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District Buildings Earn Excellent Results On State Report Card

by Christine Gordillo

Preliminary state Report Card results from the Ohio Department of Education for the 2011-2012 school year indicate that seven out of 10 Lakewood Schools have earned a rating of Excellent or Excellent with Distinction, the highest number of buildings ever to earn the top two ratings on the Report Card.

Two buildings – Lincoln Elementary and Harding Middle School – earned the top rating of Excellent With Distinction and five buildings were rated Excellent. The five Excellent schools are Lakewood High School, Garfield Middle School, Grant, Hayes and Roosevelt elementary schools. Emerson, Harrison and Horace Mann elementaries were all rated Effective. Lakewood City Academy, which is rated separately from the district, earned a Continuous Improve-

ment designation.

“Although the data is still preliminary, the building ratings are evidence that the work we are doing in our teacher-based teams is making a difference,” said Superintendent Jeffrey W. Patterson.

Overall, the district met 23 of 26, or 88.5%, of the state indicators and its Performance

Index Rating, which measures how well all students did on all the tests, improved to 99.1 from 97.9 (on a scale of 120). The district’s performance rating continues to rise each year.

Despite the good news regarding the buildings, the district overall earned a Continuous Improvement rating, down from Excellent, due to

the failure to meet the federal AYP or Adequate Yearly Progress benchmarks required by the No Child Left Behind Act

for the third consecutive year. No Child Left Behind requires 100% of students to be proficient **continued on page 16**

Celebrate Local Food At LEAF's Sixth Annual Harvest Festival

by Margaret Brinich

As the growing season comes to an end, join LEAF Community at the 6th Annual Harvest Festival to get one last taste of great local food in front of Lakewood Public Library in 2012. This year's celebration of the local fall bounty will be held on Thursday, October 25 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on the front porch of the Main

Library. Hope to see you there!

Food LEAF's own home chefs will be cooking up local food recipes straight out of LEAF's soon to be released cookbook. Get a delicious, healthy dinner for the whole family (suggested donation of \$5)! Pie Bake-Off Break out your best pie recipe to enter in our annual Pie Bake-Off! All **continued on page 2**

Halloween Trick-or-Treating To Be Observed On Wednesday, October 31st

by Melissa Garrett

The City of Lakewood will observe Halloween Trick-or-Treating between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 31, 2011.

The City offers these safety tips for parents, residents and drivers:

- Parents should encourage their trick-or-treaters to be especially careful after sunset. If escorting their children, parents should carry a flashlight as an additional safeguard.
- Residents giving out candy and treats can help prevent accidents by reminding children to be especially careful crossing streets and to walk up and down steps, instead of running.
- Halloween night drivers should be especially vigilant. Motorists should drive more cautiously and be prepared to stop.

Hoops Rebound At Lakewood Park



Alex and Corey taking a couple shots at the new Hoops at Lakewood Park.

by Nadhal Eadeh

Lakewood youngsters rejoiced at the sight of freshly installed basketball hoops on Friday, October 11th as the Lakewood Outdoor Basketball Committee (LOBC) added its second location to Lakewood Park.

Although the hoops were recently installed, additional construction will take place

at the Mark Vincent Dickens (MVD) Memorial Courts. “The plan is to stripe and line the courts early next week” states Stephanie Toole, co-founder of the LOBC. “The second phase will include the installation of the pavers, fencing, and a custom bike rack in front of the

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Pumpkin Palooza October 27

by Vanessa Lange

The great Pumpkin Palooza is coming soon to Lakewood High School! Bring the whole family on Saturday October 27th, 1:00-4:00 p.m., for carnival games, crafts, storytelling, the Haunted Hallway, raffles of original, one-of-a-kind artist designed pumpkins, food, and more.

The fun kicks off at 1:00 pm with carnival games and crafts in the East Gym provided by H2O “Help to Others” volunteers, LHS student orga-

nizations and Lakewood Early Childhood professionals. Pizza and treats will be available in the Harvest Café across the hall in the L-Room. On the way to the Pumpkin Patch in the East Cafeteria, take a stroll through the “not so spooky” Haunted Hallway, and stop in at the Sleepy Hollow for a story provided by Lakewood Public Library. And don’t forget to register for the annual parade of costumes, which will begin at 2:00 p.m. (No masks, please!)

Beautifully decorated pumpkins will be on display in the Pumpkin Patch and will be raffled off for the lucky winners to take home. This year’s Pumpkin Patch will feature a display of pumpkins telling the tale of The Odyssey, created by students of Lakewood High School English teacher Chris Overholt. Guests will be encouraged to stroll through the display, reading the students’ interpretations of Odysseus’s adventures.

All local artists, businesses, organizations and individuals are invited to donate a decorated pumpkin (or two) to be part of the raffle. Pumpkins should be decorated, not carved, to ensure they last as long as possible. Pumpkins can be dropped off in the East Cafeteria of Lakewood High School on Friday October 26th, 3:00-5:00 p.m., or on Saturday October 27th, 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

H2O “Help to Others” began this favorite Lakewood family tradition as a celebra- **continued on page 2**

Lakewood Announces Fall Leaf Collection Schedule

by Melissa Garrett

The City of Lakewood will begin collecting loose leaves on Monday, November 5, 2012 and will continue until approximately Friday, December 14, 2012, weather permitting. Prior to November 5 and after December 14, leaves will be collected only when they are placed in paper yard/leaf bags and set out

along with regular refuse and recycling.

Due to the excessive amount of leaves on Clifton Boulevard and Lake Avenue, these streets will be collected separately. Collection crews will start working at the east end of Clifton Boulevard and Lake Avenue and work west until completed. Collection **continued on page 17**

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pies should be dropped off at the Harvest Festival no later than 5:30 p.m. along with a list of ingredients. Returning Celebrity Judges from WRUW's Maximum Consumption will then select winners for the following categories: best crust, most original, best taste overall and best use of vegetables in a pie. Pumpkin Carving Contest Bring a carved and scraped-out pumpkin or other gourd with your name clearly marked to the contest table by 5:30pm. This year's contest will include prizes for Most Original, Scariest, Happiest, LEAF-iest and Most Impressive. **Activities for the Whole Family Hula Hoop**

Making: Learn how to make your own hula hoop with LEAF's own hula expert from basic home materials. Then take one home with you! All proceeds from the hula hoops will go towards supporting LEAF's local food programming. **Kids' Coloring Contest** Draw your favorite part of LEAF Night or color one of LEAF's local food-themed coloring pages at the festival for a chance to be published in the Lakewood Observer and displayed on LEAF's website. Bobbing for apples and more fun activities for the kids! **Vendors** All of your favorite LEAF Night vendors in one night! From vegetables, meats and cheeses, to jewelry, soap and other local crafts, be

sure to get out and shop local! **Music** Listen to some of the best in local music with your friends and family on the front porch of the Library one last time this season! Starting the night off is a solo act and Lakewood resident, Corinne Noelle. Then stick around for the Brittney Reilly Band featuring Brittany Reilly (Bass, Guitar, Vocals), Brent Hopper (Guitar, Mandolin, Vocals),

Peter Dubyoski (Guitar, Vocals) and Ben Rosolowski (Drums, Percussion). From bluegrass to country to folk, plus a little Grateful Dead on the side, this Avon Lake based quartette is sure to please! **LEAF Merchandise** Be sure to stop by the LEAF information table and pick up your official LEAF merchandise. All proceeds from the sales of these official LEAF items, ranging from tote bags to t-shirts to coffee mugs, benefit LEAF's local food programs!

Hoops Rebound At Lakewood Park

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basketball courts,” states Toole.

The path for the progress of outdoor recreation in Lakewood was never easy for the LOBC. Controversy surrounded the installation of the Lakewood Park basketball court after City Hall requested additional funds for the completion of the \$30,000 project. City Council leadership questioned any City funding, leaving LOBC in dire economic straits. At that point, the group reached out to their base of donors and retrieved another \$5,000 to get construction rolling. To date, the new

courts at Lakewood Park are being paid for completely with donations from the public-- no funding from the City. Thus far, 270 residents and Lakewood businesses have donated to the basketball courts at Lakewood Park. “We have received overwhelming support from residents, and we are extremely proud of our fellow residents and business owners” states Toole. With the hoops installed and intact, the LOBC is still seeking funds to fully complete the project. For more info or to donate, go to lobc.org, or find them on Facebook.

Pumpkin Palooza October 27

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tion of “Make A Difference Day,” one of the country’s largest days of community service each year. The generosity of volunteers and sponsors make this event possible and all proceeds go to benefit Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corporation, Lakewood Community Services Center, and H2O. In addition, attendees are encouraged to bring a canned food

item to support local hunger relief efforts. Pumpkin Palooza is brought to you by H2O “Help to Others,” The City of Lakewood, Lakewood City Schools, Lakewood Hospital, Lakewood Public Library, Lakewood Non-Profit & Civic Organizations, LHS Student Organizations, Lakewood Early Childhood Professionals, and the generosity of Pumpkin Palooza sponsors.

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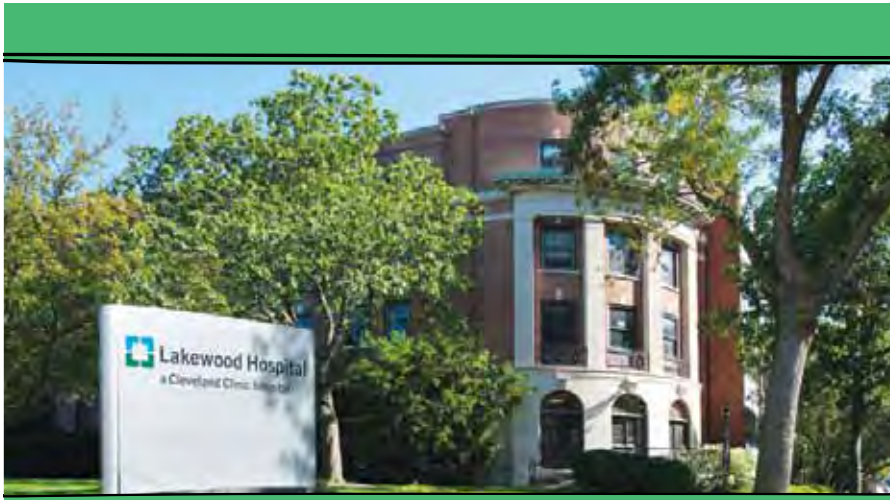
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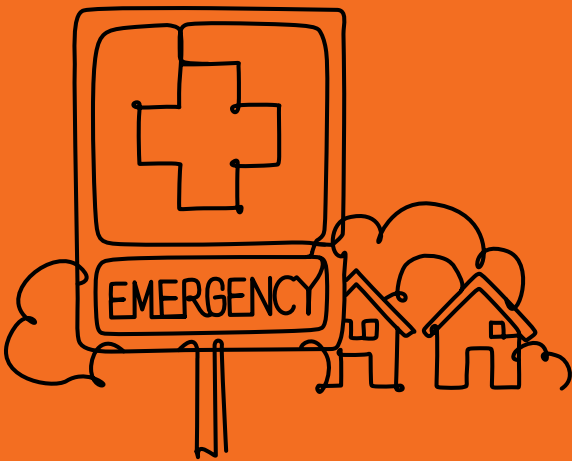
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City Council Meeting

Council Considers Updating Outdated Ordinances

by Christopher Bindel

On the night of October 1, 2012, Council President Brian Powers called the meeting to order at 7:36 P.M.

The first order of business was a communication from Councilwoman Monique Smith (At-Large) regarding the Saturday morning Lakewood Farmer's Market. Councilwoman Smith wanted to recognize the Market for a hugely successful year and the dedication of the residents, like Christa Kraft who helped organize it. Some of their successes this year include double to triple the shoppers of previous seasons, consistently meeting or exceeding vendor booth rentals, attraction of new Lakewood vendors looking to sell their products, more recognition from both the community and the Downtown Lakewood Business Alliance, gaining a healthy fiscal position, and partnering with the County and WIC to help provide healthy options to everyone. Councilwoman Smith invited everyone to join her at the last market of the year on Saturday, October 6th. She also wanted to make the point to recognize Councilman Tom Bullock (Ward II) who she said has been a great supporter and partner to the Market.

Market organizer Christa Kraft was at the meeting and wished to add a few remarks of her own. She said that last year the market averaged about 200 people a week with their largest day being about 400. This year however she said they never had a day below 400 people, averaging about 600 and having about 900 on their busiest day. Every week they have somewhere between 15 and 20 vendors, 12 of which are full-time weekly vendors. Ms. Kraft said that due to the demand for booths, next year they will have to consider reconfiguring their layout or looking for a new, larger location. She finished

by reporting that their sponsorships had more than doubled since last year when they had around \$1,000 dollars. This year they pulled in \$2,500 dollars in addition to the support they get from the city and county.

Next on the agenda, Public Works director, Joe Beno, asked Council to pass a resolution that would allow the city to send an application to the Ohio Public Works Commission seeking financial assistance. The application asks for assistance on four sewer projects. The first project is the replacement of 92 to 102 year old sewers on the streets of St. Charles Avenue, Mars Avenue and Summit Avenue. The total cost of the project is projected at \$1,400,000 dollars with the City's estimated contribution being 40% at \$560,000 dollars. The second project is a sewer separation on Edgewater Drive. The total estimated cost is about \$1,350,000 dollars with the City's portion making up 50% at \$650,000 dollars. The third project is a slightly more complex sewer separation project on the west end, separating a sewer that includes both Lakewood and Rocky River to give each their own. The total cost of the project is \$4,250,000 dollars with the City covering half at \$2,125,000 dollars. The last project will eliminate overflow regulators in strategic locations around the City. This project will cost about \$200,000 dollars, with the city covering about \$100,000 dollars of it.

Director Beno asked for Council to pass the resolution on its first reading as it needs to make it to the State by October 17th. Councilman Powers asked if there would still be time to get it to the State on time if they deferred passage until the October 15th meeting

so that the Public Works Committee would have a chance to discuss it. Beno said there would, therefore Council referred the resolution to the Public Works Committee for consideration.

Fire Chief Gilman then asked Council to consider passing a resolution that would proclaim Sunday, October 7, 2012 as Fallen Firefighter Memorial Day in Lakewood. Fallen Firefighter Memorial Day is a national celebration that recognizes the firefighters that have died in the last year. A memorial ceremony will be held at noon on that Sunday at Fire Station #1 on Madison.

Council passed the resolution.

Next director of Human Resources, Jean Yousefi asked Council to consider repealing a section of an ordinance. After carefully looking over the ordinances that affect City employees directly, Director Yousefi found that Chapter 157 that deals with collective bargaining was horribly outdated. She said it appears that the last time action was taken on the ordinances was 1976. As currently written, the ordinance is out of alignment with the Ohio Revised Code. Considering that the Ohio Revised Code, the State Employment Relations Board and the individual collective bargaining agreements with the City employees outline the process of collective bargaining very clearly, Director Yousefi no longer believes that Chapter 157 is necessary.

Council referred the matter to the Rules and Ordinances Committee for further consideration. Councilman Powers made a point to say that regardless of the action taken on this ordinance, it will not affect any of Lakewood's collective bargaining groups.

Law Director, Kevin Butler, then asked Council to consider updates to the current solicitor law. Currently the cut-off time for solicitation is 8 p.m., Butler asked that it be changed to 9 p.m. He said the reason for the change is because in the body of case laws governing municipal restrictions on door-to-door solicitation the courts prefer 9 p.m. as the cut-off and he isn't sure if Lakewood's current ordinance could stand up against First Amendment scrutiny.

Council referred the ordinance to the Rules and Ordinances Committee for discussion.

Director Butler then asked Council to consider another ordinance that would harmonize the Lakewood's Codified Ordinances with the Ohio Revised Code. A fairly recent state law has downgraded the charge for the possession of drug paraphernalia, specifically for marijuana, to a fourth degree misdemeanor.

Council referred the ordinance to the Public Safety Committee for consideration.

Last on the agenda, Fire Chief Gilman asked Council to pass a resolution proclaiming the week of October 8-12th as Fire Prevention Week. During this week, the Lakewood Fire Department will be visiting the elementary schools to speak to the students about the importance of having two fire escape plans. The firefighters will also demonstrate their equipment for the students. This year's Fire Prevention Week theme is "Have 2 Ways Out!" and is to help remind us all of the simple actions that can be taken to help keep us all safe.

Council passed the resolution.

Council President Powers adjourned the meeting at 8:33 P.M.



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Board Of Education Meeting

Lakewood Board of Education

1st Regular Meeting October 1, 2012

by Kristine Pagsuyoin

Whether you're a parent of kids in the Lakewood City Schools or a new family in town, a former student, or just a single guy living in Lakewood, the local school district plays an important role in the community and affects the lives of every resident who lives here. Most people, if they could, would attend school board meetings or volunteer their time toward helping Lakewood students. If only we weren't so busy! Well, the Lakewood Observer is stepping up to help you stay informed about important school issues by attending and reporting on the school board meetings each month. Typically, there are two regular school board meetings per month. Our goal is to cover the meeting and have that information to you online, or in print, as soon as possible.

Education is changing and moving faster than ever before. It can be hard to keep up with new state mandates, local school district policies, or to try to sort through the overwhelming amount of conflicting information that comes at us about education. As we report on school board meetings, we will make every effort to provide background information on important issues, include additional resources for readers who want to do more research, and we'll explain what all those acronyms mean. If you're too busy to attend school board meetings, then count on the Lakewood Observer to be your one-stop-shop for staying informed about the Lakewood City Schools as well as your resource for understanding the vast and complex world of education.

The first regular meeting of the Lakewood Board of Education for this month was held on October 1st at Roosevelt Elementary School. Roosevelt Principal, Eileen M Griffiths, began the Superintendent's report with a reminder that the number one goal of the Lakewood City Schools is "student achievement." Principal Griffiths reported that teachers are using early release days to develop instruction that will prepare students for the more rigorous Common Core Standards adopted by the State Board of Education last year, and to work on formative assessments. The new standards will be fully in use in Ohio classrooms by 2014-2015, when assessments that align to the standards are in place. Principal Griffiths shared with the Board a sample question from the 3rd grade math assessment to demonstrate a typical math question third-graders will face. It was a tough question requiring multiple steps to be performed by the student. Superintendent Patterson suggested that sample questions be shared with the Board at upcoming regular meetings. Parents can view samples at parconline.org (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers). Principal Griffiths concluded the Roosevelt building report with an overview of activities offered to students through the First Ring

Suburb Wellness Grant. In addition, Roosevelt students will be able to earn time with their new Kinect Xbox system as part of the Positive Behavior Supports program (PBS).

The second line item of the Superintendent's Report was the "Report on Bullying" given by the Director of Student Services, Christine Palumbo. In accordance with the passage of the Jessica Logan Act, H.B.116 last January, the Lakewood Board of Education will need to adopt changes (proposed policy 5517.01) to the current district's bullying policy. Jessica Logan was a Cincinnati teen that committed suicide after posting some photos online. There are many changes; however, probably one the most significant aspects of the new law is the "Electronic Act" that addresses cyberbullying and will allow school districts the authority to discipline students who harass or intimidate another student off school grounds with an electronic device such as a home computer or cellphone. School Board Member, Linda Beebe, expressed concern about training staff and students regarding this aspect of the new law as well as concerns over the potential legal issues that will need to be sorted out by the district. According to an article in the Springfield News-Sun (February 2012), Holly Reedy, attorney for the Ohio School Boards Association, said challenges to such laws already have landed in courts across the nation, and the outcomes have not been consistent. The Jessica Logan Act will extend anti-bullying policy to include bus stops, or areas where kids would be waiting for transportation such as field trips or sports trips. The new law will also allow for reports of bullying to be made anonymously and must provide for protection and safeguard against retribution. Furthermore, it will prohibit students from reporting any "false" accusations of bullying and allow for discipline. There is a component in the new law that requires all secondary students to be educated on dating violence which will be provided through the Ranger 360 program. Lakewood City Schools was one of nine school districts in the nation to be awarded a collaborative grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women to develop and implement a school and community-based response to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking (SAD-DVS).

In conclusion, Dr. Palumbo reminded the Board of initiatives that the district has already established to address bullying such as the screening of the movie "Bully" in September that was followed by a community conversation, Campus Impact at Garfield Middle School and Rachel's Challenge at Harding Middle School and Lakewood High School, Ranger 360, and "Second Step." "Second Step" is a whole school initiative program

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compiled by Leana Donofrio-Milovan

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Acclaimed author and columnist Erin O'Brien and her book.

October 17

Meet the Author: “The Irish Hungarian Guide to the Domestic Arts” by Erin O’Brien

Shopping at a discount grocery store can be performance art and a half-acre lot can yield a field of dreams. For those of you who believe that the Rust Belt is the perfect place for a whirlwind romance, this is a food memoir in which a dozen ears of sweet corn turn a humble bowl of chowder into a divine creation, the Hamburger Helper glove dukes it out with a scrappy bowl of slumgullion, and banishing the blues is as easy as lunch with Holly Golightly at the local farmers’ market. A misfit Irish-but-not-Catholic girl from Cleveland’s west side, O’Brien is funny and sophisticated, projecting triumph through domesticity without blinking when sorrow fills the screen. The right measure of earthy sex makes this book too hot for the Erma Bombeck set, but we think you’ll like it just fine. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

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

Children/Youth Events

compiled by Eric Knapp

Jazz: The Paul Biasella Trio

What do Miles Davis, Dave Brubeck, and Duke Ellington have to do with families and kids? An evening with this friendly jazz trio will answer with guitar, bass and drums and make your family a jazz family.

Saturday, October 20 at 7:00 p.m. - Main Library Multipurpose Room

Zombies’ Day In - For youth in sixth through twelfth grade

Lights, action zombies! With all the great and not so great zombie fiction out there, we thought it would be fun to make you up as zombies and film a book trailer. We will discuss the books as we get our make-up on and then pick a direction for our filming to go. You will then be able to watch the trailer on our Teen webpage. To register, please stop in or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 140.

Saturday, October 20, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. - Main Library Multipurpose Room

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

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

Saturdays at 11:30 a.m. and Sundays at 3:30 p.m.

Homework ER

For students in kindergarten through eighth grade

Need a little extra help with your homework, or just want a quiet place to work? Come to the Library for help and resources. There is no need to register. Homework ER will be closed for school holidays and vacations.

Madison Branch and Main Library Children’s and Youth Services

September 4 - May 23

Monday - Thursday, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

October 20

Five Star Films

“Strangers on a Train” (1951), Directed by Alfred Hitchcock - Rated PG

Tennis professional Farley Granger wants out of his marriage. During a train ride, he meets affable psychotic Robert Walker who offers up a proposition. What if they were to exchange murders and become simultaneously rid of a hated father and inconvenient wife—two perfect crimes with nothing to connect them. The police would be clueless.

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

October 21

Sunday with the Friends: The Ukulele Cowboy Society

Here’s a big band surprise in a neat, little package. This duo plays hot alternative jazz and swing on the tiniest little guitars and puts its own spin on standards by the Gershwins, Billie Holiday, Judy Garland, Hank Williams, Peggy Lee, Cole Porter and more.

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

October 23

Health and Wealth: Facebook for Beginners: Join the Conversation

You’re not on Facebook? Your cousins, classmates and long lost pals are waiting to get back in touch with you. The world’s largest social media application can be intimidating at first, but in this friendly presentation Kelly Pavlovic will show you how to get started, find your people and protect your privacy. The world is waiting!

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

October 24

Lakewood Historical Society: Cowan in Lakewood

After arriving in Northeast Ohio in 1908 to teach ceramics, R. Guy Cowan soon came to the attention of Cleveland’s art lovers. By 1912 he had moved to Lakewood, where the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce backed him in the formation of the Cleveland Pottery and Tile Company. To mark the Cowan Centennial, Dr. Mark Bassett, Scholar in Residence at the Cleveland Institute of Art, will give an illustrated lecture showing what Lakewood and Cleveland were like when Cowan lived and worked here.

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

October 25

Rare Volumes: What Makes an Old Book Valuable?

After a half-century in business, Cleveland’s Zubal Books has become one of the largest and most respected antiquarian and rare book dealers in the country. Michael Zubal himself will reveal the secrets of what makes some treasured texts rare and valuable and others old junk. His straightforward expertise and precision sense of humor will make for a fascinating and enjoyable, though not-necessarily-lucrative, evening for book lovers of every stripe.

Thursday, October 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

October 27

Lakewood Art House Cinema

“Medium Cool” (1969), Directed by Haskell Wexler - Rated R

A searing look at life at the height of the political chaos of the ‘60s, Medium Cool follows a camera crew as they set out to document the 1968 Democratic Convention. This groundbreaking film mixes real footage of the notorious riots with a fictional story filmed in its midst, creating an unmatched portrait of the American landscape during the Vietnam War.

Saturday, October 27 at 6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

October 28

Sunday with the Friends: Drumplay

“While we honor the elder master drummers, we strive to create our own unique voice in the vast universe of percussive sounds.” These poets of percussion have been inspired by Afro-Cuban, Brazilian and West African rhythms and Middle Eastern motifs. No two concerts are alike.

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

October 30

Health and Wealth: Pinterest for Beginners: Photo Sharing Fun

What would you do with a limitless photo album? Time Magazine named Pinterest, the fastest site in history to reach ten million users, one of the 50 Best Websites of 2011. Save your own photos or collect interesting things you find on the web. Follow others, gather ideas and be social. In this fun, visual presentation, Kelly Pavlovic will show you the basics and inspire you with ideas.

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

November 1

Meet the Author: “The Devil All the Time” by Donald Ray Pollock

Set in southern Ohio and West Virginia, this shattering vision of violence and redemption follows a cast of bizarre characters from the end of the Second World War to the 1960s. Willard Russell is a tormented veteran of the South Pacific who can’t save his beautiful wife, Charlotte, from cancer no matter how much sacrificial blood he pours on his ‘prayer log.’ Carl and Sandy Henderson trawl America’s highways searching for suitable models to photograph and murder. The spider-handling preacher Roy, and his crippled guitar-playing sidekick, Theodore, are running from the law. And caught in the middle of all this is the orphaned Arvin who grows up to be a good but violent man in his own right. With his first novel, the Knockemstiff native braids his storylines into a taut, gothic narrative that proves he is a master storyteller in the grittiest and most uncompromising American grain. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

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

November 3

Lakewood Public Cinema

“The Great McGinty” (1940, Directed by Preston Sturges - Not Rated

Churchill once said that, “Democracy is the worst form of government, except for all those other forms that have been tried from time to time.” In fact, he might have said it after watching this movie. A lowdown bum works his way up to the governor’s mansion using every dirty trick in the book. Things only start to fall apart when he tries to use his ill-gotten gains to do some good in this rotten world. Darkly funny and strangely moving, the great Sturges makes his directorial debut with a landslide winner.

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

Lakewood Public Library



Meet Donald Ray Pollock, Bestselling Author of “The Devil All The Time”

by Leana Donofrio-Milovan

A powerful new bestselling author will be stopping by the Lakewood Public Library on his way to national renown. His novel, *The Devil All The Time*, is a shattering vision of violence and redemption set in Southern Ohio, following a cast of bizarre characters from the end of the Second World War to the 1960s. Donald Ray Pollock first proved himself to be a master of taut gothic yarns with his short story anthology, *Knockemstiff*. Now, with his debut novel named one of the top ten books of the year by *Publisher's Weekly*, he's ready for the Lakewood Public Library. Are we ready for him? Find out on Thursday, November 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

Q. Is it hard to create such dark characters without letting them turn into monsters? Even the darkest characters retain a sense of humanity despite the terrible things they do.

A. Well, probably even the worst people have certain "humanizing" characteristics--maybe they like pancakes or certain songs or love their mother--and so I try to work with those elements some. Too, I tend to think that most bad people don't start out that way, that there is usually something in their history that triggers them to take the wrong path in life. Don't get me wrong, I'm not making excuses for them--lots of people are, for example, abused as children, but don't become serial killers--but I do try to have a little empathy.

Q. The Devil All The Time is a wonderfully bleak book. Did anyone try to sway you into making the book lighter?

A. No, my agent and the people at Doubleday seemed to like it that way, and they were really the only people who read it, at least in its entirety, before it was published. I realize that there are more than a few readers who wish it had been "lighter," but, for better or worse, it's just not that kind of book.

Q. Did you begin writing this

novel while still working in the paper mill?

A. I didn't begin the novel until after my short story collection, *Knockemstiff*, was published in 2008. I was in my third year of grad school at Ohio State University by then, and *The Devil All the Time* took a little over two years to write.

Q. I am afraid to ask, but are any of the characters in The Devil All The Time based on people you knew in real life?

A. Ha! I hate to disappoint, but all the characters are fictional. Probably the only thing in the book that comes out of my personal experience is, besides the location, the prayer log; and that evolved from a memory of a devout old man who lived on a hill above us in *Knockemstiff* and used to walk out to the edge of his woods every evening and pray for a couple of minutes.

Q. The New York Times Book Review called your novel, "Brutally creative...Pollock knows how to dunk readers into a scene and when to pull them out gasping." Were you surprised how well the book was received?

A. Yes! And, of course, also greatly relieved. I had a lot of doubts as to whether I could even write a novel in the first place. Too, I have to always remember that there are lots of writers out there better than me who hardly get reviewed at all.

Q. What is the strangest question you have received during a meet and great?

A. I really can't recall any strange questions asked during a Q&A, but someone did email once and ask if I'd come to California and help him burn down Los Angeles.

Q. What's next for you? Can you share what you have been working on?

A. I'm working on another novel, also set in and around "Meade" in southern Ohio, but I'm going back further in time a bit, to 1918. That's really about all I should say about it right now.

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by Leana Donofrio-Milovan

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by Eric Knapp

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Homework ER will be closed for school holidays and vacations.



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Rare Volumes:

What Makes An Old Book Valuable?

by Leana Donofrio-Milovan

When my parents moved into their Lakewood home it came complete with a wall of built-in bookshelves that housed editions of old, leather bound-classics, from Shakespeare to Walt Whitman. I loved these artfully made books growing up. Although these books are beautiful, they are not worth much more than the memories they contain. Now, like many a book loving adult, as I visit used book stores, garage sales and thrift stores, I can't help but wonder when I come across an old book if I am holding something that might be worth more than the \$5 sticker price.

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Do you have a hidden treasure on your book shelf? Many people wander into a used book store, such as this one in DC, with high hopes of breaking the bank. Photo by Leana Donofrio-Milovan

Established in 1961 by John T. Zupal, Zupal Books offers an outstanding selection of used and antiquarian titles. This Web site provides access to one of the largest collections of out-of-print titles available on the Internet.

The Zupal Books warehouse maintains nearly 5,000,000 volumes of scholarly and rare books in the fields of Literary Criticism & Biography, History, Philosophy, Science, Anthropology & Archaeology, Religion, Historiography, Linguistics, Occult and Fiction. For more information visit www.zupalbooks.com.

For a complete listing of all events at Lakewood Public Library, visit www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/calendar.

Facebook And Pinterest:

Discover What They're All About

by Amy Kloss

Would you like to participate in the online chatter that is Facebook? Are you ready to pin on Pinterest? On two evenings in October, Kelly Pavlovic from Feather & Stone Designs will be at the Lakewood Public Library to help you learn everything you need to know to get started on these social media programs.

If you're craving more contact with children or grandchildren or itching to find classmates and long lost pals, Facebook may be the answer. With more than 800 million users worldwide, Facebook is the largest, most popular social media application. On October 23 at 7 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium, Kelly will show

you the basics to get started on Facebook and explain how to protect your privacy while you're there.

Named by Time Magazine as one of the 50 Best Websites of 2011, Pinterest is an online photo and video sharing application that lets you save your own photos or other interesting things you find on the web. On October 30 at 7 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium, Kelly will show you the basics, inspire you with ideas, and talk about why Pinterest has become all the rage.

Expand your reach on the web, have fun and learn the basics of two popular social media sites this month at the Lakewood Public Library. All programs are free and open to the public.

Tail Waggin' Tutors

by Eric Knapp

Does your school-age child love dogs? Do they like to read, or need time to practice reading? There is a monthly opportunity at the Lakewood Public Library that helps kids bone up on their reading skills by reading to a therapy dog. The dogs and their owners have been certified through Therapy Dogs International. Not only is this a chance for your child to practice their reading out loud, but it is a chance for the friendly canines to practice their listening!

There is no registration required. Simply bring a student by the Multipurpose Room in the Children and Youth Service's Department and select from a collection of books the library staff has assembled, or they may bring

their own book. Then the student can snuggle up and read to a therapy dog one-on-one. There are always a few dogs waiting to hear a story, so drop in at any time! The dogs will be happy to see you!

The Tail Waggin' Tutor sessions that are offered for this fall and winter include: Saturdays, September 8, October 13, November 10, December 8, January 12, and February 9 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Stay tuned for more dates to come in the near future! The program is specifically geared for students age 7 through 12, though younger students are welcome when accompanied by an adult. For questions or more information, please call (216) 226-8275 x140.

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designed to be taught in the classrooms by the teachers twice per month and is platformed on being a "Violence Prevention Curriculum." Skills taught through this program are geared around teaching social skills, character development, respect of others, and preventing other risky behaviors such as substance abuse. The proposed policy will be voted on at the next regular meeting. For more information on the district's current bullying policy visit lakewoodcityschools.org.

Mark Gleichauf, Director of Teaching and Learning, gave the report for the last agenda item under the Superintendent's Report on the State Report Card. Typically, the state would release report cards in August; however, this year the auditor's office held up the process due to some Ohio school districts being investigated on their reporting of attendance records. Attendance is considered in the formula when deter-

mining a school district's rating.

Mr. Gleichauf cautioned the Board that only Preliminary Data had been released with no indication of when the official report cards with the district's designation or Performance Index Score (predicted to be around 99% based on 5 years of data), would be available. Yet Mr. Gleichauf was able to report that there were some real positives about the performance of the district they could talk about now, for example, Lakewood City Schools was 1 of the 13 districts (out of 31) that had "Above Expected Growth." Another positive was that the district met 69 out of 80 of its indicators which qualified the district to be designated as "Low Support." The State of Ohio's policy for school districts in District Improvement (Lakewood City Schools is in year 8) says that when a district scores an 80% or higher on its indicators that they are moved into a "Low Support" status. Lakewood scored an 87%

(passed 69 out of the 80 opportunities presented). Previously, the district had a "Medium Support" designation with a score of 73%.

The Preliminary Data did show areas of concern for the district in areas of 5th grade math and 8th grade science, and although the district had more of its subgroups meet AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) the district overall did not meet AYP. Mr. Gleichauf was hesitant to report which subgroups didn't meet requirements, but stated that they were consistent with last year's report card. Preliminary Data also showed a 10 point drop in the district's graduation rate. However, graduation rates have dropped all across the region due to a new federal law that changes the way that school districts have to report students who have left their districts. School districts are required to retain students who have left the district on their rolls until the district is notified that the student has re-enrolled in another district. This poses significant challenges to a district especially when a student moves out of state, or even out of the country. The new law is an attempt to create conformity across the nation on how school districts report graduation rates, but it will force districts to dedicate resources to tracking students who

leave the district. Unfortunately, keeping students who have left the district on the rolls until notification would affect attendance data that is required for determining a district's designation on the state report card. For Preliminary Data on individual schools or Lakewood City Academy visit the Ohio Department of Education at <http://www.ode.state.oh.us>.

After the Superintendent's Report, the school board discussed agenda items for the second regular meeting of October (rescheduled to October 22) and then allowed for public communication. Lakewood resident, Woody Calleri, posed a question to school board and new district treasurer, Tim Penton, regarding repurchase agreements. According to Calleri, the district holds about \$20 million dollars of these investments which is up from prior years. Mr. Penton agreed to address Mr. Calleri's concerns when there was ample time for him to review his concerns and give a thorough answer. It was Mr. Penton's first official day as the district's treasurer.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8pm. The second regular meeting of the Lakewood Board of Education will be Monday, October 22nd at Harrison Elementary School, 7pm.

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Lakewood Schools



Students arrive at the LCA Campus.

Students Hit The Pavement In Record Numbers On "International Walk To School Day"

by Gretchen Bulan

For the third year in a row, Lakewood Catholic Academy (LCA) participated in the International Walk to School Day event on Wednesday, October 3. A record 540 LCA students, many joined by parents and siblings, enjoyed a beautiful morning walk or bike ride to school along with students across the country and around the world.

As students arrived to school on Wednesday, they were met by event organizers and parent volunteers who passed out event stickers to all walkers or bikers. Participants were also entered into raffles for prizes like pedometers, Movbands and books, donated by the Cleveland Clinic Foundation's Wellness Institute, Movable, Inc. and the school's volunteer network, the Saints Service Organization (SSO).

Students were encouraged and inspired to participate prior to the event by three faculty members,



Faculty Walkers make it to Lakewood after Cross-Town Trek.

including Principal Mike Fletcher, who took an over 17-mile cross-town trek from their homes on the east side to the school in Lakewood on Friday, September 28. After arriving to school, the faculty walkers were greeted by a student rally during which they shared the day's experiences, held a Cleveland trivia contest and awarded prizes that they had purchased along the way.

International Walk to School day is an annual event that promotes physical activity, teaches safe pedestrian and bicycling skills, highlights the walkability of a city like Lakewood, reduces traffic congestion, pollution and speed near schools and encourages family time.

Event Chairperson Marianne Quasebarth said of the event, "LCA is fortunate to be located in a very 'walkable' city, and hopefully this event will inspire more parents and students to walk or bike in, especially as long as the nice weather holds out!"

Lakewood Catholic Academy is a private, Catholic, co-educational elementary school in Lakewood serving students from preschool age through grade eight.

For further information, please contact Mary Ann Campbell, LCA Director of Advancement, at (216) 521-0559 ext. 3041 or visit the school's website at www.lakewoodcatholicacademy.com.

OSU Invites LHS Ranger Marching Band To Pregame Skull Session

by Valerie Mechenbier

The Lakewood High School Ranger Marching Band traveled to The Ohio State University on Saturday, October 6th to participate in the 2012 Homecoming Skull Session at St. John Arena prior to the nationally televised OSU-Nebraska game. This by-invitation-only appearance by the Ranger Marching Band & auxiliaries (Flags & Rangerettes) was an opportunity to perform in front of a packed house, including the OSU Marching Band, the OSU Athletic Band, and the OSU Men's Glee Club. Brutus the Buckeye, the 2012 Ohio State Buckeye football team, and Head Coach Urban Meyer

also made appearances at the Skull Session. Thanks to LHS Director of Bands Brian Maskow and Assistant Band Director Nathan Harris for arranging this memorable trip!



"O H...I O!" with Matt Markling, Nathan Harris, a member of the LHS percussion section, and Brian Maskow.



LHS Ranger Marching Band performs for enthusiastic OSU fans in St. John Arena.



Hilarity with LHS Rangerettes.

"Father Of The Bride" Coming To LHS Stage

by Christine Gordillo

The Lakewood High School Barnstormers Club is gearing up for another fantastic student production. This fall's play is Father of the Bride, a classic comedy that revolves around the parental frustrations of a father whose oldest daughter is about to get married. Not only is he perplexed at the realization that his little girl in pigtails has become a grown woman about to start her own family; he is also run ragged by plans for a wedding ceremony and reception that spiral horribly out of control. Spencer Tracy and Elizabeth Taylor first brought the story to life

in the 1950 classic movie. Then in the 1990s, Steve Martin and Kimberly Williams reprised the father and daughter role.

If you are married, have been married, know someone who has been married, or have just attended a wedding reception - you will laugh hysterically at the dilemma at the heart of Father of the Bride. Show dates are Nov. 1, 2 & 3. Curtain time is 8 p.m. in the high school's Tryout Theater. Advance sale tickets are \$4 and tickets at the door are \$5. For tickets, contact director Dave Gannon at 216-529-4162.

Ranger Cafe Set To Open October 23

by Christine Gordillo

The Ranger Café at West Shore will be opening its doors for lunch service this school year on Tuesday, October 23. The restaurant, in its fourth year, is operated by the Culinary Arts/ProStart students of the West Shore Career-Technical District, which is based at Lakewood High School.

Under the guidance of chef instructors Rob McGorray and Devon Sharosky, the students plan the menu for the year, cook, serve as wait staff and cashiers, and learn hands-on about the nuts and bolts of running a restaurant.

The restaurant is open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 12 - 1:30



p.m. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 216-529-4165 and pressing "1" for reservations. Menu items include sandwiches, salads, soups, desserts and entrees such as grilled pork tenderloin and fettuccine Bolognese. Prices are affordable and range from \$6.50-\$8.50 for sandwiches and entrees.

Lakewood Schools

New at Lakewood Dog Park: Lighting, Waste Stations and Bag Recycling Collection for Leashed Dogs in Lakewood

by Alanna Faith

Let there be light at Lakewood Dog Park! Weeks ahead of Daylight Savings Time ending, the City of Lakewood has installed additional overhead lighting to better illuminate the dog park while being considerate of residential neighbors.

During months when Northeast Ohio is bathed in darkness more than sunshine, human and canine visitors at Lakewood Dog Park will be able to more fully enjoy the park. It should help in making “doggy duty” easier too.

Additional waste stations, soon to be installed, will contribute to convenience for dog owners and handlers. Lakewood Dog Park Rules ask visitors to always be watchful of their dogs and pick up and dispose of fecal waste. Biodegradable waste bags, tools and trash receptacles are normally provided. Please leave the park as clean as, or cleaner than, it was when you arrived. Please do not leave litter or cigarette butts.

There’s been a 34% increase in dog parks in five years, while regular use parks have only increased by 3%. “Dog Parks and off-leash areas continue to be an important piece of enrichment and exercise for many dogs. We are excited to be partnering with Friends of the Lakewood Dog Park as they make improvements and additions to the dog park. PetPeople is committed to supporting local animal related non-profits and donates a minimum of 5% of their profits back to the community,” said Terri Montigny, Marketing Manager of Pet People, the business donatingBased in Columbus, PetPeople will be contributing \$1,300 worth of biodegradable pet waste bags to Friends of the Lakewood Dog Park in 2013 and 2014. Friends of the Lakewood Dog Park spent \$2,200 on biodegradable pet waste bags in 2011. That’s 58,000 bags! Given the proximity of Lakewood Dog Park to Cleveland Metropark and the volume of furry visitors coming through the gates of Lakewood Dog Park each year, biodegradable pet waste bags are a “green choice.”

Lakewood Dog Park is going



Evan and Ryan donating grocery bags to Leashed Dogs in Lakewood station at Lakewood Dog Park.

“green” by partnering with Leashed Dogs in Lakewood. Clean used plastic grocery-type bags in good condition are being collected inside the Lakewood Dog Park in a dedicated container supplied by Leashed Dogs in Lakewood.

Leashed Dogs in Lakewood is a citizens’ effort to allow dogs on a leash, accompanied by a responsible owner, in the city parks of Lakewood. Their objective is not only to be able to walk dogs on leashes in the parks, but to help educate the public about the courtesies and responsibilities associated with owning a pet. Among their efforts are filling dispensers with recycled bags for dog waste pick-up in some of Lakewood’s most popular parks. They may be contacted at www.leasheddogs.in-lakewoodparks.com.

Lakewood Dog Park is a City of Lakewood public park. Lakewood Dog Park Rules have changed in 2012 and may be found on www.onelakewood.com

Friends of the Lakewood Dog Park, Inc. 501(c)(3) is the non-profit volunteer organization that supplies amenities at Lakewood Dog Park, in addition to maintaining the website, Facebook page and Twitter feeds, email communication and in-park bulletin boards.

You may join Friends of the Lakewood Dog Park, or make a generous donation by visiting: www.LakewoodDogPark.com

Lakewood Community Services Center

by Jayne Leschnik

We are currently looking to increase our volunteer team at Lakewood Community Services Center.

Celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, LCSC, with its partners, provides basic needs assistance and personalized resource and referral services with the goal of empowering each individual to move toward greater self-sufficiency. What began as a small food pantry has grown into a multi-service organization that not only provides emergency food to residents of Lakewood, Rocky River and Westlake, but also supports our community by providing: homeless prevention assistance for those at risk of losing their housing; housing search and placement for homeless individuals referred from organizations throughout Cuyahoga County; short-term temporary housing for homeless Lakewood residents; monthly food delivery to Lakewood seniors in senior housing; ongoing case management; referrals and linkages to provider partners; and onsite access to mainstream benefits.

The need for assistance is continuing to grow at an astounding rate. At least 10% of the total number of households we serve each

month have never before needed our help, and this year we will provide emergency food to 18% of the total population of the City of Lakewood! Without the dedicated support of over 50 volunteers, LCSC could not provide services in the professional, efficient and caring manner that has become the hallmark of our organization. Our client assistance opportunities include welcoming clients and entering information into our client database, assisting with food distribution, helping stock and sort product in our food pantry and manning the phones during our regular hours of operation, which are Monday through Friday from 10am - 2pm and Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7:30.

Volunteering at LCSC is a great opportunity to engage in our community and to meet a group of wonderful individuals who are committed to making a difference in the lives of the people we serve.

If interested, please contact: Jane Leschnik, Volunteer Coordinator Lakewood Community Services Center, 216-226-5454, or Jane@lcsclakewood.org. Check us out at: www.lcsclakewood.org.

Preschool Information Night

by Julie Derrick

Are you planning to send your child to preschool in Lakewood next fall? It might not be as daunting as choosing a college, but many area preschools begin accepting applications in January for the school year that begins in August. Find out which area preschool is the best fit for your child. Come and hear from several Lakewood preschool representatives, ask questions and be informed about your decision.

All Lakewood preschools have been invited to participate, and this program is free and open to the public. The program will begin at 7:45 p.m. on Monday, October 22nd in the Hayes Elementary School cafeteria located at 16401 Delaware Avenue. Enter near the parking lot located off of Olive Avenue and Lakewood Heights Boulevard.

The Lakewood Early Childhood PTA is part of the local, state and national PTA. It is not affiliated with any one school; but instead, strives to promote the welfare of children and families community-wide.

For more information, please visit www.lecpta.com or contact Patty McLaughlin at PattyM1282@gmail.com.

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"Spirit" of Lakewood's Catholic Parishes Celebrated At 90-Year Mark

by Gretchen Bulan

The early 1900's brought rapid growth in the city of Lakewood, bringing to life the dreams and aspirations of its first determined residents. In the same era, Lakewood's Catholic community grew through acts of perseverance and sacrifice by its early clergy and parishioners. Established in 1922 by Bishop Joseph Schrembs, the parishes of St. Clement and St. Luke were built out of the great faith and pioneering spirit of their first members. In the beginning, no churches had been built, yet these communities grew. The stories of these two parishes, while very unique in their journeys, share a common beginning and a vision by Catholics eager to create their spiritual home in Lakewood.

In 2012, St. Clement and St. Luke celebrate 90 years of service and worship in Lakewood. In recognition of this milestone, Lakewood Catholic Academy (LCA) will honor the two parishes at its annual All Saints Auction on Saturday, November 3. As two of the founding parishes that joined to form the consolidated Catholic school, St. Clement and St. Luke have played important roles in the growth and operation of the school in areas like pastoral guidance, sacramental instruction and financial support. The auction event will be highlighted by the presentation of the LCA Insignis Award, the school's highest honor, to both

parishes in recognition of the significant impact they have had on the school's success.

The parishes' example of service and faith has been a model for the LCA community as it has worked through challenges in its early years of operation. Like these parishes, LCA was built when a community of believers came together to transform Catholic elementary education in Lakewood. LCA is honored to celebrate this special milestone and invite Lakewood parishioners and others to relive memories of the early days of both the city and the parishes.

LCA Today
Today, Lakewood Catholic Academy is in its eighth year of operation with over 630 students enrolled from pre-school through grade eight for the 2012-2013 school year. Its academic reputation and broad curriculum draws students from many areas in Greater Cleveland.

The annual All Saints Auction will be held on the campus grounds at 14808 Lake Avenue on Saturday, Nov. 3. The auction is the school's largest fundraising event, bringing in important funds that support the students, faculty and programs of the school. For further information, contact Mary Ann Campbell, Director of Advancement at (216) 521-0559 ext. 3041 or visit www.lakewoodcatholicacademy.com/all-saints.

A Kiwanis Halloween: Annual Donut Sale On 25th And 26th; K-Kids Knock On Doors To Fight A Worldwide Scourge

by Gordon Brumm

On October 25 (Thursday) and 26 (Friday) Lakewood Kiwanis will hold their annual donut sale at the Masonic Temple, corner of Detroit and Andrews. Hours are 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, and 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. only on Friday.

Donuts will also be sold at Rozi's and at Geiger's during their store hours.

All donuts will sell by the box for \$6.50 per box of a dozen. Each box contains a combination of plain, glazed, chocolate, cinnamon and powdered sugar donuts.

Cider will also be on sale.

If you are interested in helping with the donut sale, or if you wish further information, call Tim Mohr at 216-941-7319.

On Halloween night itself, 17 K-Kids from Harrison School will be going door-to-door carrying boxes with Kiwanis and UNICEF logos affixed. They will be asking for contributions on behalf of an international project in which Kiwanis is partnering with UNICEF to eliminate maternal/neonatal tetanus in 34 nations in Africa and Asia. (Hence the name: "Eliminate

Project.")

The terrible nature of tetanus is not understood in countries such as the .U.S., because we don't live where tetanus flourishes. In underdeveloped countries it is a different story. There, tetanus often strikes newborn babies, because the bacteria dwelling in the soil reach a newborn baby by way of unsanitary birthing conditions or through birth-attendants who have not taken proper precautions, and instruments which have not been properly sterilized. The result is a life cut short after a few days, and a grieving mother. The death rate, before the present project began, was one death of a baby every nine minutes, 160 per day.

Vaccination is the remedy. It takes three vaccinations at a cost of about \$1.80 to immunize mother and child. To provide these vaccinations and the wherewithal to deliver them and to properly train health-care workers are the aims of the Eliminate Project and the reason why K-Kids will be knocking on doors on Halloween night.

For further information on the K-Kids' project, go to Trickortreatforunicef.org.

Oktoberfest At The Church Of The Ascension

by Joyce Knapp

Bring your appetite and be ready to Polka at The Church Of The Ascension this Saturday evening, October 20th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Tickets to this event are only \$7 and children under 10 are free. So, come and enjoy an evening of homemade traditional German food, good live music, raffles and lots of fun. The Church Of The Ascension is located at 13216 Detroit Avenue. ES MACHT SPAB!!!


Third Annual Harvest Pork Chop Dinner & Raffle

by Kathy Corridoni

Transfiguration Parish will hold its 3rd Annual Harvest Pork Chop Dinner & Raffle on Sunday, October 28, from 12:30-4:30 p.m. in their parish hall at 12608 Madison Ave. in Lakewood. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Reservations are recommended by Sunday, October 21. Call 216-228-1134 or 216-228-0654 for tickets or reservations.

There will be a Grand Raffle with the top prize of \$1,000 and five subsequent prizes totaling \$500. Grand Raffle tickets are \$5 per ticket or 6 tick-

ets for \$25. There will also be a Split the Pot--60/40 split, church/winners. The Split the Pot tickets are \$1 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5. Winners need not be present. The Grand Raffle and Split the Pot tickets will be available for purchase at the event or can be purchased prior to the event by calling the Rectory at 216-521-7288. In addition to home-cooked foods and raffles, this family event includes gift baskets, music, and more. Admission is free. You won't want to miss all the fun. Hope to see you there!



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Election 2012

Lakewood League Of Women Voters Voters Guide For November, 2012

by Pam Smith
THE VOTERS' GUIDE 2012

Prepared and Published by the Lakewood Chapter of League of Women Voters- Cuyahoga Area
Note: The wording below is exactly as submitted by each candidate.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE OHIO HOUSE DISTRICT 13

Nickie Antonio

Legislator, former non-profit administrator and Teacher
M.P.A., B.S. Ed- Cleveland State University
Served as State Representative in HD13 with commitment and integrity since elected in 2010. I continue to reach across the aisle and work to create and retain jobs, strive for excellence in education for all.

Question: What do you feel is the most challenging issue facing the State of Ohio?

The issue of resolving the school funding dilemma should be a priority for the next General Assembly. It has proved to be the most challenging for many years.

Question: How would you address this issue?

Revisit the way funds are distributed, where and how lottery, education and local government funds are assigned, develop and identify additional revenue sources towards a fair funding formula for all Ohio's children. Requires all responsible parties to be at the table and committed to work together to develop the solution.

John Zappala

General Contractor, self employed
Lakewood High School 1977,
Cleveland State Bachelors in Communications and Public Relations 1984
I am the people I will represent. I am a small businessman, a person who goes to work every day, a neighbor to foreclosed homes, and a father.

Question: What do you feel is the most challenging issue facing the State of Ohio?

Jobs. We need to get back to a climate where businesses are investing and creating jobs.

Question: How would you address this issue?

To create a climate favorable for job creation and investment we need to get the tax and regulation burdens lowered to a level that makes sense for job growth.

COUNTY COUNCIL CANDIDATE DISTRICT 2 Anna E. Melendez

Tupperware Sales Woman
Education in Architectural Engineering and Construction Technology, with a BA in Urban Studies and Historic Preservation

Genuine desire to help people, bring and retain businesses in Northern Ohio. Bricks and Mortar education with desire to help county save money, paired with ideas to help county to go green.

Question: What do you feel is the most challenging issue facing Cuyahoga County?Jobs Jobs Jobs!

Question: How would you address this issue?

Put differences aside and work as a council to develop and retain businesses in Northern Ohio. Retain and retrain our workforce to prepare for new challenges in the employment arena.

COUNTY COUNCIL CANDIDATE DISTRICT 2

Dale Miller

County Councilperson
PhD. & MS., Clinical Psychology, University of Utah,
1976 Bachelor of Science, Case Western Reserve University
30 years legislative experience at Cleveland City Council, Ohio House and Ohio Senate; excellent knowledge of county government, budgeting, legislative procedure; works well with others, not partisan, even-tempered, has vision for entire community.

Question: What do you feel is the most challenging issue facing Cuyahoga County?

Cuyahoga County is facing a \$15 million per year imbalance in Health and Human Services spending, starting next year, resulting from severe federal and state cutbacks and lower property tax valuations. Because we have reserves, we do have three to four years to get this back in balance.

Question: How would you address this issue?

Do a Health & Human Services Strategic Plan to identify priorities, eliminate overlaps, and increase efficiency. Some costs can be moved from the levy fund to the general fund, which has more capacity, and we should consider asking for a slight increase in millage to restore lost revenue.

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Election Thoughts & Emails

Government Of The People

Letters To The Editor
by Helen Brinich

Government of the people, by the people, for the people is in dire danger of disappearing from the Earth. The current system seems to operate on the premise of "one dollar, one vote," not one person, one vote. The top 1% of the population have the resources to control most of the media outlets. 5% of the population controls 85% of the wealth. We are on the verge of becoming an oligarchy.

There is no evidence that we need multi-millionaires to create jobs with their investments. Smart people invest when they feel confident that there will be customers for their goods and services. Good paying jobs create customers. Our present system facilitates

a flow of wealth from the bottom to the top. It's the wrong way to go. Extreme concentration of wealth is incompatible with democracy.

Our tax system needs to be progressive and fair. We need reasonable regulations to prevent the financial skulduggery that almost brought down our entire economy. There is a misalignment of financial rewards and social benefits created. Many of the practices that have made multi-millionaires of clever people have benefited no one but themselves.

We who are privileged to live in a "swing" state know that something has to be done about how our elections are financed. We couldn't live through the campaign season without the mute button. Our government should not be up for sale. We have to find a better way.

Why should we trust corporations

and the super rich to run our country better than our government by and for the people? Our greatest concern should be to make our government work the way it is supposed to work. We are going in the wrong direction. Voter ID laws narrow the franchise. The least privileged of our citizens may not have the means, time, or money to get the required documents especially if they need a birth certificate. Gerrymandering skews the election results. The filibuster which formerly was used with discretion has been used rou-

tinely to block legislation in the Senate. It should not require 60 votes to pass a law. A majority of 51 should be enough.

We shouldn't be concerned about government being too big. We should definitely be concerned about making our government work the way it is supposed to. It can and should be government of, by, and for all the people, not just the privileged and the rich.

Helen Brinich is a long-time resident of Lakewood. Her children attended school here. She is a property owner here.

Why I Will Not Vote for Any Republican Candidates

by Daniel Sobotka

Here simply is why I will not vote for any Republican candidate this election: They think that people are simpletons and they disguise what they really want to do under misleading terms like "freedom" and "liberty." They think corporations and rich people should have the freedom to do just about whatever they please in pursuit of profits.

Nothing is sacred to them. They will sell off or destroy anything for the right price, and the sacred goes pretty cheap these days. They will fix Social Security and Medicare by weakening them financially, just as they did the Postal Service, by requiring them to pre-fund their retiree health care benefits for the next 75 YEARS! Then when it looks weak, they attack it and tear it apart. Why do this to the Post Office? So they can weaken postal unions while their cronies in the private sector siphon off the most lucrative aspects of the service, city business delivery in particular. They don't like Social Security or Medicare, social programs that smell of socialism, so if given the chance to fix them, they will assuredly destroy them both.

Consumer protection? Workers' health and safety? Clean air and water? National Parks and wilderness areas? Not important. Not important. Not important. NOT IMPORTANT!

Republicans have some newfound sense of power and have cast off their sheep's clothing, revealing themselves as never before. Their targets are

minorities, women, gays, immigrants and the poor.

Education is an enemy to them, just as it is to the Taliban. Education can set you free from their lies and they do much better when people are weak and scared. They sow anger and hate.

They have done everything they could to make the economy worse; stifled every attempt by the Democrats to improve it. Practically single-handedly, they managed to get the credit rating of American bonds down-graded. That was truly one of their proud achievements. Given the chance, they will do it again at the end of this year.

They are holding this country hostage to their own radical agenda. Are you one to negotiate with terrorists?

I am not willing to have narrow-minded, bigoted, greedy, selfish and self-serving leaders determine my future, my family's future, or my country's future. A House of Representatives controlled by the Republicans will continue to sow chaos and discord. They thrive in such a climate.

I say clean the House and the Senate of Republican power. They make pie-in-the-sky promises. Don't believe them! President Obama is certainly not a saint, but I truly believe he will preserve much more of what makes this country great.

Really, what is the Republicans' whole platform? Elect us: Obama stinks; we don't. Give me a break!

Letters To The Editor Offended By Anonymous Out-of-state Money Attacking Sherrod Brown

by Tom Bullock

Afraid to watch TV these days? So many misleading, negative ads pollute the airwaves that reasonable people DVR past them or simply click "off."

Particularly obnoxious are the outrageous, cynical ads attacking U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown funded by \$19.6 million (so far) in anonymous, out-of-state money. October will bring more attack ads, paid for by a new barge-load of imported special interest cash.

Why would special interests pay such huge sums to defeat Sherrod? Because he won't do their bidding. He fights instead for middle class families whose only lobbyist in Washington is their Senator himself.

If special interests succeed in defeat-

ing Sherrod, would all this money come without strings attached? Or would Sherrod's opponent owe favors to those who funded the TV blitz -- people without an Ohio zip code?

I trust Sherrod Brown to stand up to special interests and fight for communities like Lakewood: in the darkest days of the foreclosure crisis, Sherrod delivered federal dollars to stabilize neighborhoods hard-hit by predatory lending. In Lakewood, we've put those funds to work to rehab or demolish-and-rebuild dozens of homes, stabilizing nearby property values.

Let's vote against negative ads and anonymous out-of-state cash by voting for Sherrod Brown.

**Lakewood Ward 2 Councilman
Tom Bullock**



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Election 2012

Reflections From The Political Prism

by Gordon Brumm

For those who have not yet voted, here are a couple of considerations:

Save the Supreme Court!

One of the most important issues of the presidential election has barely been mentioned, namely, the future of the Supreme Court.

The Court now has four conservative Justices, four moderate-liberal justices, and Justice Kennedy more or less in the middle. All conservatives plus Kennedy were nominated by Republican presidents; all liberals were nominated by Democrats.

In all probability, Kennedy or one of the liberal justices will leave the Court within four years. If Romney is president, he will almost surely nominate a conservative replacement, guaranteeing a solid and lasting conservative majority. The result will be more decisions like Citizens United.

It matters not that Romney may be a moderate at heart. Remember, Bush 41 gave us Clarence Thomas. (And don't be fooled by Roberts' decision in the health-care case. It's a Trojan horse. His ruling on the Medicaid provision furnishes a precedent for constraining the federal government far into the future.)

In short, a Romney victory means that the Supreme Court will probably be ruined for 20 to 30 years. That by itself is a decisive reason to reelect Obama.

Hoodwinking Us About Income Taxes and Job Creation

One of the central claims in the Romney-Ryan story is that higher income taxes for the relatively wealthy will seriously hinder job creation. Their argument is based on the assumption that owners of small businesses will be in the upper brackets. Their income consists of the proceeds from their businesses. (We're not talking about businesses that have incorporated.) Take away from the proceeds and you will take away the money they would otherwise have to hire new employees.

In other words, new hires compete against taxes for a limited amount of funds. That's the story.

One flaw in the argument is that a

great majority of small businesses (perhaps 97%) don't reach the \$250,000 threshold for increased taxation. But let's lay that aside and consider whether the argument makes sense at all, even for the small proportion of businesses that it refers to. To be sure, the argument sounds plausible. We envision a pot of money available to the business owner. The more you take out of that pot in taxes, the less will be available for new salaries. It sounds plausible, until you realize two basic truths:

1) **No business owner will hire a new employee unless they have a reasonable certainty that the new employee will bring in enough revenue to at least cover their wages and other expenses such as payroll taxes. In other words, the employees will pay for themselves. And all such expenses are of course tax-deductible.**

2) **Taxes are levied on net profits of the business, not gross income.**

Now do a simple visualization: Picture a bar, as in a bar graph, that represents gross income. Part of that income goes to expenses, including wages etc. The rest is profit. New hires will increase the expenses part. But they will not eat into the profit part, because as just mentioned, the new hires will at least pay for themselves. New hires will either leave profit unchanged or will increase profit.

Income taxes on the owner will eat into the profit part, but ONLY into the profit part, as just mentioned. They decrease the amounts the owners can consume in their private lives; that's all.

So tax increases cannot possibly compete with the expense of new hires. Because, again, taxes take away from profits, but new hires don't take away from anything.

Hiring will therefore be stimulated not by tax decreases, but by an increase in demand, which increases the need for more employees to take advantage of the new demand. Which is just what economists such as Paul Krugman have been saying.

Romney and friends, with their business backgrounds, must realize all of this. But they figure they can hoodwink the rest of us into swallowing their delusions, a la the "47%."



President Barack Obama at a recent rally at Cleveland State University.

Junior Fire Chief Rides To School In Style



Sydney Wilhelmy steps out of the fire truck to be greeted by...



Fire Marshall Tim Dunphy and his schoolmates.

by Christine Gordillo

Horace Mann fifth-grader Sydney Wilhelmy may have been worried when a Lakewood firetruck stopped in front of his house before school on October 11. The worry surely soon turned to smiles as the city's newest Junior Fire Chief found out he would be riding in the front seat of the rig on his way to school.

The special ride, which included a quick tour around the city before heading to school, was thanks to the winning essay Sydney wrote on fire prevention. The Lakewood Fire Department spent the week visiting the district elementary schools during the annual Fire Prevention Week. As part of the

week's activities, fifth-graders are asked to write an essay on the year's theme, which was "Know Two Ways Out."

Sydney had the honor of reading his standout essay at the annual memorial for fallen firefighters held at the Madison Avenue fire station on October 7. He was also honored at a school assembly on October 9. But the cherry on top was the surprise truck ride, a new element that the fire department added this year to honor their junior chief.

It certainly was the ride-of-a-lifetime for Sydney, who was greeted like a rockstar by his classmates when he stepped off the truck with smile as wide as West Clifton.



Mitt Romney speaking with a crowd gathered in downtown Cuyahoga Falls on a chilly fall night.

Lakewood Food



Tex-Mex Kent Style Explodes BIG Uptown
At Taco Tontos On Madison Avenue

by Jim O'Bryan

About ten years a couple of artists washed ashore here in Lakewood, and we have been blessed by their presence ever since.

John and Jill Crino who met while in school at Kent State chose Lakewood for their home after deciding that the hustle and bustle of New York was just too much. Their first project was the coffee shop and art gallery, *bela dubby*. Named for the couple's two dogs, it provided an ultimate get-away spot from noon until 7pm. From 7pm on it was "come as you are expect anything" music/art/poetry/comedy good times club.

While successful, *bela dubby* was not the dream the now family of five was hoping for. Jill, a wonderful cook in her own right, and John a well-known lover of food, had always wanted a restaurant. They had nearly moved out of Lakewood to the so-called chic area of Gordon Square after nearly selling the coffee shop to a local.

But then things started falling

together for a dream come true. Taco Tonto's, a long-time legendary place for late night food and tacos in Kent became available. Immediately, Jill called and was placed on a list of 20 possible buyers. So close she could taste the hot sauce! Damn!

Then, out of nowhere a guy named "Kevin Yohn" who was next up on the list was looking for a possible partner. Jill was introduced to Kevin and his wife Emily through a mutual friend, and a partnership was formed. The Crinos went from looking, to owning two restaurants. Immediately the Lakewood coffee shop was rebuilt with the same kind of interesting flare that the Kent location has built its legend on. While I was checking out the Kent Taco Tonto's last spring with a friend everyone within 4 blocks who we asked where to get food said, "Taco Tonto's!" This is an area of maybe 15 bars and restaurants. That is pretty amazing. You can read that report online at: [http://lakewood-observer.com/forum/viewtopic.php?f=](http://lakewood-observer.com/forum/viewtopic.php?f=7&t=10817&hilit=Taco+Tontos)



From left to right: Kevin Yohn, Jill Crino and John Crino have brought Kent's best Tex-Mex tacos to their home in Lakewood, and we are glad!

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Last week Taco Tontos opened with as much if not more flare than the Kent one. Jill, who is a fabulous artist, painted and did the walls, while John, a consummate handyman--his second job--did much of the build out. Kevin, who had cooked at Taco Tontos before, came and helped build out the kitchen. What we have is a faithful copy of the Kent Experience, that if you've never been to Kent, you will still enjoy.

When you enter, you are sucked in by the balance of art: loud and soft colors, incredibly surreal to minimalist, all expressed on the wall. A wonderful, but small full-service bar. How they got their liquor license proves that some very powerful people up there want them to succeed. Great selection of beer including 5 kinds on tap including Brooklyn Ale which was the standard at *bela dubby* and has grown a large following in the area. Top shelf liquor and tequila, to go with their massive selection of tacos and burritos.

Any way you can think of a burrito, they can make it. Grilled free range chicken, sweet potato, sour cream, and black beans? "No problem." Standard beef or steak, vegetarian, and it is all there to the same high standards as Kent.

Last week I had the fish tacos, which were on sale. I am not a huge fan of fish tacos, but these were great! Refreshing, fresh, the slaw was tasty, I'll order them again.

Another good place, just down the road from Barroco, check them out, Uptown on Madison Avenue.

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Innovative Handmade Jewelry Event Pops-Up in Lakewood

by Kathy Patton

A new alternative to craft fairs, art shows, and gallery exhibitions is popping up in Lakewood. Inspired by the abundance of talented jewelry designers in the Cleveland area and the public's love for unique, handmade pieces of wearable art, the Pinned & Pined For event is the jewelry hound's dream come true. Forty jewelry-makers (in a wide range of styles, materials, and techniques) will present their work at this four-day show, which kicks off with an opening reception party on Thursday, October 18th.

"This show is different, somewhere between a trunk show and an art fair. The jewelers don't need to worry about having a ton of work to show and a ton of display equipment to lug. They can show fresh, new work. Patrons will love the simple display, the variety of price points and styles, and the central checkout instead of purchasing from each artist separately," said Kathy Patton, organizer of the event and Market Organizer for Cleveland Handmade Markets.

"I'm excited to host Pinned & Pined For! There will be something for everyone. Some artists are Etsy or art fair veterans, some just graduated from jewelry programs, and some are even jewelry professors themselves," said Teresa Crompton, co-owner of Dovecote, a space in the Screw Factory Artists Studios at the Lake Erie Building.

"To participate in the show, each artist purchased wall display space



Work by participating jewelry artists Eva Sherman, Sherry Simms, Amy Ropes, Teresa Crompton, and Kathy Patton.

by the square foot. All of that money is going to advertising and producing the show. We'll get attention from the ads that we would not be able to afford without teamwork," said Valerie Tyler, one of the jewelry artists and a local art blogger.

At present, the participating artists are: Summer Aims, Susan Base, Susie Bedell, Nicole Bloch, Barbara Bloom, Marjorie Burkhardt, Mindi Burton, Sofia Calderwood, Brittany Charek, Teresa Crompton, Debra Csikos-Vandrasik, Jamie Dicus, Denise Donaldson, Angela Elpers, Amanda Gonzalez, Josie Graff, Erika Hansen, Anne Holman, Erica Hoosic, Rachel Jernigan, Christal Keener, Pavia Lewis, Cindy Markle, Beth Martin, Ana Molnar, Linda Moore, Pam Nickle, Kathy Patton, Lori Paximadis, Kristin Perkins, Maryann Posch, Debra Romaniv, Amy Ropes, Mala Shah, Eva Sherman, Sherry Simms, Jennifer Szalkowski, Allison Theken, Valerie Tyler, Jennifer Worden, and Tracie Zamiska.

The exhibit runs from Thursday, October 18th through Sunday, October 21st. Hours on Thursday and Friday are 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Hours on Saturday and Sunday are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., or by appointment. The event is at Dovecote Work/Display, 13000 Athens Avenue.

Started in November 2008, Cleveland Handmade Markets are an ongoing series of art and craft sales which feature only handmade art, goods, and edibles. Cleveland Handmade Markets are committed to showcasing creative entrepreneurs and contributing to the local economy while also partnering with community groups and local non-profit organizations to help them raise funds and awareness for their causes.

Dovecote is the work and display space of Cleveland artists Sarah E. Darby, Teresa Crompton and Kathy Patton. On the edge of the historic Lakewood neighborhood Birdtown, Dovecote makes its home in the Lake Erie Building Screw Factory Studios at Templar Industrial Park. A small, dedicated gallery in the studio allows the artists to display their own work and invite other artists to do the same.

District Buildings Earn Excellent Results On State Report Card

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cient in math and reading by 2014 and sets increasingly higher benchmarks each year til 2014.

Especially heartening news from the state is that the district rated Above in its "Value-Added" component measure, for the fifth straight year. The Value-Added component measures how much progress a student has made versus the previous school year.

"This shows that our students are receiving more than one academic

year's worth of learning during a school year," Patterson said. "It also indicates that the longer students stay with us in the system, the better they do."

The Ohio Department of Education will release final Report Card data once a statewide investigation by the State Auditor's Office into improper attendance-keeping practices is concluded.

You can view the district and/or buildings' Report Cards at the ODE web site: <http://ilrc.ode.state.oh.us/>



Members of the Early Childhood Education/Senior Services program also took part.

West Shore Students Need Your Help In Breast Cancer Video Contest

by Christine Gordillo

Some West Shore Career-Technical District students are out to help fight breast cancer and are doing a little dance while they're at it. And they need your help.

For the past two years, Medline Industries has sponsored a video dance contest to raise awareness for breast cancer and related research. Schools, healthcare professionals, and other organizations from across the country

participate by creating dance videos with dancers wearing pink gloves and then submit the video in their Pink Glove Dance Contest. The video that garners the most votes will have \$10,000 donated in their name to the cancer charity of their choice. Second place earns \$5,000 and third place \$2,000 to donate.

Teacher Dolores Martin and her students in West Shore's Medical Office Management program saw this as a great opportunity to work together for a worthy cause and recruited students and staff from 10 other West Shore programs to participate in making a video.

Said Martin in her essay accompanying the video: "When I received an email advertising this competition, I thought what a great idea to bring students together for a great cause at the beginning of the school year...I began a discussion with my Medical Office Management students to see if they thought they could get their peers to put on some pink gloves and dance for breast cancer. The overwhelming response was YES."

Each West Shore program that participated choreographed and practiced their portion of the dance. The students in the Interactive Media program were then recruited to film, edit, and produce the finished product, which is centered around Katy Perry's song, "Part of Me." Programs that participated in addition to Medical Office Management and Interactive Media were Biotechnology, Business Management, Community Training: Transition to Work, Community Training: Winking Lizard, Culinary Arts/ProStart, Early Childhood Education/Senior Services, Electronic Technology, Networking/Cisco, and Service Occupations Training.

Now it's up to the community to help put the video over the top. Voting in the competition began on October 12 and concludes on October 26. Go to Medline's web site at <http://pinkglove-dance.com/home> and search for the West Shore Career-Technical District video. People from across the country will vote for the winning video.

Local Musician Set To Electrify The Lube



Kent Dockus summer 2012

by Scott Dockus

Friday evening, October 26, 2012 at 9pm; Lakewood's own Kent Dockus kicks off his fall/winter schedule and takes the stage at Lakewood's new Quaker Stake and Lube. "... the Ohio State Fair was a great place to play, but I'm thrilled to be playing here in Lakewood, especially at the Lube. I enjoy their burgers and wings, and now I have a chance to have them enjoy my music. No doubt it'll be a fun night!" said Kent when he accepted the invitation.

To make the night complete, Kent would like to extend a special invitation to (Lakewood) Mayor Summers and his staff, as well as Principle Curtin of Hayes, Dr. "G," Gary and Mr. Rice and others. Mark your calendars for October 26 and come to the Lube for great music and great food.

Visit www.kentdockus.com for more information.

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Get ArtsSmart At Beck Center This Fall!

by Fran Storch

The leaves are changing and the calendar tells us that fall is officially here, but it's not too late to register for the fall semester of visual arts classes at Beck Center. The second session of VA classes begins the week of November 5. Budding artists can choose from a variety of classes and workshops for all ages and artistic abilities. From Kids-N-Art for preschoolers, to after-school workshops for elementary students, to Life Drawing for teens and adults.

Students ages 8 to 14 will enjoy ArtsSmart, a creative art class inspired by the works of famous artists such as Picasso, Dali, Van Gogh, Matisse, Warhol, and others. Each week students create their own art based upon the style and techniques used by the highlighted artist.



Artists of all ages can discover the beauty of watercolor painting at Beck Center.

In addition, Beck Center offers classes in Botanical Painting, Cartooning, Drawing Fundamentals, Family Clay Time, Pottery/Stoneware, Watercolors, and more. Students can explore their inner artist with the guidance of Beck Center's talented visual arts faculty. Beck Center is also hosting two special workshops this fall – Breakfast Special: Create A Bowl & Mug, November 12 & 19; and Ho! Ho! Ho! Holiday Ornaments Galore, December 18.

Enrich your life through the visual arts! Register today for the second session of fall classes at Beck Center. To enroll visit beckcenter.org/arts education for a complete catalog, class schedule and easy online registration; 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 for the Arts is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization that offers professional theater productions, arts education programming in dance, music, theater, visual arts, early childhood, and creative arts therapies for special needs students, and gallery exhibits featuring local, regional and international artists.



Irish artist Olwen Dowling exhibits "Basket from Sleah Head" at Beck Center.

Irish Painter, Olwen O'Herlihy Dowling Returns To Lakewood For Special Exhibition

by Fran Storch

Beck Center for the Arts is pleased to present Making Pictures, an exhibition by Olwen O'Herlihy Dowling on display October 19 through November 19 in the Jean Bulicek Galleria at Beck Center. Guests are invited to attend an artist's reception on Friday, October 19 from 6 to 9 pm to meet Ms. Dowling and discuss her work. The reception and exhibit are free and open to the public. For gallery hours, call Beck Center Customer Services at 216.521.2540, ext. 10. Beck Center is located at 17801 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood. Free onsite parking is available.

The Making Pictures exhibit includes works by Dowling in oils, watercolors and intaglio copper etching. The title for the exhibit was inspired by her father Dan O'Herlihy, a Hollywood actor who made motion pictures in the 1950s. O'Herlihy was always drawing pictures, primarily in ink and pen, of people and places in Ireland evoking memories of his past. This influenced Dowling to express herself through drawing and painting.

Born in Dublin, Ireland, Dowling emigrated with her family to the United States in 1947. Dowling gradu-

ated from Smith College with a major in Studio Art and a minor in Biology. "This work has allowed me to explore and combine my interest in the natural world with my art," explained Dowling. She now splits her time living and working in the west of Ireland and in North Chester, Massachusetts, where she paints landscapes of the Berkshire Mountains and the surrounding rivers and lakes. Dowling's paintings are in private collections throughout the United States and Europe.

Dowling has a special Cleveland connection. She worked here in theater and lived on the west side of Cleveland for almost ten years. Her husband, actor and director Vincent Dowling, served as Artistic and Producing Director of the Great Lakes Shakespeare Festival, now known as Great Lakes Theater, from 1976 to 1984. "This exhibition and the return to Cleveland hold a very special place in my heart," said Dowling "I am truly delighted to be exhibiting at Beck Center where there are so many wonderful memories for me."

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

Lakewood Announces Fall Leaf Collection Schedule

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pick-up for these streets is scheduled to begin on November 5 with additional pick-ups beginning November 19 and December 3.

After crews have completed Clifton and Lake, they will collect leaves citywide starting from the west end and working east. The number of citywide collections will be weather dependent. Residents should place their leaves out as soon as possible to ensure collection. Signs will be posted on side streets to notify residents of upcoming collections.

For daily leaf collection schedule updates, visit www.onelakewood.com/leafcollection.

In order to make the leaf collection process as effective as possible, the City asks residents to please rake

leaves onto tree lawns as close to the curb as possible. Raking leaves into the street will slow the collection process and may cause basement flooding.

There will be no leaf collection on November 22 and 23 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. If you have any questions, please call (216) 529-6810 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Lakewood Business

Lakewood Chamber Of Commerce's Member Spotlight: Terry Vincent, Lakewood Chamber Of Commerce 2012 NOACC Bright Star

by Valerie Mechenbier

Congratulations to Terry Vincent, our Chamber's 2012 NOACC (Northern Ohio Area Chambers of Commerce) Bright Star award recipient. The NOACC Bright Star award is given to one Chamber member each year who is a dedicated volunteer and/or who promotes our Chamber in outstanding ways.

Mr. Vincent is an attorney with Brouse McDowell. He represents clients on a variety of IRS examinations, appeals, collection and criminal matters. He also represents public bodies and non-profit entities on issues affecting formation, business operations, bidding procedures and Sunshine Laws.

Terry served two consecutive terms as our Chamber Board Presi-



Mr. Terry Vincent

dent (2009-2010, 2010-2011) and is the past chair of our Legislative Task Force. Terry currently leads our Governance Committee. He is the current President

of the Lakewood/Rocky River Rotary Sunrise Club and serves on the Case Western Reserve University Estate Planning Advisory Council, the Northeast Ohio Sourcing Office, Harvest for Hunger Allocations Committee, and Board of the Lawyer's Guild of Catholic Diocese of Cleveland.

Terry lives in Lakewood with his wife Candace, and they are the proud parents of three children in college: Mary is in the PharmD program at OSU, Claire is a junior at Miami, and Jonathan is a freshman and starting wide receiver on the football team at Otterbein.

Congratulations to Terry Vincent, the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce 2012 NOACC Bright Star!



Lakewood Chamber of Commerce Accepts Donations To 4th Annual Holiday Bid & Buy On-line Auction

by Valerie Mechenbier

The Lakewood Chamber of Commerce is accepting donations to the 4th Annual "Holiday Bid & Buy" online auction, which begins on Sunday, November 11th and ends on Friday, December 7th, 2012 at 8 p.m.

The auction will again be hosted by BiddingForGood, a marketplace that connects consumers to nonprofit organizations by hosting online auctions. The BiddingForGood online Bidder Community is a group of cause-minded shoppers – in Lakewood and across the U.S. – who shop on BiddingForGood while supporting the fundraising efforts of nonprofit organizations. This feel-good shopping model allows bidders to bid on locally donated items such as vacations, sports tickets, dining gift certificates, spa packages, electronics, retail gift cards, entertainment, unique experiences, and more. BiddingForGood recently announced that their online bidder community has spiked to 330,000 and counting.

In an effort to promote local businesses to this ever-growing community of online shoppers, the Chamber is now accepting donations to the 4th Annual "Holiday Bid & Buy" auction. When a business, organization, or individual donates to the auction, the item will be featured with its own bidding page, with the company/organization logo and a direct link to the donor's website, plus a descriptive write-up of the item and a photo. In exchange for a donated item, the donor receives 4 weeks of targeted marketing to members and supporters of the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, residents of Lakewood and surrounding communities, and to the 330,000+ members of the BiddingForGood community of online bidders. The Chamber will promote the auction locally via print, web, and social media, and the BiddingForGood auction platform also includes a robust social media component that allows sharing of pages via Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Pinterest.

The Holiday Bid & Buy Auction allows bidders to find great deals on goods and services from their favorite local businesses while supporting the economic development and 'Shop Local' efforts of the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce. For information on how to promote your business online while making a difference in the community, visit www.lakewoodchamber.org.

Spooky Pooch Parade Returns October 20

by Ian Andrews

What has become an annual tradition in Downtown Lakewood: the Spooky Pooch Parade. This year's event will once again fill the streets with hundreds of our favorite canine friends donning costumes in celebration of the Halloween season. The festival is free while the parade registration cost is \$10 (pre-register) or \$15 day-of. Bring your dogs dressed in their scariest, funniest,

or most outrageous costumes. Register today at spookypoochparade.com. All are welcome to attend this pet- and family-friendly festival.

The day starts off with a pre-parade festival and registration at 12:30pm at the St. Charles Green, just north of Detroit Avenue between St. Charles and Belle Avenues. The festival features a fantastic gathering of diverse vendors that bring a unique collection of doggie cre-

ations and activities. Mad Mouth Gyros, KB Confections Bake Shoppe and Olive Branch Kettle Corn will be at the festival serving savory treats for our human friends. The Ohio Air Dogs will be on display every fifteen minutes as they will showcase flying disc and agility demonstrations in the center of the festival. This year's event also has a handful of fantastic sponsors. The Top Dog Sponsor is The Furry Nation. The Poochy Sponsors are Pawsitive Influence, Pet-Tique, Inn The Doghouse, Pet-People, Lakewood Animal Hospital, Pet's General Store, First Federal of Lakewood, Lakewood Hospital and Discount Drug Mart.

The Spooky Pooch Parade will step off from St. Charles Green at 2pm along St. Charles to Detroit Avenue, then west on Detroit Avenue. Once the parade reaches Elmwood Avenue, marchers will turn back and head east on Detroit to St. Charles and back to St. Charles Green. Judges will choose the best of the best in five categories: Spookiest Pooch, Most Creative Dog & Child, Most Original Dog & Adult, Best non-motorized float and Best in Show. This year's Best in Show will win a year's supply of dog food provided by Pet's General Store.

New this year: visit The Furry Nation (15800 Detroit Avenue) on Friday, October 19th from 5 - 8pm to pick up your parade numbers and t-shirts if you registered online or register in person during this time to avoid the day-of rush.

The entire community is invited to visit the festival and line Detroit Avenue from St. Charles to Elmwood Avenues to see one of the best pet parades in the country.

For any questions please visit www.spookypoochparade.com or call LakewoodAlive at 216.521.0655

Ian Andrews is the Executive Director at LakewoodAlive.

Heirloom Home Reopens To Benefit The Beck! Come In And See What's New

by Brenda Ellner

Heirloom Home is pleased to announce their reopening on October 24th. Come in and be the first to see our restocked inventory of unique jewelry, decorative arts and antiques--all at bargain prices. The store is brimming with wonderful selections for your personal enjoyment or for holiday gift giving. Know that your choices contribute to scholarships for children at The Beck Center for the Arts. Completing its second year in operation,

Heirloom Home has provided many kids the opportunity to learn and grow with the experience of music, drama, art and dance classes.

Every other week, we will be featuring a totally new and special item that can be viewed in our window at 18119 Detroit Avenue. We will be starting a bimonthly "WHAT'S NEW?" column in the Lakewood Observer to let you know what it is.

If you stop by this week, you will be delighted with a handsome fifties decorative arts telephone complete with stand in solid brass. It is absolutely smashing and will be a conversation piece in your home forever. Also, it works!

With the reopening of the store, we have filled the window with an early pine wash stand for the collectors among us. A handsome Chinese urn in black and turquoise graces our display and would make an excellent choice for one of our beautiful Lakewood homes. And finally, tall, hand carved, solid brass standing candlesticks would delight any decor--modern or traditional.


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Boo! All Treats No Tricks For MAMA Halloween Event!

by Christin Sorensen

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ber 27th from noon to 7 p.m. for all treats, no tricks! Look for the balloons to see who is participating!

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Participating shops will be handing out treats for all the "ghouls and boys!" Each shop will be featuring specials, so be sure to stop in and see.

Be sure to visit Marrell Music, your one stop shop for all your music needs. Need a fun wig for your Halloween Costume? Carabel has lots of great ones to choose from! Carol Lynn Salon Plus is the place to go for all your hair care needs. Crafty Goodness will be hosting a special drop in & craft at Goddess Blessed for all ages from 5-7 p.m. There will be face painting/temporary tattoos, reiki & tarot at Goddess Blessed throughout the day. Sacred Soul Reiki will also be raffling off a gift certificate for a free session. Lots of local artists will have their items for sale at both Crafty Goodness & Goddess Blessed, so be sure to help support local and buy handmade! Like MAMA Lakewood on facebook to find out about all our upcoming events, there is always something going on!

My Work Is My Play And My Play Is My Work!

by Sharon Marrell

I'm a professional musical instrument repair technician! And one of the few women in the world that does this kind of work.

How I got into this profession was a path that began as kid, yet not knowing it until I was in college. I look back at the things I did and see I was headed towards this career the entire time. As a kid I had always been fascinated with taking things apart to see how they worked. At age seven I was asking Dad for the old clocks, telephones (we're talking rotary phones - to give away my age a bit) to take apart. I used Dad's tools to make toy boats that I would float in the creek in our back yard. Then wondered why they floated so lopsided in the water since I had no concept of weight distribution as I made them.

AS I playing flute in school I was examining the mechanics of it and would figure out and fix small problems that occurred. Although during high school my goal was to become professional flutist and the mechanical talents were set aside. So off to college studying music...then criminal justice...then back to music... and by my senior year I didn't know what I wanted to do and definitely not interested in playing my flute anymore... Mom and Dad were thrilled! Ha, the last thing they wanted to hear I'm sure!

The one thing that did interest me my senior year was a band instrument repair course the school offered for budding band directors, not that I wanted to be a band director, it was all about fixing instruments for me! That's what hooked me after taking that course. I soon took other repair workshops, started buying tools and teaching myself how to repair. At that

time there was only one band instrument repair school in the US that was in Minnesota. Also at that time I didn't know it existed. So many of us were self taught – just the nature of the beast years ago. I was fortunate to work for a band repair tool manufacturer where I learned more repair techniques from some of the best techs. Fate intervened because that place is what Ford is to cars. Ferree's Tools is the first and biggest company to supply tools for the band instrument repair trade. I had no idea it existed when I moved to Battle Creek, MI. It was only because my step dad was transferred to Battle Creek and I went because I wanted a change of scenery having lived in Ohio all my whopping 25 years of life. Working there was a gold mine of experience!

After moving back to Ohio I taught lessons at a music store in Alliance and after a year, thought my payments for room rent could be better spent opening my own music store, repairing instruments, giving lessons and selling accessories. It had been a dream of mine years previous and I looked forward to the day it would happen. Well it seemed like the right time. When I opened, repair business was good; lessons were great, retail – well with my lack of business skills, let's just say I wanted to give the store away. Not a good business plan for making money. So I closed the store after a year and a half and moved to Cleveland to be closer to a choral directing job, and taught music lessons from home. At that point I wasn't doing much repair.

So as fate happened, one day as I driving, I saw a music store and the person with me said, "Hey, you should see if they need someone to repair their instruments." I'm a spontaneous

person so I went in and asked if they needed anyone to repair instruments. The owner thought it was so strange I popped in because he explained he was having difficulties with the current tech who fixed his instruments and he was not happy. So he was thrilled to see me and wanted to give me a chance. Many music stores don't have in-house technicians and have to farm out the repairs to technicians like myself. That store was the beginning of the successful career that I enjoy every day as working on musical instruments. Eight other music stores in the Cleveland area were added over the years. Some have closed and some are still with me.

Eventually business was so great that I moved my home based business to the current store front on Madison. It's been 3 years since we opened our doors and what I enjoy most about my work is educating people about their instrument and getting to know so many residents in Lakewood. That's why it's great to own a local business. It allows time to get too know people. It's a privilege to be in conversations with people about what they are up to in there lives. I couldn't have chosen a better place to locate my business!

My work is my play and my play is my work!

Sharon Marrell, a Lakewood resident, owns Marrell Music and has been a repair technician for over 20 years.



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Pulse Of The City

Republican? Democrat? Don't Give-A-Crat? I'm Gary Rice, And I Approve This Message!

by Gary Rice

By now, you've heard the above expression more than a few times, have you not? (Although, not with MY name in that phrase, of course.) If circumstances had been a bit different, you MIGHT have heard the above expression as written, however. After I retired from the classroom in 2005, I seriously considered running for political office in Lakewood.

When I graduated from college in

1973, my degree was in Political Science. Back then, there was a feeling that change was in the air in America. The Vietnam War was winding down. Issues concerning civil rights were entering the mainstream of America, and there was a real hope in some parts of our country that things were going to get better. The 1960s taught America that everyday people did indeed have a voice in historical events, especially with the advent of evening television newscasts. The world was changing. With the resignation of President Richard Nixon in the wake of the Watergate scandal, there was a widespread feeling that common people could make a difference in our country and that, ultimately, right would indeed prevail.

Of course, that was before the gasoline and oil crisis hit the world, as well as other crises too numerous to mention here. Life's trials continued, as they always do, but at least we had the Bee Gee's (1977) "Stayin' Alive" Disco song to dance to and cheer us up. Steppenwolf's "Monster" (1969) had already replaced the Youngblood's (1967) recording of "Get Together" and then was replaced by The Who's (1971) "Won't Get Fooled Again" (that said something about meeting the new boss, who was same as the

old boss). These days, I sometimes wonder whether we shouldn't bring "Monster" back. Listen to those lyrics and see whether you agree with me.

Comparing America's political system to a huge out-of-control political monster does not require much imagination, at least to many people nowadays. The seemingly endless sums of money spent by political action groups, as well as by the two principal political parties in this country all but ensure that everyday people have to wonder just how much of a say they have anymore in the American governmental process. Still, it would be a mistake to paint that political process with too broad of a black brush. There are still everyday people who can and do make a difference in government and in life every single day. You, too, can be one of those people. All you need to do...is vote.

The phrase "All politics is local" has been attributed to former U.S. Speaker of the House Tip O'Neill, meaning that politics begins with the interests of a community. Here in Lakewood, and in other communities across America, politicians who aspire to local or regional office must demonstrate a responsiveness to their electorate. Indeed, that responsiveness can ensure a long political life for that politician. There are many Americans who might not share the political viewpoints of an incumbent, but may otherwise appreciate the services provided by that politician's offices. Politics IS local, make no mistake about it, thanks to that incredible power that you have....the power of the vote.

This, of course, is a presidential election year. As usual, we are shocked (or at least pretend to be) by all the negative rhetoric from those ubiquitous campaign ads (many of which are not generated by the politicians themselves, but by those independent political action committees--PACS). Negative "politikin" is not a new thing either. Collectors of political memorabilia can show you negative political stuff going back to the early days of our country.

The good thing about all of this, of course, is that you and I do still have our vote. Although our votes do not directly elect a president (the Electoral College does that), we do vote for the electors who will do that job. A presidential election does, at least, generate a relatively fair voter turnout. To be frank, under the Electoral College system, we can pretty accurately predict how most states will go, even before an election. There



photo by Gary Rice

are only a handful of "swing" states that generally will decide a presidential election, and Ohio is one of those states, which is why you are presently being inundated with all of this campaign stuff. Also, quite frankly, many Americans apparently want very little to do with the political process as it is today. A presidential election brings out the most voters in our country and yet, in 2004, only about 61% of Americans who could vote did so! More than 80 million eligible American voters reportedly stayed home in the last presidential election.

It probably would be easy to not blame them for doing so either... except that when we don't vote, we give whomever does vote more power than they really should have. Voting is indeed a precious freedom and responsibility. Not to vote is to walk away from the democratic process, and give away your power and responsibility to someone else. As much money as the PACS throw at an election, as much blather as the politicians spout, they can't buy you or your vote in the privacy of the ballot box. No one knows how you vote, and no one WILL EVER know, unless you tell them!

Look, you might be a conservative, a liberal, or somewhere in between. You might not have even voted in a while. You may even be sick to your stomach with all the garbage on TV about politics these days. Still, if you do vote, IF YOU DO VOTE, you WILL be among America's elite "secret" decision makers. You will then have MORE political power in your hands than the millions of Americans who stay home and do nothing but bellyache on election day. You've heard this proverb a thousand times: "If you're not part of the solution, then you're a part of the problem." 'Nuff said.

Please vote. I'm Gary Rice, and I approve this message.



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Lakewood Graduate Represents U.S. Undergraduates At International Engineering Symposium In India

by Mark Schroeder

University of Cincinnati's College of Engineering and Applied Science civil engineering senior, Morgen Schroeder, was one of only 10 collegiate women chosen to participate in the Society of Women Engineers' (SWE) "Women Engineers Leading Global Innovation Symposium." Schroeder traveled to Bangalore, India from August 29-31 to exchange information about engineering developments and challenges across disciplines and countries with a diverse group of women engineers.

The Society of Women Engineers (SWE), founded in 1950, is a not-for-profit educational and service organization. SWE is the driving force that establishes engineering as a highly desirable career aspiration for women. SWE empowers women to succeed and advance in those aspirations and receive the recognition and credit for their life-changing contributions and achievements as engineers and leaders.

Approximately 115 participants from India and the US in both academia and industry attended the symposium. They shared cutting-edge technical and professional developments, opportunities for global collaboration and created a network of innovative, women leaders in engineering and technology. Additionally, Schroeder took part in a poster session where she shared a project from her most recent international co-op experience at a small environmental engineering firm in Germany named Wuppervverband. This project also happens to be what qualified Schroeder to participate in the symposium.

Wuppervverband is a partner in the European Union (EU) funded project called INNERS, or INNovative Energy Recovery Strategies. The project's focus is to find an energy neutral, or even energy producing urban water cycle.

Schroeder with President-Elect DelVecchio

This project has the potential to significantly impact the average person by saving them money on their energy costs. One possibility is to

reduce the demand of conventional energy for households through heat recovery in sewers. The INNERS project is still in progress, and the EU partners are diligently working toward effective results.

"My most memorable moments were meeting the other women engineering students from India and learning that we face similar obstacles across the globe. It was particularly inspiring to hear stories from Indian women that experience similar obsta-

cles in the field of engineering and technology. Regardless of culture, the ambition of women remains the same. Not to mention, I had no idea that SWE president-elect, Stacey DelVecchio, was a UC alumni—and I met her! It was actually she who approached me and said 'I was so happy to see another Bearcat on the attendees list!' Not only is she an exceptionally inspiring lady in engineering, but it was also

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Don't Miss "Circus Of The Dead"

by Wes Carney, Senior, LHS

Don't Miss "Circus Of The Dead"

In a very short amount of time, the year will arrive at its scariest day once again. The cool Fall air will be filled with the sounds of screams, and the bellies of thousands of children will be overstuffed with sugar! But how do you intend to spend this Halloween? Why not attend the scariest pathway in Lakewood and beyond?

The "Circus of the Dead" will take place on Wednesday, October 31st from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The location is 13303 Merl Avenue, which is near Emerson Elementary School and Garfield Middle School. This haunted pathway is hosted on the driveway of a Halloween-loving family and is run by a group of dedicated teenagers. But what makes this event so special?

This year's haunted pathway marks the fourth and final production of the series. Since our first production in 2009, we have progressively improved, increasing our number of actors, volunteers, and visitors each year. Last year, in the 13th Shipwreck Isle, the pathway took



on a creepy pirate theme. The result was a crowd of over 400! Anticipation for the concluding year is higher than ever!

Admission to the "Circus of the Dead" is free to all ages! However, we recommend that children under the age of 10 be accompanied by a parent. Also, we warn all visitors that there will be ultra violet (black) lights, strobe lights, lasers, and smoke machines within the pathway. Candy, glow sticks, and silly bands will be passed out at the event in addition to the scary performance! Although admis-

sion is free, donations will be accepted. All donations will go to the Barnstormers Drama Club of Lakewood High School.

So come from near or far to experience this incredibly frightening and thrilling event! Don't miss out on the scariest pathway in Lakewood and beyond! This is the final year of the series! Be sure to stop by at the "Circus of the Dead" between 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm on Halloween night at 13303 Merl Avenue! Treat yourself to a real thrill this Halloween! Be there!

Eagle Scout Project At Lakewood Dog Park

by Ryan Giermann

I'm Ryan Giermann, a senior at Lakewood High School. I have one last requirement needed to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout: a project to help out my fellow community members. I noticed that the Lakewood Dog Park is a great asset to our city, visited by many people not only from Lakewood, but various neighboring communities as well.

I learned from the Friends of the Lakewood Dog Park (FLDP) that visitors to Lakewood Dog Park have requested a shelter, one that serves park visitors and can be used by the FLDP and the City of Lakewood. My project will fulfill these requests while offering adequate protection against our unpredictable Northeastern Ohio climate.

The shelter will be 10 feet by 10 feet, offering 100 square feet of protection to the visitors of the park. The shelter will be used for FLDP events and will have enough space to comfortably hold 3 benches.

I've had a professional architect draft my plans for blueprints and have obtained several quotes for material



Ryan Giermann with his architectural plans outside of Lakewood Dog Park.

costs. I've met with Mayor Summers, the Director of Public Works and the Architectural Review Board. There's been great support for this project and everyone is looking forward to its completion.

Construction of the shelter is planned to start during the month of November. The cost for everything needed for the shelter (materials, supplies, tools, etc.) is \$1,800. If you or anyone you know are interested in donating money or materials to help your community neighbors visiting the dog park, your contribution will be greatly appreciated. If you would like to

help bring this project to fruition, there are also many tasks and several shifts available. Please email me at ryan.giermann@yahoo.com.

Donations are tax deductible, since Friends of the Lakewood Dog Park, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, is generously acting as the beneficiary for my project. If you have any questions about donations, please email: topdog@lakewooddogpark.com

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Donating in person? Stop into First Federal of Lakewood bank and make a deposit to Friends of the Lakewood Dog Park. Or, stop by Lakewood Dog Park on "build day," November 10 and 11, 2012.

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I have a list of specified supplies for this project. Dog safety has been considered in selecting materials.

Want to help out on the construction project? Volunteers, especially people with construction skills and cordless tools, are encouraged to join in and help. I will appreciate anyone who'd like to volunteer! Please email me at ryan.giermann@yahoo.com

Construction of the shelter is planned for November 10 and 11, 2012.

I'm sending out donation request letters, along with personally asking local businesses for donations to help raise funds for the project. I really want to get the community involved.

The City of Lakewood, Friends of the Lakewood Dog Park and dog park visitors are very excited to see the completion of the shelter and I believe that this is a great project that all of our community members can work together to see to completion.

I look forward to your support. Thanks!

Lakewood Living

Come Home to "Our Town" At Beck Center In Lakewood

by Fran Storch

Beck Center Youth Theater presents Thornton Wilder’s Pulitzer Prize winning play, *Our Town*, November 1 through 4, 2012 on the Mackey Main Stage. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Friday and 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. There is a 10 a.m. student matinee on Thursday, November 1. Tickets are now on sale.

Described as the greatest American play ever written, *Our Town* tells the story of the Webb and Gibbs families who live in the small town of

Grover’s Corners. Narrated by a stage manager and performed with minimal set and props, the play is performed in three acts – Daily Life, Love/Marriage, and Death/Loss. Audiences follow the families as their children fall in love, marry, and eventually, in one of the most famous scenes in American theater, pass away. *Our Town* reminds us that life is both precious and ordinary, and that these two fundamental truths are intimately connected.

Directed by Jonathan Kronenberger, *Our Town* features a cast of



Tony Award-winning writer Mark O'Donnell made his stage debut in "Our Town" at Lakewood Little Theatre. Photo credit: The Plain Dealer

33 students from Beck Center’s arts education programs. “With the 75th anniversary of *Our Town* coming up early next year, I felt it was perfect timing to explore this classic play with our students,” said Kronenberger, associate director of Beck Center’s Theater Education. “Having the chance to work on this challenging piece of literature with actors ranging from 9 to 18 years old has been a real gift,” he added. “There is so much to discuss, explore and share with these young actors. It reminds us how fleeting time is and yet how we never quite lose that child inside.”

This production of *Our Town* is dedicated to Tony Award-winning writer Mark O’Donnell, who passed away suddenly this past summer at the age of 58. A Cleveland native, O’Donnell got his start in theater at the age of 17 when he performed in Lakewood Little Theatre’s production of *Our Town*. O’Donnell was a playwright, novelist, poet, cartoonist, and sometime songwriter, but was best known for co-writing the book for the Broadway hit musical *Hairspray* for which he won a Tony Award with co-author Thomas Meehan.

Tickets for *Our Town* are \$12 for Adult/Senior (65 and over) and \$10 for Children/Student (18 and under). To purchase tickets, visit beckcenter.org or call 216.521.2540, ext. 10. Beck Center is located at 17801 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood, just 10 minutes west of downtown Cleveland.

Free onsite parking is available. Beck Center’s production of *Our Town* is presented by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc., New York City, and is sponsored by Cuyahoga Arts and Culture, the Ohio Arts Council, and Music Is Elementary.

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

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Lakewood Living

Lakewood Real Estate, the First Nine Months of 2012

by Patrick Murphy

I bet everyone is getting pretty tired of all the political ads that are dominating TV and radio advertising. And our local professional sports teams aren't the most rewarding diversion from our daily routines. So maybe, I thought, some people might be interested in how the real estate market is doing in Lakewood lately.

First of all, the number of properties currently on the market is low compared to where we were less than a year ago. As of this writing, the number of single family Lakewood homes presently for sale is only 144. Which means that a home that is in good condition and is priced correctly should

sell quickly. It's true that we're not back to the prices we saw in 2007, but there are still buyers out there hoping to take advantage of historically low interest rates. If you are entertaining the thought of selling your home, it would be a great time to contact a real estate professional for an up-to-date marketing analysis of your property. Lakewood can be a little tricky to price, with prices varying from street to street, unlike named developments in other cities. We do Marketing Analysis Reports for free. Contact us at Pat@MurphyBergin.com.

It's nice to see some positive news from the local media lately regarding the real estate market. Here's a look

at how Lakewood has done in the first three quarters of this year compared to last. For 2012, single family home values have dropped 5% compared to the first 9 months of 2011. The median price this year was \$108,000 compared to \$113,500. There were more homes sold this year, 303 compared to 248 a year ago. To be fair, there were a lot of bank-owned properties sold earlier this year that probably brought down the median price. Multi-family home median values rose quite a bit compared to 2011. We went from \$65,000 to \$81,500; the number of properties sold dropped from 81 to 73. There also is finally a little good news relating to condominiums. Median prices rose from \$40,000 in 2011 to \$49,000, with an increase in sales from 67 to 81.

I hope this information is helpful. "All Real Estate is local," is a frequent remark by the National Association of Realtors. So now you can go back to the political ads with a little knowledge on how Lakewood real estate is doing.

Remember to vote and go Browns!

Patrick Murphy is an agent with Prudential Lucien Real Estate in Lakewood. He can be contacted at Pat@MurphyBergin.com.

Lakewood Graduate Represents

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awesome to see a UC alum achieve something so great," reflects Schroeder.

It was a hands-down decision for Schroeder to attend UC when she instantly fell in love with the campus on a visit as a high school junior. "Once I found out that the beautiful campus was accompanied by stellar academic programs, I was sold. Also, I knew that I wanted to participate in the world renowned co-op program. My acceptance to UC meant that I was guaranteed to get an outstanding education complete with real-world work experience," she said.

2012 class of women engineers participating in SWE's "Women Engineers Leading Global Innovation Symposium."

As a high school student, Schroeder's best subjects were math and science which made her first consider applying to UC's civil engineering program. During her first year in the civil engineering program, she discovered the environmental engineering discipline of the program and chose to pursue it.

Content with her decision, Schroeder recently embarked on her senior year. Thus far, she's completed three uniquely different co-op experiences within her field. Her first co-op work was conducting drinking water research at the US Environmental Protection Agency facility across from UC's campus. Schroeder then worked for Duke Energy in her second co-op opportunity, monitoring air quality data for Duke's power plants. Her third co-op experience was with Wuppervverband.

Schroeder eagerly awaits graduation. She plans to either go on to graduate school for her master's degree in sustainability management or enter the work force. Whichever the case, Schroeder builds upon the continuing excellence that is UC Engineering!

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