve survival and decrease mortality by detecting cancer at an early stage when treatment is more effective.

The screening clinic on Saturday, June 2nd will focus on women’s health and men’s health cancer screenings. Screenings will include pelvic exams, pap tests, clinical breast exams, mammograms, psa tests and rectal exams.

The clinic on Sunday, June 3rd will focus on providing sigmoidoscopies, dermatology screenings, oral screenings and other cancer-related tests.

Services will be provided free-of-charge. Patients will be identified through local social service agencies providing safety net services. Patients will be pulled from the safety nets that are identified as in need of these screenings. In addition, medical volunteers and MedWorks media partner WKYC TV-3 will hold a phone bank to schedule appointments for patients deemed appropriate for each screening tool. Some walk-ins will be accepted. Appointments will be scheduled on both days starting at 8am with the last appointment being at 4pm.

The Free Medical Clinic of Greater Cleveland, 12201 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44106. Run for the Arts and Free Art Festival

Adventure Guides Car Wash

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Calling all cars! Are you looking to get cleaned up and support the kids of our community? Then stop by the Lakewood Family Y and the Lake Trail Nation Y Adventure Guides will give you a bath. The annual car wash has been a successful fundraiser for many years, helping to defray the costs of Adventure Guides programs. Donation of \$10 is requested.
Revolving around the motto “Friends forever,” the Adventure Guides is a family program encouraging parents (or other significant adults) to give the most important thing that they can to their children, their time. The Lakewood Y hosts the Lake Trail Nation Adventure Guides, which is comprised of nearly 40 families with children aged 5 to 12. Our members include single and married parents, grandparents, neighbors, and of course, the kids we care about!

The program helps foster a lifetime of understanding and companionship and to strengthen the relationships between children and adult family members. Create great life-long memories, develop new friendships, and to have FUN! Contact Mike Orvetz at 216-228-7662 for more information.

16915 Detroit Avenue

Spring Fling Adoption Day

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Adoption Event and Pet Rescue Charity Fundraiser
Eight rescues will be at The Furry Nation on June 2 to work together to find new forever homes for their fosters.

We will have a huge charity raffle at the event as well. Over 800 lbs of Pet food and gifts and gift certificates from local businesses will be in the raffle. Baskets are on view at The Furry Nation now.
You can purchase tickets now through June 2, 3:30pm
The Furry Nation, 15800 Detroit Ave

Sunday, June 3

Trinity: Growing for more than 100 Years
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church will celebrate its 100th year anniversary with a Festival Worship. Bishop Elizabeth Eaton of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America’s Northeastern Ohio Synod will preach. Bp. Eaton grew up through the ministries of Trinity. The congregation invites the public to be part of the morning’s worship. Amazing music and the dedication of a new baptismal bowl will take place that morning as well. A luncheon (reservations needed) provided by 56 West will follow. For reservations and more information call 226-8087.

Trinity Lutheran Church, 16400 Detroit Avenue

9th Annual Taste of Lakewood

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

The Lakewood Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce its Ninth annual Taste of Lakewood. The Taste of Lakewood has grown over the past eight years to become a regionally-recognized “Don’t Miss” food event. In order to better showcase our outstanding and eclectic mix of restaurants and food purveyors and to appeal to an even wider audience, we are very excited to announce a new location for the 2012 Taste of Lakewood: The Lake Erie Building, Templar Industrial Park - commonly known as “The Screw Factory.”

This new larger venue also offers the opportunity to partner with the Screw Factory Artists, who will have their studios open during the event. Sample delicious food, enter to win fabulous themed raffle baskets, and visit open artists’ studios: be a part of the 9th annual Taste of Lakewood that showcases Lakewood’s award-winning food destinations!

The Lake Erie Building, Templar Industrial Park 13000 Athens Avenue

Saturday, June 9

Pier W Restaurant to Host 5K Race Benefiting Malachi House
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Participants can expect a fun, energetic run through Lakewood Park followed by lunch prepared by Pier W’s own Chef Regan Reik on the restaurant deck overlooking Lake Erie. The race celebrates the Copper River Salmon Season. Proceeds will benefit the local charity, Malachi House which serves persons who are terminally ill, without cost or regard to gender, race, religion or national origin.

Registration begins at 9am with a race start time at 10am. Lunch on the Pier W deck following the race. Online registration is accessible via the Hermes Web site at: <http://www.hermescleveland.com/roaddracing/events/pierw.asp>. Pre-registration cost is \$25. Mailed entries must be received by Wed., June 6. Online registration closes Fri., June 8 at 9am. Race Day Registration cost is \$30. T-Shirts will be given to the first 300 registrants and awards will be presented to age group winners. All participants are invited to Pier W post-race for lunch. Non-participating attendees are welcome to gather for post-race lunch at Pier W for \$8. For registration questions, contact Hermes Sports and Events at 216-623-9933

Lakewood Park Outdoor Pavilion, 14532 Lake Ave., Lakewood, Ohio 44107

Sunday, June 10

Car Wash and Bake Sale
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Great family car washing and fresh homemade baked goods! Check out the baked goods while we clean your vehicle. When you see how shiny your car is, you pay what you think it is worth. The baked goods are reasonably priced.

Lakewood Seventh-Day Adventist Church 1382 Arthur Avenue (behind Taco Bell) Lakewood, Ohio

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Lakewood’s own Fireside plays Beck Café’s Red Stage at Bike for Beck as riders return from a quick 12 mile loop to sounds, gelato from the Sweet Spot, and iced tea at the Beck Café. Thanks everyone! Yeah that’s David McCallum belting out a song or two!

Lakewood City News

Council Approves Lawsuit Settlement

by Christopher Bindel

The May 21, 2012 Council meeting was called to order by Council President Brian Powers at 7:37 P.M. Councilman Powers (At-Large) asked Council to pass a resolution congratulating Lakewood High School principal, Dr. William Wagner. Dr. Wagner was recently named Ohio High School Principal of the Year by the Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators. Council unanimously agreed to and passed the measure.

Councilman Powers personally congratulated Dr. Wagner and said coming from a long line of school teachers and administrators he truly appreciates what Dr. Wagner does for our community, saying that you can't have a strong community without strong schools and that Dr. Wagner truly helps us have strong schools.

Dr. Wagner thanked Council for the resolution and said that there were several people responsible for the honor and he certainly cannot take credit alone. He said the hard work of all the students, teachers and support staff are the reason he was able to receive the award. He closed saying, "This award is won by many [in the district] and I just get the honor of accepting it."

Next on the agenda were the Lakewood Heritage Advisory Board Historic Preservation Awards. May is National Historical Preservation month and for the last 10 years Lakewood has awarded property owners in Lakewood who have made improvements to their

homes and businesses that stay true to the historical character of the buildings. This year marks the 11th year for the awards and there were seven recipients. Winners include Rozi's Wine House, two homes on Lake Avenue, a house on Edgewater Drive, a house on West Clifton Boulevard, a house on West Clifton Road and a house on Wyandotte. One of the houses on Lake had won this award previously for an addition on their home, however when a really bad storm came through a few years ago a tree took out that addition. This year they were recognized again for the replacement of that addition.

Other National Historic Preservation Month activities this year included This old House Fair which was held at the beginning of the month, the Lakewood Historical Society Scavenger Hunt which is going on all month and lastly a presentation by the Lakewood Historical Society at the Library on May 30th.

Next, Law Director Kevin Butler asked Council to pass a resolution giving the Mayor the power to enter into an agreement with a former city employee to settle several worker's compensation lawsuits. The Committee of the Whole had previously approved the Law Department discussing settlements of cases up to \$150,000. After deliberation that amount was agreed upon by both parties. Although

the Committee of the Whole agreed to a settlement amount to be discussed, it still has to be officially approved by Council, which is why Director Butler introduced the resolution.

Council passed the resolution.

Director Butler then asked Council to pass an ordinance that would place a question on the November 6th ballot asking citizens to allow the City to make changes regarding the filing date of mayor and council members to be put on a ballot. The Changes are being requested by the Cuyahoga County Board of elections to fall in line with changes that were made at the state level. Currently a candidate has to submit their declaration of candidacy by the 75th day preceding the primary. The new law, if adopted, would change that to 90 days.

Council referred the matter to the Rules and Ordinances Committee for further discussion.

Police Chief Malley then asked Council to pass a resolution that would allow the city to accept funds from the Ohio Attorney General to support Lakewood's D.A.R.E program. The \$41,142.21 grant would help pay the salaries of the officers instructing the D.A.R.E program.

Council passed the resolution.

Fire Chief Scott Gilman then asked Council to pass a resolution recognizing Kufner Towing for providing Lakewood's Fire Department with vehicles

for use in extrication training. The vehicles were given to the city at no cost.

Council passed the resolution.

Coming to the end of the agenda and with no members of the public wanting to make any comments, Council President Powers adjourned the meeting at 8:10 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 June 4, 2012. For a copy of the agenda or for any other information regarding the LakewoodCity Council, you can find it at onelakewood.com/citygovern_council.html

Meet The Trucks

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bank.

The following organizations helped to sponsor this event: The University of Akron-Lakewood Campus, Donatos Pizza, Kiwanis Club of Lakewood, Lakewood Family YMCA, Midway OH Boy, Ohio Mobile Gaming, Jungle Bob, Music Connection, and Zap Entertainment.

The 7th Annual Meet the Trucks event once again promises to have something for everyone in your family. Best of all, it's free! Just bring a non-perishable food donation to benefit the Lakewood Community Services Center.



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Come To The 3rd Annual Lakewood Bike Rodeo

by Melissa Garrett

With school out soon, there will be more kids out riding their bikes, and Lakewood's Neighborhood Police Officers want to do something proactive to help keep them safe while they enjoy their summer. The Lakewood Bike Rodeo, a safety program for kids, will be held Saturday, June 9, 2012, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Madison Park.

Most kids ride their bikes on the sidewalk. However, as they get older and bigger and ride the sidewalks and crosswalks faster, there will come a time when it is safer for all if they were 'driving' with the road traffic. It is key that these young bike 'drivers' know traffic rules and acquire skills to prevent accidents and harm just as an automobile driver must. Sharing the road without knowing and obeying the rules can lead to trouble: the three top causes of bike-car crashes for kids under age 15 are riding out of a driveway without stopping, running stop signs, and turning left without yielding. And without a helmet on, your child is at risk of serious brain trauma or death from as little as a three foot drop.

The Rodeo program will take kids through a series of activity stations that cover many bike-related-topics that will be beneficial for sidewalk or road riding. The Bike Shop activity station will teach your kids about the mechanics of their bike and check that everything is in good working condition. Even sidewalk riders will benefit from activities such as the Rock Dodge, Who's There, Demon Driveway, Crazy Crossroads, and Slow Race that will go over traffic rules, reaction to hazards, and maintaining control.

The Lakewood Bike Rodeo tar-

gets Lakewood residents ages 11 and under, but there is something for everyone at this FREE event. Additional reasons to come to the Rodeo:

Get a bike license free of charge. Many times stolen bikes end up getting turned into the police and this is the only way to know who the bike belongs to so it can be returned. What's more, if a policeman suspects a bike rider to be on a stolen bike some will flip the bike over to find the serial number and check it against the license records.

Get a Child Identification Card. If your child were to be missing this is the must-have document that you can give to the police immediately to help search efforts.

Get a kid's helmet for only \$5. Various kids' sizes will be available while supplies last.

Activities for ages six and under provided by City of Lakewood Family Room.

Bike and Helmet Raffle. We will be raffling off four new bikes. Winner must be present.

Interact with and get to know your local policemen in a casual and fun environment.

After the Rodeo, catch a swim at the Becks Pool at Madison Park.

All rodeo participants should be accompanied by an adult age 18 or older and must wear a helmet. Every child who finishes the rodeo will be entered into a bike giveaway raffle.

This Bike Rodeo is sponsored by the Lakewood Police Department, Steel Valley Federal Credit Union, Madison Avenue Merchants Association, Live Well Lakewood, Friends of Madison Park, Lakewood Public Library, Silhouette School of Dance, and the Kiwanis Club of Lakewood.

Mayor Summers Relaunches Listening To Lakewood Program

by Melissa Garrett

Mayor Michael P. Summers is relaunching the Listening to Lakewood Program this summer. He will be visiting local businesses throughout the rest of 2012 to answer questions and speak with residents. These Listening to Lakewood sessions are an opportunity for all residents to meet the Mayor

and discuss Lakewood.

Join Mayor Summers for the first Listening to Lakewood event on Tuesday, June 12, 2012 from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at Rozi's Wine House, 14900 Detroit Avenue. All residents are encouraged to attend. This is an opportunity to meet the Mayor and share your thoughts with him.

LHS' "Lakewood Reads" Seeks To Get Residents Reading Together

by Christine Gordillo

"Lakewood Reads" is Lakewood High's effort to get the whole community involved in celebrating literacy by reading a book together. All LHS students will be reading the autobiography/biography, "The Other Wes Moore," by Wes Moore as part of their summer reading requirements. Like it did last year with its selection, "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time," Lakewood High is asking the community to join in reading this book as well.

The book tells the story of two boys who grew up in the same Baltimore neighborhood and share the same name, but took very different paths. One has become a Rhodes Scholar, decorated combat veteran, White House Fellow and business leader, while the other is serving a life sentence without parole for being involved in a murder.

The author Wes Moore attempts to examine the factors that contributed to their divergent fates. He finds that he had a series of mentors, family members, and interested individuals who intervened, confronted, and challenged him; while the other Wes

Moore didn't have all of the support that he could have used or that he needed at crucial moments in his life. The book also emphasizes that there are consequences, both good and bad, for the choices we make. The LHS Social Studies teachers who selected the book believe that both teens and adults will find the book relevant and will be able to make parallels to their own lives.

In the fall when students return to school, activities related to the book will be planned in all departments and the Lakewood Public Library will host a number of activities and discussions focused on the book.

"Community reads are growing in popularity across the country. The teachers at Lakewood High feel that this concept will not only encourage reading, but will help to connect the community to the schools," said social studies teacher Lauren Flynn. "One of the main themes of The Other Wes Moore is the role that support systems play in the success of a child. In the end, we are hoping that community members are encouraged to become involved in supporting Lakewood's youth in whatever way they can."

Lakewood To Host Lemonade Day June 30

by Ian Andrews

Local youth entrepreneurs will fan across the city setting up lemonade stands on June 30, 2012 as part of Lemonade Day Northeast Ohio. Coinciding with the CityWideStreetSale, this innovative, nation-wide program helps teach youths about being entrepreneurs by starting, owning, and operating their own businesses.

Having begun in Houston, Texas in 2007, the program has spread from 2,700 to 120,000 youths in 2011 across 31 cities in America and Canada.

The program is open to Lakewood students currently enrolled in grades four through six. Registration forms are available at LakewoodAlive (14701 Detroit Avenue, #LL10), the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce (16017 Detroit Avenue), and Vision 21 (1495 Warren Road). Registration forms should be turned into Vision 21 by June 14.

There will be an orientation meeting for parents and their children on June 20 at 6:30 p.m. hosted **continued on page 7**

Cool Aid - Only \$1,000.00 A Glass



Tobin Northhrup, at his wit's end over medical bills and recovery from illness that has found him unable to work at Light Bistro, where he is a bartender, decided to do something about it and on this fine day set out a Cool Aid stand where he was selling cups of Kool-Aid for \$1,000.00 a cup. "Cool-Aid" Update - Since we broke this story, it has gone global! Tobin has been seen on everything from Channel 3 - CNN and Fox National News! To date Tobin has not sold one cup for \$1,000, but he has met some interesting people. Follow the QR Code to our original story on Tobin!



Senior Living At Its Best!

Summer Events Schedule:

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, June 24, 2012
12:00 - 1:30PM

Come and enjoy a complimentary lunch or dessert!



LUNCH & LEARN

Thursday, June 28, 2012
at 11:30 a.m.

“Congestive Heart Failure”

Presented by:

Donna Ross, RN, MSN, ACNS-BC
Heart Failure Advocate at Lakewood Hospital

RSVP by June 26th to 216-912-0800. Complimentary lunch provided!

5th Annual Community Dog Show

Saturday, July 28, 2012 | 11:00AM - 1:00PM

FREE Vending Opportunities! Accepting Donations for Raffle Prizes!

★ All Proceeds to benefit Lakewood Animal Shelter ★

Please contact Tammy Sibert at 216-912-0800.



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Lakewood Public Library Events

compiled by Leana Donofrio-Milovan

Wednesday, May 30

Historical Society:

An Evening with General Nathan Bedford Forrest

After the Civil war, a reporter approached Robert E. Lee and asked him, “Who do you consider the greatest general of the war?” Lee replied, “A man I’ve never met, sir, his name is Forrest.” And in his memoirs William Sherman wrote, “When it’s all said and done, the finest soldier produced in our Civil War was Nathan Bedford Forrest.” Bob Chambers will give us a lively, anecdotal presentation of the life and career of the colorful, controversial Confederate General.

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

Saturday, June 2

Western Cinema

My Darling Clementine (1946), Directed by John Ford

John Ford returns to his beloved Monument Valley to tell the story of the coming of civilization to the West. The once-wild town of Tombstone now has a barbershop, a church and a school. Henry Fonda plays Wyatt Earp. He and his brothers have abandoned their wild ways and have become well-groomed, responsible citizens. With the arrival of Clementine the schoolmarm to add beauty and smarts, Tombstone may finally be ready for its close-up. But who are those guys with guns hanging around the O.K Corral?

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

Sunday, June 3

Sunday with the Friends: Jody Getz and Friends

This laid-back super group was originally put together as a simple gathering of friends. But with musical backgrounds as diverse as zydeco, blues, folk, rock and pop, they discovered a new sound that they couldn’t put down. George Lee and John Lucic join the award-winning songwriter with her name in the title for an exciting new mix of standards and originals.

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

Wednesday, June 6

Lakewood Historical Society: The Western Reserve Historical Society, in the Present and for the Future

The Western Reserve Historical Society is a flurry of activity with renovations, a new interpretation division, a new curator of the Crawford Collection, and the restoration of the Euclid Beach Carrousel. Janice Ziegler, Vice President for Education and Public Programs, outlines upcoming exhibits, events, and endeavors. Learn about Clio, the computer avatar artifact interpreter funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Get acquainted with Kidzibits, the new family education center with activity stations for intergenerational experiences. And whet your appetite for the fresh food service at Hale Farm in Bath, Ohio.

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

Showdown At The LPL

by Morgan Maseth

A harsh quiet falls over this sun-baked stretch of Detroit Avenue and the saloons by the Library are conspicuously empty. Rumors of a showdown hang in the air making lazy circles in the sky. The reputation of a classic American film is at stake. Terry "Prof" Meehan will hold his own against Mary "The Doria" Russell and her gang of bestselling novels.

No stranger to the Lakewood Public Library, Terry Meehan has been hosting film nights for years. His current series, Western Movies, The Early Years: 1903 -1948, takes a hard look at great films that define the genre. Each film is introduced with rare clips and documentaries and finishes with a lively discussion. His upcoming presentation of “My Darling Clementine” centers on Wyatt Earp, Doc Holliday and the legendary O.K. Corral shoot-out. Directed by John Ford in 1946, “My Darling Clementine” was selected by the Library of Congress to be added on the National Film Registry for preservation.

Mary Doria Russell’s latest novel, Doc, tells the story of John “Doc” Holliday that many are unfamiliar with. While most focus on the gambling gunman of legend, Russell relays the story of the man behind that legend. After losing his mother, Alice, at 15 to tuberculosis, Doc is faced with the same death sentence shortly after earning his dental surgery degree at the age of 21. Knowing what fate had to offer him, he traveled west in hopes that the dry air and weather would help improve



Terry Meehan and Mary Doria Russell not pictured.

his health. Russell’s novel shows us the Doc Holliday that was fighting for his life while trying to survive on the edge of the frontier.

While Ford’s film is considered a classic it is also the least faithful in regards to actual historical events. But how much of a factor should historical accuracy play in determining whether a film is considered great?

To help answer this question Russell will lend her knowledge on this exciting and tumultuous time period, while Meehan will let director, John Ford; defend his film through an introductory video shown before the movie. Be sure to mark your calendars for this film presentation and discussion on Saturday, June 2 at 6:00 pm so you can hear both sides of the argument and judge for yourself. This movie is free and open to the public and will be held in the Lakewood Public Library Main Auditorium. For more information go to www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/film.

Saturday, June 9

Lakewood Public Cinema

Micmacs (2009), Directed by Jean-Pierre Jeunet - Rated R

Why do films exposing the corrupt humanity of death-dealing arms merchants always have to be so dreary and depressing? The director of Amelie has found another way. A ruined victim of random violence teams with a colorful band of misfits to pit the manufacturer of the bullet in his brain against the maker of the landmine that took his father’s life with one brave shenanigan after another. In French with English subtitles.

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

Sunday, June 10

Sunday with the Friends: The Art of Stained Glass

Judy Kean of the Glass Studio presents an illuminated history of stained glass with special emphasis on the treasures of Tiffany and the personal designs of Frank Lloyd Wright. A discussion of evolving techniques leads to the current era with glimpses of the future as seen in examples of Kean’s own work.

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

Wednesday, June 13

Health and Wealth: Hospice 101 and Volunteering

Hospice is a service and not a place. Laura Brindza and Tracey Peek of Odyssey Hospice clear up common misconceptions about end of life care so that those who need it will have better opportunities. Find out who is eligible for care, what services are provided and what costs are covered by Medicare. Also, learn how volunteers can become an important part of another person’s life journey with a rewarding experience that cannot be replaced.

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

Thursday, June 14

Booked for Murder

The Virgin of Small Plains by Nancy Pickard

In Small Plains, Kansas, Rex Shellenberger goes out to rescue newborn calves after a brutal blizzard hits, and finds the dead body of a teenage girl in the fields. Who is the girl? And why does Mitch Newquist disappear as soon as the body is discovered? Even decades after her death, everyone is still captivated by the girl and the mystery remains unsolved. Years later, secrets begin to surface and the ghost of the virgin haunts the small town when Mitch returns to town.

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

Saturday, June 16

Five Star Films

Dark Passage (1947), Directed by Delmer Daves - Not Rated

Convicted of killing his wife, Humphrey Bogart escapes from San Quentin and a man-hunt ensues. He befriends a trusting young Lauren Bacall who secrets him away in her apartment. But when a friend of his is found shot to death, he’s the prime suspect and the police double their efforts to catch him.

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

Children/Youth Events

compiled by Arlie Matera

Saturday, June 9

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.

Ongoing through Saturday, August 11

Around the World in 30 Books

For children age birth through fifth grade

Feeling adventurous? Join our Summer Reading Club and read 30 books or for 30 hours over the summer. Visit the Reading Club desk once a week to collect stamps and tickets toward prize drawings. Receive a certificate, a nameplate and a special reward when you finish.

Children’s and Youth Services at Main Library and Madison Branch

Ongoing through Saturday, August 11

Get Global--Read - For youth entering sixth through twelfth grade

Explore your world and expand your mind. Read 30 books or for 30 hours over the summer and earn prizes. Stop by the Reading Club desk to sign up or for more information.

Children’s and Youth Services at Main Library and Madison Branch

Family Weekend Wonders

Make the library a part of your family weekend time with programs featuring stories, activities, music and crafts. These free programs are offered every weekend throughout the year at both the Main Library and Madison Branch. No registration is needed. Check out our website (www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/youth) for times and upcoming themes.

Main Library Activity Room and Madison Branch Auditorium

Saturdays at 11:30 a.m. and Sundays at 3:30 p.m. Weekends With Wee Ones

For families with children under 2 years old

Spend a part of your family weekend time clapping your hands, tapping your feet, singing nursery rhymes and, of course, sharing books. We will provide materials and ideas for those wishing to continue the fun at home. Programs are offered every weekend throughout the year and there is no need to register in advance.

Madison Branch Children’s and Youth Services

Lakewood Library

LPL Serves Up A Steaming Cup Of Anime At Otaku Café

by Nicka Petruccio

Teens and tweens can meet up with like minded peers this summer at Lakewood Public Library’s “Otaku Café,” a six week program aimed at fans of anime & manga. The word “otaku” is a Japanese term used to describe someone with an obsessive interest and has come to be synonymous with anime and manga fans in the United States. The genre has steadily grown in popularity over the past 20 years, gradually getting absorbed into the mainstream. The appeal still may baffle some, but fans of the genre can’t get enough.

To that effect, Lakewood Library is happy to present this program which will go beyond the cartoons and com-

ics, dipping into all aspects of anime culture. Whether you’re new or knee deep in your fandom, you’ll have a great time immersing yourself in six weeks of anime themed awesomeness. We’ll examine Japanese culture as reflected in anime, hold a manga drawing workshop, host a series sharing session where everyone can talk about their favorite series, discuss anime cons & cosplay (dress-up), and lots more! Join us Mondays, June 18th through July 23rd from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Youths entering the 6th through 12th grades are invited to attend, but registration is limited so call soon to reserve your seat at Otaku Café! Call 216-226-8275 ext. 140 for more information.

Who's That Librarian?

Andrea Fisher

by Arlie Matera

Name/Position/Department: Andrea Fisher, Supervisor, Adult & Electronic Services

Birthplace: Wooster, OH

Something interesting about you: I’ve worked in libraries my whole life. I started as a page in my hometown library when I was 16. I worked in my college library, and I worked part-time at LPL while in grad school for Library Science. I cannot imagine working in any other environment!

How long you have worked at LPL: 6½ years

Your favorite spot in the Library: The Grand Reading Room. I love the way it has the traditional library look, but with a warm and inviting color palette. The Richard Haas mural reflects Lakewood’s history, and is always a great conversation piece for people visiting the library for the first time.

What you are reading right now: There But For The by Ali Smith and The Angel Esmeralda by Don DeLillo.

What three books you would want in your backpack if you were stranded on a deserted island: Anything by David Sedaris, Mary Ann’s Gilligan’s Island Cookbook (I have a feeling I’ll need to know how to make a coconut cream pie), and Infinite Jest by David Foster Wallace (if I’m on a deserted island, maybe I’ll finally have time to read 1000+ pages).

A favorite childhood memory of the library: It’s hard to think of just



one! I remember going to the library for story time as a preschooler. Also, my library’s pet hamster named Dewey.

Suddenly you find yourself living the life of a book character. Who you would be and why: Milo from The Phantom Tollbooth. He has amazing adventures in the Kingdom of Wisdom and discovers that learning itself can be an adventure. Plus, I love the thought of a world full of puns and other whimsical wordplay.

Something that might surprise us about your work at LPL: As a librarian, my job is rewarding and exciting! I get to help people find good books and resources that enlighten, educate and empower them to be smart and successful.

Lemonade Day June 30

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by the University of Akron Lakewood and Start Up Lakewood to discuss being an entrepreneur and to go through the Lemonade Day program. This meeting will also provide the youths with their lemonade stand location assignments and work hours. Teams of 2 or 3 youths will work each lemonade stand for a two hour shift with an adult chaperone. Teams can be formed ahead of time or at the orientation.

Parents and their children can

pick up supplies for the stands from Vision 21 on June 28 and 29 from 4-7 p.m. Stands will cost up to \$50 with a portion of the cost being offset by sponsorships. This event is not a fundraiser for any organization; all costs are associated directly with supplies for the stand.

Local sponsoring organizations include the Lakewood City Schools, Start Up Lakewood, the City of Lakewood, the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, Vision 21, LakewoodAlive, and the Downtown Lakewood Business Alliance.

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The Lakewood High seniors who have maintained a 4.0 or better GPA through three quarters this school year were honored at the District's annual Celebration of Excellence, along with other 4.0 scholars from grades 6 through 11.

District Honors Academic Excellence For Middle, High Schoolers

by Christine Gordillo

The hard work and perseverance that has paid off in academic excellence for more than 180 sixth- through 12th-graders was honored at the 29th Annual Celebration of Excellence, held May 14 at the Civic Auditorium. The ceremony is the District's way of honoring those high school and middle school students who have achieved a 4.0 or higher GPA through three quarters this year as well as our National Merit scholars and scholarship winners.

Students received their academic excellence medals from School Board member and keynote speaker Emma Petrie Barcelona - a 1995 LHS grad - and fellow Board members Linda Beebe and Tom Einhouse. Winners of nearly 50 scholarships worth more than \$35,000 awarded by the Lakewood Alumni Foundation and the Lakewood Leadership Team were also present. Special recognition was given to Lakewood High's National Merit

Finalists Ryan Cleary, Derek Dashiell and Katie Reading, and Commended Scholars, Mick Jones, James Matthiesen, Annalisa Perez, Nina Pizzo and Matt Sims.

One of the most impressive parts of the evening was learning of the post-graduation plans of many of our outstanding seniors. The many interests of our District's most academically talented students include fields such as engineering, genetics, music, veterinary medicine, business, international studies, film, fashion design and education. They will study (many with scholarships) at a wide variety of colleges, such as Case Western Reserve University, Cornell University, Ohio State University, Ohio University, University of Akron, Wittenberg University, Northwestern University, Barnard College, University of Michigan among many other fine institutions.

Congratulations to all the academic award winners as well as the scholarship winners!

Lakewood Board Approves New Teachers' Contract Through 2013-14

by Christine Gordillo

The Lakewood Board of Education at a special meeting on May 18 approved a new contract with the Lakewood Teachers Association (LTA) that will run through the 2013-2014 school year. The new contract replaces

the current contract that was to expire after the 2012-2013 school year. As part of the administration's efforts to close a projected \$12.4 million budget deficit in 2015, the district's labor unions agreed to re-open their contracts for negotiation.

The new contract will yield approximately \$2 million in savings through fiscal year 2014. Teachers will take a 0% base pay increase in 2013-2014, pay 5% more for health care beginning in 2012-2013, and participate in a retirement incentive program in 2013-2014.

Superintendent Jeffrey W. Patterson commented, "We appreciate LTA coming to the table and working with us to accomplish these savings. We recognize that this is something that they did not have to do, but they saw the need, and helped us develop a plan that will maintain the financial security of the district for years to come."

Added LTA president Colleen Corrigan: "Lakewood's schools have been a source of pride for the community, the district, and, certainly, the teach-

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New HR/Rec Director Hired; LHS' Siftar Moving Into New Role

by Christine Gordillo

At its May 7 meeting, the Lakewood Board of Education approved two new administrative hires. Current Avon Local Schools' Superintendent Jim Reitenbach will be joining the District on Aug. 1 as Director of Human Resources and the Community Education & Recreation departments. LHS House III Principal Brian Siftar will move into the role of Coordinator of State & Federal Programs, Testing and Gifted.

Reitenbach, who has been Avon Superintendent for the past 13 years, will be charged with developing a reorganization plan for the Rec Department and will take over in the HR Department for retiring current director, Dr. Deb Cahoon.

Before becoming Avon's Superintendent, Reitenbach was Personnel Director for the Maple Heights City Schools. Earlier in his career, he was an Athletic Coordinator for the Elyria City Schools and Athletic Director for Tiffin University.

"I look forward to the challenge," Reitenbach told Board members.

"Lakewood has always been a great community and I hope to add to that. Thank you for the opportunity."

Siftar will be replacing Larry Orrach in his new position, which begins Aug. 1. Siftar has been House Principal for the past four years.

"I am grateful for the opportunity ... and very grateful to be a member of (Superintendent) Patterson and (Assistant Superintendent) Bright's team in a different role," Siftar told the Board. "The commitment of the Board, the staff and the community is what drew me in to this community and what keeps me and my family here."

Last month, it was announced at a Board meeting that Bill DiMascia will replace retiring House II Principal Lynn Eckert. DiMascia is currently the Program Manager/Principal of the Akron Alternative Academy for the Akron Public School District. While Principal, DiMascia has improved attendance rates and boosted the number of state indicators met for the 300-student school. DiMascia also begins his new position August 1.

LHS Girls' Rugby Runner-Up In National Championships

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everyone who stepped up and helped our girls achieve, what for some is only a dream.

What TV didn't show is that our girls walked on hot coals to get to the final, they faced off with the once seven-time National Champions and undefeated Midwest Champions since 2003 and took them down 19 points to 0 (in the semifinal). They left nothing behind, they played their hearts out to get through to the final round. Unfortunately it did take everything out of us and we had nothing left to give in the final. We did ice baths, the works, but when

you come up against teams traveling with 40+ players to our 21, all you can do is close your eyes and hope there is still something in the tank.

I am super proud of what our girls have done and their achievements deserve praise from all corners, they have worked from September through till May in rain and snow, they have braved the elements and encountered many more hurdles than I would care to mention, but believe me, there is no team more deserving of a medal right now than our own Lakewood Girls Rugby Squad, so congratulations ladies, "second in the Nation baby!"



Lakewood High School and the Lakewood Garden Club recently dedicated the new Horticulture Outdoor Learning Lab at LHS, which was a joint project between Lakewood Schools and the Garden Club. The ribbon-cutting crew was (from left) Board Vice President Edward Favre, Principal Bill Wagner, Horticulture student Erin Salo, Superintendent Jeff Patterson, Garden Club member Debbie Conley, Horticulture teacher Mark Rathge, and Garden Club member Judy Riley.

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Comics 101 At Padre Pio Summer Academy

by Nicole Boose

This summer, local students will have the opportunity to learn about the art of making comics from two working professionals in the field. I'm pleased to be one half of that team, along with my co-teacher, cartoonist Len Peralta (<http://www.lenperalta.com/>). Together we're offering a course called Comics 101 for 12- to 18-year-olds as part of Padre Pio Academy's summer programming.

Comics 101 will introduce students to the process of creating comics and help students of all levels develop their artistic and storytelling skills. The course is dedicated to guiding students to express themselves creatively and communicate effectively through words and pictures. No prior experience is needed--just enthusiasm and willingness to learn!

Peralta is a professional local cartoonist whose quirky, offbeat style has become synonymous with geek music and culture. His work has been featured on CNN's website and in The New Yorker. He was recently listed as one of the Top 100 Geeks to Follow on Twitter by Wired Magazine. Len has also illustrated several books, including There's A Zombie In My Treehouse by John "Widgett" Robinson and Ken Plume, Silly Rhymes For Belligerent Children written by MST3K/Cinematic Titanic's Trace Beaulieu, and

Look by Robert Bowling.

Len has just completed work on an expansion set of Steve Jackson Games' Munchkin, based on the popular web series The Guild, and an independent game, Wacky Obits, due out later this year. He is currently working on a graphic novel written by Rifftrax member Bill Corbett entitled Super Powered Revenge Christmas, due out this holiday season. He has taught comics and cartooning at the Beck Center and

resides in Cleveland with his wife, Nora, six (soon to be seven) children and a gassy Wheaten Terrier named Snoopy.

I have over a decade of editorial experience in the comic book publishing field. As a member of Marvel Comics' staff for over 5 years, I've worked closely with some of the industry's premier writing and artistic talent on developing comic stories. My editorial credits include Invincible Iron Man, Stephen King's Dark Tower and

The Stand comic adaptations, and current series The Secret Service and Supercrooks. I relocated from New York City to Lakewood in 2010 with my husband and daughter, and work as a freelance comic editor and consultant.

Comics 101 is one of many classes that Padre Pio Academy offers at its Lakewood campus from June through August. More information is available at <http://www.pioacademy.org/curriculum>, or by calling (216) 571-0174.

H2O Youth Service Group And Harding School Host Memorial Day Remembrance

by Gary Rice

On Thursday, May 24, the youth volunteers of H2O and Harding Middle School hosted a remembrance ceremony to mark Memorial Day. Guests of honor included our area military veterans who were served breakfast, followed by a ceremony attended by the student body.

Of particular note was the presence of three former Lakewood educators, all of whom had served in the Second World War. Maynard "Doc" Unger, former Garfield teacher, had been an Army Air Corps radio operator on a B-17, who had been shot down over Germany and spent nearly 2 years as a P.O.W.. Dr. Richard Dutro had served as a teacher and an administrator for the Lakewood

Schools, and had also served with the U.S. Army in Europe. Robert Rice had been a Lakewood music teacher, as well as a band, orchestra, and choral director at Harding School. Rice served with the 336th Army Band, and with the Chemical Warfare Service in the American Theater of Operations.

In a touching moment, Harding band director Brian Griebel introduced his own father, the well-known jazz musician Buddy Griebel, who was also a WWII Army veteran. Director Griebel also introduced Mr. Rice as having been his prede-

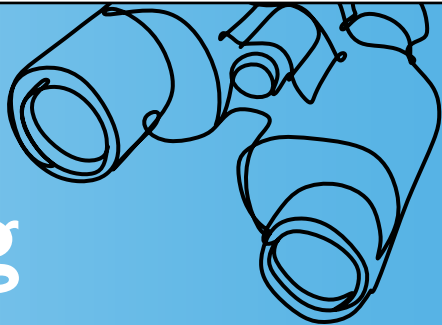
cessor at Harding; the two men provided 59 consecutive years of uninterrupted musical instruction at that school.

(Below L to R) Robert Rice, Maynard "Doc" Unger, and Buddy Griebel swap stories. Photo by Gary Rice



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"Sometimes new glasses, brighter lighting, sunglasses, a brimmed cap, or magnifying lenses can help," says Peter McGannon, MD, of Cleveland Clinic Ophthalmology/Lakeland Eye in Lakewood. "However, surgery to remove the cloudy lens and replacing it with an artificial lens should be considered when cataracts interfere with daily activities."

Make an appointment for a dilated eye exam if you have blurred vision or if you are over age 60 and have not had a comprehensive exam in the last two years. Your eye care professional can detect the presence of a cataract or any other conditions that may cause the blurred vision.

To schedule an appointment with Ophthalmologist Peter McGannon, MD, Cleveland Clinic Ophthalmology/Lakeland Eye in Lakewood, call 216.529.5320.

Lakewood Schools

District Presents Plan To Reduce Budget

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administration office, eight and a half at the high school, five at the middle schools and seven in the elementary schools. As of next school year, the district will operate with eighty-seven fewer positions than it had just two years ago.

The financial plan also recommends closing an elementary school prior to the 2013-14 school year, which will result in annual savings of \$400,000. A recommendation to the Board of which school to close will be made in August. Together, the savings from fewer jobs and buildings will significantly help reduce the projected \$12.5 million deficit in 2015.

Other short-term savings in the

plan come through reducing textbook spending, non-renewals of technology leases through the 2013-2014 school year, and a shifting of a surplus in the district's workers' compensation fund to the general fund.

The priorities expressed by the community in the meetings held earlier this year guided district officials as they crafted a plan that required tough decisions. For instance, if personnel reductions were to result in larger class sizes, the community clearly expressed that those larger classes should be at the high school and not at the elementary level. The number of teachers that will not be replaced is largest at the high school. No regular classroom

teachers will be eliminated at the elementary level.

The community also made clear how highly it values the music, art and gifted programs. No reductions will come in performing arts programming, a half a position will be reduced in the art department and all students who are identified as gifted will continue to be served at all levels. The reductions also manage to preserve the broad range of programming also noted by the community as a hallmark of Lakewood City Schools.

If the proposed reductions are approved by the Board of Education, the district will have reduced \$22.3 million from its budget since 2005. These cuts have become necessary

because the state has slashed the education budget, and local property tax revenue has suffered during the prolonged housing slump. These factors have combined to effectively negate any revenue gained from the 2010 levy.

"Thanks to the hard work and efforts of our administration and the cooperation of our staff, the district will realize a savings of \$8.6 million over the next three years, which will allow us to minimize any future millage request," Patterson said. "The plan does not come without sacrifice, but in the long run, our district will be able to move forward on strong financial footing and continue to be able to offer the programming our community so highly values."

Reductions Proposed By Patterson Include Closing Elementary School

by Betsy Voinovich

At this past Monday's School Board meeting, our Superintendent, Jeff Patterson, presented a list of cuts that altogether will save about 8 million dollars, "significantly lowering the amount of millage we will have to ask for" with the next levy.

The lists were printed out and made available to everyone at the meeting. The first number is the item cut, the next three, are dollar amounts for fiscal years 12, 13 and 14

1. Westshore Payment,	\$190,000	190,000	190,000
2. Textbooks	250,000	250,000	250,000
3. Technology Leases	374,000	374,000	374,000
4. Workers Compensation	600,000	200,000	600,000
5. Title 1 Carryover	0	400,000	0
6. Positions ReducedFY12	60,000	60,000	60,000
7. LTA TRIP #1(positions reduced)	0	600,000	600,000
8. Replace 7.5 FTE (Elementary positions)	0	(455,000)	(455,000)
9. LTA TRIP #2	0	0	500,000
10. Addtl base freezeFY14	0	0	989,000
11. Health Care Savings	0	324,000	324,000
12. Additional Staffing Changes Teacher Reduction	250,000	310,000	310,000
Classified Reductions	0	31,000	61,000
Admin & non-represented staff reductions	0	275,000	332,000
13. Elementary Building Closure	0	0	400,000
TOTAL	1,474,000	2,959,000	4,195,000
Total Budget Reductions (FY2012, FY2013, FY2014) =			\$8,628,000

These cuts include the loss of one of our GT ("gifted and talented" teachers) and one of our 4/5 GT classrooms. They also include the loss of licensed Media Specialists (Main librarians) at all of the schools except the high school. Our Middle Schools will lose

their Family/Consumer programs, which will be replaced by math and language arts tutoring services.

The most dramatic cut was the elementary school. Which one will be closed?

Superintendent Patterson stated that it will not be one of the new or rebuilt ones which offer our students state-of-the-art surroundings and technology, and run efficiently. When directly asked whether the Administration will follow the Board's decision regarding the Phase 3 School Facilities plan, Superintendent Patterson said several times that current data will be thoroughly studied to figure out what would make the most sense when projected into the next year or two. When I asked him about this later, he underlined that this reduction has to do with saving funds and is not related to Phase 3, and stressed that it must be analyzed on its own terms, with all the current data being evaluated.

What is the current data and what will the criteria be when sorting through it?

Does this work with our elementary age population? Will they fit into six buildings? What does this mean for class size?

Presumably the Administration will be sorting through operating costs, condition of the buildings, availability of adjacent schools, impact on the neighborhood(s), impact on current and future Lakewood families, among other things.

Most important to Mr. Patterson was that the announcement of which elementary school will close be made this August, because as he said, "It is very important to get the word out to families a year in advance."

Many questions will be sorted through in the coming days. Though audience members left buzzing with questions and speculation, one thing was very clear. The Administration labored long and hard over the recommendations, which as Mr. Patterson said, represented more than seven months of work, and every effort was made to truly listen to the community.



Lakewood Catholic Academy's 2012 National Junior Honor Society inductees.

Forty-Three LCA Students Inducted Into The National Junior Honor Society

by Paul Nickels

Wednesday, March 28 was a very big day for 43 Lakewood Catholic Academy junior high students. The seventh and eighth grade students were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society. This represents the largest number of inductees into the Society since the founding of Lakewood Catholic Academy in the fall of 2005! Students who gain membership in the Society have demonstrated excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, Character and Citizenship.

The students inducted this year include the following:

Grade 7: Alyssa Amato, Maya Ariza, William Baker, Liam Bangert, John Bradfield, Anna Cmolik, Bridget Croniger, Mary Cait Dolan, Jacqueline Grant, Olivia Heidorf, Ryan Johnston, Emma Kantorak, Victor Kasinec, Alyssa Kissel, Laura Kolenz, Grace Kormos, Anna Kotansky, Nancy Kotonik, Veronica Kress, Caroline Lauch, Hannah Marek, Brendan Mitchell, Emily Morabeto, Stephen O'Sullivan, Luke Occhionero, Edward Patton, Sonia Rogozinski, Caitlin Ryan, Caroline Saracina, Joseph Sierputowski, Laurel Slawinski and Frances Smith.

Grade Eight: Kevin Arbeznic, Emily Bundy, Marcus Hogan, David Isabella, Kira Rogozinski, Stephen Schrimpf, Nathaniel Smith, Robert Sessions, Molly Stofko and Kyle Warren.

Restaurant/Bar/Food And Patio Guide 2012

by Margaret Brinich

When it comes time to put together our annual Restaurant/Bar/Food and Patio Guide we like to take a step back and reflect on the changes Lakewood's food scene has undergone over the past year. By and large the staples remain the same, but there are always some noteworthy departures as well as a few exciting new additions that get added to the map. This year's list is no different and even includes several establishments that are so new we had to label them "Coming Soon"!

No matter how the list changes from year to year, here at the LO putting this map together never fails to do two things: 1) remind us how lucky we are to live in such a vibrant food city and 2) make us very hungry!

So whether it's an old family favorite or a new up and coming trendy joint, get out there and EAT Lakewood!

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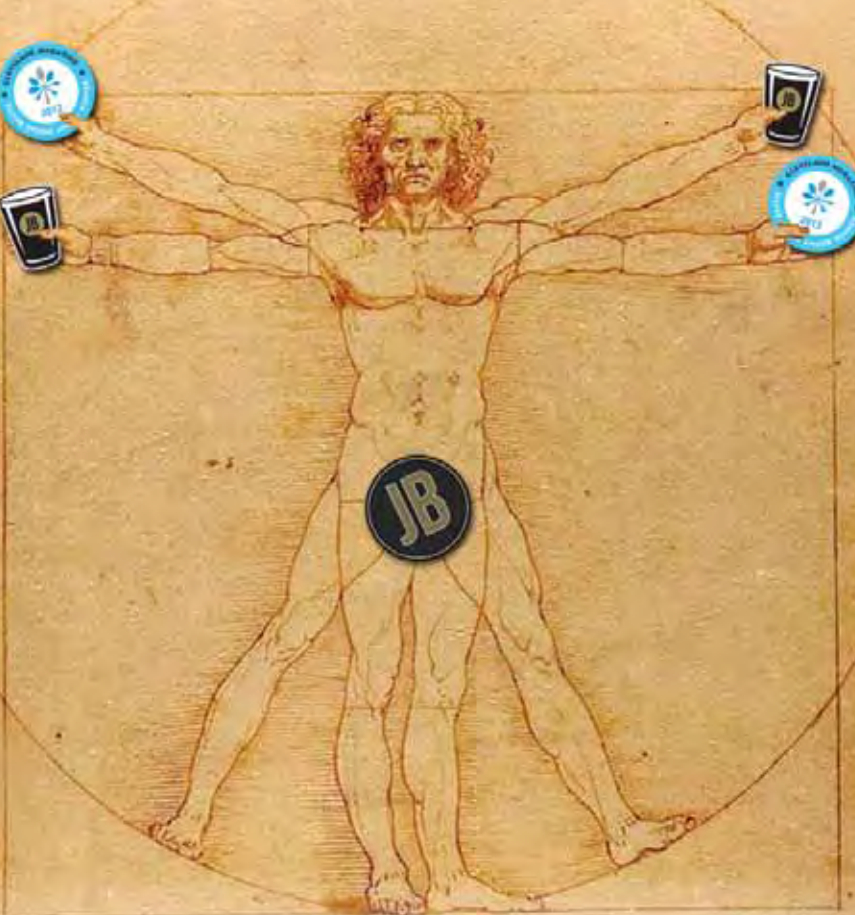
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“Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson” Rocks The Beck Center Studio Theater

by Lauren Fraley

Our 7th president Andrew Jackson's legacy is the contradiction of the century, from the reinvention of modern Democracy right down to the Trail of Tears, relocating thousands of Native Americans into reservations in the West, against their will. Creative team Alex Timbers and Michael Friedman saw this bundle of paradox as fruitful content for a rock musical, warping Jackson into a modern rock star, the people's choice of the American presidency, followed by all of his groupies praising populism. In this presidential election year, The Beck Center has boldly put Bloody, Bloody Andrew Jackson in their season, rocking the studio theater.

The show is uproarious and clever... and probably not for everyone. This isn't just because of the trifecta of off-color-jokes- prejudice, bodily fluids and sex. In fact, there's plenty of humor ranging from low to high and everywhere in between! But some people like their parodies



photo by: Kathy Sandham

AJ's Groupies – from left to right, Amiee Collier, Keri Rene Fuller, Alyssa Easterly, and Lindsey Mercer in Beck Center's production of “Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson,” May 25 through July 1, 2012 in the Studio Theater.

served with a side of history- with a sense of what is creative license and what's fact. (There isn't much supplemental dramaturgical info to guide us through this dense, albeit sometimes light, show.) Especially in an election year, this show has the opportunity to

make us look at ourselves and laugh and think about how much has or hasn't changed.

This said, director, Scott Spence takes this political satire and runs with it, for a night of total hilarity. A perfect picture of political back

Local Artist Featured At Tease Hair + Body Parlor

by Susan Shaw

Art gallery or beauty parlor?

If Amata Woodward has her way, customers won't be able to tell the difference.

Woodward, manager of Tease Hair + Body Parlor in Lakewood, is using available wall space to exhibit works from local artists.

“There are so many talented and creative people in the Cleveland area that we thought this would be a wonderful way to let our clients know about these artists while supporting the local art scene,” said Woodward.

The whimsical work of Cleveland artist Meredith Hahn is currently on exhibit at Tease. All of Hahn's work on display features a humorous take on

the world of hair.

Hahn's work was featured at a special “gallery” opening reception at Tease on Saturday, May 26.

Tease is located in the heart of Lakewood, 15112 Detroit Ave. For more information, call the parlor at 216-228-2440.

About Meredith Hahn

A graduate of Kent State, Hahn is a local emerging artist whose work has been shown in Tremont, Lakewood and Cleveland since 2006. Inspired by music, nature and everyday life, she translates her experiences into two styles, organic surrealism as seen in her mother nature series and pop graphic which can be seen with her more cartoon-like figures. Visit <http://meredithsink.com/> for more information.

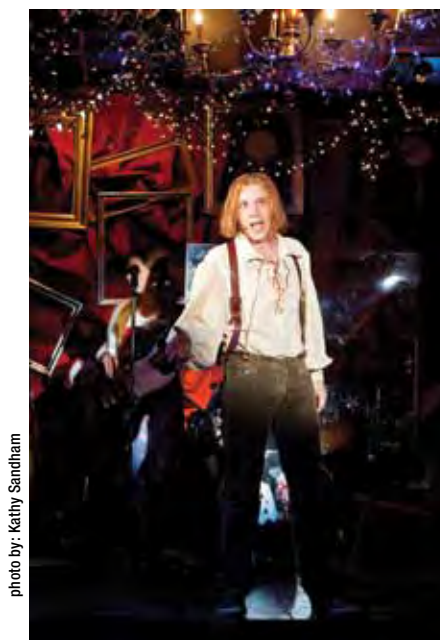


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Dan Folino* as Andrew Jackson in Beck Center's production of “Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson,” May 25 through July 1, 2012 in the Studio Theater. *Actor appears courtesy of the Actors' Equity Association (AEA).

rebel to a president in over his head.

All of the production elements shine (aside from some opening night sound glitches that will get worked out through the run of the show). The clever costumes mix graphic tees, with knickers and leggings with corsets. The set is a perfect combination of 19th century saloon meets Vegas. Dressing it up is an impressive live rock band who takes part in some fun interactive elements.

So If you like some good, irreverent fun and rock music, check it out!

Tickets are \$28 for adults, \$25 for seniors (65 and older), and \$17 for students with valid ID. An additional \$3 service fee per ticket is applied at the time of purchase. Group discounts are available for parties of 13 or more. Purchase tickets online at beckcenter.org or call Customer Services at 216.521.2540, ext. 10. Beck Center is located at 17801 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood. Free onsite parking is available.

Beck Center's production of Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI) and is sponsored by Cuyahoga Arts and Culture and the Ohio Arts Council.

Guitars For Vets™ Rocks the Screaming Rooster!

by Gary Rice

On Friday, May 18th, the Cleveland Chapter of Guitars for Vets™ held a toe-tapping fund raiser at the Screaming Rooster. Guitars for Vets™ is dedicated to getting guitars into the hands of deserving veterans. The program provides ten free lessons on a loaner guitar. At the conclusion of that period of time, and upon graduation from the program, the veteran will receive a new guitar. The fundraiser at Lakewood's beautiful Screaming Rooster provided a raffle of various items donated to the organization from numerous community groups, as well as the opportunity to make contributions to a worthy cause.

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The G4V Cleveland band brings down the house.

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Ministerial Musings: “Out Of This World”

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Gospel Lesson: John 17:6-19

by Rev. Dr. John Tamilio III, Ph.D.

Many moons ago, when I worked at Salem State University, I had a colleague named Steve who was a Born Again Christian. Steve took every opportunity to tell others about his faith, how he was saved by Jesus, and if others (namely his colleagues) wanted to be saved, then they needed to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior as well. What he really meant was that we had to believe exactly the things that he believed in order to be part of the club.

It is probably safe to say that we all know or have met a Steve before: those who have cornered the market on salvation and will let you in as long as you believe and say the right things.

The problem with Steve, though, is that he did not exactly live like a Christian. Steve was married, but it was well known that he cheated on his wife with lots of different women. Without getting into too much detail, Steve used to boast about other unethical things that he did. One day I challenged him on this. I am not a judgmental person, but it felt hypocritical that this pious Christian who insisted that everyone else needed to believe what he believed didn't exactly live the Christian life. His words and the actions clearly didn't match. It was as if Steve lived by the mantra do as I say not as I do. And so I challenged him. I asked him how he could say that he was a Christian and was saved when he really didn't live a model, pious life.

Steve's answer floored me. Basically, he said that he was saved because of his faith. Therefore, he didn't have

to worry about anything else. It didn't matter what he did in this life. He was all set. Many argue that John 18:36 defends this attitude. When Jesus was asked what kind of king he was by Pontius Pilate, Jesus responded saying, “My kingdom is not of this world.” Therefore, as followers of Jesus, we are not of this world either. Our true home is the kingdom of Heaven, not Earth. So what we do doesn't matter. What matters is that we are saved.

This is part of the reason why Christians (in some quarters) have turned their backs on social justice issues for so long — and some still do. This world doesn't matter. We're not even really part of it, so it doesn't matter what we do. All that matters is what we believe so that we can go to Heaven when we die.

The Revised Common Lectionary Gospel Lesson from a couple weeks ago (John 17:6-19) seems to suggest the same thing. In it, Jesus says, “I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.” Jesus is praying to God on behalf of the disciples and seems to be saying that it is us versus them. It is God's world versus this other world.

But is that exactly what Jesus is saying?

Look at the rest of the Gospel narrative. Why would Jesus spend so much time trying to make people's lives better on Earth if this life didn't matter? Why would he heal the sick, and feed

multitudes, and exorcise demons if this life meant nothing and had nothing to do with the life that is to come?

That is not the message of the Gospel. Jesus told us to love one another as he loves us. Jesus said that the kingdom of God is “at hand,” which is an ancient Greek expression that means “here in our midst,” not just right around the corner.

Unfortunately, too many people (like my old friend Steve) felt differently. That is why the Christian church has exploited the environment for centuries. It doesn't matter. That is why the church often refuses to get its hands dirty when genocides and holocausts unfold halfway around the world. It doesn't matter. That is why the church still insists on treating certain people like second class citizens in our own country: LGBT folk, racial minorities, the poor, the disabled, those who cannot afford health insurance, undocumented workers. The list goes on, but the point is the same: it doesn't matter. Look upward, not next to you. That is what matters, not this.

Such thinking is not only theologically irresponsible; it also contradicts the Christian message.

I believe that there is a Heaven and there is an Earth — two separate spheres of existence. However, I also believe that the two intersect. Heaven is both the now and the not yet. It is here and it is there. It is in our midst and it is just around the corner. To paraphrase Paul, what we see now we see only in part, but one day we will see it all completely.



If this is true, then how we behave here does matter. How we treat others counts for something. Jesus really does want us to love others the way he loves us. Jesus really does want us to treat others the way we want to be treated. Jesus wants us to live here as if we are there. In the eyes of Christ, there really is no difference between Heaven and Earth.

It is no wonder why there are so many people who are turned off by Christianity claiming that we are nothing but a bunch of hypocrites. We say one thing, but we do something else. We profess a faith in the living Christ, but we behave differently. We act so pious for an hour on Sunday morning, but the other 167 hours of the week we lie, we cheat, we slander, we gossip, we spread rumors, we talk behind people's backs...not exactly being Christian if you ask me. We may not believe what my friend Steve believes, but our actions suggest something different, do they not?

But Jesus shows us another way. By showing us that Heaven and Earth intersect, there is little room for bargaining. We have to behave now the way we would behave in Heaven, because we are already there. We have to respond to the cries of the world rather than turning a deaf ear to them, because those cries are heard in Heaven as well as on Earth.

In his book entitled, *Why Faith Matters*, Rabbi David Wolpe writes, “I've often told children the story of a man who stood before God, his heart breaking from the pain and injustice in the world. ‘Dear God,’ he cried out, ‘Look at all the suffering, the anguish and distress in Your world. Why don't you send help?’ God responded: ‘I did send help. I sent you.’”

God also sent you. God sent you into the world knowing that he (or she) was sending you into Heaven as well. We are to live on Earth as if we are already in Heaven, because (in a sense) we are. We are to recreate the realm we expect to one day inherit fully. We are to believe that the fate of the world lies in God's hands, but we are to act as if it lies in ours. One theologian put it best: “Without God you cannot, but without you, God will not.”

Adventure Guides' Car Wash

by Elizabeth O'Brien

Calling all cars! Are you looking to get cleaned up and support the kids of our community? Then stop by the Lakewood Family Y on Saturday, June 2, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and the Lake Trail Nation Y Adventure Guides will give you a bath. The annual car wash has been a successful fundraiser for many years, helping to defray the costs of Adventure Guides programs. Donation of \$10 is requested. The kids will be flagging cars down in front the Lakewood Family Y at 16915 Detroit Avenue, with the wash tak-

ing place on the parking lot behind the building.

Revolving around the motto “Friends forever,” the Adventure Guides is a family program encouraging parents (or other significant adults) to give the most important thing that they can to their children, their time. The Lakewood Family Y hosts the Lake Trail Nation Adventure Guides, which is comprised of nearly 40 families with children aged 5 to 12. Our members include single and married parents, grandparents, neighbors, and of course, the kids we care about! Yearly AG events include

tent and cabin camp outs, Pinewood Derby, Moonrock Bowling, holiday parties, hiking and civic events including Keep Lakewood Beautiful park clean-up, Christmas caroling for seniors, and the Lakewood 4th of July parade. Lake Trail Nation Adventure Guides is open to boys and girls in Lakewood and the surrounding communities. Y membership is not required.

The program helps foster a lifetime of understanding and companionship and to strengthen the relationships between children and adult family members. Create great life-long memories, develop new friendships, and to have FUN! Contact Mike Orvetz at 216-228-7662 for more information.






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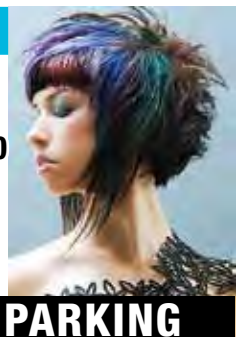
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Lakewood Cares

Lakewood Women’s Club
Elects Officers For 2012-13

by Margaret Wetzler

Members of the Lakewood Women’s Club (LWC) unanimously voted in the slate of officers presented by the Nominating Committee at the Annual Meeting. The incoming Executive Board includes President Torey Worron, Vice President Margaret Wetzler, Secretary Kat Svala, and Treasurer Mary McKelvey. The newly elected officers were installed, and outgoing officers and committee chairs were recognized, at the annual Installation Dinner on May 16, 2012 at Gatherings Kitchen.

Mrs. Worron, who has been a member of LWC since 2002, hopes to bring her extensive sales and marketing experience to bear by focusing on growing the membership of the club. “I’m pleased to take on the role of President and serve with these committed women. I look forward to growing LWC in the year ahead. We hope that the Club will expand its reach and regain some of its past prominence in the community, and I look forward to playing a vital role in the process.”

Chairs of standing committees were also announced at the Annual Meeting:

Co-Chairs, Annual Pumpkin Fun Run: Ashley Clements and Margaret Wetzler



Elizabeth Nici, Camille Gill, Kat Svala and Jillian Driscoll, gathered for the LWC Installation Dinner.



Incoming President, Torey Worron, and Leslie Wilton at Gatherings Kitchen for the LWC Installation Dinner.

- Chair, Scholarship Committee:** Leslie Wilton
- Corresponding Secretary:** Mary Dodge
- Chair, Social Committee:** Camille Gill
- Editor of Magpie, LWC’s monthly newsletter, and Chair, Publicity Committee:** Amy Thacker
- Chair, Spring Fundraiser:** Elizabeth Nici

Founded in 1962, with roots going back to the early 1900s, Lakewood Women’s Club (formerly known as Junior Women’s Club of Lakewood) has provided, and continues to provide, a philanthropic organization for women who are interested in serving their community and stimulating their minds while enjoying a program geared towards fun and friendship. The Club supports Lakewood through three distinct programs: an annual scholarship awarded to a female high school senior pursuing a higher education; funding for Project H2O (Help to Others), a program dedicated to strengthening and enriching Lakewood by engaging its youth as community builders; and support of a Lakewood based non-profit organization selected by membership through an application process.

Barton Center Flea
Market – June 9

by Curt Brosky

The Barton Senior Center will hold a Flea Market on Saturday, June 9 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Local vendors will be selling new and used household items. In addition, Barton Center’s craft and resale shops will be open. The Bake Shop will offer homemade delights and chocolate covered strawberries. The Snack Bar will serve lunch from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. with grilled hotdogs and pizza and will feature strawberry shortcake with ice cream. Barton Center is located on the Ground Floor of the Westerly Apartments at 14300 Detroit Ave.

Proceeds will be used to fund the many activities and classes offered by the nonprofit Barton Center, including transportation and instructors for computer and exercise classes. To find out more

about Ohio’s first senior center, call the Barton Center office at 216-221-3400.

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Business News

Cornucopia, Inc. Launches New Vocational Training Program In Strongsville

Darice, Inc. Hosts On-Site Training For Individuals With Disabilities

by Mary Johnson

Cornucopia, Inc. announces a new vocational training program with Darice, Inc. in Strongsville, Ohio. The program was established to provide individuals with disabilities warehouse-based experience in order to develop their skills, confidence and workplace potential.

Cornucopia, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and operates Nature's Bin, a full service natural and organic foods market located in Lakewood, Ohio. Darice, Inc. is a craft industry leader and parent company of Pat Catan's.

"We are thrilled about this new partnership and look forward to furthering our relationship with Darice," stated Ronda Saleem-Mohammad, vocational rehabilitation program director at Cornucopia, Inc. "The training program at Darice is unlike any of our other training programs and allows trainees to gain work experience by supporting the repack team in filling orders."

The purpose of Cornucopia's vocational training programs and job placement services is to make a difference for each participant preparing him or her for the transition to employment in the community.

"This is a win-win situation for Darice, stated Marshall Appenzeller,

warehouse supervisor at Darice Repack Facility. "Trainees work with our various craft and jewelry products and assist in repackaging for resale – good motor skills and attention to detail is a must and this program helps to hone in on those specific skills."

Cornucopia's work adjustment

programs last an average of 8-12 weeks but the duration varies based on the needs of the individual. Trainees are paid minimum wage while participating in Cornucopia's Programs. All work adjustment locations are staffed by full-time, Cornucopia case managers who coordinate the programs

and ensure that trainees are making progress toward their goals. Trainees graduate from the program upon achieving the majority of their goals.

To learn more about Cornucopia's vocational programs and job placement services, visit www.naturesbin.com/vocational-programs.

Volunteers For Life Program Provides Funding To Joel's Place For Children

by Anne Varano

The New York Life Foundation recently awarded a \$1,700 Volunteers for Life grant to Joel's Place for Children in recognition of the volunteer service of a team of employees from the company's office in Lakewood. A team of twenty participated in New York Life's Month of Service event, where they made teddy bears for the Bay Village nonprofit that provides grief support services for area school-aged children who have experienced the death of someone special in their lives. For more information about please visit joelsplaceforchildren.org.

"Our team is proud to work with Joel's Place for Children," said Anne Varano, team leader, New York Life. "We are committed to making a differ-

ence in the community by supporting grieving children and families through the Volunteers for Life program."

New York Life's Volunteers for Life program recognizes the group efforts of the company's employees, retirees and agents. Qualified teams may apply for a grant for nonprofit organizations where they volunteer their time in both short- and long-term commitments. The program requires a minimum involvement of five New York Life individuals who collectively contribute a minimum of 40 hours of service per calendar year.

*About The New York Life Foundation
Inspired by New York Life's tradition*

of service and humanity, The New York Life Foundation has, since its founding in 1979, provided more than \$155 million in charitable contributions to national and local nonprofit organizations. Through its focus on "Nurturing the Children," the foundation supports programs that benefit young people, particularly in the areas of educational enhancement and childhood bereavement. The foundation also encourages and facilitates the community involvement of employees, agents, and retirees of New York Life through its Volunteers for Life program. To learn more, please visit the Foundation's Web site at www.newyorklife.foundation.org.



New York Life volunteers pictured standing, left to right: Matt Ward, Lisa Cox, Julie Tucker, Linda Thobaben, Virginia Coyle, and Cindy Foley. Seated left to right: Allison Woodward, Stacy Geohaghan, Anne Varano and Curtis Hill.

Lakewood Business Wins Award

by Nikki Evans

Business Advisers of Cleveland (BAC) honored Joni Nowak of Lakewood Learning Center during its annual awards luncheon that took place Tuesday, May 15, at the Cleveland

Skating Club.

Nowak received the Pinnacle Award for her successful business. The Lakewood Learning Center provides e-learning opportunities for medical and education professionals to become certified or re-certified. The proverbial serial entrepreneur, Nowak received awards in past years for two other businesses related to her profession as a critical care registered nurse. The first was for publishing a popular children's book, Sebastian Breaks for Freedom and the second was for her business, Minutes Matter LLC, which provides training in CPR, AED, First Aid.

Business Advisers of Cleveland has provided free business consultation and coaching to entrepreneurs, small business owners and non-profit organizations since 1956, in personalized and confidential sessions in its Cleveland, Ohio office and public seminars throughout Northeast Ohio. More information is on BACleveland.org.

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Opinion

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle — Righteous Or Rubbish?

by Chris Perry

Critics say recycling is garbage. Supporters say it will save the world. The truth lies much closer to the latter.

Many years ago, before recycling had become imbedded as part of our daily consciousness in this country, I spent time living, working and traveling in developing countries whose residents, out of necessity, found creative ways to implement the three R's mantra of Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. For many generations, the world's poorest citizens have been reusing more items than you can shake a 50% post-consumer-product stick at.

Today, for many of us here in Lakewood, recycling has become a part of our daily, or at least weekly, lives. Recycling is the third step in the Reduce – Reuse – Recycle loop. While recycling is what we often concentrate on, it's really the last resort of conservation — we want to prioritize reducing consumption and then reusing items, and finally resort to putting them out on the tree lawn to be recycled.

How do we solve the world's garbage problem? Stop eating? Stop living? That doesn't resonate very well. Short of bringing life as we know it to a grinding halt, what can all of us do as individuals to create a collective solution? Indeed, to ponder waste disposal is to confront the very limits of our society. Where does it all go? Many of us are content to shrug off the details — as long as it gets picked up on collection day.

Recycling has become a Lakewood norm and there are many deep-seated emotions that surround it. It's an expectation, a civic duty, almost an amenity. No one wants to take out the trash, but if we lose the opportunity or responsibility to sort through our discarded cans, cardboard and newspapers, we feel deprived — and that's a good thing. For most of us, recycling is an article of faith, a moral act. People generally feel it's a good thing to do — a powerful motivator — especially if they have family that is going to be living on this planet after them.

Like here in Lakewood, public recycling programs have increased dramatically in recent decades. In 2009, there were 9,875 residential curbside recycling programs in the United States, according to BioCycle magazine, up from 1,042 in 1990. Those programs provide recycling service to more than half the U.S. population, triple the coverage in the early 1990s. However, that being said, we seemed to have reached a recycling rate plateau as a nation.

Nationwide, recycling rates seem to have leveled off or even dipped. Over 60 percent of all beverage containers were recycled in 1996, but that figure had dropped to just 47 percent in 2009. Even aluminum cans, the most lucrative recyclable in the waste stream, are missing the recycling bag, with rates down from 65 percent in 1992 to 54 percent in 2008, according to the Container Recycling Institute. BioCycle surveys show that overall U.S.

recycling rates — the percentage of total municipal solid waste that is recycled — has been flat since 2007, with recycling rates hovering in the mid-30 percent range, according to its December 2010 report.

Critics say such drops and the current national plateau are a vindication of their claim that recycling is rubbish — a wasteful hobby for feel-good environmentalists. But supporters claim the slowdown is just a hiccup in the continued trend toward better resource utilization. Indeed, careful cost-benefit analysis shows that recycling has become more cost-effective, even when you factor in that virgin materials continue to be subsidized on a massive scale.

Today's leading economists agree that robust recycling is entirely sensible from an economic standpoint. Moreover, they say, it's a relatively young business whose systems and technologies are still emerging. Costs are dropping and markets are firming up, making it an increasingly viable alternative to landfills. Monetarily speaking, 2012 looks to be a banner year for the recycling market — demand is up significantly as markets for recyclables mature and technology advances for sorting and processing are coming to fruition. All signs point to a resurgence of recycling rates on a national level.

Lakewood has not flat-lined. Here in the “city of homes,” the upward momentum keeps rising from 39% in 2006 to 48% at the end of 2010 of our total solid waste being recycled (official 2011 data is still pending certification). We know that recycling helps conserve natural resources, and most Lakewood residents understand that recycling prevents the need for disposal of materials that can reenter the manufacturing process.

Economic arguments aside, here in Lakewood, in my interaction with residents, it is not necessarily the color of money that motivates one to recycle, but rather the color of the air we breathe, the color of the water that frames our northern horizon, the colors of a spring bloom or a brilliant fall foliage that drives many of the “go green” devotees. The Reduce – Reuse – Recycle loop has become part of our Lakewood DNA structure, yet another function that links us together. The community dynamics associated with waste disposal creates a pivotal snapshot of who we really are. Many of us take pride in what does not go out “curbside,” and much of what does go out will be in the form of a bulging blue bag of recyclables — sustainability starts at home.

The question for Lakewood today is: How do we take it to the next level? Yes, we are green. We have made significant strides by undertaking several key sustainability initiatives, such as mandatory recycling, but I think we can still become a deeper shade of

green. We are so close to entering the company of select municipalities that have crossed over the 50% threshold of its total solid waste being recycled. As mentioned, we now sit at 48%. There are 59 municipalities in Cuyahoga County, and Lakewood has been hovering around 11th and 12th — just inside the top 20% — of total municipal solid waste being recycled. Lakewood finds itself firmly planted at or near the top of numerous “Best Of” lists, and that praise is certainly warranted. What I gauge from Lakewoodites is a strong desire to top the list of all things “green” as well.

Many of you deserve a collective pat on the back for playing a role in delivering significant gains — both economic and ecological — to the City of Lakewood. Since implemented in 2009, mandatory recycling and automated refuse collection have both impacted the City's culture as they place a greater emphasis on our individual responsibilities for the condition of our neighborhoods, and for the manner in which household actions impact our City services and the community's environment. Placing refuse carts out to the curb so they can be collected efficiently, and removing recyclable materials from the solid waste stream, will continue to save tax dollars for the residents and enables the City to provide sustainable services. Recycling preserves our natural resources and alleviates a great deal of the high costs associated with end-use disposal of trash — in 2010 we saved over \$245,000 in disposal fees because of our high rate of recycling.

Through our clean diesel efforts of the past three years, Lakewood's refuse and recycling fleet has reduced emissions from diesel engines, one of the most important air quality challenges facing our region. All of our automated trucks and many of our bulk-trash and recycling rear-loader trucks exceed the requirements of diesel particulate filtering systems — our emissions systems and/or retrofits remove over 90% of particulate matter and reduce carbon monoxide, toxins and hydrocarbons. This coupled with our city ordinance for idle reduction will provide long-term economic benefits by protecting the environment and improving the public health of our residents.

In spite of these achievements, there is still work to be done to bridge the gap between awareness and action by motivating more people to reduce waste in their homes and workplaces. All Lakewood households have access to the same city-provided educational outreach on curbside recycling, yet our recycling crews and surveying data identifies several areas in Lakewood with curbside recycling participation rates dramatically below the city-wide average. Low curbside participation is defined as no or infrequent set-out of recyclable materials on collection day. The average curbside daily recycling

set-out rate city-wide is approximately 75-80 percent, but the participation rates and amount of materials being recycled vary considerably across the city. On some streets, as few as 40 percent of the households set out recycling; on others participation is as high as 90 percent, if not higher.

Yes, we have made tremendous progress in reducing the amount of Lakewood's solid waste stream. With continued public input and support, strategic evaluations, enthusiastic staff, and dynamic garbage and recycling systems, Lakewood's programs have led to significant progress toward meaningful recycling and sustainability goals. To reach those goals, we will have to reach deeper into what barriers may exist that hamper recycling efforts on a particular street.

Oftentimes it is overlooked that yard waste is a very significant form of recycling. After paper and cardboard, yard debris is the second highest volume of material recycled in the United States and a key benefit of this waste material is that it offers a low carbon footprint towards its reuse as soil, compost or mulch. Yet, waste composition studies show that yard debris continues to enter the solid waste stream more than it should. Efforts to continue the growth of Lakewood backyard composting and grasscycling will be an important link in the Reduce – Reuse – Recycle loop. When you consider that 30-35% of the average resident's garbage is compostable, what we can eliminate from visiting the curb and keep contained within our own backyards for reuse will have positive impacts on Lakewood's waste stream. Composting is an inexpensive way of adding nutrients back into the soil to improve its structure, aeration ability and water holding capacity, helping to ensure a bountiful backyard harvest of fruit and vegetables.

We have seen the amount of our total solid waste disposal decrease by 3,000 tons annually since 2008 — some of that is attributable to the increase in the amount of backyard composting being done by Lakewood residents, allowing for a significant amount of organic material to remain here at home for personal reuse.

In an effort to increase that number, the City of Lakewood will be hosting a Compost Seminar on July 17 at 7 p.m. at the Lakewood Park Women's Pavilion. The Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District will provide residents with how-to-compost instructions and affordable compost bins. After you attend a 60-minute seminar about backyard composting, you will have the opportunity to purchase a bin for your home. The District will be offering two types of compost bins and a kitchen collection container for sale. You must register for this seminar, as it is limited to 100 people. The registration process has been streamlined this year — please call Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Dis

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Pulse Of The City

Some Thoughts On Teacher Appreciation

by Nickie Antonio, State Representative, Ohio HD 13

At the beginning of May we celebrated National Teacher Appreciation Week. The reality is, many teachers face anything but appreciation in the classroom. Teachers are forced to deal with the results of state budget cuts while at the same time, expected to perform to perfection with limited resources in order to meet state mandates.

In Fiscal Year 2013, Ohio's schools are facing a budget deficit of over \$1.13 billion. The financial outlook becomes bleaker in Fiscal Year 2014, when the combined budget deficit reaches over \$1.78 billion. These unprecedented cuts have led to teacher and staff layoffs and potential reductions in curriculum

across the state.

School districts have taken massive hits on Governor Kasich's watch. Lakewood City Schools' projections for the next two fiscal years are short by about \$13-15 million. If we want to just get by, the money will have to come from somewhere. Lawmakers can't keep crying wolf about our schools, saying we have to de-fund them to "fix them." Not only does doing so work against students, families and teachers, but it builds a narrative that public education is so askew that we should settle on privatizing tax dollars for education without acknowledging the excellence that also exists in many of our public schools.

I want to state here that I sup-

port Mayor Jackson's plan as presented to the Legislature through HB 525. I participated in many of the planning meetings in a process nothing short of amazing. A group of concerned leaders from the Mayor, school superintendent, business and philanthropy made room at the table to include teachers and legislators to refine a plan in hopes of reinventing the CMSD. I support the legislation as introduced because sometimes exercising leadership requires taking a risk, and this plan gives hope to our children and their future beyond partisan rhetoric.

In this challenging climate other casualties emerge that give me pause. Women are disproportionately affected by education budget cuts as they make

up the majority of teachers in our state. According to the Cleveland Teachers Union, 63% of those who will lose their jobs with the Cleveland City Schools are women. The Department of Education states that 85,045 of the total 113,123 teachers in Ohio are women. De-funding education certainly will have a negative impact on women and their families. Not much appreciation felt here.

Today, as we continue to face economic challenges, budget deficits, and competing requests for funds such as quality education for all, the public may begin to place blame and point to quick fixes. But in the spirit of National Teacher Appreciation Week, let's remember that our teachers are actually investing in Ohio and our children. Maybe the state should think about doing the same.

Note: At the time of publication HB 525 is still awaiting a vote. The bill was not brought to a vote prior to the Summer Recess for the Ohio House of Representatives.

Customer Service: Get Serious People, Really?

by David Skolyak

I work for a grocery chain store, not the most glamorous job in the world but it's work. And work I do.

Besides the normal tasks my job entails such as checking that all the deli cases are full, that temperatures are at the proper settings in the coolers and freezers, the cleaning and maintenance of equipment, the unloading and unpacking of products and, of course, that safety requirements are all met, then there is you, the customer.

Most of our customers are wonderful, good-natured people who understand when we might be shorthanded, busy with other tasks or customers, or even preoccupied with thoughts of things that may or may not deal with business. And most of us as employees strive to make all customers feel warm and welcome through smiles or light chat. As human beings, however, we are all, customer and worker alike, subject to good moods, bad moods or no mood at all. Not all of us are successful every day in leaving our personal troubles at home. Sometimes we carry our emotions on our sleeves, which is a no-no in the service industry, yet we do. Some days we really enjoy our jobs and some days we don't. I would guess that could be said of anyone who works at all.

Most days we are so busy we find it difficult to take our breaks and relax, though the company I work for makes sure, through monitoring, that we do take those much-needed breaks. We usually leave work with good thoughts of the day we had, but once in a while - BAM! We get a customer who treats us rudely or as if we were nothing more than a pet dog that can be treated as something subhuman. Crude people who feel they can talk to service people any way they want with disrespect and snobbishness.

Well, I guess they can. There is really nothing we can do but be subservient and honor our corporate masters' wishes. We have to cater to our boss's demands as well as the customer's. In other words we

get it from top to bottom and sideways. We have all heard of people in the service industries that do things of a disturbing and disgusting nature to aide in relieving their scorn, things I find too repulsive to mention. Most of us, though, don't even consider those horrific things. We just grin and bear it and continue on to the next customer.

We hope we do our jobs well enough to please any and all customers and that they will feel welcome and want to return. We hope that customers leave feeling good and even happy we served them. Of course, if any one of us, as servants, do a bad job it should be mentioned and/or noted. Conversely, and unfortunately, if customers are rude or indignant we don't dare speak up or take issue because we might lose their future business.

The whole thing boils down to the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you!" It is said that the best customers are those in the service industries. We understand both sides of the fence. Yes we, as servants, are also customers at times. We have to go to grocery stores, hire cabs, buy clothes and other products, we have to hire or rent services, etc. We are you, the customer. If everyone in the country worked as hard as we do in the field we are in then maybe more understanding could be had about treating service people with more respect and courtesy. Next time you are in line awaiting your turn to be serviced, watch, look, note what is going on behind that counter. See what those people are doing, or how many are there to help you. During your transaction use words like please, may I?, and thank-you. Of course, if you feel ignored or treated discourteously then say something to someone, but make sure that your attitude is righteous and polite. Use diligent patience and be courteous to your servants as you would have them be courteous to you. And if you are simply irate over the cost of products or services, it is not the fault of the workers that prices are what they are. Try not to take it

out on someone waiting on you that you just had a big fight with a family member or friend. It is not our fault your dog just bit the postman or your cat clawed you. And we, as servants, need to remind ourselves that without you, the customer, we would not have jobs. All of us have to be aware of our moods, our emotions, and most of all that we are all human, and as such, capable of making mistakes. Saying

things like, "Please," "Thank you," "Your welcome," and "May I help you?" go a long way in life and in shopping.

David Skolyak is pro photographer, pro musician, pro ballroom dance instructor, and a writer and lover of Lakewood.

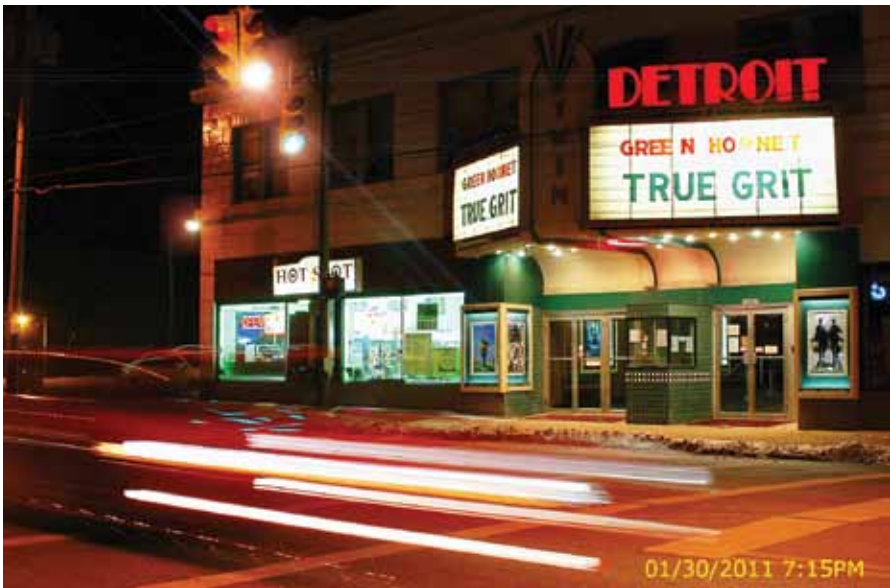
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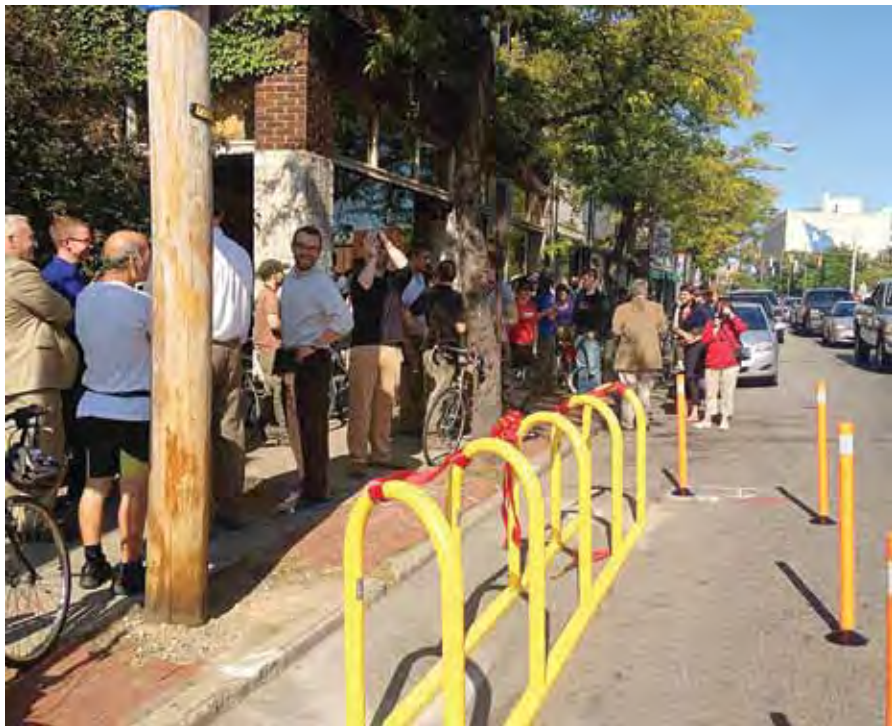
Lakewood Making Big Changes For Cyclists

by Erika Durham

If you're a regular Detroit Road commuter (regardless of your means of travel), you probably noticed a new obstacle in the road. I am, of course, referring to the brand-spanking new yellow bike corral planted in the street on the block in front of the Root Cafe. Installed on Friday, May 18th, the corral will hold up to 12 bikes parked safely in the street, in a space that would only allow for one car. Julie Hutchinson of the Root Cafe, during the ribbon-cutting ceremony mentioned that she could not wait for a time when there will be no cars on the road whatsoever. No matter how ridiculous that may seem to you, it's doable, and in my mind Lakewood is capable of creating bike-only boulevards right in our downtown area.

There are, of course, a few things to remember when considering the ongoing safety of transporting ourselves. The rack is bolted in to the street, so it isn't going anywhere. The orange posts are flexible, and can be run over by a vehicle. They create a barrier, but not one that is solid, so be aware when driving a car, or parking your bicycle, that you still need to be conscious of your surroundings.

The city of Lakewood has already



A crowd gathers for the bike corral's ribbon cutting.

begun installing more bike racks throughout the city. They are blue, inverted U-racks which are marked by large circular signs with the silhouette of a bicycle. In addition to marking the area to park your bike, the signs also tell vehicular drivers that Detroit is a heavily traveled ave-

nue for cyclists, and to take caution accordingly.

So what does this big yellow corral mean for us as cyclists? First of all, we need to use it. Get our bikes out and prove to each other, ourselves, our neighbors, our neighboring communities and cities, that we are serious about this movement of cycling. It is a lifestyle; it is not a fad.

And what does the future look like? The city as well as many local businesses have plans to install many more racks throughout the city, some of which will be crafted by local artisans, to give a uniqueness to each space, and to be supportive of all of the local resources at our fingertips. Talks of sharrows (lanes painted with a picture of a bike and double arrows signifying a shared lane for bikes and



cars) are in the works as the next big part of the city's Bike Plan, so it is our job as cycling citizens to show our presence as much as possible to prove the need for such things.

Really what it comes down to is that no matter how you look at it, there are some incredibly positive things happening in Lakewood for cyclists. I feel an energy about it that is strong and lasting, and it is so exciting to be able to share that with more and more people as time goes on. I love Lakewood, I love Cleveland, and there is no better way to experience life in this region than on a bike. (That you can park on the street.) Cool, huh?

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ers for many years. So many students have benefited from the educational programs and opportunities offered in our schools. Unfortunately, the recession coupled with a decrease in state funding has forced many districts to cut programming and personnel. We wanted to do what we could to minimize those cuts so that current as well as future students will be afforded the same opportunities."

In the 2012-2013 school year, teachers will be instructing students two additional days while professional development will occur on an ongoing basis throughout the year with periodic

early dismissal of students. Parents will receive plenty of notice about these early release times prior to the beginning of the school year.

Patterson noted, "Our primary goal is to improve student achievement for all students. The increased school days next year and the release time for professional development will help us implement the new, more rigorous Common Core standards required by the State of Ohio."

Later this month, the district will be re-negotiating contracts with its two other labor unions, OAPSE 129 and OAPSE 134, which represent the district's support staff.



A 65-year-old man jumped off the Hilliard Bridge on May 29; he was the 3rd suicide in Lakewood this month. PLEASE if someone you know is going through tough times, talk with them. The mobile crisis team for Cuyahoga County has a 24/7 hotline at 216-623-6888. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is 1-800-273-TALK. If you know of someone in immediate danger, call 9-1-1.

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Hand Salute!

by Mark Crnolatas

He had just come home, having completed a tour of duty in some location that did not exist, as far as the public was concerned. Vietnam was in the newspapers, on television, the people protesting the war in ‘Nam, the political situation was thick with tension.

He had recently graduated from Lakewood High School, he knew he was about to be drafted, so he enlisted in the United States Air Force. He went though basic training at Lackland AFB, to technical school, also at Lackland AFB, then home for a 30 day leave. His orders were, at the end of that 30 day leave, to report to an allied country for further training, and then more training after that.

The training continued. The first orders were stamped with a classification, and he was ordered to a remote location. He carried out his duties to the best of his ability, not only because he was ordered to, but because it would be life-saving. Then, fellow “operators” were assigned elsewhere. He lost touch with everyone he grew to know, as brothers in arms know a “love” for each other that earthly words seem meaningless to utter.

The assignments were carried out without fanfare, quietly. Thoughts were constant, of home, family, friends, moral issues, and he prayed. On this particular occasion, movement was seen far off, where there shouldn’t have been movement. Then other indications of movement occurred slightly to the left, and to the right of center, the first movement.

A finger on the trigger, eyes focused looking through the cross-hairs at a distance some 1400+ meters off. Which movement must be stopped? A quiet call to some unknown voice, verifying if the movements should be friend or foe. Answer: “No friendlies in the area.” Back to the scope. Again, which target? Training kicks in, and the thought, “Help me,” and then with slow deliberate squeeze of the trigger, a fairly quiet “pop” was heard. Putting the crosshairs on the left, the cross-hairs on the distant movement, and again, “pop.”

Several additional movements in the area. Call for that unknown voice. Reply, “Air support not available at this time, will notify you when available.” Click. A memory of laughing in the L Room, another memory of a girl in particular, back to the cross-hairs. Perspiration dripping into his eyes, clouding his vision. Muscles tensing, especially along his neck and back. Pictures of his mother and father, grandmother and grandfather, teachers, his car, his street, football games, pizza and pepsi. A glint

of reflection from the sun on something shining, moving toward him. Training. Good training. Refocusing on training. This time, 1200+ meters, moral issues creep in, but training takes over.

A prayer, only a few words, but back to the task. Then a roar comes upon the location, three F-4 Phantoms diving from the clouds, and the area lights up with flames, tracer fire, and the ground shook with sounds of blasts from the F-4s. Pandemonium breaks loose where the movement was seen. Feeling the heat from the napalm, almost burning hot, but not hot enough to cause injury, and the roar of the F-4s flying away, one tilting his wings in recognition. Then silence. Total silence, as though time had stopped.

The movements had ceased. A scratchy voice came over with directions to exit the area.

Fast forward. Arrived at Cleveland Hopkins, in dress blues, family waiting at the gate.

Tears abounded. He appreciated his family like never before.

That night, a football game was on, so driving over to Bunts, a spot opens up. He parked his car, and proudly wearing his dress blues, spit-shined boots, beret smartly worn, he approached his former band director. He was greeted and asked, “Would you like to play the Star Spangled Banner on your horn?” Yes he would. Going back to the car, a big smile on his face. Taking out his coveted horn from the trunk, he walks back to the field, climbs a white platform and thinking of all that had been, played the song with a tone that rang out across the stadium. Not one mistake. Every note precise. At the end, snapping the horn to the “ready position” as he remembered from marching band days, seemingly ages ago, loosening his right hand, snapping a razor sharp salute to the flag. Holding it for a few seconds, tears running down his cheeks. He’s home.

Wait, where is the applause? He heard applause every football game before. That silence, that is not supposed to be here. Why the silence? Then “boos” from the seats. Items thrown at him, a semi-full can of pop hits him in the side of the face. What is happening? There wasn’t any training for this. No voice to call, why is this happening?

He goes to the car, drives home wondering how that surreal scene came about.

Turning on the television, something he had not seen while over “there,” people were doing that to many of his fellow vets, active duty personnel, all over the country.

Vile names, and signs. He took off his uniform, which he wore with such

pride, folded it as trained, and put it away. It was to stay packed away, hidden along with the memories.

Fast forward again. He sits at his computer, awake all night thinking of those times.

Thinking of where his “band of brothers” might be. Their names would never be recorded in public. His duties would never be recognized. That doesn’t matter.

What seemed to matter most, was on Memorial Day, when he was a kid, parades were on every channel, while only 3 channels nonetheless, parades, floats, dominated television all day from the signing on, with the the American Indian in the test pattern, to the Star-Spangled Banner at the signing off at the end of the broadcast day. But today, nowhere near that amount, yet all the lives that were lost from his father’s days in the U.S. Army during World War II to this very day, over in the mid-east. Silence at the computer.

Standing up, going onto the front porch, he snaps that same trained salute, smartly, index finger touching his eyebrow, elbow positioned correctly, holding that salute for a few moments, and a prayer for those he remembered, and those he long forgot.

He hears in his distant memory the command, and he slowly brings his right hand down to his side where it was supposed to be, standing at attention.

This time only one tear, but a prayer along with that one tear.

He sits down and types a little story, and the day commences.

He opens his trunk, sees that uniform, and the exact set of BDU’s he wore during that event, still folded per regs. Puts them on, but without rank or collar insignia.

He smiles, slips on his boots, spit-shined from long ago, gives them a swipe with a cloth and he decides he’ll wear that for today. Even if he stays home, he “knows,” yes, he “knows.”

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