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Mayor's Ball On November 10th

## Steven Ott To Receive Key To The City

by Melissa Garrett

Mayor Michael P. Summers today announced that Steven M. Ott will be the recipient of the 2012 Key to the City. Mr. Ott will receive this honor at the 5th Annual Mayor's Ball on Saturday, November 10, 2012.

"We are pleased to honor Steve Ott for all he has given to the Lakewood community," said Mayor Summers. "Steve is one of the community's 'go to' persons when a new and big idea needs serious work and guidance. Our current housing initiative which has proven results was begun under Steve's leadership in 2007. In addition, a significant guidepost of all the commercial development we are experiencing on Detroit and elsewhere rely on



Steven M. Ott

the zoning codes overhauled under Steve's leadership on the Planning Commission. We are grateful that Steve volunteers his time and talent to so many community organizations".

Steve was a member of the

Lakewood Planning Commission from 1990-1998 and again from 2001-2006, serving as chair in 1992 and 2002-2005. He led the Planning Commission in 1992 when the Zoning Code was undergoing major revisions. These revisions are the foundation for much of the development that it is currently taking place in Lakewood today. Steve also served as the co-chair of the Housing Advisory Committee as part of the Grow Lakewood initiative. He was a founding member the Lakewood Community Progress Inc. and has been a board member under its new name, LakewoodAlive, since 2002. Steve is an active volunteer with the Greater Cleveland Boy Scouts of America serving as a

Scout Master, Cub Master and on the Executive Board for the Greater Cleveland Council. He has received numerous commendations over the years for

his dedication to the Boy Scouts.

Steve has also been very active with the Lakewood City Schools. He served on the **continued on page 13**

## Rangers Gallop To Victory



photo by Randy Varcho

Displaying great balance on both sides of the ball, the Rangers varsity (4-5) thumped Vermillion 38-0 in its final home game at Lakewood Stadium on October 18. Shown are members of the squad celebrating before Lakewood fans. The team closes out its season October 25 against Elyria Central Catholic.

## Baby Bargain Bonanza Scheduled For November 17th

by Julie Derrick

The Lakewood Early Childhood PTA (LECPTA) is once again planning its popular children's resale of gently used children's clothing (sizes newborn to 14/16), furniture, toys and other items. The Baby Bargain Bonanza (BBB) is planned for November 17th at Emerson Elementary

School located at 13439 Clifton Boulevard in Lakewood. The sale is open to the public and will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, November 17th. Admission is \$5 from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. and just \$1 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Attendees will find more than one thing to like! There are many good deals to be

found on lots of children's gear. If it is needed for children, most likely, it can be found at the BBB! There will also be raffles taking place. LECPTA will be raffling off \$25 gift cards to Gap, Children's Place and Carter's. Raffle tickets are one ticket for \$1, six tickets for \$5 or twenty tickets for \$10. The tickets may be used to enter the raffle for just one gift card drawing or split amongst the different gift cards. Winners do not need to be present to win. Raffle tickets can be purchased anytime by emailing BBB.LECPTA@gmail.com. This is a great resource to take advantage of if you cannot attend the BBB but would like to get in on the fun of the raffle!

In addition to great deals on clothing and raffles, the bake sale will feature homemade goodies! There will also be drinks, bagels, pizza and coffee available for purchase. There is sure to be a yummy treat for everyone at the bake sale! Be sure to check it out. LECPTA would like to thank

## "The Other Wes Moore" - A Community Conversation

by Barbara Schwartz

Two boys growing up in Baltimore, just blocks apart, in fatherless homes, sharing the same name; one became a success in life--a Rhodes Scholar, decorated veteran, White House Fellow, business leader, author, husband and father. The other was sentenced to life imprisonment for murder. The question the author tries to answer is: What made the difference?

"The Other Wes Moore" was the choice for Lakewood Reads, an annual community-wide summer reading program established by Lakewood High School,

now in its second year. The students are being engaged in a number of activities centered around the book. A group of 50 are going to Akron to hear Wes Moore speak in person, another group will have an opportunity to speak to Mr. Moore remotely through Skype, and the entire school is engaging in a week of activities focusing on identity, decision-making, values, peer support, and goal-setting.

The Lakewood Community Relations Advisory Commission (LCRAC), the Lakewood Family Collabora-

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## Veterans Sought For Annual Recognition Program

by Christine Gordillo

Veterans and their families, or surviving family members, are invited to attend the 16th Annual Veteran's Day Recognition program on Wednesday, November 7 at Garfield Middle School. The program is sponsored by Garfield Middle School students

and staff and "H2O," Help To Others, youth volunteer organization.

A breakfast will be provided beginning at 7:30 a.m. and veterans are encouraged to bring military service memorabilia to share with students during the breakfast. The **continued on page 13**



photo by Jim O'Bryan

Mayor of Chicago, Rahm Emanuel stopped by Maria's Roman Room aka Re-Elect Obama Headquarters on Saturday to talk with Lakewoodites, and pump up the "get out the vote" effort.



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Celebrating Veteran's Day at the LPL

"Don't Worry, I'll Take Care of You, Sweetheart"

by Ben Burdick

It would be foolish to take freedom for granted at the Library - especially in this community where we take pains to exercise our many rights to the fullest extent whenever possible. That's why



Artur Berg is directly inspired by the courage of American soldiers.

we believe that we cannot do enough to honor those who served, in war and peace, to preserve our way of life. In recent years, the country as a whole has paid more attention to the armed forces serving today and we have lionized the "greatest generation" of World War II. But still, there are forgotten wars...Who won the War of 1812 and why? And what exactly was Alan Alda doing in Korea all those years?

Local poet Vladimir Swirynsky is a veteran of the Vietnam War. He's not much concerned with covering himself in glory, but he has been deeply moved by the stories of his fellow vets and their struggles in and out of the service. Finding inspiration at the V.F.W., the author of numerous critically acclaimed books of poetry has set aside his poetic quill to write his first major work of prose - a biography of a Korean War veteran who has proven to be the kind of friend we would all be lucky to have. While history books, with specific purpose, narrow



Veterans Swirynsky and Collins whisper in the Grand Reading Room.

their focus to key battles and top brass, Swirynsky's Take Your Time But Hurry Up tells the story of a single soldier and the thirteen months that changed his life. But it doesn't stop there. Decades follow and life goes on. The service of a soldier doesn't end with the clearing of a battlefield.

Robert Collins is an old man now and not without health problems. But he has the wide smile, deep laugh and beaming pride of a fresh-faced young man eager to serve. He is unstoppable. At the beginning of their friendship, Swirynsky may have had some notion of charitably helping the old man out, but he has since resigned himself to the mutual benefits of brotherhood. Collins might need a wheelchair and tanks of oxygen to get around, but when Swirynsky recently found himself in need, Collins was there. He

said, "Don't worry. I'll take care of you, Sweetheart." And Swirynsky knew that everything would be all right.

Both men will be appearing at the Lakewood Public Library on Monday, November 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium to celebrate the service of all veterans. Books will be available for sale and signing. Stories will be shared. Questions will be answered.

Local artist Artur Berg will also be on hand with paintings and sketches of the service from many wars. The Krakow-born immigrant is directly inspired by the courage of America's armed forces and captures this admiration in striking portraits, perfect for the day. Some of his portraits will be on display in the Main Library's second floor gallery during the week leading up to the event.

Veterans Sought For Annual Recognition Program

ognition program begins at 8:45 a.m. in the school gym. After the program, Mayor Summers will Be Listening To Lakewood On November 13

by Melissa Garrett


Mayor Summers will hold another Listening to Lakewood (L2L) session on Tuesday, November 13 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Buckeye Beer Engine, 15315 Madison Avenue. This will be his final L2L of the year. Listening to Lakewood is a program where local businesses host the Mayor as he answers questions and speaks with residents. It is an opportunity for all residents to meet the Mayor and to discuss Lakewood. All residents are encouraged to attend. This is an opportunity to meet the Mayor and share your thoughts with him.

Garfield teachers invite interested veterans to share their memories and service experiences with individual classrooms. Lunch will be provided for veterans staying for classroom presentations at approximately 11:30 a.m.

We hope you can join us for this special event. Please call Jules Rewald at 440-899-7050 (between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m.) or email [j\\_rewald78@yahoo.com](mailto:j_rewald78@yahoo.com) to make your reservation by October 31. Please leave the following information when you call:

1. Names of people attending.
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3. Are you interested in visiting a classroom?
4. Are you aware of other veterans we may have missed?

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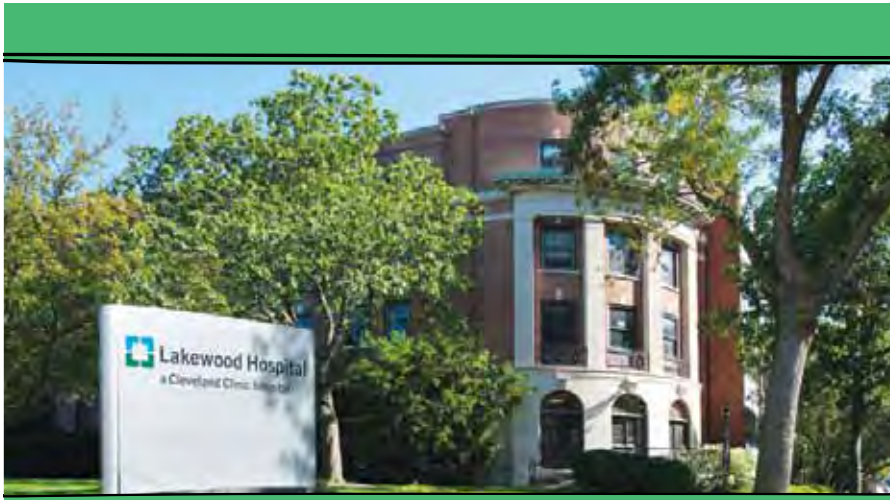
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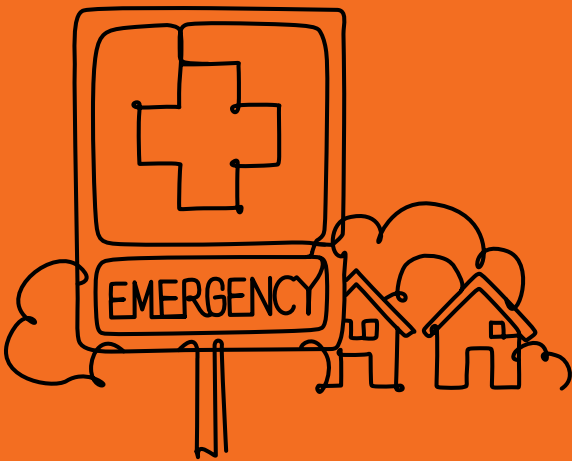
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### Featured Speaker: Janice G. Murphy, RN, BSN, MSN, FACHE

Janice Murphy has been the president of Fairview Hospital since 2007. She has a diverse background in both clinical and administrative settings and a first hand understanding of patient, physician and employee needs.

In 2009, Murphy was named a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives. In 2010, she was elected as a regent for the American College of Healthcare Executives for Ohio Northern.

Murphy earned a Master of Science in Nursing at The University of Akron.



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## City Council Meeting

### Lakewood To Honor Veterans, November 11 At Lakewood Park

by Melissa Garrett

Mayor Michael P. Summers and the Lakewood Veterans Advisory Committee will host the City of Lakewood's Veterans Day Ceremony on Sunday, November 11, 2012 at 11 a.m. in Lakewood Park, 14532 Lake Avenue. Lakewood's annual Veterans Day observance is a tribute to the men and women who served our country in the armed forces.

Lakewood's Veterans Day program will begin with the Presentation of Colors followed by the singing of the National Anthem by The Four Vet Quartet.

This year's keynote speaker is Colonel David W. Taylor. Colonel Taylor was commissioned in Infantry OCS (Ft. Benning, GA) in February 1968. After completing the Airborne and Ranger schools he was assigned to the 5th/46th Infantry Battalion, 198th Light Infantry Brigade, Americal Division, Vietnam, as an infantry platoon



leader from February- June 1969. After recovering from wounds in Vietnam, Taylor was assigned as the OIC – Small Arms Training Committee, 3rd AIT Training Brigade, Ft. Jackson, SC. In February 1971 he left active duty and

joined the BF Goodrich Company. At the same time he entered the US Army Reserve, Co C, 2nd Battalion, 11th Special Forces Group (USAR). From 1977 to early 1980, while working and living in Venezuela for BF Goodrich, Colo-

nel Taylor performed annual training tours with Special Forces units.

From 1980 to 1984 Colonel Taylor served in joint special operations (SPECOPS) assignments as a mobilization augmentee, 1st Special Operations Command (SOCOM), assigned as a SPECOPS planner to the U.S. Southern Command, Panama. In 1984 he was assigned as the SPECOPS Officer, Army Reserve Augmentation, U.S. Forces Caribbean (Key West, FL). From 1988 to 1990 Colonel Taylor was appointed Chief, Unit Training Division and later, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, Training, HQ, 83rd U.S. Army Reserve Command. He assumed command of the USAR Augmentation, U.S. Forces Caribbean on July 1, 1990 and later transitioned the unit to become the Army Reserve Augmentation, U.S. Atlantic Command (USLANTCOM). While performing active duty tours at the Atlantic Command, Colonel Taylor was the Executive Assistant to the Deputy Commander-In-Chief (D/CINC) / USLANTCOM. Taylor's unit was subsequently awarded the Joint Services Meritorious Unit Commendation.

Colonel Taylor retired from the USAR in 1993. His awards and decorations include the Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Two Purple Hearts, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, two Army Meritorious Service Medals, Army Commendation Medal, Joint Services Achievement Medal, The Combat Infantryman Badge (CIB), Special Forces Tab, Ranger Tab and Airborne Wings. In June 2011, he published his first book, *Our War. The History and Sacrifices of an Infantry Battalion in the Vietnam War 1968-1971*. It is a 722-page history of his infantry battalion in Vietnam and is the only historical account of a battalion in the Vietnam War written in a narrative style.

Other highlights of this year's program include performances by the Lakewood High School Band, The Four Vet Quartet and a 21-gun salute by the Joint Veterans Honor Guard. The Veterans Day Ceremony is free and open to the public. Following the ceremony, coffee and doughnuts will be offered in the Woman's Club Pavilion at Lakewood Park.

## Lakewood BOE Meeting

### Patterson Declares Report Cards "Best We Have Ever Received" At Second Regular BOE Meeting

by Kristine Pagsuyoin

Although preliminary data has been out for weeks on Lakewood City Schools' performance on the state report card, Superintendent Jeff Patterson took a few moments to explain the newly released designation of the district, Continuous Improvement, stating that these are the "Best Report Cards we have ever received."

#### Here's why:

The district's performance compared to last year's report card is almost identical, with improvements in attendance and a rise in the Performance Index to 99.1—a score that has consistently increased over the last five years. In addition, the district met 23 out of 26 of its indicators, and was above expected yearly growth (Value Added).

However, according to Mr. Patterson, there are three subgroups that have struggled to meet AYP (Average Yearly Progress) for the last

3 years. This year, 2 of those 3 subgroups didn't make AYP; therefore, the district automatically received a designation of Continuous Improvement. Overall, 7 of the 10 buildings in the district received a rating of Excellent or Excellent with Distinction.

Another area of concern is the district's graduation rate, which fell to 81.1 due to the new federal law that changed the formula used to calculate how school districts track students who leave the district. School districts around the region, and nationally, have seen their graduation rates drop due to the new federal guidelines. Superintendent Patterson said that the staff has been charged with ensuring that the graduation rate goes up despite the challenges of new federal guidelines. For more detailed information, visit 2012 State Indicators and Rating for

Lakewood City.

The second regular Lakewood Board of Education meeting, held on Oct. 22, began with the Harrison Elementary Report, given by principal Phillis Muth. Harrison Elementary is a very diverse school boasting 65 ESL (English as a Second Language) students and an incredible 14 languages spoken. As expected, although we are fortunate to have these students in our district, there are challenges that arise when it comes to teaching and assessing students who are new to the country. For instance, ESL students are expected to take and pass state exams after one year in the district even though it is known that students arriving at the district's doorstep with a competency level of 50% in their own language need at least five years to become competent in an English-speaking classroom. Most ESL students in Lakewood City Schools have been here less than five years.

Principal Muth also spoke of the early childhood efforts going on at Harrison Elementary School which targets three- to four-year-olds, as well as an early literacy program, "Play a Day," servicing 10 kindergarten families. She also spoke highly of her school's PTA, explaining that the organization has been a huge support and partner to teachers, staff, and parents. Muth also reported that teachers at Harrison are very active in securing grants that will help pay for educational field trips for students.

During the Communications portion of the meeting (time designated for citizens to directly address the Board), Heidi Murray, PTO President of Emerson Elementary School,

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# Lakewood City Council

## Council To Consider Teacup Pigs

by Christopher Bindel

Council President Brian Powers called the October 15, 2012 Council meeting to order at 7:35 P.M. The first order of business was the annual report from the Community Relations Advisory Board. Chairperson Greg Mahoney delivered the annual report. He started by summarizing their accomplishments from the last year which include holding diversity potlucks, conducting a community conversation forum, and new this past year was the Welcome to Lakewood event. Also coming up next month, on November 14th at the University of Akron, Lakewood they will be holding a community discussion on the book, "The Other Wes Moore." This was the summer reading book that every student in the high school had to read and the community was invited to join them. Students and members of the community are invited to come to discuss the book and its themes.

Moving into the next year, the Community Relations Advisory Board wants to strengthen its relationship with students and work more closely with block clubs and block captains. They also made a few recommendations to Council. They asked Council to consider coming up with a new template to educate real estate agents about the assets of Lakewood and to consider adding a student to their Board.

Councilman Powers (At-Large) thanked Mr. Mahoney, and all the members of the Board for their hard work and dedication. Councilman Tom Bullock (Ward II) applauded the group for their

excellent work on putting together the Welcome to Lakewood Event. He said it is a great idea to show people what Lakewood has to offer and a number of ways they can get involved in their community. He said he looks forward to seeing it again and hopes to see it grow.

Next, Public Works Director, Joe Beno, notified Council that the City intends to allow a local Eagle Scout candidate to build a shelter at the Lakewood Dog Park. Boy Scout, Ryan Giermann, is working to attain the level of Eagle and for his service project he would like to build a shelter at the dog park, for the use of its patrons. All materials and labor, with a value expected to exceed \$500, would be donated.

Director Beno then asked Council to consider passing a resolution which would allow the City to accept a \$150,000 grant from the Ohio EPA. The grant funds would help pay a portion of a project to repave municipal lots 1 and 4 (those behind First Federal of Lakewood and Geiger's). The project will include the installation of permeable pavement, trees and bio-retention areas which will reduce stormwater discharge into Lake Erie. The total cost of the project is \$417,000 dollars.

Council adopted the resolution, accepting the funds.

Police Chief Malley then asked Council to pass a resolution that would allow Lakewood to accept a grant from the University Hospitals of Cleveland in

the amount of \$10,438.46. The money is to be used to help pay for saturation patrols to enforce OVI laws. The City would work in conjunction with other law enforcement agencies throughout the county to have greater enforcement coverage on certain days and times.

Council passed the resolution.

Law Director, Kevin Butler then introduced 14 proposed changes to the Lakewood traffic code. The changes are to bring the Lakewood code into harmony with changes that were just made by the Ohio General Assembly to the state traffic codes.

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

Coming to the end of the agenda there were a few members of the public who wanted to make statements. The first was Russ Slavits who had a few issues he wanted to take up with Council. As a resident of Cohasset Avenue he wanted to make a formal complaint about the speeding in the morning and afternoon up and down his street of parents coming and going from Garfield Middle School. He said he has made this complaint before and some things have been done, but he would like to see an officer posted on the street during peak times to enforce the speed limit. Chief Malley said he would look into the situation further and see if there is something more that can be done.

Mr. Slavits' second item concerned

the field house at Madison Park. He said a number of years ago, when Ed FitzGerald was mayor, the City said that the field house was going to be renovated, however to this day it has not been. Director Beno told him that sometimes these projects take a long time to get funded and that the City had just approved \$400,000 of the City's 2013 Community Development Block Grant money to go towards completing that project.

The next person to speak was Shelby Costo who asked the City to consider giving her an exemption to the animal prohibition law. According to the law as it is written, all swine are prohibited in the city. Ms. Costo would like to own a teacup pig, which is a small pig that grows to an adult weight of 20-60 lb. However since it is not currently legal to do so in the city she asked that they consider giving her an exemption. Councilman Powers verified with Law Director Butler whether that law allows for exemption, and it does not. He then told Ms. Costo that in order for her to be allowed to own a teacup pig a change to the current law would be required. Therefore he instructed her to give all the materials she had brought to share with them on teacup pigs to the Council legislative liaison so they could consider her suggestion for a law change.

Councilwoman Mary Louise Madigan (Ward IV) asked if the pigs spend most of their time inside or out and Ms. Costo told her they live inside and are let outside occasionally, like with dogs.

With no one left from the public to speak, Council President Powers adjourned the meeting at 8:41 P.M.



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# Lakewood Public Library

compiled by Leana Donofrio-Milovan

## Thursday, 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

## Saturday, 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

## Sunday, November 4

### Sunday with the Friends:

#### Shipwrecks of Lake Erie: Fire, Storm, Collision

Lake Erie has perhaps the largest concentration of shipwrecks per square mile of any body of water in the world. From the 1700’s to the present day, a variety of military and commercial vessels have been lost on her waters. Through slides, video, and stories, Mike and Georgann Wachter explore infamous disasters, thrilling rescues and more than a few tragedies.

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

## Wednesday, November 7

### Lakewood Historical Society: The Development of Clifton Park

John S Pyke Jr. looks at the northwestern corner of Lakewood during the last half of the nineteenth century. After the Civil War, it was almost annexed by the City of Cleveland as a recreational park. By the end of the horse and carriage era, it had developed into a planned community and has retained its unique character for more than a century.

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

## Thursday, November 8

### Meet the Author: “My Very Dearest Anna” by Kara Martinelli

Separated by a world and a war, their bond grew stronger with every sweetheart letter. Author and documentary film producer, Kara Martinelli, tells the story of a World War II veteran close to her heart—her grandfather. To ensure that his love for Anna will never be forgotten, Martinelli has joined together the letters her grandparents exchanged during WWII with the stories he told over many years. Through some of the worst of times, he was always determined to return to her. From Air Corps training to the fight in the Pacific, this unique memoir follows a young man’s heroic struggle with family, history, love and war. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

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

## Thursday, November 8

### Booked for Murder: Tales of Cleveland

#### “Defensive Wounds” by Lisa Black

For a good, spine-tingling mystery, look no further than your own backyard. Cleveland has plenty of dark tales that will keep you up late at night. Share your midnight thoughts with this friendly, law-abiding group of mystery lovers. Visit [www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/bookclubs](http://www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/bookclubs) for more clues and full book descriptions.

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

# Auntie Claus, Family Music And More: For The Whole Family

by Julie Strunk

Author of the children’s book, Auntie Claus, Elise Primavera, describes Auntie Claus as “a cross between Coco Chanel and Auntie Mame, with a little bit of Mary Poppins thrown in.” Arthur Funni transforms this popular children’s story into a script for a radio broadcast, emphasizing sound effects.

Arthur was given two copies of the book about two years ago. He gave one copy to a four-year-old niece who loved it. He wrote one scene a year and a half ago and then shelved the book. He had produced, edited, and directed three sound adaptations of Holiday books already and friends criticized him for only performing drama during the holidays.

Arthur was awarded a “Best Production” award for his production of A Very Private Miracle in April, 2012 and that motivated him to contact author, Elise Primavera. She approved of his

plans and four weeks of writing resulted in a sound adaptation of “Auntie Claus.” His script sticks with the book because he knows that when kids are fans of a book, “they know every single word of it-- forwards and backwards.”

Arthur studied theatre at Firelands College and Bowling Green University and earned a teaching degree at John Carroll University. He volunteers for WJCU radio at John Carroll University with his own show every Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., “which highlights old-time radio and comedy plus things that haven’t been heard in a very long time.”

Join us as Arthur and his cast enact their script which trails a little girl named Sophie Kringle who follows her eccentric aunt on a business trip to the North Pole.

Saturday, November 17, at 7 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room.

## Saturday, November 10

### Western Movies: The Golden Age, Part 1

#### “Winchester 73” (1950), Directed by Anthony Mann

Jimmy Stewart rides into Dodge City just in time to take part in a shooting contest run by Marshal Wyatt Earp. First prize is an 1873 Winchester repeating rifle, the gun that won the west. Stewart wants the rifle so he can train its sites on Dutch Henry Brown, the man who killed his father. But guess who else has entered the contest? The prize changes hands several times as Stewart embarks upon a journey of vengeance that takes him over some complex psychological terrain, blazing new trails for the western genre.

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

## Sunday, November 11

### Sunday with the Friends: The Hollywood Slim Band

A proud member of the Cleveland blues family, the Hollywood Slim Band has been entertaining crowds for over thirty-five years and still adding new arrangements to its repertoire. With tender three-part vocal harmonies, they add their own touch to the music of Little Walter Jacobs, Louis Jordan, Ray Charles and The Nat King Cole Trio.

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

## Monday, November 12

### Veterans Day Observed – Library open normal hours

#### Meet the Author:

#### “Take Your Time but Hurry Up” by Vladimir Swirynsky

Celebrate Veteran’s Day by remembering an all-too-often overlooked war. Poet Vladimir Swyrinsky has set aside verse and taken up prose to tell the story of Robert Collins, a local veteran of the Korean conflict. Thirteen months may not seem like a long time, but see how time in a warzone can change a man’s whole life. Between the victory of World War II and the hard lessons of Vietnam, our memories of the Korean War threaten to yellow and fade—unless we take the time to stop and listen.

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

## Tuesday, November 13

### School in the Cinema:

#### “Up Heartbreak Hill” (2011), Directed by Erica Scharf - Not Rated

Everyone has to make difficult choices that determine what path they take in life. For three Native American high school seniors living in Navajo, NM the decision to stay in the community or leave to pursue opportunities elsewhere will force them to look at what it means to be Native American in the world today.

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

## Thursday, November 15

### Meet the Author: “The Man from Primrose Lane” by James Renner

James Renner, a successful true-crime writer, makes his literary debut with a genre-hopping novel so full of stranger-than-fiction twists you will be left gasping for more. In West Akron, Ohio, there once lived a reclusive elderly man who always wore mittens, even in July. One summer day, someone murdered him. Four years later, a bestselling true-crime writer takes a break from mourning his wife when he hears the story and is drawn back into a world he thought he had left behind forever. The closer David gets to uncovering the true identity of the Man from Primrose Lane, the more he begins to understand the dangerous sway of his own obsessions and how the murder of the hermit and the suicide of his beloved wife might be connected. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

# Children/Youth Events

compiled by Eric Knapp

## Tuesdays and Thursdays,

### Nov. 6 through March 28 at 4:00 p.m.

#### Madison Branch Bright Days

For students in kindergarten through fifth grade  
As the leaves begin to fall, come to Madison Branch for books, crafts, fun and games.  
Madison Branch Children’s and Youth Services

## Saturday, Nov. 10, 11:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

### Tail Waggin’ Tutors For school-age children

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

#### 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](http://www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/youth)) for times and upcoming themes.

#### Main Library Activity Room and Madison Branch Auditorium

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

### Weekends With Wee Ones

#### For families with children under 2 years old

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

#### Madison Branch Children’s and Youth Services

## September 4 - May 23

### Monday - Thursday, 3:00 - 5:00 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



# Lakewood Public

## Meet True Crime Writer And Novelist James Renner



by Leana Donofrio-Milovan

Fearless true crime writer James Renner’s passion for truth-seeking and storytelling began as a child. Author of the best-selling book *Amy: My Search for Her Killer* about the unsolved 1989 kidnapping and murder of 10-year-old Bay Village girl Amy Mihaljevic, Renner has been on a lifelong quest to solve this baffling crime that still sparks national attention. Along the way he has also penned *The Serial Killer’s Apprentice*, as well as his novel *The Man from Primrose Lane*.

Renner will be at Lakewood Public Library at 7 p.m. on Nov. 15 in the Main Library Auditorium to discuss *The Man From Primrose Lane* and his passion for crime writing, and to read a never-before-published short story. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

**What drew you to writing about crime?**

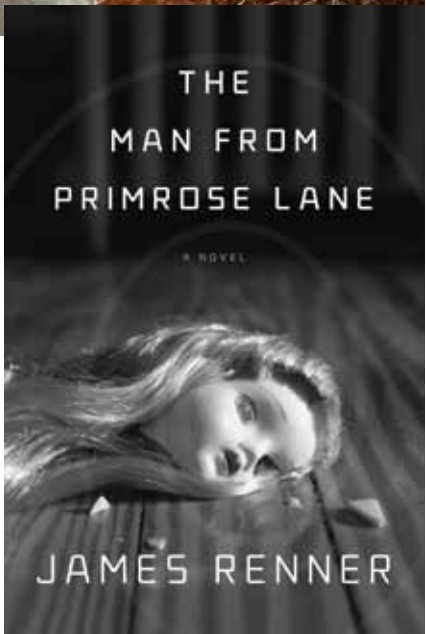
When I was a kid, a girl in the next town over was abducted and murdered, her killer never found. You can’t help but be aware of crime after an event like that. I decided then, at age eleven, to one day look into the abduction to see if I could help solve it. In the end, I came at it from the angle of a journalist and writer, instead of a cop. In a way, that abduction was like tipping a domino in a track that eventually led to this career as a novelist. As *The Fixx* once said, “one thing leads to another.”

**You are also a filmmaker (something many may not know). Did you always see yourself going in that direction, as well as storytelling in print form?**

I love every form of storytelling. Books, movies, comics. I’m teaching myself to be a better campfire storyteller right now. Each form has different rules you can play with. Some ideas lend themselves to sound and picture better than print. I worked in film first, here in Cleveland and L.A. In high school, I made movies and showed them in the town hall and made popcorn and charged people \$5 to get in. Over the years, writing has paid the bills though.

**You have written about some pretty controversial topics; have you ever received a truly strange letter or email after a book or story was published?**

I had to get an unlisted number



after the book on the Amy Mihaljevic case came out because I got a couple death threats. I get a lot of emails from psychics. I usually pitch those. Of all the psychics I’ve met writing crime, there have only been two who had the gift. But that’s a story for another day.

**You are currently trying to make a movie about the Amy Mihaljevic case, you are releasing another book and you have a family. How do you find the time, and the motivation?**

I write a little every day of the week, every day of the year. It adds up quickly. It’s a compulsion, really. And not a particularly nice one. So time’s not an issue. The motivation is telling a good story that people talk about. That and bourbon.

**What do you want the audience to say about you when they go out for coffee after your appearance?**

“I once saw a double-billed presentation of monologues performed by Orson Welles and Mark Twain but this James Renner kid made them look like Laurel and Hardy.”

Lakewood Public Library will be showing Renner and Charles Moore’s documentary “Catching Salinger” at 7 p.m. on Jan. 10 in the Main Library Auditorium. In the film, Renner and Moore take to the road to trace the footsteps of reclusive writer J.D. Salinger and his character Holden Caulfield. This screening will be the film’s west side debut on the big screen. The documentary premiered at the Cleveland Institute of Art Cinematheque in 2008.

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# Lakewood Public Library

## LHS Getting Into Spirit Of Election

by Christine Gordillo

For some Lakewood High seniors, the November 6 election will be the first time the officially cast a vote in an election. On October 30, the rest of the LHS student body got a taste of how

democracy works as the school sponsored a schoolwide mock election.

The LHS mock election is part of a greater nationwide mock election sponsored by the nonprofit Youth Leadership Initiative (YLI). The group

had over one million students from across the country participate in its first mock election in 2008. At LHS, students voted at two designated polling stations during seventh period for President, Senator and the District 9 Congressional representative.

Prior to the mock election, the school held a mock voter registration drive to sign the students up. To get the kids in the political spirit and build up momentum toward the election, the LHS Social Studies department hosted weekly after school movies during the month of October that focused on political themes such as "Primary Colors" and "Wag the Dog."

The week prior to the election,

students in all Social Studies took an "issues quiz" to help them determine if they are closer to Obama or Romney on some of the key issues in the election.

Ron Lewis, who teaches Government and AP Government classes, is a big fan of mock elections. "They give a students confidence to go out and participate in a real election later in life," Lewis said. "We wanted to do something schoolwide that would replicate the process and stimulate discussion and interest about the candidates and issues. We are excited to be using YLI because we will be able to compare our results with hundreds of thousands of students across the country."

Those results will be available November 7 and will include a breakdown of the LHS results.

## New Swings A Welcome Sight At Emerson



VFW Post 387 Commander Jason Pleszko is joined by PTO members Megan Nagel (left) and Heidi Murray (PTO president) for the ribbon cutting.

by Christine Gordillo

The long-held wish to see a swing-set become part of the Emerson Elementary playground has finally been fulfilled, thanks to fundraising by the school's PTO, its students and families and a generous donation by a local VFW post.

A request for swings at Emerson by the PTO had been turned down by the district in the past because there was not enough room to safely accommodate a six-swing set. However, a letter to Superintendent Jeff Patterson this summer by soon-to-be Emerson fifth-grader Cameron Levis asking why his new school couldn't have a swing-set like his old school did, swung the pendulum the other way.

"Something about his letter just resonated with me. He's a kid who just wanted to have fun on some swings at recess," like students at others schools do, Superintendent Patterson said.

The district found a way to make room for the swings by transplanting four small trees from the playground area to the front of the school. It was up to the school to raise the money for

the project.

The PTO contributed \$6,000 and the students collected nearly \$1,500 through a week-long Spare Change fundraiser. Also contributing \$1,150 was the Edgewater VFW Post 387. Emerson head custodian Mary Dunn is a member of the post, which used to be located in Lakewood and has many Lakewood residents as members still.

"We have a lot of roots here in Lakewood," said Post Commander Jason Pleszko, a Lakewood High graduate who attended the ribbon-cutting for the swings on Wednesday.

While each of the approximately 500 students who gathered on the playground for the ribbon-cutting would have loved to be the first ones on the swings, that honor went to the students of Mrs. Germaine's class, who raised the most money during the Spare Change drive.

If the smiles of the first six students on the swings are any indication, the latest addition to the Emerson playground is sure to bring plenty of joy throughout the year.

## Lakewood Council Of PTAs Announces Fundraiser

by Christina McCallum

Lakewood Council of PTAs is revving up for a fundraiser to benefit Council programming on Monday, November 12, 2012 at Quaker Steak & Lube!

Quaker Steak & Lube will donate 20% of your bill to Lakewood Council of PTAs for meals purchased all day on the 12th. Simply present your server with the flier pictured, and enjoy!

Lakewood Council of PTAs exists to promote the welfare of children and youth in their homes, schools and community. The Council meets monthly with District representatives from the elementary school level up to the School Board, to discuss school and PTA news, relay community concerns related to the schools, and to plan events and pro-

grams to further its mission.

You may not realize all that the Council of PTAs sponsors. Best known in Lakewood is the District-wide Reflections art contest. However, in addition to this beloved program, Council also offers parent education programming; the "School at the Cinema" documentary series with Lakewood Public Library; and in the spring, awards scholarships to Lakewood High School and West Shore Career Tech students. Soon, Council will oversee a District-wide coat collection program to further help students in need.

Show your support for Lakewood Council of PTAs and enjoy some hot wings or any of the Lube's other great food on Monday, November 12. And thank you in advance!



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# Lakewood Schools



Ehren Collins with his firstplace award.

## National Writing Winner

by Cindy McNaughton

Ehren Collins, a resident of Lakewood and a second grade student at Birchwood School, entered the PBS Kids Go! Writers Contest during the 2011-12 school year. In May his story, Tacky Turkey's Big Adventure won first place locally and in early September it was awarded 3rd place in the nation in the first grade division. This witty story tells of a Pennsylvania turkey that travels to a friend's home in Ohio and mistakenly finds himself in Texas. Fortunately, a friendly moose is willing to mail him to his desired destination.

The participants were required to write an original story ranging from 50-200 words and illustrate their work. Ehren kept to the word limit of the contest but was inspired to write a sequel. "In the second book Tacky the Turkey travels to the Olympics in London!" Ehren says with a wide grin, as he launches into details about the turkey's second adventure.

PBS Kids Go! Writers Contest is a national contest designed to promote the advancement of children's reading skills by encouraging students in kindergarten to third grade to create original illustrated stories for submission. The national winners were selected by a prestigious judging panel including Grammy Award nominated singer-songwriter Jewel; acclaimed children's author and illustrator Mo Willems; and two-time Children's Book Award author and illustrator, Jarrett Krosoczka.

When asked about Ehren's accomplishment Rhonda Sprau, language arts teacher at Birchwood School, said, "Ehren showed a lot of initiative by taking on this competition. His book combines writing strategies learned at school as well as a lot of brainstorming and hard work at home. We are proud of his success at the local and national level." To view the winning story: <http://pbskids.org/writerscontest/contest-2012-winners.php>

## Thank You, Huntington Bank

by Marlene Kobzowicz

Fashion merchandising student Ms. Suzanne Hall was the recipient of the 2012 Huntington Bank Scholarship given through the Virginia Marti College Foundation.

Suzanne is a student at Virginia Marti College of Art & Design and has received this award for her outstanding diligence as a student and her tireless involvement within our community. We are grateful to Huntington Bank for their ongoing support toward

education and their commitment to helping our youth and rewarding them for their hard work and dedication.

Suzanne writes in her application, "Cleveland is my community. I want to live here and I chose to attend college here because I want to improve the success of the city on a national scale. To do this I am always looking for new opportunities to serve those in need; thus I've learned and discovered not only more about the world, but also more about myself. I have also



Suzanne Hall, student at Virginia Marti College of Art & Design and Rosemary McEntee Vice President, Senior Business Banker, Huntington Bank.

learned never to take anything for granted, because everything is subject to change. Hopefully with this wisdom I can change my future and the future of our city for the better."

## Lakewood Beginnings Child Development Center, Inc. Ceases Operations

by Kate Sala

The Board of Trustees of Lakewood Beginnings Child Development Center, Inc. (LBCDC) regretfully announced today that the center is insolvent and has ceased operations effective at 6 p.m. on Friday October 26. All families with children attending the center will need to make alternate childcare arrangements. The Board is in the process of notifying stakeholders.

Families that need assistance with making new childcare arrangements are asked to contact the Lakewood Division of Early Childhood at (216) 529-5018. The Board has attempted to notify all families, but encountered some issues with the contact information on file.

This was not an easy decision to make. The Board recognizes the difficult position this creates for employees and the families served by the center. However, given the economic realities of the center, the Board could not find viable

alternatives that would meet the needs of employees, families and vendors.

### About LBCDC

LBCDC was founded in 1953 as a nursery school. It has grown over the years and is a child daycare center licensed by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS). LBCDC is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), has a three-star rating in the ODJFS Step Up to Quality program, and participates in Cuyahoga County's Invest in Children Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) pilot program. These achievements were made possible by the dedicated staff.

For more information, please contact the Board of Trustees. Email is the best method for contact. Inquiries will be responded to as quickly as possible. [LBCDCTrustees@gmail.com](mailto:LBCDCTrustees@gmail.com)

Kate Sala is the secretary of the Board of Trustees of Lakewood Beginnings Child Development Center.

## Garage Project - A Living Classroom For West Shore Students



by Christine Gordillo

Rising behind one of the many beautiful homes along Riverside Drive is a two-story garage you would logically think is a big project for some lucky contractor. What you probably didn't know is that the contractor is the West Shore Career-Technical District and those building the Dutch Colonial-style garage are high school students.

Since late August, 18 seniors in West Shore's Construction Trades program have been spending two hours of their school day erecting the approximately 1,100 square foot garage, which will also include a portico to the house and a small covered storage area on the side. It is the biggest project the Construction Trades program has tackled, at least in the five years that instructor Mike Dow has been with the program.

"It is a great project in regards to the quality of workmanship that can be displayed by the students," Dow said. "Most of the garages we build are the basic kind, this one is more intricate because of the exterior woodwork and multiple

windows that are involved." Lakewood resident Steve Jouriles is the architect.

The larger scale project, which should be complete by Thanksgiving, has also brought new on-the-job experience for the students that they wouldn't otherwise get with their typical garage construction and deck jobs they do in the community.

"It has been a big challenge for the kids," Dow said. "We are working at heights that many of them have never done before. Students are using harnesses and ropes for safety reasons. The students are excited to be a part of such a big project."

If you are interested in having the Construction Trades program build a garage or deck, please call Mike Dow at 216-227-5962 or email him at [mike.dow@lakewood.k12.oh.us](mailto:mike.dow@lakewood.k12.oh.us) for more information. It's a great program that allows the students to learn skills that will help make them readily employable after graduation and allows the homeowners to save a substantial amount of money on their project.



## Sports

# LHS Boys Soccer Ends Regular Season With Big Win; Ready For Playoffs

by Jay Foran

The Lakewood High School Boys Varsity Soccer team demonstrated the ability to come back in a number of games during the closing weeks of the regular season. The Rangers came away from their last five-game stretch of the season with 3 wins, 1 loss and 1 tie. Most impressive was a come-from-behind win in their final game when the Rangers beat the Avon Eagles 3-2 at Avon to secure sole possession of 2nd place in the West Shore Conference with a league record of 5-1-1. Bay Village won the league title with a record of 6-0-1 while Avon finished 3rd at 4-1-2.

For the season overall, the Ranger Boys won 9 matches, lost 5 and tied 2 earning the 5th overall seed for the upcoming district tournament. The Rangers open the tournament with a match versus the Garfield Heights Bulldogs. With a win, the team would advance to meet 3rd seed, the Brecksville Bees.

### Lakewood 1, Midview Middies 0

The Rangers capitalized on a Jameson Foran goal off an assist by David Kemp late in the first half to hold off the Midview Middies 1-0 at Midview. The game winning goal by Foran was made possible by a hard, low corner kick by Kemp that skipped through the goal mouth and a number of Midview defenders. Foran who had slipped behind the defense on the back post punched the crossing ball past the goalie. Freshman John Virag played a strong game in controlling the midfield with his deft passing. He also came up with five steals. Junior Alain Mika in making the first start of his varsity career played very well and contributed four take-aways. Senior goalkeeper Zach Fehrenbach delivered another stellar game with eight saves and a shutout while Foran led the Rangers with nine take-aways.

### Lakewood 3, Rocky River Pirates 2

Down 2-0 well into the 2nd half, Lakewood scored 3 goals in the span of 9 minutes to notch a key conference comeback win against the visiting Pirates. Senior forward and leading scorer, Mirsad Curri scored all 3 goals with important help from his teammates. Lakewood's first two goals were scored off corner kicks by Jameson Foran. Mirsad Curri booted the first one through while the ball was still in the air and then headed in the second goal when he negotiated some excellent positioning in the crowded goal mouth area. The game-winning goal was scored by

Curri on a beautiful through ball sent by freshman Jafar Fadhel, playing in his first varsity game. Freshman John Virag according to Coach Toth played his best game of the season and came up with a team high of nine take-aways. Goalkeeper Zach Fehrenbach kept the Pirates off the scoreboard the last 48 minutes of the game and contributed 7 saves.

### Lakewood 0, Olmsted Falls Bulldogs 0

This match-up produced a draw in this defensive struggle. Olmsted Falls which came into the match a clear favorite given their 9-3-1 record was constantly frustrated by the Rangers ability to control the midfield and thwart any scoring efforts that the Bulldogs mounted. Senior Zach Fehrenbach earned his sixth shutout of the season and 17th of his career. Fehrenbach was called on to make six saves. Senior Aaron Donahoe demonstrated his senior leadership in keeping the defense well organized. Donahoe came up with eight take-aways. Junior Jameson Foran also stood out in keeping the shutout in order while leading the team with nine take-aways.

### Lakewood 2, Westlake Demons 5

The Rangers comeback ability was again on display in this match played on the torn up and slippery Westlake pitch. Unfortunately for the Rangers, Westlake had a comeback punch of their own as they scored a 5-2 vic-



Ranger Soccer players Robby Fehrenbach (L) and Edwin Rosic (R) join teammates in donning mohawk style haircuts for upcoming tournament play.

tory. After Westlake notched two early 2nd half goals to secure a demoralizing 3-0 lead, the Rangers struck back with goals at the 23rd and 28th minute respectively of the 2nd half. Senior midfielder Kevin Mann scored both goals with two powerful kicks that caught the corner of the net quickly making the score 3-2. Freshman John Virag assisted on the first goal while senior Aaron Donahoe provided the assist on the 2nd one. A stunned Westlake team quickly regrouped and scored two goals to extend their lead to 5-2 to again take ownership of the match. Aaron Donahoe led the Rangers as he played with a high energy and determination. He led the defense with a team game high of ten take-aways.

### Lakewood 3, Avon Eagles 2

Trailing at two different points of this important clash between West Shore Conference leading teams, the Rangers prevailed with a regular season-ending win. The 3-2 victory secured sole possession of 2nd place in the conference. Down 1-0 in the waning minutes of the first half, junior Jameson Foran snaked his way through four different Avon defenders to chip a short pass to senior Mirsad Curri who socked home the tying goal in the upper right corner of the net. After Avon again took the lead early in the 2nd half, Mirsad Curri again found the net knotting the score off a nice through ball from senior Kevin Mann. Both teams then scoring chances denied by excellent play by each team's goalies. However, in the closing minutes of the game, junior Alain Mika scored his first-ever goal for the Rangers off an unselfish pass from teammate Curri right in front of the Avon goal. With the win, senior goalkeeper Zach Fehrenbach established another Lakewood Varsity Soccer career mark recording his 22nd career win (to go with his other record of 17 career shutouts). Coach Andy Toth remarked that the Avon game was Lakewood's best played game across its 16 game schedule and offered great encouragement as the team prepared for the district tournament.

## Lakewood Catholic Academy Cross Country Continue Their Winning Ways



by Gabriel Gaspar

The Boys Varsity (7th & 8th grade) Cross Country team at LCA finished the season as the League and Cleveland Diocese CYO Champions for 2012. This marks the second

year in a row that LCA has won both titles. Scoring for LCA were Shawn Gaspar, Patrick Nolan, Stephen O'Sullivan, Michael Trentel and Liam McGuire. Additional members of the team include: Douglas Pet-

rick, Nick Snider, Michael Dever, Joe Burtzlaff, Rory Meehan, Chris Larsen and Gavin Beegan. The Girls Varsity team finished fourth in both League competition and in the Diocese Championship.

## LHS Ranger Marching Band Hosts End Of Season Concert

by Val Mechenbier

Join the Lakewood High School Ranger Marching Band for a look back at the 2012 season on Thursday, November 8th at 7:30 p.m. at the Lakewood Civic Auditorium. The Marching Band, Flags, and Rangerettes will perform highlights from the marching shows performed

throughout the summer and fall, as well as favorite football game songs and routines. Relive the band's early season tribute to the legends of Rock & Roll and enjoy more recent routines featuring Disney themes. From the 4th of July Parade to Senior Show, from the Homecoming Spirit Parade to 8th Grade Band

Night, from Lakewood Stadium to St. John Arena – it's a look back at a season of memories and memorable music, and includes special performances by the Rangerettes, Flags, and the LHS Ranger Marching Band Percussion Section. The evening comes to a close with a special salute to the Class of 2013 Ranger

Marching Band Seniors.

Tickets are available at the door: \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors, and \$1 for students. Bring parents, grandparents, and the kids – it's a fun evening for the entire family!



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Screw Factory Artists’ 5th Annual Open Studio

by Gina DeSantis

This year marks the 5th Annual Screw Factory Artists’ Open Studio. In 2008, ceramicist and new tenant Gina DeSantis began organizing two yearly events. A year later, tenant Kathy Patton of Cleveland Handmade brought the Last Minute Market to the building, solidifying the former factory as one of the biggest shopping and art exhibition destinations in the Cleveland area. This one-day event will showcase the work of over 30 resident artists and 20 visiting artists, plus local vendors including the Sweet Spot and the Fired Up Taco Truck.

Open studio exhibitions are held three times throughout the year (the first Saturdays of November and May and the Last Minute Market on the Saturday before Christmas, December 15th). The 5th Annual Open Studio will be held on Saturday, November 3rd from noon to 7 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

Get the jump on holiday shopping while supporting local artists and businesses. The artists in the building represent a broad range of media including (but not limited to) glass, ceramics, sculpture, fiber arts, mixed media, painting and printmaking.

Participating studios include Ann Caywood Brown, Kristen Cliffler, Martha Cliffler, Teresa Crompton, Sarah E. Darby, Gina DeSantis, Design Culture Cleveland, Robb Durr, Forest City Portage, Megan Frankenfield, Valerie Grossman, Derek Walter Grubaugh, Katie Hanrahan, Humble Bee Vineyards, Phyllis Kohring Fannin, Marc Konys, Sandy Millman/Yours Truly Vintage, Michelle Mowery, M.C. Nagel, Martin E. O’Connor, Shannon Okey,

Kathryn Patton, Daniel Pruitt, Ryu Sakebi Studio, Karen St. John Vincent, and Achala Wali.

Visiting artists include Lise Anderson, Sue Bevis, Gene Epstein, Richard Schneider, Kim Schoel, Ruth Sholtis Furies, M. & N. Spotts, Kristen Sutcliffe, Terra Verde Handmade, Bart Vrtunski, and Theresa Yondo.

The Templar Motors Car Factory Display will be open as well. Lakewood, Ohio’s only automobile manufacturer from 1917-24, the Templar Motors Car Factory Display is located on the third floor of the Original Templar Motors Car Factory Building.

New to the Screw Factory this year is Humble Bee Vineyards (second

floor), Lakewood’s first and only winery, who will be opening their doors to showgoers and providing their award-winning meads for tastings and purchase. Make sure to stop by their wine bar and take a bottle home--\$5 for a glass or \$15 for a bottle.

In addition, a variety of local businesses and organizations are joining the artists. They include Art House, Coffee for a Cause, the Friends of Madison Park, Fresh Fork Market, the Sweet Spot and the Fired Up Taco Truck.

Please direct all open studio questions to event organizer Gina DeSantis at artzy\_grl@yahoo.com. Visit www.screwfactoryartists.com for more information.



Portrait by artist Martin E. O’Connor

2nd Annual Beck the Halls:

Give the Gift Of The Arts This Holiday Season

by Fran Storch

Get a jump start on your holiday shopping this year! Beck Center for the Arts is hosting its second annual Beck the Halls! event, a unique holiday boutique featuring original artwork by local artists and artisans, on Saturdays November 3 and December 8 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Artists will display and sell their wares, including beautiful handmade jewelry, ornaments, original photography, pottery, and watercolors, in Beck Center’s main lobby. Buy unique, one-of-a-kind gifts for that special someone on your list and support the arts in our community. Shop local this year and avoid the crowded malls and big box stores. Admission is free and convenient and onsite parking is available.

While you shop, your children can explore their creativity at Super Satur-

days at Beck Center--a free monthly arts experience for children ages 1 to 8. Super Saturdays take place 9 to 11:30 a.m. and include special art activities in collaboration with Beck Center’s community partners. On November 3, Cleveland Botanical Garden brings the arts from the garden while Beck Center staff share the fun of drumming at Hear & Touch the Music (more details below). Then on December 8, children can create a holiday-themed craft with Usborne Books. Super Saturdays are sponsored through the generous support of the Lakewood Arts Festival Association.

Hear & Touch the Music is a vibrant music-making experience for the youngest musical masters. The program is geared for children ages 3 to 10, but aspiring musicians of all ages are encouraged to take part (adult participation is required). Join early childhood music specialist Brittany Lesch and Beck Center’s outstanding music faculty for Piano & Percussion on Saturday, November 3 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on the Mackey Main Stage. Enjoy musical selections and solos performed by musicians using maracas, hand drums, tambourines, and a drum set followed by a hands-on experience where participants have the chance to play the instruments. There will be plenty of singing, dancing and instrument playing along with an activity sheet for each participant. It’s fun for the entire family, and best of all, it’s free!

Not sure what to buy that hard-to-shop-for person who has everything? Purchase Beck Center gift cards! They make great holiday stocking stuffers. Gift cards are available at Customer Services and may be redeemed for classes, programs, and shows including the holiday family favorite Annie on the Mackey Main Stage, December 7 through January 6. This season, give, or better yet get, a gift that doesn’t end up at the bottom of the toy box or at the returns counter. Be sure to tell your friends and relatives that this year you want a gift that keeps on giving: the arts! For more information, visit beck-center.org or call 216.521.2540, ext. 10.

After you finish shopping at Beck the Halls! be sure to stop by Heirloom

Home, just a few blocks west of Beck Center at 18119 Detroit Avenue, and browse the wonderful assortment of interesting antiques, decorative collectibles, vintage jewelry, and personalized watches. Established on Lakewood’s West End in 2010, Heirloom Home is a unique resale shop with a philanthropic purpose. All items are donated, many finding their way from owner Brenda Ellner’s own collection of family memorabilia, and all proceeds benefit the student scholarship fund at Beck Center for the Arts. Over the past two years, store sales have helped many area children who may not otherwise have had the financial means to enroll in arts education classes at Beck Center. Heirloom Home is open 12 to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Donations are graciously accepted and volunteers are needed. For more information, please contact Brenda at heirloomhome@gmail.com or call 216.406.7530.

Located at 17801 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood, 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.

Beck Center For The Arts Rolls Out The Red Carpet

by Fran Storch

Beck Center for the Arts rolls out the red carpet on Saturday, November 10 for the 5th Annual Mayor’s Ball hosted by Lakewood Mayor Michael P. Summers. “The arts are a vibrant part of our community with significant impact on our local economy,” said Mayor Summers. “We are pleased to support this cultural gem to ensure the arts continue to be affordable and accessible to all residents.”

The evening’s festivities begin with the popular VIP Party prior to the Ball featuring a gourmet cooking demonstration by Pier W Executive Chef Regan Reik from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on the Mackey Main Stage. Tickets for the VIP Party are limited and sell out quickly.

The Mayor’s Ball kicks off at 7 p.m. Guests will enjoy cocktails and delicious hors d’oeuvres from the area’s finest restaurants and live music performed by the Samuel-Anastasi “Little Big Band” in the Cleveland Artists Foundation Gallery and Daniels Lounge at Beck Center. Partystgoers can dance the night away until the

clock strikes 11 p.m.

Attendees may purchase raffle tickets and enter to win fabulous prizes including an instant wine cellar donated by members of Beck Center’s Board of Directors, a diamond pendant from Broestl and Wallis Fine Jewelers, and two first-class airline tickets to any location in the United States courtesy of Abode Living. All raffle proceeds support the quality theater and arts education programs at Beck Center for the Arts. A silent auction will also be held to benefit the Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corporation.

Mayor Summers will honor Lakewood resident Steven Ott by presenting him with Key to the City of Lakewood for his many years of volunteerism and civic support. A real estate attorney, Ott is an active volunteer with the Greater Cleveland Boy Scouts of America, a member of the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce and currently serves on the Board of Directors for LakewoodAlive and the Lakewood Observer. In addition, he has chaired the Lakewood Planning Commis-

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# Lakewood's Observers



**Parks** - Many respondents mentioned The Emerald Canyon, aka the Valley in Cleveland Metro Parks. Lakewood is within minutes of 3 golf courses, 2 stables, boat launches for going out on Rocky River or Lake Erie, for world class fishing, and boating fun. This is a typical sunset over the Emerald Canyon.

## "What Do You Celebrate About Lakewood?"

**Maggie Fraley** asked citizens, "What do you celebrate about Lakewood?"

"I love that Lakewood has become a home to, and refuge for, hundreds of people from around the world. My children's classmates in the Lakewood Schools come from 35 different countries and speak 25 different languages. What an incredible real life lesson!"

*Missy Toms, resident and Executive Director of the Lakewood Alumni Foundation*

"I love that Lakewood is large enough to serve you, but small enough to know you. I love the sense of history Lakewood possesses, and the charm and character of the houses and commercial buildings that recall our roots as a streetcar suburb. I love the convenience of living in a compact, walkable area combined with the easy connection to natural beauty--the lake, the valley, the river. I love the giving, caring people who populate this city."

*Paula Reed, resident*

"We should celebrate ourselves. Lakewood is a responsive community that no matter where you are in the spectrum they care about where we live. It really has a downtown and there is a community I know and love."

*Eric Lowrey, resident, volunteer for Lakewood Alive and Realtor at Prudential Lucien Realty*

"I love the new young families moving into Lakewood who bring a breath of fresh air to all that we do!"

*Susan Grimberg, resident and Community Outreach Manager, Lakewood Hospital*

"Lakewood is a community of differ-

ent sorts of people who all want the same thing. They share a desire for a safe and peaceful city where they can come home from work and relax on the front porch. They want to raise their families and enjoy their neighborhoods. One of the most appealing parts of our town is that

"One thing? Lakewood is my home. Hard to pinpoint what I 'celebrate' but I guess I would have to start with how 'walkable' it is. I can walk and get just about anything I want. From coffee, to hand-made clothes, to locally brewed beer."

*Amanda Smith*

itself very well and we like who we are: an active, neighborly, diverse community that welcomes everyone...It's a city with plenty to do. And close to anywhere else you may want to go!..."

*Maggie Robinson, Realtor at Howard Hanna*



**Entertainment** - For the past three years Lakewood has been judged one of the best suburbs in Cleveland, and much of it is due to our restaurants, bars, and great things to do like Lakewood Public Library, and the Beck Center. Everyone owes it to themselves to enjoy an evening dining on the Detroit Avenue Chow Line, then taking in a show at the Beck, or the Lakewood Public Library, enjoying one of our many parks, or walking down to the lake.

most things are a short walk or bike ride away." "Thanks LAKEWOOD neighbors, for supporting Silhouette DANCE and other local businesses."

*Best to you as always, Miss Donna, owner of Silhouette Dance*

"I love the people, a beautiful motley cast for a really good independent film."

*Pastor Tom of the Prodigal Community*

"I celebrate the passion, dedication, and spirit people have for this incredible community."

*Ian Andrews, Executive Director, LakewoodAlive*

"I love the Beck Center! I grew up taking tap and drama classes, performed in many plays, and I had my wedding reception there!! I also love the varied architecture of the homes in Lakewood."

*Kelly Sanseverino*

"I love the vibrant energy of the community fostered by the Lakewood locals, who have such varied interests and as a result organize great events & activities to celebrate these interests...plus Lakewood is undeniably one of the best craft beer mecca's in Ohio!"

*Melissa Maxwell*

"I used to perform there every year for the Three Arts Club of Lakewood in Duo Piano Recital. Great Memories!"

*Cynthia Crotty*

"After spending 22 years in this vibrant community, I can tell you-- It just keeps getting better! Lakewood knows

"My wife and I drive to Lakewood 3 or 4 times a year from Columbus to see some of the best theatrical productions anywhere. We go to the Beck Center!"

*Michael Bradshaw*

"I love walking through Lakewood Park and the pathway along the Lake! This park is a great community resource. I



**Homes** - Something for everyone, from efficient singles, to mansions. Something for someone in Lakewood. Cool, unique century homes to



**Community involvement** - in everything from healthy living and urban farming, to the fastest growing bike population in the state. This means it is great for young families looking for clean sustainable living with good schools, and great fun!



# ...s Celebrate Lakewood

also enjoy the Fourth of July at Lakewood Park every year!"

*John Neubert, resident and owner of Neubert Painting*

"The culture of creativity, diversity of residents, the food scene and the many community events!"

*Kathy Caffrey, Director of Marketing & External Affairs at The Beck Center for the Arts*

"I have been a member of this community for over thirty years. There is always something new to see, do or be involved with and that makes for a very interesting life."

*Dottie Buckon, resident and Director of Human Services at the City of Lakewood*

"I love Lakewood because it is so real, with an honest heritage but not frozen in time. Beautiful, walkable, and diverse."

*Pam Smith, resident*

"I love Lakewood because of the convenience. If you have to, you can walk just about anywhere. I love the different styles of homes compared to a development. I love the variety of restaurants. I love the trees. I love the 'down home' feeling."

*Mary Lou Call, resident and mortgage loan specialist at First Federal of Lakewood*

"The secondary schools. Our daughter went to Lakewood High school and had a top flight education, making friends who were great kids, full of wholesome fun, and had an experience which resulted in a 3/4 tuition scholarship to College of Wooster. You can't ask for more than that. Our son chose St. Ed's. The individual attention he got there, the quality of the teachers, and the friends he made--it was the making of him. His confidence soared, and though he was an underperformer on entrance, he went on to a great scholarship and was well prepared for Hiram College. These are debts a parent can never repay... We are so grateful to live in Lakewood."

*Kim Langley, resident and President of Langley & Associates, a training and coaching company*

"I love our city's small town feel mixed with the big city conveniences--the houses, the people, the food, the proximity to Cleveland, University Circle, Hopkins-- prices for any of these amenities anywhere else would be astronomical-- we have a lot to be grateful for!"

*Kyle Weigand, resident*



ncy apartments, to two family homes, to from every walk of life can be found right here new million dollar units at Clifton Pointe.



**Education** - Many respondents loved the schools and the library, and that makes sense. Lakewood has really made education and our educational facilities high priorities. It is paying dividends by educating our kids, and bringing new families to Lakewood that also value education!

"I went to Lakewood schools (St. Clement's and St. Augustine Academy) in the '60s and '70s, and raised my kids in Lakewood. My husband taught at Harding Middle School for 34 years. We have so many wonderful connections to Lakewood people that we enjoy daily. I love Lakewood for looking better every year since our family moved to Olive-wood Ave. in 1963!"

*Kathy Hinkelman Lewis, Realtor at Prudential Lucien Realty*

"I love Lakewood because there is so much here and it is all easy and quick to get to! Lakewood is a community that cares about each other and the environment, a government that continually works on maintaining and improving the city, a great school system, wonderful parks, many places to eat, and certainly no shortage of drug stores...have we made a record yet? (LOL)! I also believe this is the best place for weather and to avoid natural disasters."

*Carolyn Ostrom, resident and Director of Women's Ministry at LSDA*

"Now how am I supposed to submit a succinct quote? I'm way too verbose and way too enthusiastic about living in Lakewood!! When challenged to do so, however, I'd say (and have said to many people): I've lived in Lakewood for about 16 years, and hardly a week passes that I don't meet someone new who I find interesting, engaging, and kind-hearted. Lakewood has so many forums to find those relationships and discover those stories. So...people."

*Emmie Hutchinson, Co-ordinator of H2O, Help to Others*

"I love Lakewood because of its diversity and sense of community-- not every city or suburb has that. I grew up in this town and chose to stay here and raise my own family. I love being able



to walk (safely) to the drugstore, library or neighborhood park and recognize so many familiar faces along the way. Other so-called "communities" try to replicate that sense of belonging, but it is a natural part of Lakewood's hometown appeal."

*Fran Storch, Lakewood resident for 44 years*

"My family loves our neighbors and the strong sense of community here. We also love Lakewood for its beautiful homes and lakefront scenery. Great eat-



**Events** - Great events to enjoy all year long, like the Criterium Races, the subject of this artwork. From Light Up Lakewood at the end of the year, through LEAF Nights, Concerts, Art Festivals, something is always going on in Lakewood.

## Steven Ott To Receive Key To The City

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Lakewood Public Schools 50 Year Facilities Planning committee. He was a trustee of the Lakewood Public Schools Foundation from 1984-1995, serving as president of the Board of Trustees from 1988-1990. He has served on the Lakewood Athletic Commission for over 20 years. He has also served as a trustee of the Lakewood Alumni Foundation and was the 1973 Lakewood High School Class President. And is on the Board of the Lakewood Observer.

eries and shops, many within walking distance, collectively make Lakewood a place we're happy to call home."

*Angela Hammersmith, resident and graphic designer*

"Lakewood supports its own! Long before shopping 'local' was the latest trend, Lakewood residents and businesses understood the value in supporting its own homegrown businesses. We appreciate the support and celebrate Lakewood's forward thinking!"

*Scott Duennes, Executive Director Cornucopia/Nature's Bin*

"I love that Lakewood welcomes and supports unique grassroots organizations! This openness has allowed Cornucopia and Nature's Bin to grow and serve thousands of people with disabilities over the last 37 years!"

*Sandy Gross, Case Manager Cornucopia/Nature's Bin*

"What I think is great about Lakewood is the dedicated support of parents in the community to student athletics."

*Mike Kulczycki, Coach and Owner of The Wrestling Factory of Cleveland*

"I love that people in the community of Lakewood are choosing fitness as a lifestyle!"

*Alyssa Lee Wilmot - Pilates, ZUMBA® Fitness, and Dance instructor*

"I love that each house is different from its neighbor and that there is a vibe of embracing the unique in this city!"

*Ingrid Dickson, resident*

"It is easy, everything! But especially the people."

*Publisher, Lakewood Observer, Jim O'Bryan*



# Lakewood Cares

## Santa Paws To Appear At Pet’s General Store

*by Kent Cicerchi*

Reliable sources at the North Pole have leaked the news that Santa Paws is coming to town. Friends of the Lakewood Dog Park, Inc., (FLDP) has confirmed that the Jolly Old Elf will make an appearance at Pet’s General Store, 16821 Madison Avenue, on Sunday, November 4 from 1 to 4 p.m. According to a high-ranking elf insider who spoke on condition of anonymity, the purpose of Santa’s visit is to pose for pet portraits in time for the coming holiday season.

A lead member of Santa’s logistics team, a reindeer who admittedly has a very shiny nose, disclosed, “The Big Guy will offer an exclusive photo-op for dogs and their humans at the popular Lakewood pet store. Pet owners wishing to make a reservation with Santa should visit the website, [www.LakewoodDogPark.org](http://www.LakewoodDogPark.org). The cost for a photo session scheduled and paid for in advance is \$10. Walk-ins will be accommodated as time permits at a cost of \$15.” The annual event has been a sell-out in previous years, so registering in advance is strongly urged, the red-nosed reindeer cautioned.

Internationally recognized celebrities Santa and Mrs. Paws are famous for their generosity and kindness to children. They are also known for their benevolence and charity to animals. The couple is proud to announce that Friends of the Lakewood Dog Park, Inc., has partnered with All Dogs’ Heaven (ADH), another all-volunteer Lakewood non-profit group, to promote the mission of that organization.

All Dogs’ Heaven is committed to preventing cruelty to animals, increasing public awareness about spay/neuter needs, and reuniting lost dogs with their families. The group also obtains medical treatment as needed for dogs under their care, while forging efforts to place abandoned dogs for adoption with proper, loving families, while maintaining the highest quality of life for each and every dog.

In conjunction with the Photos with Santa Paws event, the Lakewood dog park group will collect items that ADH needs to carry out its mission: flat fabric collars of all sizes, 6-foot leashes, dog bowls for food/water, unopened canned or dry dog/puppy food, clean towels/blankets, paper towels, automatic dish washing liquid or laundry detergent. For a complete list of items needed, please refer to the ADH website: [www.alldogsheaven.org](http://www.alldogsheaven.org).

Photos with Santa Paws also benefits Friends of the Lakewood Dog Park, Inc., a volunteer 501(c)(3) non-profit and tax-exempt organization that works with the City of Lakewood

to care for the dog park, maintains a website and Facebook page, and hosts various events of interest to dogs and their owners. The FLDP calendar includes an annual dog-swim, periodic talks by area pet professionals, and seasonal photo events with Santa Paws and Hoppy Paws, the larger-than-life Easter bunny. FLDP also partners with

other local animal organizations, such as ADH, to raise money and promote awareness of rescue, health, housing and placement issues.

Tick and Tock, Santa Paws’ time-keeping elves, want to remind folks in the Lakewood area that Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 4: “Don’t forget to set your clocks

## H2O Middle School Volunteers Help All Dogs’ Heaven

*by Emmie Hutchison*

Volunteers who participated in the H2O middle school program last spring gave feedback about the issues that are important to them - and the program is responding. One of the most prevalent concerns among these passionate youth is the welfare of animals; as Veronica at Harding said, “I believe that one of the most important issues is to protect animals, who cannot speak for themselves.” They have been given an opportunity to use their compassion and concern to help... and to take some action!

During the first three meetings, which took place at Harding, Garfield and Lakewood Catholic Academy, kids made dog toys which were 100% recycled, made from braided strips of old t-shirts. They made custom-designed tags that were attached to each product.

## Become A Bench Sponsor—New Benches Coming To Lakewood Dog Park

*by Alanna Faith*

There are now more U.S. households with dogs than with children, cites the Trust for Public Land. And there are approximately 90,000 dogs in Cuyahoga County, estimates the PUP Program, Northeast Ohio Sewer District.

Whether your business is pet-related or not, chances are your customers own at least one dog. More than 25,000 dogs and owners visit Lakewood Dog Park each year, estimates Friends of the Lakewood Dog Park.

Are you among the many dog owners who frequent Lakewood Dog Park? Sponsoring a new bench is a great way to support the dog park.

Ten new benches are soon to arrive at Lakewood Dog Park, thanks to Friends of the Lakewood Dog Park, Inc. (FLDP) and the City of Lakewood.

“We’re seeking sponsors for each of the new benches. It’s a great opportunity for a business to promote their

logo and message at an affordable cost, for decades. Or, for an individual or family wanting a lasting memorial to remember a relative or beloved pet. There are three Bench Sponsorship Options from which to select,” explained Alanna Faith, President, Friends of the Lakewood Dog Park.

The benches have been locally sourced from an Akron area business and are a “green” choice, using recycled HDPE plastic lumber. The 6’ bench utilizes the equivalent weight of 749 one-gallon milk jug containers (117 lbs).

The benches are built to withstand the rigors of dog park activity and year-round weather in Northeast Ohio. High quality stainless steel fasteners will never rust or corrode. The highest quality colorants and UV stabilizers are added to the all-weather-engineered lumber process to ensure the highest performance against color fading in outdoor weathering. The benches are designed and constructed with meticulous attention to craftsmanship with strength, stability, durability and the environment in mind. All made in the U.S.A.

There are three Bench Sponsorship options. These will appeal to various business or personal needs and financial commitments:

**Bench Sponsor Option #1:**  
1 business, individual or family

back one-hour! You don’t want to miss meeting Santa Paws.”

*Karen Karp and Kent Cicerchi are members of Friends of the Lakewood Dog Park and co-chairs of Photos with Santa Paws – 2012. You can frequently find them over the river and through the woods at the Lakewood Dog Park with their dogs, Dudley and Max.*

amount of personal sacrifice she has given to her organization, literally working full-time with the only compensation being her satisfaction of helping animals. She also described the amount of cooperation it takes, between veterinarians, dog foster families, trainers, and fund-raising friends, to achieve her success. She was such an inspiration to the kids in H2O, who are always looking for ways to help others.

We at H2O look forward to many more projects this year that help Lakewood’s youth share their concern and compassion for serving the community. H2O is a program of the Lakewood Department of Human Services Division of Youth in partnership with Lakewood City Schools. Please visit our website at [www.H2OLakewood.org](http://www.H2OLakewood.org) or call 529-6045 for meeting times and other information.

donor, can sponsor an entire bench. Sponsor receives 2 - 15” x 4 1/2” plaques recessed and mounted on each side of bench back slat. For example, one plaque may have a business logo and the other a message. Or, a memorial plaque may be used for one and the other plaque may have a poem or message. Some size, font and number of character limits apply.

*Sponsor Fee - 1 bench: \$650.00*

**Bench Sponsor Option #2:**  
2 businesses, individuals, or family donors can sponsor 1/2 bench. They each receive 1 - 15” x 4 1/2” plaque, recessed and mounted on right or left side of bench back slat. For example, the plaque may have a business message. Or, a memorial plaque may be used. Some size, font and number of character limits apply.

*Sponsor Fee - 1/2 bench: \$330.00*

**Sponsor Option #3:**  
4 businesses, individuals or families can sponsor a bench. 2 names will be listed on a 15” x 4 1/2” plaque, recessed and mounted on right or left side of bench back slat. Some size, font and number of character limits apply.

*Sponsor Fee - 1/4 bench: \$170.00*

For further information contact: [TopDog@LakewoodDogPark.com](mailto:TopDog@LakewoodDogPark.com)

To join Friends of the Lakewood Dog Park or to make a generous donation, visit: [www.LakewoodDogPark.org](http://www.LakewoodDogPark.org).

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Calvary UMC 100th Anniversary Celebration

by Al Hahn, Lay Leader, Calvary United Methodist Church and David Leenhouts, Pastor, Calvary United Methodist Church

Calvary United Methodist Church

**Birthdate:** November 9, 1912  
**Mission Statement:**  
“God calls us to reach out to the spiritually and physically hungry.”

The Calvary United Methodist Church will complete her year-long celebration of 100 years of mission and ministry in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ at a special banquet, program, worship service and potluck dinner to be held on the evening of Saturday, November 10 and the morning of Sunday, November 11.

The Saturday evening banquet and program will begin at 6:00 PM and will feature a catered meal, remarks from former pastors, a power point presentation and the singing of the “Ambassadors.” The “Ambassadors” will be coming to Calvary and Lakewood from Detroit. In addition to sharing the love of Jesus through song, the “Ambassadors,” a group of men who have overcome great challenges in life, will praise God through personal faith testimonies. They are and they will be an inspiration to all who see, hear and interact with them. The following morning, at our 11:00 AM worship service, their pastor, the Rev. Dr. Faith Fowler, will deliver our

morning message. Rev. Fowler, who is the executive director of Cass Community Social Services in Detroit, is the senior pastor of the Cass United Methodist Church and is a preacher in great demand.

Calvary, which was chartered as a United Brethren in Christ Church, has a local history that dates back to November 9, 1912. Her earliest services were held on Sunday afternoons at the corner of Andrews and Detroit at the Swederborgian Church of the Redeemer.

Calvary’s early years were during a time of tremendous change and rapid growth, both for Lakewood and Calvary. As a result, the young church, which was bursting at the seams, broke ground on a new building and the Calvary church moved to her present location, the corner of Northland and Hilliard in Lakewood. Although services began at this location in late 1923, construction was not completed until the early part of 1926.

In its history the people of Calvary

have experienced two great mergers. In 1946, Calvary became an Evangelical United Brethren Church when the Evangelical Association and the United Brethren in Christ Church joined forces. Then in 1968 Calvary became what it is today - a United Methodist Church. This denomination came into being and was the result of the merger that took place between the Methodist Episcopal and the Evangelical United Brethren Church. At that time, Calvary became part of the East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church.

The Calvary Church, which lived through a great depression and has survived two fires, is known for being an active mission station in the name of Jesus. Throughout its history, members and friends of Calvary have shared the love of Jesus, even in Nicaragua, Guatemala, South Carolina, Michigan, Cleveland and Lakewood; they have demonstrated a great love of children at their own local school and have cared for the infants of teenage moms, enabling the mothers to go

back to high school and graduate; they have invited the surrounding community to celebrate God’s grace through Sunday morning and Wednesday evening worship services, conducting annual carnivals, organizing special retreats, and serving monthly meals, even on Christmas Day, to the needy of the Lakewood area. It is estimated that throughout the course of history, the people of Calvary have served some 20,000 meals to folks outside of Calvary.

Yes, the Calvary United Methodist seeks to faithfully serve God. She does so in part by reaching out to those who are spiritually and physically hungry.

If you are looking for a church and if you would like to find a church home which focuses on the worship of Christ Jesus our Lord and the service of God’s children throughout the world, please consider giving Calvary a try. She is located at 16305 Hilliard Blvd. Her phone number is 221-4324.

Laughter Unleashed With Last Call Cleveland

by Dawn Pyne

Finally, your sense of humor can save the world! (Or at least Lakewood’s homeless pet population.)

The always hilarious Last Call Cleveland will host an evening of sketch comedy--Laughter Unleashed--a night of claws-out comedy to benefit Citizens Committee for the Lakewood Animal Shelter!

Hilarity ensues at 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 7 p.m.) at Mahall’s 20 Lanes at 13200 Madison Avenue in Lakewood and costs only \$10. CCLAS encourages

you stay for live music to see Thaddeus A. Greene and Grass is Green, or to bowl a few rounds, after the comedy show (additional fees may apply)!

Guests must be 21 & older. Purchase your tickets in advance at [www.cclas.info/events](http://www.cclas.info/events).

Last Call Cleveland, the guys behind such classics as The Hastily Made

Cleveland Tourism Video, is an award-winning sketch comedy troupe that has performed in comedy festivals in New York, Chicago, Toronto, Los Angeles, DC and Seattle. The group consists of comedians Mike Polk, Aaron McBride, Matt Zitelli and Mark McKenzie.

Mark your calendars for this hilarious fall event!

Baby Bargain Bonanza Scheduled For November 17th

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Blackbird Baking Company, The Root Cafe, Einstein Brothers Bagels and Rozi's Wine House for their generous donations!

All this sounds great, right? But what if you are thinking, "I already have a closet full of kid's clothes and don't have room for anymore!" Well, maybe it is time to consider being a seller at the BBB. Everyone is wel-

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## Business News

# First Federal Lakewood Continues To Add Local Jobs

by Jim Heide

First Federal Lakewood is proud to have called Lakewood home since 1935. Since our beginning we have worked hard to be an integral member of the Lakewood community and to give back to all the communities we serve.

We are pleased to announce that our roots and commitment to the City of Lakewood will grow even deeper with the relocation of our mortgage loan operations department to the top two floors of Lakewood Center West, 14650 Detroit Avenue, by year end.

This expansion reflects the record growth First Federal Lakewood has enjoyed over the past few years. We are proud of recently recording our 19th consecutive quarter of net income

as well as our successful acquisition of Century Bank in 2010. Also, with our record loan volume this year we are now ranked 3rd in Cuyahoga and Lorain counties in mortgage loan purchases and refinances.

First Federal has grown from 205 employees in 2010 to 340 as of September, 2012 – an increase of 66%. The number of employees housed in

Lakewood has also continued to grow and there are now 184 employees working at our headquarters, making First Federal Lakewood one the largest employers in the city.

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sizes. We make banking convenient through our 18 full service branches, eight loan production offices, robust online banking products and providing access to over 23,000 ATMs.

We would appreciate the opportunity to become your trusted financial partner and we pledge to you that our sound financial discipline and quality service will continue in the future.

## Laskey Costello Officially Opens With Ribbon Cutting

by John Murphy

Nearly 100 clients, friends, neighbors and city officials attended a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house at Laskey Costello, LLC, on

Thursday, October 18, at the company's new home at 15514 Detroit Avenue.

"Thank you for re-investing in Lakewood," said Mayor Mike Summers. "You've made a significant investment in relocating your company here and refurbishing this property, and we appreciate your confidence in the city."

Attendees toured the newly renovated three-story office which had previously housed Revelations Salon & Spa. Brennan's Catering & Banquet Center provided heavy hors d'oeuvres and refreshments.

Laskey Costello, formerly Laskey CPA, was founded by Lakewood resident Timothy P. Laskey in 1985 and had been located on Madison Avenue since 1991. Lakewood attorney Maria L. Shinn purchased that property in December 2011. The firm's name

changed to Laskey Costello when Cynthia M. (Cindy) Costello, Tim's youngest daughter and a CPA, became a partner earlier this year.

"Our business is growing, and we needed more room," said Laskey. "We have deep roots in Lakewood and wanted to stay here. It's a great city to do business in."

Laskey Costello has nine employees and offers a full range of accounting services, from tax preparation and small business consulting to estate tax planning. Tim Laskey is a long-time volunteer in many civic organizations, including the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, Lakewood Alive and the Lakewood Historical Society. He also is treasurer of the Lakewood Public Library.

Learn more at [www.laskey-costello.com](http://www.laskey-costello.com).



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Lakewood Mayor Mike Summers, Chamber of Commerce President Patty Ryan, Tim Laskey, Cindy Costello and Patti Laskey, Tim's wife, at the ribbon cutting.

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Halloween

West End Window Walk Winners!

by Betsy Voinovich

It's a good thing the participants of the 2012 West End Halloween Window Walk painted last week-- we had perfect weather especially on Wednesday and Thursday, sunshine, 70 degrees. It looks like all the windows will have been washed away by Hurricane Sandy by the time Halloween gets here, but that's okay, the judges got around on Friday morning and had a chance to get a good look at all of them.

The Window Walk is put together by the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce and the Beck Center with the participation of Detroit Avenue businesses and sponsors. This year the sponsors were: The Security Hut, The Designer Consignor, Riverwood Cafe, Donatos Pizza, Dewey's Pizza, West-side Family Dental, and Max Tan.

An Artist Awards Ceremony and Reception was held at the Beck Center this past Saturday. The reception featured punch, cookies, and a lot of candy. The artists get to mix with their

public and discuss the inspiration for their ideas.

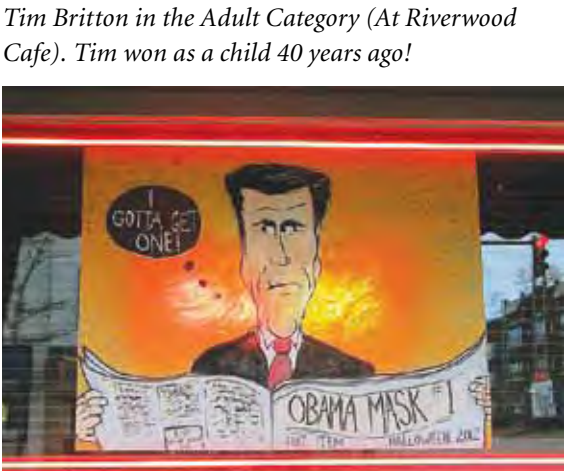
The winners this year were Julia Kompier, K-2(at Max Tan), Julia Szentkiralyi and Mariana Stockman, 3-5 (at Dewey's Pizza), Maya Sutliff, 6-8 (At Max Tan), and Fallon Horvath and Jacob Corder, 9-12 (At Dairy Queen), Tim Britton in the Adult Category (At Riverwood Cafe) The Constantine Family, Family Category (Beck Center Creative Arts Building) and Girl Scout Troop 226, Group Category! (Pink Lotus Yoga).

The Honorable Mention winners: Grace Gray (K-2, at Lakewood Furnace), Maxine Mayer-Mack (3-5, at Donatos), Jennifer Meyer (6-8, at Max Tan), Gabby Wise (9-12, at Cozumel), The Vargas Family (Family, at Pug Mahone's), The New B's Soccer Team (Group, at the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce), and Amira Fattah (Adult, at Harry Buffalo).

Another fantastic event this year.



Julia Szentkiralyi and Mariana Stockman, 3-5 (at Dewey's Pizza).



Tim Britton in the Adult Category (At Riverwood Cafe). Tim won as a child 40 years ago!



Julia Kompier, K-2 (at Max Tan).

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# Election 2012

## Nickie J. Antonio (D): Candidate For District 13, Ohio State House Of Representatives

**1. Please tell us your name, age, where you live, and your current job.**  
Nickie J. Antonio  
1305 Belle Ave. Lakewood Ohio  
State Representative Ohio House District 13

**2. Why do you want to serve in the Ohio General Assembly?**

I have been a hard working State Representative serving House District 13 with commitment and integrity. I will continue to work to create and retain jobs, strive for excellence in education for all students, and work to create policies that support healthy communities.

I have been committed to public service throughout my professional life. First, as a special education teacher for 10 years, and then through my over 20 years of service to non-profit organizations and the people they serve throughout Northeast Ohio. Those experiences combined with being a parent and a lifelong resident of Greater Cleveland have showed me how pub-

lic policy impacts our daily lives and our region. I decided long ago that I wanted to be a part of advocacy efforts working for collaborative solutions, including, bringing those who have been disenfranchised, back into the process. I believe by working together, we can make our region a place where people want to raise their families and live, work, play and thrive. This is why I currently serve and why I seek re-election to continue to serve as a State Representative in Ohio.

**3. What do you bring to this position that makes you the most qualified?**

I bring diverse and eclectic experience in both small business (as an independent consultant) a non-profit administrator and a former special education teacher. These experiences gave me “frontline “ training and understanding of how public policy affects the lives of the people in our community. Experiences that I have taken to my Lakewood City Council

service and now serving as State Representative. I have been and will continue to be an advocate for seniors, families, small businesses and the working people of our district. I currently serve on the House Committees of: Finance, and Appropriations, Commerce, Labor and Technology; Health and Aging and Education. I have also been appointed to the newly formed committees of Public Health Futures and the 21st Century Manufacturing Task Force. I believe by working together, we can make House District 13 (Lakewood, Cleveland Wards 16,17 and a part of 15) and our region a place where people want to raise their families to live, learn, work, play and thrive. I hope that my hard work and representation as the State Representative has earned me the confidence of the people to be returned for a second term. This is why I seek re-election to continue to serve as a State Representative in the Ohio House.

**4. How, specifically, will we know that you are doing a good job?**

I work very hard to be present in the district to provide opportunities for dialogue through regularly scheduled “Coffee and Conversation” throughout the district. I meet with folks from the district on a regular basis and work with them to address issues of importance to them and the district. I also have introduced and supported legislation that I hope will improve the lives of Ohioans. My office works very hard to provide vigorous constituency services in which we answer policy questions and provide resource and referral information. We also provide updated information through a monthly e-newsletter for anyone who wishes to receive it. I visit and meet with young people throughout the district to encourage and advance their leadership and excellence. I would say you will know- should know if I am doing a good job if you see me continue to provide the service at the bar I have set, which I continue to work to surpass in my service to the residents of the Ohio House District 13.

## John Zappala (R): Candidate For District 13, Ohio State House Of Representatives

**1. Please tell us your name, age, where you live, and your current job.**  
John Zappala  
53  
Lakewood  
General Contractor

**2. Why do you want to serve in the Ohio General Assembly**

I am running to put another candidate with traditional American values on the ballot and in the General Assembly. I believe that government works best when it gets out of the way and lets the individual succeed. The state government needs to create a favorable climate to business and then let the entrepreneurs invest and create jobs. We need to put health care laws in place that encourage competition and the let the providers compete for patients business by providing the best care

for the lowest price. I also want to see an education system that benefits the students first, not the teacher’s unions. If students are failing to be proficient in reading and math, and failing to graduate, we need to better hold their schools accountable. I will go the General Assembly to fight for you and your ability to provide for your family. My opponent spends her time in this office concerned more about needle exchange programs and women’s issues rather than jobs. Women’s issues are important, but to me the most important women’s issue is that they have a job and financial independence. That goes for all people, men and women.

**3. What do you bring to this position that makes you the most qualified?**

I am the people that I will rep-

resent. I am a lifelong Lakewood resident, graduate of Lakewood High, and I work mostly in Lakewood. I am a small business man, a person who goes to work every day, a neighbor to foreclosed homes, and a father. My kids went through the Lakewood Schools and now I am putting them through college to achieve their dreams. I’m just like you, and you can know that I bring all of these experiences with me when I go to serve you.

**4. How, specifically, will we know that you are doing a good job?**

Just as you know a tree by its fruit, you will know if I am doing a good job by what comes of my time in office. If you can see the job growth that we have had in the last two years in Ohio continue to outpace the nation’s like it has, then I am

doing a good job. The same goes for health care and energy prices; if you see them going down then the work that is being done in Ohio is helping. What happens on the federal level has a big impact, but the past two years job growth has shown Ohio can be a leader in the country for growth with changes we make at home. In the recent news my opponent has talked about her few achievements of her time in office. You can know how I am doing by what importing things I get done. Representative Antonio is proud of her needle exchange bill, making it easier for cities to implement these programs, but this is neither a good idea nor more important than the major problems we face right now. Heroin is the second most addictive drug, and has a growing rate of use in Lakewood. We should not encourage its use in any way.



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# Election 2012

## Dale Miller (D): Candidate For District 2, Cuyhoga County Council

**1. Please tell us your name, age, where you live, current job:**  
Dale Miller  
63  
4300 West 143rd St.  
Cleveland, OH 44135  
dalecta@gmail.com  
Member of Cuyahoga County Council

**2. Why do you want to serve on County Council?**  
I want to serve to help Cuyahoga County continue to make progress toward honest, open, efficient, and effective government. My priorities are 1) close the \$15 million annual deficit in human service spending without eliminating vital services, 2) get the County to develop a strategic plan for

health and human services to identify priorities, increase focus on preventive measures with long term benefits, find efficiencies, and eliminate overlaps, 3) identify funding needs and sources for the County's scholarship program and implement additional elements of the program, 4) oversee implementation of the Disparity Study and the recently passed Equity Plan, 5) help develop effective use of casino revenue of transformative place-making projects, 6) work closely with the Charter Review Commission to put a high quality set of improvements to the County Charter on the ballot and pass them, 7) improve the working relationship between the Council and the Executive, which has become strained, 8) improve transparency by

enabling Councilmembers and the public to easily access the current status and history of any ordinance or resolution in the legislative process, and 9) implement a Leadership Team approach in Council, develop a Council agenda, and improve the legislative process.

**3. What do you bring to this position that makes you the most qualified?**

I have the right temperament to provide effective leadership to Cuyahoga County. My focuses are on helping Cuyahoga County make progress, making the Council more effective, and helping each of my Council colleagues to enhance their leadership skills. I have strong core

values of honesty, caring for others, inclusiveness, and hard work and am also able to work with all kinds of people, regardless of their style or politics to move the County forward. I prefer to solve problems by collaboration and consensus but can be a tough negotiator when needed.  
My 30+ years of experience in legislation and public finance are helpful to the Council.

**4. How specifically will we know that you are doing a good job?**

The list of goals in the first question are ambitious and difficult and several are items that I am most active in working on. Progress toward achieving these goals would be evidence that I'm doing a good job.

**Note:** Anna Melendez is running for the District 2 seat as a Republican and was also asked to respond to these questions. Ms. Melendez did not provide answers to the Lakewood Observer.

## Patterson Declares Report Cards “Best We Have Ever Received”

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reported that the Edgewater VFW assisted the PTO with funds totaling over \$1000 to help pay for swings for the school. Murray's report was followed by the Lakewood Board of Education taking action on the agenda items that were discussed at the Oct. 1 meeting including the Resolution to Amend Board Policy 5517.01, Bullying & Other Forms of Aggressive Behavior. The Board also approved (on one reading) the Resolution of Support for the Lakewood City Schools Local Government Innovation Fund Grant Application for Planning and Launching Northeast Ohio INTERalliance Program Office Based in the West Shore Career Technical District. Essentially, the INTERalliance program works with students in districts around the

region to help them transition from school to work. They set up internships and opportunities for students, as well as offering them job-seeking skills and access to career fairs.  
The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Lakewood Board of Education will be Monday, Nov. 5 at Horace Mann Elementary School, 7 p.m.  
To see full preliminary report cards for individual schools along with tables of information regarding the district, go here:  
[http://ilrc.ode.state.oh.us/districts/District\\_Questions.asp?sel=044198,Lakewood%20City,Cuyahoga%20County](http://ilrc.ode.state.oh.us/districts/District_Questions.asp?sel=044198,Lakewood%20City,Cuyahoga%20County)  
Remember, official report cards will not be out until auditor's office is done with investigation.

## There Is Still Time To Vote By Mail

by Mike West  
Officials at the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections want voters to know they still have time to Vote by Mail, but they must hurry. "We suggest that people who want to Vote by Mail get their applications into us by the end of this week," said Jane Platten, Director of the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections. Vote by Mail ballot applications are available on the Board of Elections website: [www.boe.cuyahogacounty.us](http://www.boe.cuyahogacounty.us), or by calling 216-443-3298, and at public libraries.

Ballot applications must be received by the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections on, or before noon, on November 3rd. "However, we suggest voters act quickly so they receive their ballot well before the election," said Platten.  
Voters may also vote early at the Board of Elections located at 2925 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115.

**The Board is open for early voting on the following days and times:**  
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8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Friday, November 2, 2012.  
**Weekend voting hours:**  
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1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, November 4th

**The day before the Election:**  
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday, November 5th  
For additional information concerning the November 6th Presidential Election, please visit the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections website: [www.boe.cuyahogacounty.us](http://www.boe.cuyahogacounty.us) or call (216) 443-3298.

Voters should check their voting information prior to each election. Voters may confirm their ward, precinct, and voting location at the Board of Elections website: [www.boe.cuyahogacounty.us](http://www.boe.cuyahogacounty.us) or call 216-443-3298.

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# Lakewood History

## Ohio Chautauqua Returns To Lakewood In 2013

by Martha Neff

The big red-striped tent of Ohio Chautauqua will return to Lakewood Park in June 2013. The five days of programs from June 25-29 will feature five historical figures from the period when Ohio was the Western Frontier of the growing United States. The Lakewood Historical Society is excited to bring this living history program back to Lakewood. As before, all programs are free and open to the public.

Fittingly for the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Lake Erie, one of the characters for the 2013 program is Oliver Hazard Perry. Perry was the Commander of the American forces on the Great Lakes. His victory over the British near Put-In-Bay on September 10, 1813 was a turning point in the War of 1812. With Perry’s victory, the United States gained control of the Great Lakes, which meant the British forces in Canada could not reliably supply their troops in the field. This shifted the balance of power on that front of the struggle. This enabled the United States’ victory at the Battle of the Thames that ended the fighting on the northern frontier. Everyone will want to hear Perry’s tales of the birth of the United States Navy, the challenges he faced outfitting the fleet and recruiting and training the crew, to say nothing of the danger (and luck) of the great battle.

Young and old will also recognize the name Johnny Appleseed. John Chapman, who is better recognized by the name Johnny Appleseed, had already started planting nurseries of apple trees before his wanderings brought him to Ohio. Johnny brought apple trees to many parts of Ohio as well as Pennsylvania, Indiana and Illinois. Johnny did not settle down and tend the trees he planted, but moved on to plant more trees, leaving the young nurseries of apple trees in the care of the local settlers. Even during his lifetime Johnny was a well-known and well-loved figure because of his kindness and caring. His great respect for all living things made him an early conservationist.

Like other settlers, many of the Indians on the Ohio Frontier were not native to Ohio but had come from the East. Chief John Logan’s family was Cayuga Indian and his father was a leader of the Iroquois Confederacy in New York State. Members of the tribe that moved west into what became Ohio were called Mingos. Logan came to prominence when he went to war to avenge the death of close family members murdered on Yellow Creek. Relations between the Indians and the settlers on the frontier are not a pleasant part of the history of Ohio, but it is an important part of the story to have a complete understanding of life at that time. Chief Logan will share his perspective and the story of his family and their struggles on the Ohio frontier.

York was the slave and manservant of William Clark, the leader of the Lewis & Clark expedition. York started his life in Virginia, and while Clark was in Kentucky recruiting volunteers to join the

Corps of Discovery, York honed his wilderness skills. During the expedition York earned the respect of the other members of the Corps for his abilities as a hunter and scout. York was a full member of the expedition and worked alongside the others to survive and enable them to return with a record of the historic journey. He was also the only African-American on the expedition. While the Indians along the route had – for the most part – seen white men before, few had seen a black man. York will have stories of his amazing travels to share and will have a very personal perspective about the freedom of the frontier.

Margaret Blennerhasset came to Ohio from even farther away than the others portrayed in the program. She and her husband, Harman, immigrated to the United States from England and, hearing of the beautiful countryside to the west, travelled through Fort Duquesne (now Pittsburgh) and came to Fort Harman (now Marietta). The couple purchased Backus Island, now known as Blennerhasset Island. They cleared the land, established a farm, orchards, and gardens, and built a mansion in the wilderness. Margaret’s generous and gracious hospitality was well known to travelers. One of the visitors to the mansion was Aaron Burr, the former Vice President who had just lost the presidency to Thomas Jefferson. Margaret’s husband supported Burr’s efforts to equip and recruit an armed force to capture Mexico for the United States. Maybe Margaret will enlighten us whether Harman knew that Burr’s plans

were not sanctioned by the government. The unraveling of Aaron Burr’s schemes changed the course of the Blennerhasset fortunes. Margaret and Harman relocated, first to Louisiana and later to Upper Canada, and then back to England. Margaret’s tales of her life as the hostess of the frontier in the crossroads of Ohio and her side of the Aaron Burr story will be spellbinding.

Each evening’s performance during Ohio Chautauqua is preceded by a musical program from 6 to 6:50 p.m. The time period is about 1760-1812. Open musical auditions will held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 16400 Detroit Ave., in Lakewood, on Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2013 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. and on Saturday, Jan. 12, 2013, from 1 to 4 p.m. Period-specific music is required for the event in June but you may audition with any song/music. An audition form must be completed and turned in prior to auditioning (see below; fill it out and bring it with you). Auditions will be first-come-first-serve and you must remain at Trinity until your audition is completed. Performers are responsible for their own equipment and set up. There will be a piano and accompanist available. Performers will be notified via email of the outcome of their audition no later than Feb. 15, 2013.

Those who enjoyed Ohio Chautauqua in 2011, when the Historical Society brought the event to Lakewood for the first time, will remember that the evening presentations by each of these characters will be in the big tent. Our site in Lakewood Park is thanks to the support and assistance of the City of

Lakewood. Each scholar/actor will also present a program for young audiences each morning that the tent is in the Park. The Beck Center is again partnering with the Historical Society to host the day-time programs for younger audiences. The five scholars/actors will also present a lecture program each afternoon at the Lakewood Public Library during their stay in Lakewood. The Lakewood City Schools are also supporting the event as the music programs each evening under the tent will feature local students. Other community organizations, including the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, will be supporting the event. Those interested in sponsoring part of the program, fundraising in support of the Lakewood event, or in participating in some way should contact the Lakewood Historical Society.

Presentations in character make history come alive. The Lakewood Historical Society is delighted to make this available right here in Lakewood. Anyone who wants to help support the Lakewood Historical Society, and to defray part of the cost of bringing this event back to Lakewood, can do so at [www.lakewoodhistory.org](http://www.lakewoodhistory.org). “Ohio Chautauqua” is sponsored and presented by the Ohio Humanities Council <http://www.ohiohumanities.org/ohio-chautauqua.html>.

If you have any question, please call the Lakewood Historical Society at 216.221.7343 or email [director@lakewoodhistory.org](mailto:director@lakewoodhistory.org) and someone from the Ohio Chautauqua Music Committee will get back to you.

### Audition Form

Name of Performer or Group\_\_\_\_\_

Who is the contact person for this performer or group?  
Name\_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone\_\_\_\_\_  
Email\_\_\_\_\_

Other members in the group (please include name/contact phone/email – attach separate sheet if necessary:  
Instrumental \_\_\_\_\_ (yes or no. if yes, what instrument, please?) \_\_\_\_\_  
Vocal \_\_\_\_\_ (yes or no)  
Both \_\_\_\_\_ (yes or no)

Name of audition piece (you must provide 2 copies of sheet music and lyrics) \_\_\_\_\_

*Ohio Chautauqua 2013 will be held at Lakewood Park for 5 consecutive evenings beginning Tuesday, June 25, 2013 through Saturday, June 29, 2013. Please note, all performers are required to check in with the Music Committee at the tent in Lakewood Park no later than 30 minutes prior to performance time. Please rank your performance preference evenings below (1 = most preferred, 5 = least preferred).*

Tuesday, June 25th \_\_\_\_\_  
Wednesday, June 26th \_\_\_\_\_  
Thursday, June 27th \_\_\_\_\_  
Friday, June 28th \_\_\_\_\_  
Saturday, June 29th \_\_\_\_\_

Is there any evening you are not able to perform? \_\_\_\_\_

You agree to accept the time slot assigned \_\_\_\_\_ (please initial here).

If you are a minor, this form must be signed by the performer and a parent or legal guardian.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Performer Date

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Parent or Legal Guardian, if minor Date



Pulse Of The City

Ghosts? Goblins? Zombies? How ‘Bout Something REALLY Scary? (Coy)Wolves At Our Doors? Nice Doggies? Possibly Not...

As if there weren’t enough stuff going on to cause concern these days, here’s a story worth chewing on your bones. Perhaps we can now add being eaten alive by (coy)wolves to our list of urban hazards?

Not so long ago, a friend told me about an incident transpiring at another friend’s home in Rocky River. Seems there was a large trail of blood leading into the backyard. That trail ended with a deer carcass that had apparently been brought down by coyotes.

Shortly thereafter, a curious coyote, peeking around the edge of our Lakewood home, greeted Dad as he got out of the car. I’ve also heard of a number of other sightings and seen photos of snow tracks last year around Lakewood, and in fact, I was present in Lakewood Park on a Veterans Day when a big and brazen red fox decided to share space with our former men in uniform. (I do know that a fox is not a coyote, of course. I am from Pennsylvania.)

I bounced a few questions off several in-the-know people in this area about coyotes, and that led to learning that while there are probably less than 30 breeding pairs around our western suburban and park areas, they are nonetheless prolific breeders. And while they normally are quite shy and mainly go after small rodents, there apparently are strains of coyote that have interbred with wolves or dogs, and they can and will go after bigger game and even hunt in packs. They do love to come into our urban areas as well, as do many formerly woodland animals as they acclimate more and more with us. Coyotes around here are also generally a good deal larger than many, so wolf or dog genes may well be a part of their makeup, although there are few definitive facts to go on, as these critters are primarily nocturnal and normally elusive.

I should point out, however, that there was a well-publicized killing of a Canadian folk singer by several coyotes not long ago. I’ve also heard some advice that, in the case of an aggressive animal, you aren’t normally supposed to try to run away, but to stand and yell and gesture at them instead. That might be a good idea, but just think-

Beck Center For The Arts Rolls Out The Red Carpet

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sion, co-chaired the Housing Advisory Committee for Grow Lakewood, and served for more than 20 years on the Lakewood Athletic Commission (now known as the Community Recreation and Education Commission). Ott has been actively involved with Lakewood Public Schools as a Trustee and former Board President of the Lakewood Public Schools Foundation and served more recently on the 50 Year Facilities Planning Committee.

Advance tickets are \$150 for the VIP Party including a Ball ticket, or \$200 for a VIP Bundle which also includes seven raffle tickets; \$75 for the Ball, or \$125 for



Dad (Robert Rice) at Lake Erie Nature Center in Bay Village, with fox friends.

ing about that kind of encounter would certainly be difficult for me to do. Still, you probably couldn’t outrun them anyway, so there it is.

Normally shy and solitary coyotes are apparently made much less so when they interbreed with wolves, and of course also when they get hungry. They tend to go wherever they find food, and Lakewood has LOTS of food around. Coyotes love to scavenge too, so if you wonder what happened to that poor road-killed squirrel carcass in front of your home last night? Now you know.

As if our poor little living squirrels, bunny rabbits, cats, and dogs didn’t have enough to worry about already... I do however have it on good authority that a coyote will generally leave your favorite raccoon alone, for obvious reasons. You do not mess with an angry raccoon if you are wise. Many years ago in our backyard, there was a loud clang (back when garbage cans were metal). Looking out the window, my dear late mom saw a raccoon emptying our garbage can, so out she went, barefoot with a broom. As she attempted to persuade the beast to leave, it reared back on its haunches and bared its teeth. As the rest of our family stood open-mouthed and gasping, Mom indeed finally won the day, and the raccoon retreated.

There are good people around Lakewood who want to allow outdoor chicken coops here to promote responsible urban farming. I imagine that if

we asked our fox, coyote, and raccoon friends, they too would very much want urban chickens to return (although to be fair, there are reportedly good varmint-resistant chicken coops out there). I remember well that old expression that I learned as a Western Pennsylvania child about what could happen when

you let the fox into the hen house. At least foxes have not been known to bring down deer, but that said, I was informed that actually, many of our foxes have skedaddled out of here lately, because coyotes are way bigger than foxes. And in nature, size generally rules the roost... or in this case, the den.

Just some musings here on a rainy Saturday to cheer you up as you all go off to Lakewood’s markets with your picnic baskets, perhaps while wearing those little red riding hoods. Don’t worry, though. No one’s been eaten alive around here that I know of...yet. In fact, so far I’ve not heard of anyone even being bothered around here by any of these wild and shaggy mixed-breed canidae cousins of your sweet little poodle.

That said, when that coyote looked at Dad, he did appear to be somewhat... hungry. (The coyote, that is.) Dad, however, had lost his appetite.

Sleep well tonight, and if you hear any strange sounds going on under your front porch, it’s probably just those Halloween winds howling...



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Lakewood Living

# Celebrate Uptown Lakewood

by Rachel Anzalone

I have a secret to tell. I had never shopped on Madison Avenue until last year. That’s right. I’d lived in Lakewood for over 4 years before I ever ventured to Madison Avenue. It’s sad but true. Let me explain.

Five and a half years ago my husband and I drove up and down the side streets of Lakewood. “This is where I want to live,” I said. “I want to live in a house with a front porch and friendly neighbors and I want to be able to walk everywhere.”

We were relocating to the Cleveland area and were looking to find a city or neighborhood to call home. Very quickly we recognized that Lakewood was a perfect fit for us. That night we left our hotel room to check out “downtown” in the city we would soon call home. We wandered into a restaurant that we thought seemed pretty cool, bellied up to the bar and chatted with the bartender who told us they had been open for just about 6 months. The restaurant was Melt Bar

and Grilled.

Over the following 2 years I’m sorry to say that, while I lived in Lakewood, I didn’t get to spend much time here. Six days each week I would get in my car at 7 a.m. and I wouldn’t return until 6 or 7 p.m. My job took me to many East Side suburbs, far away from home. My only true Lakewood times were on “fun Sundays,” when my husband and I would walk downtown to visit Melt for brunch or lunch or dinner.

In the spring of 2009 I was thrilled when my job finally brought me to Downtown Lakewood. What an exciting time it was! The Downtown Lakewood Business Alliance (DLBA) had just been formed and I was lucky enough to take part in the development of the downtown district of the city I lived in. With a slow and steady start the DLBA began to have impact.

A couple of years later as I readied myself to open my own business in Lakewood I knew I wanted to be part of a strong business community. I had seen, as many of you have, the power of busi-

nesses and citizens on a joint mission of development. It is awe-inspiring to look at the growth of Downtown Lakewood!

During this time I was watching and waiting for the right location to open my business. Then one day I took a wrong turn and serendipitously found myself at the corner of Mars and Madison Avenue staring at a “For Rent” sign in a beautiful historic building. On instinct I pulled my car to the curb and pressed my face to the window of what would soon become my second home.

As I approach the one-year anniversary of Holistic Lakewood I find myself in a neighborhood of enthusiastic entrepreneurs who are committed to providing niche products and services to the Lakewood community. At the suggestion of business owner Renee Lavelle, a group of Madison Avenue merchants gathered in September to discuss how we might help grow activity and interest in our neighborhood.

During this first assembly we found that while we offer distinctly different products and services we have

one thing in common: We are locally-owned and operated businesses who are committed to the community of Lakewood. If you venture uptown to Madison Avenue you’re sure to find all sorts of specialty shops offering niche products and services that you just can’t find anywhere else.

This is Uptown Lakewood. In the few blocks between Elmwood and Arthur Avenues you’ll find delicious home baked goodies at Elmwood Home Bakery, eclectic interior furnishings, design and home staging at Metro! on Madison, guitar and amp repair, custom builds and lessons at Dirty Town Guitar and Amps, holistic wellness care and supplements at Holistic Lakewood, fun and flashy fashion at Thirteens Little Bling Shoppe, leather goods and repairs at Leather Naturally, low key cocktails at The Mars Bar, delicious eats and micro-brews at The Buckeye Beer Engine, smokin’ deals on hardware and tech support at Delta Computers, first-rate styling at Carabel Beauty Salon... and much, much more!

It’s hard for me to believe that it took over 4 years for me to discover all the wonderful things available on Madison Avenue. It’s been a great first year in business and I’m now proud to call myself part of the Uptown Lakewood business community.

This fall and holiday season I invite you to shop local and take advantage of all the unique eats, treats and finds available in Uptown Lakewood.

## Why We Love Lakewood\Madison Ave

by Carol Congeni

Madison Avenue in Lakewood, Ohio has so much to offer all within walking distance. There are a lot of choices and many options from West

117th all the way to Riverside. There is no need for a car to get your hair done, to visit an accountant, or to get your shoes repaired. Take a stroll down Madison Avenue and see that we not

only have great eateries, we have all kinds of local gems that are just waiting to be discovered by you!

This is why i chose to open my business on Madison Avenue. It has afforded me the opportunity to make a good living in a great community. It’s our Uptown.

Madison Avenue is the home of Carol Lynn’s Salon Plus. Cutting Loose Salon and Metro on Madison have also relocated to Madison Avenue. Chris, from Cutting Loose Salon, needed a space to work while her place was being renovated, so i offered her and her staff my salon to temporarily set up shop. With the help of Robbie of Metro on Madison, I was able to update my salon.This is an example of how businesses here have come together to support each other. These business gems along with others make Madison Avenue part of the great treasure that is Lakewood. This is why I love Madison Avenue.

## "The Other Wes Moore" - A Community Conversation

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tive (the Collab), and the University of Akron-Lakewood will be sponsoring a Community Conversation on the problems and issues raised by the book. The book is extremely relevant to Lakewood, as many of our students are struggling to make the right choices with limited resources and support. Because our future is our youth, many parents and community members are looking for a forum to ask questions and share concerns raised in the book.

"The Other Wes Moore" – A Community Conversation will be held on Wednesday, November 14th from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the University of Akron-Lakewood, 14725 Detroit Avenue, Suite 108. The entrance is off of Warren Road and there is free parking in the garage after 6:00 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. As of this writing, our panel members will

be Dr. Ronnie A. Dunn, Associate Professor of Urban Studies at Cleveland State University; Mary Hall, Administrator Division of Youth, City of Lakewood; Michael Ryan, Cleveland Municipal Judge and candidate for Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Juvenile Division; and students of Lakewood. Our panelists, who have deep personal and professional experience with the topic, will outline the issues facing our youth and our community.

We hope to have people engage in an in-depth conversation around the central themes raised in this compelling story, such as personal choice and accountability, role models, peer support, race, economics and educational opportunities. The book is available at Lakewood Public Library, but please do not feel that you must have read the book to be part of this event. We expect this to be a fruitful and engaging evening and hope that we will see you there!



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Lakewood Living

A Father’s View On Dance

by Edward Nolan

When my daughter started dancing I figured it was going to be a quick fad. At first you could tell she didn’t know anything. The instructors, it seemed, did everything exactly the way it was to be done. I would watch the instructors and then look at my daughter - her moves, steps, turns and even the beat didn’t match those of the instructor. But she kept trying.

At the end of the session my wife and I would ask our daughter, “How did you like it?” and she would say, “That was fun.” Then the conversation

became mostly she and my wife engaging in deep conversation about the steps and the different names they had for everything. I was simply a fly on the wall as they would talk. I remember thinking to myself as I look back, this is cool, watching as they engaged in a conversation over every detail of what my daughter was learning. It was also educational for me, even though I had never had any interest in dance.

As the sessions went on, I saw that my daughter was getting better with the steps, turns, kicks, and all the stuff the school calls different names I can’t even

spell. I was never able to be at her sessions the entire time due to work. I would get to the studio near the end of her session so I never really got to see the details, but easily saw a difference. As we would leave I still asked, “How did you like it?” But her answer changed, she would say, “I think I messed up.” Internally I would smile, I didn’t want to laugh and say something like, “Well, you don’t know anything.” This would start a debate, so I would just let her talk. But here again she never really wanted to say much to me. She knew I didn’t have a clue anyway.

Then came this thing called a

recital, another hard word to spell. I met my wife at the high school since she and my daughter were already there. Sitting in the audience looking at the program, I wondered how long it was going to take. When would it end? See, I didn’t want to fall asleep, like I do at the movies; I think our daughter was in three different dance routines. Then the lights started to dim.

Routine after routine, the show was moving fast. Then came my daughter’s routine. She was a sailor, and this hit hard with me. Just seeing her in the outfit, I never could imagine she would look so good, and then came the salute. The playful beauty touches a man’s heart with the way the hand is held when a little girl is looking all grown-up and shining as bright as the stars. It makes a man crumble with pride.

I never knew dance and my daughter could bring happiness to me the way it has. Other fathers might feel left out a bit, but I have a different outlook on this feeling now. Maybe it’s better this way, just like a man not seeing his bride’s dress before the wedding. I’m content with not staying to watch her practice, and my daughter too, I think, would rather her mother be there. I’ll get my day, and I won’t embarrass her then either. I’ll be just as proud of her and everything she’s done throughout her life.

So, from the bottom of my heart I want to tell my daughter to keep up the great work. I also want to thank Silhouette School of Dance, Miss Donna, Miss Teresa, and Miss Mary, for helping to shape my daughter into who she is today, and the fine lady she will be in life. I encourage anyone with a daughter to entertain the idea of Silhouette School of Dance as their dance studio. Thanks, Miss Donna.

The Pros & Cons Of Home Selling During The Holidays

by Chris Bergin

One of the great debates in real estate concerns the prospect of keeping a house on the market during the holiday season. Some argue that the time between Thanksgiving and New Year’s Eve is busy enough without the worry of buying a home, while proponents like the prospects since those shopping are generally more serious about buying.

A downside for the seller is that the hectic time of year makes it harder to get your home ready at the drop of a hat if a call comes in. People are busy making food, wrapping presents and preparing for a houseful of guests. However, your house will also be decorated with beautiful lights and decorations and will create a festive elegance to a home that will attract buyers.

Some agents believe that keeping your house on the market will

be appealing to a much smaller inventory of buyers who have very specific needs that your home might not match. Others counter that less inventory over the holidays means less competition and since more people have vacations this time of year, they actually have more time to search for their ideal home.

The holidays can also provide a breather for homes that have been on the market awhile, as some use the time to remove property from the market in favor of a fresh start in January. However, you risk losing the buyer who may have been looking in December to capture tax benefits that many consider with their need to buy a home.

Another factor to consider is that transferees generally will be buying over the holidays in order to settle in and be ready to report for their new position after the first of

the year.

Currently there are only 136 single family homes for sale in Lakewood. And so far this year, we have sold 322 homes. That’s already more than the total number of sales for all of 2011! While every seller’s situation is different, this may be the perfect holiday season to be on the market. Check out the local inventory and activity at [www.HomeValuesInLakewood.Info](http://www.HomeValuesInLakewood.Info).

What’s the best solution? Of course it’s up to individual homeowners and their respective circumstances. Prospective sellers should discuss their holiday prospects in detail with their agent. Working together, they can make holiday wishes come true.

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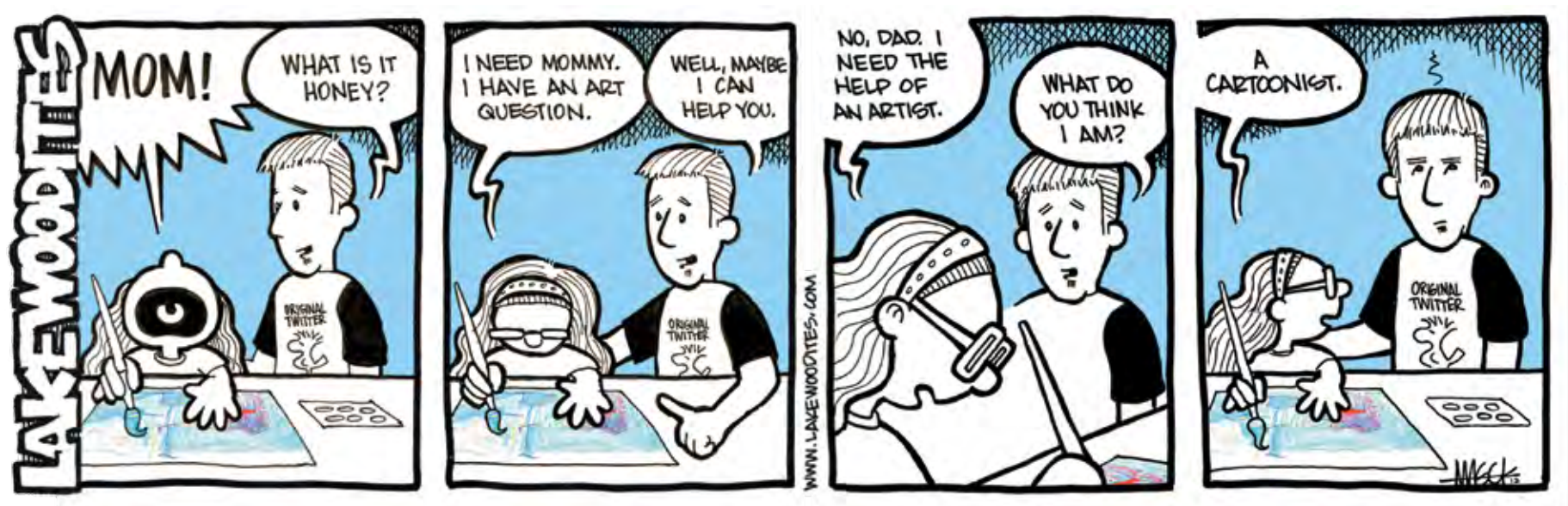
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