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Church Youth Seek To Help Northeast Ohio Homeless At 9th Annual Sleep-out

by Robin Suttell

While most of us enjoy the comfort of warm beds on frigid Northeast Ohio winter nights, the region's homeless

often seek nighttime warmth from steam vents on the streets and pray they don't freeze to death before morning.

More than 20 members

of the Lakewood Congregational Church (LCC) Youth Fellowship will experience being without warm shelter on a cold winter night firsthand when they sleep in cardboard boxes in front of the church on Saturday, January 19. The church's 9th Annual Homeless Awareness Sleep Out calls attention to the daily struggles of Northeast Ohio's homeless community and raises funds for local homeless support agencies.

Youth, ages 11 to 18 (grades 6-12), will gather at the church, 1375 West Clifton, on the corner of West Clifton Boulevard and Detroit Avenue, at 3 p.m. to construct their box shelters – their lodging for the night.

Around 6 p.m., they'll head outside and spend the evening seeking for donations from passersby and being without the comforts they are used to – heat, solid shelter, food, money...and electronics. The group will be roused from their box shelters by 6 a.m. on

Sunday to resume their efforts until noon.

"For 18 hours, our youth will experience what it feels

like not to have warm shelter or a comforting meal on a cold

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The 2011 Homeless Sleep Out.

LHS Artists Earn Top Regional Awards

by Christine Gordillo

The strength of the Lakewood High Art Department and West Shore Career-Tech's Interactive Media (IM) program shine through in the prestigious Scholastic Art & Writing Awards national competition, which includes eight LHS students to be honored with the top regional award. The eight Gold Key winners in the Cuyahoga County Region will have their artwork judged on the national level next month.

Each year more than 77,000 students in grades 7-12 participate in the 90-year-old Scholastic competition. The process begins across the coun-

try as young artists and writers submit more than 100,000 creative works of art and writing in 28 categories to a network of regional affiliates that locally present the awards. Panelists of experts in their fields look for works that best exemplify originality, technical skill and the emergence of a personal voice or vision.

The most outstanding works of art and writing from each region are forwarded to New York City to be judged with the best in the nation. This year's Regional winners are currently hanging in the Art Gallery at the Cleveland

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Aaron Kovach's self portrait made with only his thumb and an ink pad won him a Gold Key award.

Kiwanis Pizza Bake-Off, January 17

by Gordon Brumm

An instant tradition is in the making as Kiwanis presents its second annual Pizza Bake-Off on Thursday, January 17.

The Bake-Off will take place in Lakewood High School's East Cafeteria from 5:00 to 8:00. Tickets available at the door are priced at \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 12 and under. Students (13-18) can buy tickets for \$8.00 in advance at their schools (not at the door). As always, proceeds will go to support Kiwanis's programs for families and children.

The Thursday date was chosen because the following day is a no-school day for the

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Lakewood Police Promotes Officers



From (L to R) is: Chief Timothy J. Malley, Captain Gary Sprague, Mayor Michael P. Summers, Lieutenant Frank Eschweiler, Sergeant Steven Fioritto and Sergeant Matthew Pietch

From News Release

On January 4th, 2013 the Lakewood Police Department held a promotional ceremony for officers of the Lakewood Police Department. According to Chief Timothy J. Malley, "The Lakewood Police Department is honored today to be able to swear in four of our officers to new levels of supervisory responsibilities. Each of these officers has proven through their experience and determination to be excellent police officers and leaders within the department. They

are each looking forward to their new duties and providing leadership to the department and service to our community." Mayor Michael Summers commented, "Strong and effective leadership is essential to meeting Lakewood's public safety goals of "being safe and feeling safe". These promotions reflect dedication, skill, knowledge, and commitment to our goals. I am honored to make these promotions and grateful for the dedication of

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Lakewood Public Library Board Of Trustees Opening

by Leana Donofrio-Milovan

The Lakewood City Schools Board of Education is accepting applications for appointment to the Lakewood Public Library Board of Trustees for an unexpired seven-year term ending September 12, 2016. Additional information concerning the duties and responsibilities of Library Trustees is available: www.lakewood-publiclibrary.org/trustee.pdf. Interested candidates should direct a letter of interest and qualifications to the Superintendent of Schools by February 22, 2013: Superintendent, Lakewood City Schools Board of Education, 1470 Warren Road, Lakewood, OH 44107.

Lakewood Events

Eat Great Food. Support Lakewood Schools

by Missy Toms

Take a break from cooking and support the Lakewood Public Schools. Dine at The Place to Be Restaurant, 5:30-8:30 p.m., on two Thursday nights—January 17 and 24—and 20% of your bill will be donated to the LAKEWOOD ALUMNI FOUNDATION! Make sure to mention the foundation when you pay your bill. The Place to Be is located at 1391 Warren Road, just north of Detroit Avenue.

Save the date! The popular Big Chili Cookoff will take place at Around the Corner on Saturday, February 16 at 5 pm. A portion of proceeds will benefit the Lakewood Alumni Foundation and the Pillars of Lakewood. Tickets are just \$10 (includes samples of all chilis and a beer) and are available at the foundation or Around the Corner. Think your organization, business, or group has the best chili ever? Enter to win one of two cash prizes: judge's and people's choice. For more information and an entry application, visit www.lakewoodrangers.com.

Since 1984, the Lakewood Alumni Foundation has aimed to support the Lakewood City Schools' tradition of providing an opportunity-rich environment for its students through advocacy and financial support. Through the generosity of its donors, the foundation has provided significant funds for student scholarships, teacher grants, and school programs. Become a donor today! Help every Lakewood student reach his or her potential by making a tax-deductible gift online at www.lakewoodrangers.com, or by mail at Lakewood Alumni Foundation, 14100 Franklin Blvd., Lakewood, OH 44107.

Kiwanis Pizza Bake-Off, January 17

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high school, and because the event will not conflict with other school activities.

The procedure will be the same as last year: Seventeen Lakewood pizzerias will set up shop and offer slices of their products to all. The order of the day is "All you can eat": Customers may return for as many samples as they wish from as many stands as they wish. In addition, each admission ticket includes a ticket for one soft drink. Free coffee will also be available.

Customers will be invited to vote for their favorites in three categories: People's Choice (overall best); Best Pepperoni; and Best Specialty.

The hometown establishments participating in the Bake-Off are:

- Angelo's Pizza,
13715 Madison Ave.
- Dewey's Pizza, 18516 Detroit Ave.
- Domino's Pizza,
15315 Detroit Ave.

- Donato's of Lakewood,
18100 Detroit Ave.
- Georgio's Oven Fresh Pizza,
13804 Detroit Ave.
- Geppetto's Pizza & Ribs,
17103 Detroit Ave.
- Hungry Howie's Pizza,
16210 Detroit Avs.
- Little Caesar's Pizza,
13342 Madison Avs.
- Nunzio's Pizzeria,
17615 Detroit Ave.
- Papa John's, 18400 Detroit Ave.
- Pepper's Italian Restaurant,
12401 Detroit Ave.
- Pit Stop Pizza, 1
4201 Madison Ave.
- Pizza Hut, 1407 W. 117th St.
- Players on Madison,
14523 Madison Ave.
- Roman Fountain Pizza,
15603 Detroit Ave.
- The Root Café, 15188 Detroit Ave.
- Tommy's Pizza and Chicken,
16813 Madison Ave.

Straight from the Heart Raffle Features \$100,000 Grand Prize!

Would you like to win \$100,000? How about a two-year lease on a Volvo Convertible or a Motorcycle? Or you could win a Mediterranean Cruise for two! These are just a few of the incredible prizes offered through the annual Straight from the Heart Raffle to benefit the cardiovascular programs at Fairview, Lakewood and Lutheran Hospitals.

Why not purchase a raffle ticket for your chance to win this grand prize and host of many other generous gifts through the Straight from the Heart campaign. Raffle tickets are \$100 each or three tickets for \$200.

Sponsored by the Community

West Foundation, the Straight from the Heart raffle will culminate with a drawing of the 40 prize winners on Saturday, Feb. 16, 2013, at The Straight from the Heart red-tie gala at LaCentre Conference and Banquet Facility in Westlake.

To see a full list of available prizes, or the purchase your raffle tickets online, visit www.straightfromtheheartevent.org or contact the Community West Foundation at 216.476.7061.

All proceeds from this raffle will benefit the Heart Centers at Fairview, Lakewood and Lutheran Hospitals. Winners need not be present.

Bounce Off The Walls Children's Party And Open House

by Julie Derrick

Lakewood Early Childhood PTA is once again set to host a Bounce Off the Walls Children's Party and Open House! The party, which is free and open to the public, will be on Friday, January 18th from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Harrison Elementary School located at 2080 Quail St. in Lakewood.

Lakewood Early Childhood PTA is for families with children ages six years old and younger. We hope that your family will join us as we Bounce Off the Walls and let the kids burn off some of that extra winter energy! There will be two bounce houses, crafts, balls, hula hoops, pizza and drinks. Please bring a dish to share and join the fun! Visit www.lecpta.com or email lecpta@gmail.com for more information.



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City News

Georgetown Restaurant Introduces New Executive Chef

by Greg Sawchak

Georgetown Restaurant in Lakewood has introduced Chef Gregg Korney as its new new Executive Chef. Gregg has served as Executive Chef at several fine restaurants locally, including Giovanni's, Sushi Rock and the Vue in Hudson, as well as Weymouth and Signature of Solon Country Clubs. He previously owned Velocity American Bistro in Cleveland and most recently was Chef/Owner of Quince Restaurant in Olmsted Falls.

Since assuming the helm of the Georgetown kitchen in October, Gregg has unveiled a new fall menu and introduced a special Bar Menu to complement Georgetown's acclaimed happy hour. In early December, Georgetown opened a new party room to accommodate larger groups, special events and holiday parties.

The new room will also serve a new nightclub next door, expected to open in early spring, that will offer a variety of music, including jazz, blues, Motown and more.

For those not familiar with



Chef Gregg Korney

Georgetown, it was formerly known as Three Birds, located at 18515 Detroit Avenue in the historic Bonne Bell complex at the western edge of Lakewood. Georgetown is owned by Lakewood resident Mickey Krivosh, long-time proprietor of Lakewood's well-known Around the Corner Saloon and Cafe which is located just down the street from Georgetown at 18515 Detroit Ave. Lakewood; phone # 216-221-3500.

Lakewood Police Promotes Officers

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these officers."

The officers participated in a competitive process for promotion which included a written examination, and an assessment exam by the Ohio Chiefs of Police. At the completion of this process each were ranked according to their results and confirmed by the Lakewood Civil Service Commission.

Promoted today was Captain Gary Sprague. Captain Sprague was hired in 1988 and promoted to Sergeant in 2000. He was further promoted to Lieutenant in 2006 and was assigned to the Patrol Division and also Special Operations. Capt. Sprague will be assigned as the Division Commander for the Patrol Division and is responsible for the Uniform Division, Special Operations, and Parking Enforcement.

Lieutenant Frank Eschweiler was appointed as a Patrol Officer in 1988.

He worked as a Uniformed Patrol Officer, Uniformed Investigator, and Detective assigned to the Juvenile Bureau. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2002 and assigned to the Patrol Division. He will be assigned as a shift commander in the Patrol Division and will be responsible for the day shift.

Sergeant Matthew Pietch was appointed as a Patrol Officer in 1996. He was worked as a Patrol Officer and Accident Investigator/Evidence Technician in the Patrol Division. Sergeant Pietch will be assigned to the Patrol Division working the night shift.

Sergeant Steven Fioritto was appointed as a Patrol Officer in 1996. He has worked in the Uniform Patrol Division as a Patrol Officer and Accident Investigator/Evidence Technician. Sergeant Fioritto will be assigned to the Patrol Division working the night shift.

9th Annual Sleep-out

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winter night," says LCC's Rev. Mark Thomas. "It's a true reality check."

Efforts support HandsOn Northeast Ohio and its 2013 Homeless Stand Down and Family Promise, an organization that aids and empowers homeless families to become more self-sufficient. Besides cash or check donations (made payable to Lakewood Congregational Church), the youth also are collecting toiletries, towels,

washcloths, blankets, underwear and socks.

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 18001 Detroit Ave., across the street from LCC, also is participating in this ministry with their own sleep-out on their church grounds that same evening.

To make cash or in-kind donations prior to the event, contact the LCC office at 216.221.9555. Visit the church website at www.lcc-church.org to find out more about LCC and the United Church of Christ.



Straight FROM THE Heart

Saturday,
February 16, 2013

Early Bird Raffles:
Two \$1,000 Winners
The first raffle will be drawn from entries received
by December 14, 2012.

The second raffle will be drawn from entries received
by January 18, 2013.

All early bird winners will be eligible for prizes to be drawn at the event.

Raffle tickets can be purchased for \$100 each or 3 for \$200.

For more information or to register, visit www.straightfromtheheartevent.org or call 216.476.7061.

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- 4 \$10,000 Cash
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- 6 European Mediterranean Cruise for Two from Barcelona
- 7 \$5,000 Cash
- 8 7-Night All Inclusive Trip for Two to Cancun, Mexico, donated by Dr. E. Dean Nukta
- 9 7-Day Trip for Two to Waikiki, Hawaii
- 10 Channel Set Diamond Hoop Earrings, arranged by Rivchun Jewelers
- 11 \$3,000 Cash
- 12 7-Night Canadian Cruise for Two from New York
- 13 Diamond Cluster Pendant, arranged by Rivchun Jewelers
- 14 7-Night Caribbean Cruise for Two
- 15 5-Day Trip for Two to California Wine Country
- 16 \$2,000 Cash
- 17 5-Day Trip for Four to Walt Disney World
- 18 5-Day Golf Package for Two to Hyatt Grand Cypress, Orlando
- 19 \$2,000 Cash
- 20 Stock Your Cellar with 100 Assorted Wines, arranged by Rozi's Wine House
- 21 \$1,500 Cash
- 22 Weekend Getaway for Two to New York City
- 23 3-Night Trip for Two to Las Vegas
- 24 \$1,500 Cash
- 25 Treadmill and Workout Essentials, arranged by Health & Fitness
- 26 His/Hers Movado Watches, arranged by Rivchun Jewelers
- 27 \$1,000 Cash
- 28 \$1,000 Travel Voucher
- 29 Weekend Getaway for Two to Chicago
- 30 \$1,000 Cash
- 31 47" HDTV Television
- 32 \$1,000 Cash
- 33 \$1,000 Cash
- 34 Apple iPad 16GB
- 35 Nook E-reader and iPod
- 36 \$1,000 Cash
- 37 Laptop Computer
- 38 Bose Digital Music System
- 39 Sony Blu Ray Home Theater
- 40 Cannon Powershot Digital Camera and Toshiba Camcorder

* Cash options available for 2, 3, and 5, at 75% of prize value
All trips arranged by Independence Travel
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Lakewood Public Library

compiled by Leana Donofrio-Milovan

Thursday, January 10

Booked for Murder: Tales of Cleveland
“Nemesis: the Final Case of Eliot Ness” by William Bernhardt

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 for more clues and full book descriptions.

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

Documentary Film
“Catching Salinger” (2009), Directed by Charles Moore and James Renner

Three buddies, including local writer James Renner, set out to connect with the reclusive J.D. Salinger by following in the footsteps of Holden Caulfield. Of course, many a Catcher in the Rye fan has tried this before and failed. Renner and friends avoid this inevitability with a rare exuberance, finding their own answers along the way. Don't miss your chance to see the West Side debut of this often funny, sometimes goofy, ultimately enlightening tribute to the hidden man.

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

Saturday, January 12

Western Movies: The Golden Age, Part 1
“High Noon” (1952), Directed by Fred Zinnemann

Marshal Gary Cooper is about to turn in his badge and leave Hadleyville forever with his Quaker bride Grace Kelly on his arm... But Frank Miller, a man he sent to prison, is due back in town on the high noon train. With the Miller gang bent on revenge Cooper has about an hour to gather deputies, but everyone in town turns him down. Even his pacifist wife seems ready to desert him. Tex Ritter's “Do Not Forsake Me, O My Darling” resonates as the clock relentlessly advances toward high noon.

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

Sunday, January 13

Sunday with the Friends: Colin Dussault

Legendary harmonica man, Colin Dussault, joins forces with hard-charging guitarist Jim Tigue for an afternoon of songs that make you want to quit your job and learn an instrument. Hold onto your hats for rock'n'roll, Memphis blues, and American folk from the best.

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

Tuesday, January 15

Knit and Lit

Gail Eaton hosts a social club for multitaskers—a combination book club and stitchery group. She's looking for readers who can enjoy intense discussion of modern classics while relaxing with their latest project. Come share your passion for great literature and show off your knitting, crocheting, counted cross-stitch, embroidery and quilting works-in-progress. Visit www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/bookclubs to find out which book will be discussed next.

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

Thursday, January 17

Meet the Author:
East Fourth Street: “The Rise, Decline, and Rebirth of an Urban Cleveland Street and Cleveland’s Short Vincent: The Theatrical Grill and its Notorious Neighbors” by Alan Dutka

Step out and dive into some Cleveland hotspots that really burned bright. Author Alan Dutka looks into the past to deliver a glimpse of the future with two fascinating books about two Cleveland streets. East Fourth Street's story, all by itself, has mirrored downtown's dynamic rise, decline, and rebirth. Once the home to the fabled Euclid Avenue Opera House, Otto Moser's restaurant, Fourth Street fell into disrepair in the second half of the 20th Century. Yet, the historic alleyway found new life with help of visionary leaders and savvy restaurateurs. Today it serves as the center of a chic residential and entertainment district—perhaps the coolest place in Cleveland. The Theatrical Grill on Short Vincent was a magnet for celebrities like Frank Sinatra and Judy Garland and just down the street from the Roxy Theater and Jean's Fun House. Scores of seedy bars made Vincent Avenue the center of Cleveland's bawdy behavior and edgy entertainment. Oh, the fun we had! Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

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

Saturday, January 19

Five Star Films
“Mr. Skeffington” (1944), Directed by Vincent Sherman - Not Rated

Spoiled beauty Bette Davis marries Claude Rains, a wealthy stockbroker she doesn't love, to save someone he employed from prosecution for embezzlement—her brother. The marriage finally founders and they separate. During the years after WWI through WWII, much happens to change the perspectives of each about life and love.

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

Monday, January 21

Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Library open normal hours

Tuesday, January 22, January 22

Lakewood Chamber of Commerce Book Club
“How to Win Friends and Influence People” by Dale Carnegie

How do you make people like you? How do you challenge and change people without arousing resentment? The answers to these questions lie within a book written over 75 years ago. Written in 1936, this seminal self-improvement book continues to guide people of all walks of life in the universal challenge of face-to-face communication. The Lakewood Chamber of Commerce encourage readers from all walks of life to dust off a copy and read (or re-read) this classic text and join us for a panel discussion with local business leaders.

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

Thursday, January 24

20 Minute Resume Tune-Ups

Get one-on-one help with your resume from professional career consultant, Vernice Jackson. She'll show you how even minor changes can vastly improve your hirability by better reflecting your skills and potential. Space is limited. Call 216-226-8275 ext. 127 to sign up for a twenty minute face-to-face appointment.

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

Saturday, January 26

Lakewood Art House Cinema
“Cache” (2005), Directed by Michael Hanake - Rated R

Someone is watching Daniel Auteuil, Juliette Binoche and their young son. Suspicious packages keep landing on their doorstep containing video surveillance of their home. Daniel, a television literary critic, desperately wants to find out who is sending him these thinly veiled threats before they unhinge his bourgeois lifestyle. But keeping certain things hidden is how things have gotten this far. Hanake's psychological thrillers, like Hitchcock's, seem to be constructed around one pervading question. But will the audience be the only ones who see it? French with English subtitles.

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

LPL Children/Youth Events

compiled by Eric Knapp

Saturday, January 12

It's a Mystery Party
For youth sixth through twelfth grade

The Library is missing a valuable first edition and no one knows where it could be. Did the senior librarian develop sticky fingers? Did the cataloger supplement his vacation fund? Did the Friends of the Library sell it by accident? Help solve this mystery! To register, please stop in or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 140.

2:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room.

Tail Waggin' Tutors - For school-age children

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

11:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room.

Monday, January 21

Share the Dream - For school-age children

Celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through stories, songs and craft. In honor of MLK Jr. Day of Service, participants will create handmade cards to warm the hearts of nursing home residents. There is no need to register in advance.

2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room.

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

Tuesdays and Thursdays, ongoing through March 28 at 4:00 p.m.

Family Weekend Wonders

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

Main Library Activity Room and Madison Branch Auditorium

Weekends With Wee Ones - For families with children under 2 years old

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

Madison Branch Children's and Youth Services

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

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Lakewood Public Library

New Guidelines Effective January 2, 2013

by Leana Donofrio-Milovan

A new policy has been put in place for the music and film room at the Main Library on Detroit Ave.

Children under 15 years of age may enter the room without a Lakewood Public Library card only under the supervision of a card holding adult 18 years or older.

Out-of-state guests must be accompanied by a card-holding adult 18 years or older and must surrender a photo ID.

There's A Mystery Afoot At The Library

by Kathryn Tatnall

There is a mystery afoot at the Lakewood Public Library and we are looking for a few great minds to help solve the case. A rare first edition Sherlock Holmes has been bequeathed to the library by an eccentric millionaire, Mr. Rich Body, but the book was stolen before it became part of the collection. Was the library's cataloger, Sir Harry Beardwell, looking to supplement his trust fund? Was it Red Herrington, disgruntled librarian whose taste exceeds his budget? Or could it be Ivanna Read, the president of the Friends of the Library and long lost daughter of Mr. Rich Body? Maybe it was the butler....

oh, wait, this is a library, there is no butler.

Join us on Saturday, January 12th at 2:30 in the Main Library Multipurpose room for all the fun. You will assist Detective Violet Blue Baskerville in looking for clues and talking to a cast of zany suspects throughout the library. Think Clue meets The Amazing Race meets Scooby-Doo and a whole lot of fun. You must register for the program in order to participate by calling (216)226-8275, ext. 140, or stop in the Main Library at the Children's and Youth Services desk. This program is only for teens in 6th through 12th grade.

Lakewood Citizen Group To Discuss Money In Politics

by Trudy Hutchinson

A public forum will be held on Saturday, January 19 to discuss building a Lakewood citizen initiative to address money in politics. The event will be held in the auditorium of the Lakewood Public Main Library, 15425 Detroit Ave., at 1:00 pm. The meeting, sponsored by the Northeast Ohio American Friends Service Committee and a group of Lakewood citizens, will explore use of a citizen initiative to end the doctrine established by the United States Supreme Court in Citizens United v FEC, which allowed unlimited money to flow into elections. The Citizens United decision allowed the formation of "Super PACs" that funded record campaign spending to influence the outcome of the November election. The Lakewood meeting coincides with the third anniversary of the Citizens United decision.

The forum will begin with a 10-minute film "Story of Citizens United v FEC." The film will be followed by a discussion of the implication of money in politics. State Representative Nickie Antonio will attend and Lakewood City Council Member Tom Bullock has been invited to offer reflections after the film.

A citizen initiative in Lakewood would join the resolutions passed in Brecksville and Newburgh Heights last year that called upon Congress to support a 28th amendment to the United States Constitution that declares that

--Only human beings, not corporations, are legal persons with



Mame Dieko use taiko (drums) to celebrate life and bring community together.

Japanese Drum Concert: Mame Dieko To Perform At Lakewood Public Library

by Leana Donofrio-Milovan

In all cultures far and wide, our youth is the key to the future.

In feudal Japan, taiko (or drums) were often used to motivate troops, to help set a marching pace, and to call out orders or announcements. But the ensemble Mame Dieko use taiko to celebrate life and bring community together. Witness this ancient art form and hear the rhythmic melodies at 2 p.m. on February 3 in the Main Library Auditorium.

The performing members of Mame Daiko, sponsored by the Cleveland Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League, are teenagers and adults. They bring nearly a decade of experience and varying styles of song which provide a new appreciation for the Japanese culture.

Mame Deiko exists to empower the Japanese American community, raise cultural awareness, and to inspire and challenge the youth and young at heart through respect, entertainment and discipline within the unity of taiko arts.

Nearly every Sunday at 2 pm, the Friends of Lakewood Public Library

are proud to present free concerts, lectures and more. These programs are open to one and all.

The Friends of Lakewood Public Library is an organization that supports the Library by raising money and collecting books and materials donated by you. Income is generated mostly through book sales, including the traditional events in the basement of the Main Library. The Friends also raise funds through online offerings. Recently, they have added mini-sales on the Front Porch and other events around Lakewood. Profits go to support Library programming like free concerts, lectures and films. The Friends also support some of the special activities for children.

If you would like to play a greater role in your Library, please consider joining The Friends of Lakewood Public Library. In addition, the Friends also accept donations of books, videotapes, CDs and DVDs.

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World Book Night: A Call For Volunteers Wednesday, January 23

by Leana Donofrio-Milovan

Every year on World Book Night, eager readers get together to give away free books to new, potential readers, with generous support from publishers. This year, Lakewood Public Library and its ambitious book club, Knit and Lit, are getting involved distributing free books to volunteers. What is the catch? There isn't one.

Volunteers must sign up by Janu-

ary 23 to spread the book love. Then on April 23, UNESCO International Day of the Book (William Shakespeare's birthday of course), volunteers are asked to hand out 20 copies of a great read. The books are free. Those who sign up now will have first pick of books to hand out, choosing from 32 titles. For a complete listing of available titles visit www.us.worldbooknight.org/books/2013. Those interested in

volunteering in the Lakewood area may contact Lynda Tuennerman at lynann0207@aol.com to sign up.

World Book Night has deep roots in Germany, Britain and Ireland. This is its second year in the United States. It is an annual celebration dedicated to spreading the love of reading, person to person. Each year on April 23, tens of thousands of people go out into their communities and give half a million free World Book Night paperbacks to light and non-readers.

World Book Night is about giving books and encouraging reading in those who don't regularly do so. But it is also about more than that: It's about people, communities and con-

nections, about reaching out to others and touching lives in the simplest of ways—through the sharing of stories.

World Book Night is a nonprofit organization. They exist because of the support of thousands of book givers, booksellers, librarians, and financial supporters who believe in our mission. Successfully launched in the U.K. in 2011, World Book Night was first celebrated in the U.S. in 2012. For more information please visit www.us.worldbooknight.org.

This free event will be held at Lakewood Public Library at 15425 Detroit Avenue. Visit www.lakewood-publiclibrary.org to learn more.

Mark Wade, Ventriloquist Performing At LPL

by Nicka Petruccio

Can you talk without moving your mouth? Mark Wade can! Can you make a room full of children roll on the floor with laughter? Mark Wade can! With 30 years of experience in performing shows for children at libraries, schools, and more, Mark has made his mark in the world of ventriloquism and he's coming here to the Lakewood Public Library! He is considered to be "America's #1 Children's Ventriloquist" and has appeared on national television on such shows as "Good Morning, America," "CBS Evening News," "60 Minutes" and most recently on a small segment for "A&Es Biography." He is also the author of the book "Kidshow Ventriloquism," widely hailed as the definitive

work on ventriloquism for children. His techniques are used by anyone aspiring to be the very best.

But why take my word for it when you and your family can come and experience this amazing talent for yourself? Mark Wade will be performing January's "Family Music and More" program on Saturday, January 26th at 7:00pm in the Main Library's Multipurpose Room. The program is free and open to the public. We'll see you there!

Nicka Petruccio is a librarian at the Lakewood Public Library in the Children & Youth Services Department.

Share The Dream: A Celebration Of Martin Luther King, Jr.

by Marge Foley

For some children, being off from school on January 21st, MLK Day, means sleeping late, playing video games, and watching television. The Lakewood Public Library is offering a meaningful alternative. Your child can still catch some extra shut-eye, however from 2 to 3 p.m. they can take part in a program that will celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through stories, songs, and a craft.

As part of the MLK Day of Service, participants will create cards which will be distributed to local nursing home residents. This artistic opportunity will brighten the day of a senior citizen and provide your child with a chance to serve others. The cards will be delivered to the nursing home by the library at a later date. There is no need to register in advance. All school-age children are invited to participate.

LHS Artists Earn Top Regional Awards



This ceramic chess set by Giorgi Devito won her a Gold Key as well.

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Institute of Art located at University Circle.

Congratulations to all of the district's 2012 Scholastic Art winners:

Gold Key Winners: (approximately 7-10% of regional entries)

Hannah Chambers -

Comic Art, (IM)

Jacob Corder - Sculpture

Giorgi Devito - Ceramic

Hannah Kiraly -

Photography, (IM)

Aaron Kovach - Drawing

Jackie Miller -

Photography

Zac Webb (2) - Film,

Photography (IM)

Silver Key Winners: (approximately 10-15% of regional entries)

Richard Bottiglier -

Animation, (IM)

Zachery Hayes -

Digital Art

Aaron Kovach - Painting

Abigail Norman -

Mixed Media

Andrea Tsiros - Drawing

Honorable Mentions: (approximately 15-20% of regional entries)

Hayden Bish - Painting

Hannah Chambers -

Design

Maeve Christie - Photography

Jacob Corder - Photography,

Drawing

Zachery Hayes - Photography

Aaron Kovach - Drawing

Sarah Neff - Drawing (2)

Jazmyn Paoli - Drawing

Chelsey Ulsenheimer - Photography

The Scholastic Awards were founded in 1923 to offer recognition and scholarships for talented students and have made available more than \$25 million in awards and scholarships since then.



Jacob Corder's "Pod Bowl" won a Gold Key in the Sculpture category.

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Lakewood Schools

Early Work By Faith Communities Lays Foundations

by *Gretchen Bulan*

In April 1922, Bishop Joseph Schrembs established eight new parishes in the Diocese of Cleveland. Two of these were in Lakewood, OH – Saint Clement and Saint Luke. The following details the very early efforts of determined and faith-filled clergy and parishioners to bring these communities to life.

“The Loving Hands and Hearts” of St. Clement

In the months after the parishes were named, the appointed pastor of St. Clement, Father Schmit, received partial lists of the families living within the new boundaries of St. Clement church. Without a church building in which to congregate, Fr. Schmit began to reach out day by day to individuals and families, bringing them together to plan and worship informally, laying the foundations for many of the programs that would serve the parish in years to come. He brought together those who would become the first lay leaders and active supporters of St. Clement Church.

These early parishioners spent months preparing and building their community – raising money, planning social gatherings, assisting those in need and welcoming members. On Christmas Day in 1922, with the church building still under construction, St. Clement celebrated the first Mass in the basement of the church where, as Fr. Schmit wrote, parishioners “transformed an ordinary basement into an inviting chapel, and the loving hands and hearts of all the Clementines will offer the newborn babe of Jerusalem a royal welcome.” And a thriving St. Clement parish was born.

The Perseverance of St. Luke

Very shortly after the establishment of St. Luke parish in April 1922, the first pastor, John A. Nolan, and his new parishioners, began

celebrating Mass in a temporary location on the outdoor grounds of St. Augustine Convent – the very same grounds on Lake Avenue where Lakewood Catholic Academy now resides. Services were held under a large tent that was erected for Sunday Masses. Determined to join together in faith, these first parishioners were undaunted by the conditions they faced. A heavy storm in the spring of 1922 destroyed the temporary chapel, pulling stakes out, tearing ropes and breaking poles. Men and women, including Sisters of Charity nuns, repaired the tent, allowing Masses to continue for the community. When faced with a severe winter in 1922, they continued to celebrate Mass in their makeshift chapel. As temperatures dropped, the water in the cruet was known to freeze during the ceremonies. Still they worshipped.

When plans were made to purchase the land on the corner of Clifton Blvd. and Bunts Rd., the community’s efforts were put into plans for building and moving into a permanent location to worship. This move was made in May 1923, when the first Mass was celebrated in St. Luke Church. The early St. Luke parishioners, mostly of Irish and German descent, continued to build their church in the decades to come – both physically and spiritually.

For early members of these faith communities, the parishes were the center of life around which they would live their faith, raise their families and celebrate every aspect of life. It is this spirit that Lakewood Catholic Academy (LCA) captured late last year as they walked attendees of the annual All Saints Auction, “A Celebration of Spirit”, down memory lane to celebrate the 90-year anniversary of St. Clement and St. Luke parishes in Lakewood.



A first grade student from Lakewood Catholic Academy tags her favorite tree with a Christmas message during a field trip to Wilcox Tree Farm.

First Graders Choose The Perfect Christmas Tree To Light Up LCA Campus

by *Gretchen Bulan*

First grade students at Lakewood Catholic Academy were tasked with an important mission during a festive field trip to Wilcox Tree Farm in LaGrange – finding the school’s Christmas tree! Each year, students in the first grade have the job of choosing and delivering the Christmas tree that will be displayed in front of the school during the holidays.

Traditionally, students are accompanied by fathers, grandfathers or uncles who help to cut down the tree. Students learn about

evergreen trees and the tree farm operation. They visit the tree lot and each student leaves a handwritten note in their favorite tree wishing the buyer a Merry Christmas.

First grade teacher Jennifer Komar said the trip is one that her students really look forward to. “The first graders are always so honored and proud to be responsible for bringing back the school’s Christmas tree!” Komar said. The beautiful lit tree was on display in the courtyard of the Lakewood Catholic Academy campus at 14808 Lake Avenue.

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Twelve Hour Donation Drive At Lakewood Public Library

by Jessica Rosenblatt
One Musician, 12 Hours, 100's of Donations

On December 21 2012 Cleveland based musician Diana Chittester asked the Cleveland community to get involved this past holiday season. On December 21st at Lakewood Public Library, Diana performed on the library's front porch from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. in efforts to draw attention to this 12 hour donation drive. During the 12 hours Diana and her business partner Jessica Rosenblatt collected donations of any kind to be given back to a range of charities and

hoped to make this the biggest donation drive Lakewood has ever seen. Representatives from different charities including the Salvation Army were on-site throughout the day to collect donations specific to their cause. All other donations were then distributed personally to the charity of choice (as labeled on the bag or box). The Cleveland Foodbank's most needed item was cash and the organization had asked for monetary contributions to support hunger relief efforts this winter season.

"For every \$1 donated, the Cleve-

land Foodbank can help provide four nutritious meals," said Caroline Weir, a representative of the Cleveland Foodbank. Lakewood Drug Mart kindly donated decorations for the event to give the library a festive feel. Great Lakes Brewery donated winter apparel to be raffled off to people as they came by to donate items or money.

"It's time to get involved and make a difference, let's not focus on what we want but what we can give." – Diana Chittester.

Chittester's artist run record label, Fighting Chance, was established in 2011 to give her freedom in her musical career. Awareness and fundraising campaigns for groups such as PFLAG and VegGala have

defined the purpose of 'Fighting Chance'. Diana spends time talking with High School students promoting positive messages and personal stories, being a role model, and more recently being an avid supporter of Vegan and Animal Rights groups. "Not being able to change everything is no longer an excuse to do nothing," says Diana during a recent speech. Fighting Chance goes far beyond just music, giving her a platform to become an activist to take a 'hands on' approach to help others that don't have a voice or the opportunity to help themselves.

For additional information please visit www.dianachittester.com.

H2O Celebrates 20 Years With Fun Bash

by Chrissy Kadleck- Pursifull
Ready to kick off 2013 with a splashing good time?

Circle your calendars for February 23 for the H2O Tributary Bash, a night of fun, festivities, and philanthropy! We're celebrating 20 years of Help to Others (H2O), a service learning organization for middle school and high school students in Lakewood.

Held at the Lake Erie Screw Factory—the coolest venue in town—the party will embody the theme, "Drops of Kindness. Ripples of Change." The night will capture H2O's legacy of affecting powerful change in the com-

munity by helping others through volunteerism.

"Whether it's raking an elderly resident's yard, delivering food bags for Lakewood Community Service Center, or collecting school supplies to clean, organize, and redistribute to children in need throughout the Lakewood School District, H2O volunteers make a difference in our community," says Vicki Smigelski, chairperson of the big event. "This bash is to celebrate the organization's 20th anniversary, raise awareness about the good work of H2O, and secure funds to ensure the long-term sustainability of the program, which teaches volunteerism to our kids and makes our community a special place to live."

The main event, 7 to 11 p.m., includes musical entertainment, fabulous food and drinks, and a live and silent auction. Robin Swoboda of WKYC Channel 3 is the special guest. Tickets are \$50. A special VIP event, including signature drinks, gourmet treats, and special entertainment, will be held from 5:30-7 p.m. in a smaller, more intimate setting at the Screw Factory. A very limited number of \$100 VIP tickets are available. Sponsorship opportunities, starting at the \$100 level, are also available.

For more information, to purchase tickets, or to sponsor the event, visit www.lakewoodfoundation.org/h2o or call 216.529.6870.

Sunrise Rotary And Lakewood High School Interact Club Support The Cuyahoga Scenic Valley RR "Polar Express"



Dressed as snow men, ginger bread cookies, and, of course elves, Sunrise Rotary, and Lakewood High School Interact club members enjoyed seeing the faces of hundreds of children arriving at the "North Pole."

by Larry Faulhaber

It was unusually "warm" – 40 degrees – at the "North Pole" in Peninsula, when an enthusiastic group of Sunrise Rotary and Lakewood High School Interact Club members were on the platform to meet the Polar Express trains of the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad. Dressed as snow men, ginger bread cookies, and, of course elves, they enjoyed seeing the faces of hundreds of children looking out from the train cars as they arrived at the "North Pole."

Marty Harris and Barb Sabal arranged for rides for the three current Rotary International exchange students from France, Equator, and Russia, and other Interact Club members and were helped by Bill Gaydos and Jim Harris who also drove. Tood Kiick looked very tasty as a Ginger Breadman, and Bill and Jayne Gaydos, Jim and Marty Harris, Karen Clark, Doug Cooper, and Larry and Rosemary Faulhaber looked very authentic in their Elf costumes.

Over the last five years, members of the Sunrise Rotary Club of Lakewood Rocky River have volunteered for the Polar Express adventure of the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Rail-

road. Former President of the CVSR, and Past Sunrise Club President, Doug Cooper introduced the idea to the Club five years ago and Interact Club members joined in three years ago.

The Polar Express is in its seventeenth year of providing thousands of young people an opportunity to ride the train through the Cuyahoga Valley from Independence and Canton, as the Polar Express is read to them. As they reach the "North Pole" they are greeted, and Santa Claus gets on the train to ride back home with them. Hot chocolate and cookies are also part of this memorable treat.

Larry Faulhaber is the PR Committee Chair for Sunrise Lakewood Rocky River Rotary Club.



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Lakewood Cares

Busy Brownies

by Heidi Murray

Lakewood Girl Scout Troop 109 Brownie members have been busy. Twelve Emerson 3rd graders have been working on a service project to earn badges in the Journey: "It's Your Story,



Eva Straszek, Amy Pilgrim, and Abby Hirsch with winterwear they collected for those in need.

Tell It." The girls divided into three groups and chose a project to fulfill the badge requirements. The girls brainstormed ideas for service projects and settled on animal shelters, children's literacy and providing winterwear for students in need.

Ava Molinski, Dashuanna Carter



Emma Murray, Lucy McIntyre, Molly Burke and Molly Pilgrim with bundled books for Asia Inc.

and Veruca Jourilles collected towels, blankets, pet food and toys. Emma Murray, Lucy McIntyre, Molly Burke and Molly Pilgrim gathered gently used books for ESL students in the Lakewood community. Amy Pilgrim, Eva Straszek, Abby Hirsch and Amelia Moore collected hats, scarves, coats and mittens. The girls created ornaments, decorated boxes and notecards to spread the word of their projects. Then the girls sorted and bundled the items for the the Lakewood Animal shelter, Asia Inc. and the Emerson parent resource co-ordina-



Ava Molinski, Dashuanna Carter and Veruca Jourilles with items they collected for the Lakewood Animal Shelter.

tor who distributed the items.

The girls are excited about scouting and look forward to more activities and events especially cookies! The annual cookie sale runs now through mid March. Be sure to support local girls and buy a few boxes of your favorite Girl Scout cookies.

Six Junior members in the troop are also busy on their own project with the Barton Center.

Heidi Murray is the leader of troop 109, has 2 daughters in the troop and is the president of Emerson's PTO.

Take a Boating Course Before This Happens To You

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Boating Safety Courses

by Virginia Suda

According to ODNR Watercraft, there are 24,394 boats registered in Cuyahoga County. From 2007-2011 there have been 309 accidents on Lake Erie involving 394 vessels, 150 injuries, and 25 fatalities. Total boat damages \$3,833,164 and total property damages of \$202,097. The State of Ohio's mandatory boating education law requires boaters born on or after January 1, 1982, to complete a National

Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) approved course before operating a boat engine more than ten horsepower.

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 7-5 is offering three boating safety courses at Garfield Middle School, 13114 Detroit Ave., Lakewood, starting on Wednesday, January 23 through March 27 from 7- 9:30 p.m.

Boating Skills and Seamanship (powerboat oriented) - \$35 + \$30 Lakewood registration fee.

Sailing Skills and Seamanship - \$35 + \$30 Lakewood registration fee.

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Virginia Suda is a Lakewood resident and a U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Division 7 (9ER) Commander.



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Lakewood Is Art

Beck Center Announces New Director Of Development, Jason Weiner

by Fran Storch

Beck Center for the Arts is pleased to welcome Jason Weiner as its new Director of Development, effective immediately.

“I’m thrilled to join the team at Beck Center. It’s a privilege to serve one of Northeast Ohio’s major arts organizations and to contribute to the economic vitality of Lakewood, my home community,” said Weiner. “I look forward to being a part of the continued growth and impact of this respected cultural institution.”

Weiner comes to Beck Center with ten years of experience in fundraising, communications, project management, marketing, and community outreach for nonprofit organizations. In his most recent role as Director of Development at

University Settlement, an organization that provides social services to residents of Cleveland’s Broadway/Slavic Village neighborhood, he was responsible for staff supervision, board relations, budgetary oversight, and strategic planning, as well as all agency fundraising.

A graduate of Cleveland State University with a B.A. and M.A. in Sociology, Weiner was also an instructor in CSU’s Sociology Department. He served as a member of the Development Committee of LakewoodAlive and currently serves on the Advisory Committee at Trinity Lakewood Community Outreach, where he developed a monthly community hot meal and free produce distribution program.

For the past 25 years, Weiner has

enjoyed collaborating with musicians and visual artists on special events and spending spare time as a recording and performing drummer. He resides in Lakewood with his wife, Kristine Williams, and their two daughters, ages 2 and 5, who look forward to participating in the many creative programs at Beck Center.

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 free gallery exhibits featuring local, regional and international artists. For more information, visit beckcenter.org.



Lakewood resident Jason Weiner joins the Beck as Director of Development.

Beck Center Presents An Exclusive Exhibition Of Traditional Eastern Art Ink Brush Calligraphy Art Exhibit By Jing Jing Luo

by Fran Storch

Beck Center for the Arts is pleased to host an art exhibition and concert by celebrated artist Jing Jing

Luo on Friday, January 11, 2013 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Jean Bulicek Galleria. This event is free and open to the public, but guests are asked to RSVP

online at Art-2-You.com. Beck Center is located at 17801 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood. Free onsite parking is available.

A native of Beijing, Luo is a visual artist of calligraphy and ink brush painting. She was self-taught, but later studied under many of the great Chinese artists. Most of her unique ink brush calligraphy art uses one stroke of ink or paint on handcrafted parchment or Japanese rice paper. This use of one stroke, or “Zen” stroke, is a centuries old technique in China and Japan. Her artwork has been exhibited at numerous art galleries and in many private homes.

Also a prolific composer, Luo integrates audio and visual art through music and painting. In addition to the art exhibition, guests may enjoy a performance of one of Luo’s original compositions, *Cercle de la lune*, performed by distinguished Oberlin College Conservatory of Music faculty member and pianist Haewon Song and violinist Clara Shannon along with the Oberlin String Quartet.


Luo served on the faculty of Oberlin College Conservatory of Music as a composer, as well as teaching art at a number of other esteemed institutions. This is the second in a series of Asian art exhibits featuring Luo organized by international art dealer and Art-2-You owner, Paul Sykes.

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



Pictured above is one of the many pieces being featured at Beck Center for the Arts on January 11, 2013. This one is titled “White Symbol” by Jing Jing Luo (2007).


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Lakewood Is Art

Local Artist Receives International Recognition

by Debra Purcell

Local artist Debra Purcell has received a Special Recognition Award for artwork in the “10th Annual Color: Bold/Subtle Juried Online International Art Exhibition” hosted by Upstream People Gallery. This international exhibition received approximately 225 art entries from around the world. Forty-three artists were selected by the juror Laurence Bradshaw, Professor of Art at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Professor Bradshaw states this about this specially recognized work: “Debra Denise Purcell of Lakewood, Ohio has a wonderful sense of detail and pattern. Her acrylic painting ‘Lakewood Painted’ is delightful with a amazing arrangement of the city and water.”

The exhibition will be featured online during starting in December, 2012 at www.upstreampeoplegallery.com and continuing indefinitely in the archives section of the website.

Debra is a self-taught artist working primarily in acrylics. Inspired by Mexican folk art, she has learned a new color alphabet with images for water, trees, and flowers that repeat themselves. “This is all a very overwhelming experience for me,” Debra says. “It’s a totally different career path... I’m having so much fun and it’s beyond my imagination...”

Debbie describes her career:

I am an artist. This city inspires me. I approach the canvas each time with a complete and simple image of the forms and theme for my painting. I work mostly in acrylic but do sometimes use watercolors and oils. No matter what is going on in my life at the beginning of a painting, I am motivated by a spiritual joy that I hope to convey in each piece. For example in my painting, Ventana, I invite the viewer to see the world through one of my windows. I try to share the window that contains my vision of the world. All my paintings attempt to do this. Each time that I begin a painting, I watch my image change as the work interacts with art itself. A language has emerged for me and I enjoy a playful dialog with each attempt. The discipline of the craft is met with the interactive joy of the ‘now-ness’ of each piece.



Debra Purcell’s award-winning work, “Lakewood Painted.”

Over the last few years, I have learned a new color alphabet inspired by the experience of creating. I found images for water, trees, and flowers that have repeated themselves for me and appear in my work like archetypes of

the essence of these things. I see color as the soul of the painting and the form as the body that carries the soul to life. I find this all spiritual. The color and forms take their own direction like a little girl playing dress up with her mother’s clothing. It is very important to me to allow the color and form to do this. My design and discipline is to make it work by being true to the image I am trying to convey.

Debra’s works are currently exhibited through January at River Gallery, 19046 Old Detroit Road in Rocky River, Ohio. For further information about Debra Purcell’s work including upcoming events and gallery showings, please visit her website <http://debradenisepurcell.fineartstudioonline.com> or email debra.purcell.2012@att.net.

Additional information may be downloaded from following link: <http://www.upstreampeoplegallery.com/gallery/view.asp?RN=22339&XD=12/1/2012&AN=Mazer%2C+Mike&PREV=22192&NEXT=>



Art Glass Now In Cleveland Area

by Deby Romaniw

Fused Art Glass will now be available at Grand River Beads and Gifts, located at 19361 Detroit Road, Rocky River, Ohio. Eva Sherman, owner of Grand River, is excited about the addition of Deby’s Designs and Delphi Glass.

Deby Romaniw, a long time glass instructor at Grand River Beads, is now the only authorized Delphi dealer in this area! Delphi Glass is a large art glass supplier located in Michigan and Deby has been a customer for many years. “Being able to purchase glass locally is great news for our local artisans,” comments Deby. “I look forward to continuing to instruct new/past students with some of my ideas and designs.”

Deby has been creating jewelry designs for over thirty years in Michigan and Northeast Ohio. Always sharing her knowledge, Deby will be instructing classes in dichroic glass and tack fused, with several new designs including pendants, earrings and glass ornaments.

Grand River Beads is also the only shop carrying Deby’s Designs, and all of her inventory arrived in time for the holidays. The only other place to purchase her pieces is online at debysdesigns.net and local shows in the summer.

Shop hours are: Wednesday Thurs-



Fused dichroic glass Picasso style

day Friday (11am-6pm) and Saturday (10am-5pm). To sign-up for classes visit the online calendar; grandriverbeads.com or for more information, contact Deby at deby@debysdesigns.net or call: 216.402.3245 or 440.331.4950.

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Going Green

Hen Hopefuls: Alex Oster

by Annie Stahlheber

Happy New Year from the Hens in Lakewood Committee. We are highlighting another fine Lakewood "hen hopeful," so that Lakewood neighbors can learn about who wants hens, and why. Here is another wonderful Lakewood family to discuss their point of view on the popular issue of responsible hen keeping in Lakewood.

AS - What street do you live on?

AO - Clarence.

AS - How long have you lived in Lakewood?

AO - I was born in Lakewood and moved back here periodically in my life, but now I'm a full fledged homeowner in Lakewood for just over a year.

AS - Why do you choose to live in Lakewood?

AO - The community's small business presence, proximity to the rapid and downtown and the sense of community that still exists.

AS - Why do you want to raise hens in Lakewood?

AO - Fresh eggs and healthy fertilizer for my gardens.

AS - Why do you think Lakewood is a community that should allow responsible hen keeping?

AO - Because its archaic otherwise. People should have the right to produce their food especially in today's world of GMO plants and corrupt food systems. You're allowed hens in the city of Cleveland, we should be every bit as progressive as well.

AS - Do you want to mention anything else?

AO - Having hens is an amazing experience. Growing up I spent much of my time on my grandparents farm taking care of the chickens. As I got older I remembered that part of the past and got chickens when I was living in Avon. There's such a wonderful feeling when you wake up to freshly made eggs and you see that your compost pile somehow turned itself over and became fortified with super nitrogen rich manure. This is an experience I'd like everyone to be able to have, including myself.



Alex Oster and his girlfriend, who live on Clarence.

Extreme Downpours Up 49 Percent in Ohio, Scientists Link Trend to Global Warming

When It Rains It Pours

by Craig Gibson

Just months after heavy downpours led to flooding that dumped massive amounts of untreated sewage into Lake Erie, a new Environment Ohio Research and Policy Center report released in conjunction with the Union of Concerned Scientists (a fellow member Clean Air Defense Campaign) confirms that extreme rainstorms are happening 49 percent more frequently in Ohio since 1948.

"As the old saying goes, when it rains, it pours—especially in recent years as bigger storms have hit Ohio more often," said Craig Gibson, Clean Air Organizer for Environment Ohio Research and Policy Center. "We need to heed scientists' warnings that this dangerous trend is linked to global warming, and do everything we can to cut carbon pollution today."

Based on an analysis of state data from the National Climatic Data Center, the new report found that heavy downpours that used to happen once every 12 months on average in state now happen every 8.1 months on average. Moreover, the biggest storms are getting bigger. The largest annual storms in State now produce 15 percent more precipitation, on average, than they did 65 years ago.

Scientists have concluded that the rise in the frequency and severity of heavy rainstorms and snowstorms is linked to global warming. Warming increases evaporation and enables the atmosphere to hold more water, providing more fuel for extreme rainstorms and heavy snowstorms.

Craig Gibson pointed to the rainstorm that hit Cleveland in July of this summer as an illustration of what more extreme rainstorms could mean for the state. That rainstorm, which brought heavy precipitation over a period of just a few hours, overpowered the combined sewage system resulting in hazardous waste overflow along the Lake Erie coastline. The large amounts of traceable bacteria in these overflows contribute to Ohio's beaches being ranked as the second worst in the nation.

"Over 10 billion gallons of untreated sewage is dumped each year into Lake Erie and waterways across Ohio," said Dr. Leanne Jablonski, FMI, of the Union of Concerned Scientists. These untreated discharges commonly contain bacteria, parasites, and toxic chemicals, and can contain more than 120 viruses. These discharges have sizeable environmental, public health, recreational and economic impacts.

The new Environment Ohio Research and Policy Center report, When It Rains, It Pours: Global Warming and the Increase in Extreme Precipitation from 1948 to 2011, examines trends in the frequency and total amount of precipitation produced by extreme rain and snow storms across the contiguous United States from 1948 to 2011. Using data from 3,700 weather stations and a methodology originally developed by scientists at the National Climatic Data Center and the Illinois State Water Survey, the report identifies storms with the greatest 24-hour precipitation totals

at each weather station, and analyzes when those storms occurred. The report also examines trends in the amount of precipitation produced by the largest annual storm at each weather station.

Nationally, the report found that storms with extreme precipitation increased in frequency by 30 percent across the contiguous United States from 1948 to 2011. Moreover, the largest annual storms produced 10 percent more precipitation, on average. At the state level, 43 states show a significant trend toward more frequent storms with extreme precipitation, while only one state (Oregon) shows a significant decline.

Key findings for Ohio and the East North Central Region include:

Extreme rainstorms and snowstorms are becoming more frequent. Ohio experienced a 49 percent increase in the frequency of extreme rainstorms from 1948 to 2011. In other words, heavy downpours or snowstorms that happened once every 12 months on average in 1948 now happen every 8.1 months, on average.

Storms with extreme precipitation increased in frequency by 34 percent in the East North Central during the period studied.

The biggest rainstorms and snowstorms are getting bigger. The amount of precipitation released by the largest annual storms in Ohio increased by 15 percent from 1948 to 2011.

Environment Ohio Research and Policy Center and the Union of Concerned Scientists were joined by

Whiskey Island Marina & Wendy Park at a press event to release today's report.

"Damage from flooding following incidences of extreme precipitation are typically measured in terms of lives lost and cost of damage to buildings and infrastructure," said Jablonski. "But what is often overlooked are the potentially costly public health impacts. These are featured in the Union of Concerned Scientists' recent report linking climate change and health, 'After the Storm: The Hidden Health Risks of Flooding in a Warming World (www.ucsusa.org).' The top five include bacteria and sewage in our local waterways, beaches and swimming holes; sewage backup in plumbing or basements; waterborne diseases contaminating drinking water; drowning while driving and dangerous mold in indoor air."

Tim Poole, General Manager of Whiskey Island Marina & Wendy Park added, "The sole responsibility for the cleanup of debris, garbage, trees, and other materials washed onto shorelines of Wendy Park and into the harbor around the Whiskey Island Marina has always fallen on the backs of the county owned facilities. The severe storms and their aftermath are driving up expenses and threatening the ability of one of Cuyahoga Counties premiere outdoor recreation spaces' ability to operate in a sustainable efficient manner."

Gibson was careful to note that an increase in the frequency and

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Wellness Watch

Hearty Vegetable Chili Recipe

courtesy of Josie Duennes in cooperation with Live Well Lakewood

Here’s a family favorite that you can tailor to your family’s tolerance for heat. Make up a batch of your favorite cornbread and you’ve got a warming, filling dinner.

- Ingredients:**
- 1 cup T.V.P. (dry soy protein) available in bulk at Nature’s Bin**
 - 1 cup warm water
 - 1 Tbs. soy sauce
 - 1 can diced tomatoes (try Muir Glen roasted)
 - 1/4 cup ketchup
 - 1 med. onion, chopped
 - 2 carrots, chopped
 - 1 clove garlic
 - 3 dried Ancho chiles (produce dept. Nature’s Bin)
 - 1 dried Chipotle chile (Nature’s Bin)*
 - 1 Tbs. ground cumin
 - 2 Tbs. ground chili powder
 - 1 Tbs. smoked paprika (if you can’t find smoked paprika, use sweet and add a little liquid smoke)
 - 1 can kidney beans, drained
 - 1 can chick peas
 - 2 Tbs. oil
 - 2 tsp. coarse black pepper
 - salt (to taste)

Directions:

Cover the T.V.P. with warm water and stir in the soy sauce. Let this sit for a bit to absorb the water. Pull off the stems and clean out any seeds in the chile peppers. Put the dried chiles in a small bowl and cover them with warm water as well (about a cup) and let sit for 10 to 15 minutes. Pull the chiles out of the water. **DON’T THROW OUT THE WATER!** Put the chiles in a blender with a spoonful of the chile water and the peeled garlic clove and blend til smooth.

In a nice heavy large pot, saute the onion and carrot in the oil til they’re a little soft. Pour in the chile puree and cook for a minute or so. Add the can of tomatoes and the beans. Stir in the T.V.P. and the rest of the liquid from the chiles. Add the ketchup and the spices. Taste before you add the salt and then add what you need. Let everything simmer on low heat for about 45 min. Should feed 4.

* Note: This gives you about a medium hot chili. If you are sensitive to heat, skip the chipotle pepper and use another Ancho instead. If you like your chili hot, add a second chipotle. That’s where the heat is. If your chili got a little too spicy, add a little more ketchup. The sugar in it will tone down the heat.

** If you prefer your chili with meat, skip the T.V.P. and brown up a pound of lean ground beef with the onion and carrots.

Josie Duennes is the food service manager at Nature’s Bin, the mother of 2 grown sons and happily married for over 30 years.



Diabetes Partnership Of Cleveland

by Susan Courtney

Being diagnosed with diabetes can be overwhelming and confusing. You may have to start taking medicine or insulin and you are supposed to be checking your blood sugar every day. When it comes to food, you are not sure what to eat anymore.

Let the Diabetes Partnership of Cleveland help you manage your diabetes to avoid complications of this disease. Our education staff including a registered dietetic technician, nurse, and social worker. We are available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. to answer your questions and provide you with information to make diabetes less confusing and overwhelming. Individual appointments as well as

classes and workshops are available to the diabetic. Please call 216-591-0800 or visit www.diabetespartnership.org for a wealth of diabetes knowledge.

Maybe you would like to join one of our empowerment groups. This is a great way to learn more about diabetes in a relaxed atmosphere and to be able to talk with others about diabetes who are dealing with the same issues you are dealing with as well. The empowerment groups are located in Rocky River, Bedford, Beachwood, Cleveland and Euclid. The Rocky River group meets the 4th Wednesday of the month at the Rocky River Senior Center from 1 - 2:30 p.m. There are always interesting topics and alot of time to talk about diabetes and getting your questions answered.

If you have trouble affording your testing strips (which are very expensive), we may be able to help if you do not have health insurance. We can put you in touch with programs that offer free or discounts on medications as well as provide free glucose meters, strips, and lancets which are vital to

diabetes management.

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Business News

A Holiday “Miracle” For One Lakewood Family

by Staci Russell

This holiday season, thanks to the support of many Lakewood businesses and the generosity of countless Lakewood residents, the Higgins family got the surprise of a lifetime. The Higgins’ son, Conlan, was diagnosed at birth with Spastic Quadriplegic Cerebral Palsy. Despite his upbeat attitude and loving family, the fact remained that Conlan was in great need of additional equipment for everyday living. In particular, at the age of four, Conlan needed something more comfortable than a baby bouncy seat when not in his stroller. The perfect answer would be a “Cozy Chair.” Unfortunately, the Higgins discovered that insurance does not take “comfort” into consideration when deciding what is medically necessary, making such a purchase cost prohibitive.

Enter CrossFit Cleveland - Every year we, CrossFit Cleveland, seek out a local Lakewood charity to give to during the holidays, but 2012 was a little different. While trying to decide where to give this year, one of our members, Alison Thomlison, also a close friend

to the Higgins family, suggested raising money to help buy Conlan his chair for Christmas. Instead of just asking for donations from members of the gym, the idea quickly evolved into an entire fundraising event - coupled with a grand opening for CrossFit Cleveland’s new location on Allen Court in Rocky River.

Together, Alison, Chryssy, Conlan’s mother, and the whole CrossFit Cleveland crew, helped to build the event. The surrounding business community was very generous in their donations for a raffle and silent auction, while friends started a baking frenzy for the bake sale. The morning of the event arrived with much excitement from everyone involved.

No CrossFit event would be complete without a workout, and that day saw nearly 150 athletes of all ability levels work out in support of Conlan. Before the event even began, donations had been made and countless more supporters came out buying raffle tickets, baked goods and, of course, just giving straight cash. All in all this group of friends and family, along with Cross-

Fitters both near and far, raised much more than their original goal of \$1,500.

But this outpouring of support was just the beginning of what Conlan’s mom would later refer to as a “miracle.” The kind, she continued, that “you read about...in newspapers and see on the news.”

The CEO and founder of CrossFit Inc., Greg Glassman, was in town that week and extended his stay to attend the event and show his support to the Russells, CrossFit Cleveland, and the community. After being introduced to a smiling Conlan and his family, Glassman quickly made the decision that he needed to do something big for the Higgins.

In the spirit of giving that had already permeated the entire day, and without much fanfare, he quietly donated a substantial sum to the Hig-

gins family that brought the day’s total to almost \$14,000.

Needless to say, the dollar amount was far more than anyone could have ever anticipated, but so was the size of the event. With hundreds in attendance, Conlan was grinning from ear to ear all day, meeting hundreds of new friends-always with mom and dad close by. A tearful Chryssy later told attendees, “Words will never be able to express what it felt like to see my son smile as much as he did today, lately the smiles come few and far between. My family was honored to meet the CrossFit community. Every hug, every handshake, every conversation I had, I felt the sincerity within your hearts. Thank you.”

The Higgins family ordered Conlan’s chair that week and also plan to open a trust fund for him with the money.

Rotary Club Seeking Grant Requests

by Lynn Donaldson

Each year, the Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River provides grants to support 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations that serve our two communities. Non-profits are invited to submit applications for grants that historically have ranged from \$500 to \$2,500.

Each year, the club attempts to refine its selection process to focus on the changing needs of our communities. This year, the club is emphasizing activities in the areas of job training, youth leadership, and health ministries.

Other changes to the grants process include:

- The number of grants will be reduced. The objective is to provide fewer but larger grants to organizations that have a positive impact on those

they serve. This means some organizations that have received funding in the past may not receive a grant this year.

- Seed-money is available for new programs and services. The club is attempting to identify at least two new programs that will be eligible for one-time grants up to \$5,000. Organizations that believe their request falls within this area are asked to describe how the grant will have a significant positive impact on those they serve. Organizations can apply for a special seed-money grant in addition to a regular grant.
- Hands-on opportunities will receive special consideration. Requests will receive special consideration if the organization can identify realistic opportunities for Rotarians to volunteer at a project within the organization.
- Successful applicants are requested to speak at one of the club’s regular meetings about their organization and the how Rotary has helped their group accomplish its mission.

Request forms can be obtained from Phil Ardussi at 216-218-8780 or pardussi@cox.net. In addition to completing the forms, organizations should respond, in writing, describing the nature of their request, the impact it has, and how they believe their program provides a new approach to their area of service. Any other justifying information is welcome.

Requests should be sent to the Grants Committee, Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River, PO Box 770916, Lakewood, OH 44107. The deadline for receipt of requests is January 21.

Lakewood Catholic Academy To Host Open House, January 27



by Gretchen Bulan

Lakewood Catholic Academy (LCA) will hold an Open House on Sunday, January 27, 2013 from 1 – 3 p.m. The Open House kicks off Catholic Schools Week in the Diocese of Cleveland and will take place at the school campus at 14808 Lake Avenue in Lakewood. Prospective families and interested community members are invited to attend. No reservations are necessary for this event and applications and registration materials will be available. Open registration for new families for the 2013-14 school year will begin on February 1.

The event offers the opportunity to tour the school and campus grounds, meet faculty and staff, talk to current

parents, learn about the admissions process and inquire about financial aid. A special presentation will be made by LCA’s Dean of Academics and Mission, Maureen Arbezniak, on “The Lakewood Catholic Academy Difference” at 2:30 p.m. in the school’s St. Augustine Library.

Lakewood Catholic Academy is a private, Catholic, co-educational elementary school in Lakewood, OH – a western suburb of Cleveland – serving students from preschool age through grade eight.

For further information, please contact Paul Nickels, LCA Director of Enrollment, at (216) 521-0559 ext. 3028 or visit the school’s website at www.lakewoodcatholicacademy.com.

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by Joan Miller

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AARP TAX-AIDE help is also available by appointment at The Barton Center 14300 Detroit Avenue. Thursdays 9:00 a.m. until Noon. Call 216-221-3400 after January 2nd to schedule appointment.

AARP TAX-AIDE help is also available by appointment at The Lakewood Public Library Madison Branch 13229 Madison Ave., Tuesdays from Noon to 4:00 p.m. Call 216-228-7428 after January 2nd to schedule appointment.

Business News

Business Owners Support Lakewood Neighborhoods And Each Other

by Michael Daso

‘Twas the week before Christmas, my family was riding in the mini-van. I was driving to Delaware and Woodward Avenues, a happy business and family man. We were ready to place a small candy cane ornament on the tiny Christmas tree situated on that corner.

The day before, I had reminded my four children about how, last December, I had purchased the former West Shore Assembly of God Church building, and converted it to my office space. In an effort to spruce up the corner (pun intended,) I planted a small evergreen tree outside my office on the corner. Hayes Elementary School is located directly across the street, and I thought some of the families walking to school might enjoy the small tree. I had also seen many walkers and joggers in the neighborhood and wanted them to smile as they passed by as well.

Now when I say I planted a small tree I mean small. The tree was probably only 18 inches high--it was truly a Charlie Brown tree. It looked a little lost on the corner. But once it was planted, something really neat happened. The families in the neighborhood started decorating the tree! At first only one ornament appeared, and then a few more. By Christmas morning the tree was mostly full. It



The little tree that could, at the corner of Woodward and Delaware.

warmed my heart each morning as I arrived at work to see the tiny tree and its ornaments.

When I told the story to my children, they got excited to place the first ornament of 2012. We were headed to the corner with our candy cane ornament to begin the decorating. Unfortunately, as we parked the mini-van, I noticed something alarming--my little tree was missing! The corner was empty; only a small hole in the ground

remained.

I pray that the person who took the tree truly needed it this Christmas. I would like to think that maybe this was their only way to have a small symbol of Christmas inside their house.

Fortunately, that is not the end of this “Lakewood Christmas Story.” While sitting in the chair at Mike’s Barber Shop on Madison Avenue, I mentioned my story to Mike. He leaned over and whispered that he just might have a new tree to put on the corner! Mike explained that Hurricane Sandy had uprooted a dwarf blue spruce in his front yard and that the tree needed a new home. He said if I wanted it, he would wrap it up and leave it for me to pick up. I drove to his house the next day and picked up the new tree. After planting it, I found an ornament in my office and placed it on the tree.

I have already seen a few kids smile as they walked past the new tree on their way to school. I wonder how quickly the tree will be decorated this year, and what ornaments will appear on it. Thanks to the generosity of a fellow Lakewood business owner, the tree decorating tradition will carry on, for at least one more year. Mike’s gesture is one more example of why Lakewood a great place to work and live!

Financial New Year Resolutions 2013

by Jonathan Clark

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe that 2012 is over and the 2013 journey is beginning. I find it appropriate to create financial goals to consider placing on your 2013 Resolution list...

1. Review all your beneficiary designations on retirement accounts, life insurance, and savings.
2. Consider visiting with a qualified attorney to create or update your Medical and Financial POAs.
3. Take a couple nights this year to review investment statements with

the goal of having a better understanding of how your assets are invested.

4. If you are within five years of retirement, start to review when it might be best to start taking your Social Security and make sure your 401(k) is invested appropriately for risk tolerance and time horizon.
5. The low interest rates are making it tough on some insurance companies. This could force insurers to increase their premium rates on some products such as life insurance. If you have considered creating a legacy for your family it could be wise to act sooner rather than later.
6. Consider discussing the benefits of an umbrella policy over top of your current homeowner’s policy with your property and casualty agent.
7. The final and maybe most important in light of the tragedy in Connecticut. If you are in a financial position to do so, start planning that dream and/or family vacation. Life can come at us quickly and there

are no guarantees that there will be a tomorrow.

Thank you for taking the time to read my articles over 2012. I wish you all the best in 2013. If you have any financial questions you would like me to address email me at jclark@brookstoneadvisor.com.

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Lakewood's Antiques...

Those Old Rocking Chairs....(A Child Learns About Life's Questions, And The Costs Of War)

by Gary Rice

Every couple of years, I face the same question concerning two old rocking chairs on our front porch.

Paint 'em and patch 'em... or pitch 'em?

Frankly, one might think that would be an easy question to answer. These two rockers are not in the best of shape. They could probably use a good re-caning soon, and they're just, well, getting a bit older. (just like yours truly) Having virtually no monetary value, they could certainly be easily replaced with a couple of nice new rockers for a relatively modest sum.

Practically speaking, it's probably getting about time to pitch 'em out to the tree lawn.

Problem is, I'm just not that "practical" yet. At least, not in this case.

See, those chairs were a gift to me from my grandmother. We carried those rockers up here to Cleveland from Birmingham, Alabama, in the back of a trailer, probably some fifty years ago, and like so many other things that you've read about in my columns, they come with a story.

Dad was a northern guy who'd met his Alabama bride during the war. Dad used to say that it was "written into the marriage contract" that we go South every summer to see

Mom's side of the family, and so we did. Staying with the relatives was really all the vacation that a school teacher could afford back then anyway. Air conditioning was not part of the picture either, at least where we went. I remember our long drives down South in 100 degree-plus temperatures taking close to 24 hours on two-lane blacktop roads, going up and down the Smoky Mountains. When we finally got there, it usually took us a few days to acclimate. I'd lie sick on Grandma's bed, soaking her sheets with sweat, while an anemic little electric fan over in the corner swept hot air slowly back and forth across the polished hardwood and linoleum floors. In humid summertime Alabama back then, carpets on the floors were an unheard-of luxury, at least in Grandma's home.

There were simply too many bugs around.

Grandma and Grandpa lived in one of those side-by-side clapboard one-floor "shotgun" houses in a Birmingham, Alabama suburb, way back in the early '60's. (A "shotgun" house is essentially a straight-through home that you could shoot a shotgun in the

front door and the pellets would go out the back door) As anyone who is familiar with history can tell you, there was a lot going on, in and around Birmingham back then, not the least of which were the Civil Rights activities. (My family had many friends of all kinds, and had always encouraged me to associate with anyone and everyone who was decent, no matter what their race was) Unfortunately, back then, Birmingham was becoming more and more dangerous- and in many quarters, a whole lot less decent for anyone. There was a horrible bombing at an African-American church, not too far from where we were, that took the lives of four innocent little girls. The authorities started using German Shepherds, hard helmets, and fire hoses, and downtown Birmingham was fast becoming a battleground area. Some day, I may write more about my experiences on those Birmingham streets. I even almost got in trouble once for attempting to drink out of a "colored" drinking fountain.

Anyway, I have so many memories from those times, but this column is about those two rocking chairs, so I'd better get back on topic. As I mentioned, Grandma's house was a side-by-side. There was a nice older

couple living on the other side of that home. They were very kind people who then owned the rockers featured in my story. I'll leave their names out of this tale for privacy reasons. Bear with me on this. It's a really tough tale for me to tell. On those hot Alabama summer nights, those neighbors would happily rock the hours away on that old shared concrete porch. They had a wonderful son too, who was a good deal older than I was. Sometimes, our families would pool our resources, cranking out the home-made ice cream, and opening those ever-present bottles of "co-cola", while we enjoyed side-yard ball games on those steamy 'Bama nights, laughing and sliding into home plate on that blood-red iron-rich dirt.

One day however, things changed, and they were never the same again. Grandma's neighbors learned that their son had gone off on some military "secret mission" that he was not allowed to talk about. They did not even know why, where, or with whom he had gone off with!

Anyway, with their son missing and his fate unknown, those neighbors also lost the joy of rocking away those warm Alabama evenings in those chairs. Indeed, I personally witnessed many sorrowful and bitter tears, particularly that were

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Birmingham rockers and memories...

Lakewood Living

Volunteering: Great For Helping Others And Improving Your Resume

by Denise Ayres

Volunteer work is very valuable. Ask any organization that enlists volunteers and they will tell you that, “Volunteers make it possible to run our world!” In our Compeer Program at Far West Center and in all Compeer Programs throughout the US, Canada, and Australia, Compeer Volunteers help transform peoples’ lives by offering friendship and supportive communication. Did you know that not only is volunteering good for the community and your self-esteem, but it is also a great addition to your resume?

An article titled “Put Volunteer

Work on Your Resume” by Susan J. Ellis, featured at www.volunteer-guide.org, states “one way to capture the interest of an employer is to show that you are an involved citizen—someone who works to make the community a better place to live. In other words, make sure your volunteer work appears on your resume.” This article also points out that volunteer work listed on a college graduate’s resume shows an employer that the student has demonstrated interests outside the classroom. Ellis also suggests to individuals that are trying to return to the work force after unemployment that “volunteer

activities prove that you kept yourself sharp and involved.”

Volunteer work can say a lot about character and one’s ability to commit to a job. Volunteer work shows that you “showed up” for the job and helped an organization to accomplish service goals. The Community Service Learning Center of Grand Valley State University, Michigan says in regard to resumes “Remember, Volunteer Work should be presented with the same value, importance, and level of achievement as paid employment.”

In his New York Times article, titled “Volunteering Rises on

Resumes”, John Leland offers some results on a September 2011 survey given to employers by LinkedIn. The LinkedIn survey showed that “41 percent of employers said they considered volunteer work as important as paid work.” This same survey reports that 20 percent of employers made a hiring decision based on an applicant’s volunteer work.

You need not look far to find a volunteer opportunity in Lakewood’s Community. There are a number of outstanding organizations in need of volunteers in order to provide services. Compeer, serving western Cuyahoga County, is looking for adult volunteers. The many advantages to volunteering for our program include socialization, fun activities, and a flexible schedule. In fact, Compeer Volunteers make their own schedule which makes volunteering fit within their other commitments.

Please visit www.compeer.org and see how rewarding it can be to be a Compeer Volunteer. Our Compeer Program at Far West Center is listed at that web site under Westlake, Ohio. You can call Compeer at: 440-835-6212 Ext. 242 and email to: compeer@far-westcenter.com.

Lakewood Antiques...Those Old Rocking Chairs

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shed by the father; who sat alone in one of those rockers in ever-deepening sorrow...night after night after night. Finally, even the rockers were of no solace, so they were sold to to Grandma. When Grandpa died, Grandma came North to be with us, and along came those rockers.

I was only ten years old when the neighbors’ son was lost. That’s a

tough lesson for anyone, but it was a very hard lesson for a 10 year-old to understand. Of course, I also did not understand Birmingham’s fire hoses, the police dogs, the bullhorns, and why there needed to be “white” and “colored” drinking fountains either. (I actually had approached that fountain out of innocent childhood curiosity, in order to find out what color the “colored” water was!)

So yeah, I guess that you could say

that I became aware of many of life’s big questions back then; only you know what? I still haven’t found the answers to many of them. Sometimes, I still feel like I’m a kid again, wondering what colored water looks like.

As for those rockers? Well, lately, they did get pushed around a bit by Hurricane Sandy...but they’re still OK.

They’ve seen a lot worse. A Hell of a lot worse.

Opinion

Muddled Thinking Is Cause And Result Of Language-cide

by Ziggy Rein

Our mother tongue, the English language, is being murdered. And this language-cide seems to be constantly getting worse. It is perpetrated not only by preschoolers or other uneducated persons, but by language professionals, such as radio and television personalities, movie stars, college graduates, and even people with doctorates. What is going on? Is grammar no longer taught in school? Or is it deemed unimportant? The misuse of grammar, caused by muddled thinking, in turn causes more confused thinking.

Let me give you some examples. One of the worst culprits is a statement such as, “Her, him and me did something yesterday.” Yet, it is perfectly all right to say, “Between you and I.” You ask, what’s the big deal? There is no real difference between the use of, let’s say, I and me. Yes, there is. For example, there is a song with the phrase: “God uses people like you and me.” It tells us that God uses people that are just like you and I. But if we change the wording to, “God uses people like you and I,” the meaning changes completely. Now we are being told that God is using people in the same way that you and I use people. What a difference!

A national magazine even goes

by the name of Us. And, there are a great many books with titles such as Mother and Me. Pray tell, what action has befallen us in the case of the magazine and what is being done to mother and me?

Whenever someone answers, “That’s her” in response to an inquiry about the identity of a female, my

immediate reaction is to ask “That’s her what?”

Then there is the problem with who and whom. I understand there is a movement underway to eliminate the use of whom altogether because hardly anyone uses it anymore. But that can create such confusing monstrosities as, “Who said to who, who is who tak-

ing to the dance?” It is much easier to understand when “whom” is added correctly. “Who said to whom, whom is who taking to the dance?”

Although there are many more ways by which our beautiful language is being murdered by muddled thinking, these examples of my pet peeves will suffice.

Scientists Link Trend To Global Warming When It Rains It Pours

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severity of extreme rainstorms does not mean more water will be available for human use. Hotter temperatures fuel extreme rainstorms by increasing rates of evaporation. At the same time, however, that evaporation increases soil dryness. Moreover, scientists expect that, as global warming intensifies, longer periods with relatively little precipitation will tend to mark the periods between heavy rainstorms. As a result, droughts are likely to become more frequent and severe in some regions of the United States. Currently, more than half of the lower United States is suffering

through prolonged drought, aggravated by the fact that the last six months have been the hottest January-June period on record.

According to the most recent science, the United States must reduce its total global warming emissions by at least 35 percent below 2005 levels by 2020 and by at least 85 percent by 2050 in order to prevent the most devastating consequences of global warming. Environment Ohio Research and Policy Center highlighted two proposals from the Obama administration—carbon pollution and fuel efficiency standards for cars and light trucks through model year 2025, and the first ever

carbon pollution standards for new power plants put forth by the EPA—as critical steps toward meeting these pollution reduction targets.

“How serious this problem gets is largely within our control—but only if we act boldly to reduce the pollution that fuels global warming,” said Craig Gibson. “We applaud the Obama administration for their proposals to cut carbon pollution from vehicles and new power plants, and urge them to move forward with finalizing these critical initiatives”

Environment Ohio Research and Policy Center is a statewide, environmental advocacy and education organization.

Lakewood Living

Dr. Paul Droste, Lakewood's Gift To The Best Damn Band In The Land (TBDBITL)

by Tom George

The Pride of the Buckeyes and arguably college football's finest marching band has a special relationship with Lakewood.

The Ohio State University Marching Band, keeper of college football's greatest tradition, Script Ohio, was led for fourteen years by Lakewood born Dr. Paul Droste.

Dr. Paul Droste was director of the Ohio State University Marching Band from 1970 to 1983. Prior to leading the TBDBITL (The Best Damn Band In The Land) he was the orchestra director at Lakewood High School from 1964 to 1966 and taught string instruments at Lakewood's ten elementary schools during the same period.

Droste was born at Lakewood Hospital on October 14, 1936. As a young child, Droste recalls that his family lived above the Daniels Funeral Home on Detroit Avenue (near Summit Avenue). At age three, the family moved to Fairview Park where he attended school. Droste credits his band and choir director at Fairview, Frank Barr, with steering him towards Ohio State. As Droste puts it, "he asked me what I intended to do and when I told him I'd like to be a high school band director, it was the end of the story...well then, you're going to Ohio State, he said."

Droste also credits Max Denmark "a darn good teacher," who lived at 1612 Winton, for his musical prowess. Droste studied trombone and baritone at Denmark's home each Saturday morning for many years.

Dr. Droste holds a Bachelor of Science in Education from Ohio State, a Masters Degree in Music from the Eastman School of Music and a Doctorate in Music Arts in Euphonium Performance from Arizona University.

Droste, until the recent appointment of Dr. Jon Waters, was the first and only former member of the Ohio State band to later become the band's director. Droste is credited for many innovations including the band's first female members and the inclusion of "Hang on Sloopy" in the band's

menu.

In a 2007 interview Droste said, "We were a military band in the 1920s and in the 50s we played Broadway show music and things like that...the first rock tune we played was 'Hang on Sloopy.' The band director at the time, Charles Spohn, felt this is what students listened to rather than old military and show business stuff. So in the late 60s we were playing 'Hang on Sloopy' eight, ten, twelve times a game." He adds, "I came in as director in 1970. First of all, 'Hang on Sloopy' has never been my favorite piece of music, to be honest about that. We've got to rein this in or we will kill it by overplaying it. So we would wait until between the third and fourth quarters to play the song." And the Buckeye fans loved it.

Droste confided that he worked hard to honor tradition, yet keep the entertainment fresh.

"If you come to a game and you only get tickets to one football game a year, and the band doesn't do Script Ohio, you go home unhappy. If you have season tickets and the band does Script Ohio every game, you just have to ask, 'Can they do anything else? So we've tried to balance the traditional elements with the new elements," he said.

According to Droste, the Ohio State University band began as a Reserve Officer Training Band (ROTC) band. Ohio State and all land grant colleges, as a condition of their charters, were required to provide ROTC training for all male students. The Ohio State band eventually emerged from the all-male ROTC cadet band. Because, according to Droste, only males were allowed in the military, the band was all male for many years. Things changed with the Higher Education Act of 1972 which opened the doors for female band participation. Soon thereafter, The Best Damn Band In the Land (TBDBITL) had its first female members.

After graduation from Ohio State in 1958, Droste eventually made his way to Lakewood. "My first job was at Pickerington, just outside of Columbus. Little Pickerington." After graduate school at O.S.U. and Pickerington, in 1964 Droste secured a position as orchestra director in Lakewood.

"T.R. Evans and Band Director Dick Strang hired me," Said Droste. In addition it didn't hurt the former Buckeye that Lakewood High School Principal Mahlon A. Povenmire was also a former 1922 Ohio State University Band member.

"They wanted me to be there as the high school orchestra director and full-time string teacher at ten elementary schools. This was the big situation

I was looking for," continued Droste, "where I went from a high school of upper three grades of maybe 100, to a high school where in the upper three grades were 2,300. That was the difference between Pickerington, one of the smallest high schools in the state, to Lakewood, one of the largest schools."

And with Lakewood being his birthplace, "I thought, well it's kind of like going home," said Droste.

Droste describes the faculty at Lakewood High as being very supportive. Often after a concert there would be a nice note in the message box from a fellow staff member. Droste noted a warm sense of comradeship with the likes of Tony DiBiasio, Emil George, Dick Strang and other Lakewood High teachers.

Several past Lakewood High students stick out in Droste's mind including David Strang, son of the Lakewood High Band Director. Strang was "a heck of a trumpet player" who furthered his music career at Ohio State as a member of the marching band. Karl Verberka, Droste recalls, was a talented violinist.

After a long day at LHS, two years into his Lakewood job, Droste returned to his mother's house in Fairview Park to find he got the phone call he'd always been waiting for.

Upon entering the house his mother told him, "Jack Evans at Ohio State called and Charles Spohn called a bit later to say they had a vacancy, and they just wanted to know if you would be interested or not."

Droste knew he couldn't pass up his dream job working with the Ohio

State Marching Band.

"Starting instructor was (at Ohio State) I think \$6,000 as my first salary," he said. "Lakewood was paying a bit more than that. But this was the opportunity to be associated with the marching band, teach brass instruments and get away from strings, which I enjoyed."

"The guy who followed me at Lakewood stayed 25 years. Chances are I would have stayed there that long had Ohio State not called," reflected Droste.

In 1966 he met his wife-to-be, Anne, at Ohio State. They have two children, Diana, a teacher in Westerville and Douglas, band director at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater.

Dr. Droste is proud that the Lakewood connection with TBDBITL continues with Josh Laux, who is currently a graduate assistant with the band.

Dr. Droste has carried his Lakewood experiences with him to thirteen bowl games and all over the country and world. Under Dr. Paul Droste's leadership, the Ohio State University Marching Band excelled and built upon its national and international reputation as The Best Damn Band in the Land. Go Bucks!

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Lakewood Living

2012 Real Estate Review

Part 1: Single Family Homes

by Chris Bergin

2012 was a year of ups and downs for real estate in Lakewood. Part 1 of this series will take a look at the State of the Market for Single Family Homes.

Last year there were a total of 395 sales for Single Family Homes. This is the highest amount since 2006 when 395 homes also sold. The peak was in 2005 when 428 homes were sold in Lakewood.

The average sale in 2012 was a 3 bedroom home with 1.97 baths averaging 1,742 square feet. It was listed for \$134,144, sold for nearly 95% of list price at \$127,180, and took an average of 121 days to sell.

At the peak of the market in 2005 the average home sold was a 3 bedroom, 1.86 bath home averaging 1,692 square feet. It was listed for \$178,160 and sold

for 96% of list price at \$171,678 in an average of 90 days.

Distressed sales continue to account for at least 13% of the market in Lakewood. These sales include REO sales including HUD, Fannie Mae, and other banks as well as disclosed short sales. The distressed sales market will continue to keep the average sales price low for some time to come. The good news is that the number of sales in 2012 is nearly 24% higher than 2011 and sales prices have indeed stabilized.

The lowest sale price in 2012 was \$9,500 for a 2 bedroom, 1 bath 824 square foot home. The highest sale was \$1.5M for a 6 bedroom, 7 bath 5,231 square foot home.

One trend remains steady. Appropriately priced homes, in good condition, continue to sell quickly and for top dol-

lar. Thirty percent of the homes were sold in 30 days or less and did so for 98% of list price. The longer a home sat on the market the less it sold for. Homes sitting for 120+ days on the market sold on average for 93% of list price.

Moving forward.....the active inventory has dropped significantly. Currently there are just over 100 homes for sale in Lakewood. Although it is typical for inventory to shrink during the winter months, this number is extremely low for a city the size of Lakewood. Based on the number of homes sold in December, there is currently only 4 months of inventory on the market. This in essence has shifted Lakewood to what we refer to as a "Normal Seller's Market." While this does not mean that sellers can now "name their price," it does mean that a home in good, move-in condition that is priced fairly will sell quickly and for top dollar. It also indicates that, if the inventory remains low, that we should

see moderate appreciation and a slight increase in the average sales price. It is my opinion, however, that as more sellers enter the market this Spring we will see the inventory increase to a 6-month supply. This will create a "Balanced Market" with slight appreciation for homeowners.

It is my opinion that it is a good time to be a buyer AND a seller in Lakewood. Home-affordability is still good, and interest rates remain extremely low for buyers. Owners that have equity, as well as a move-in product, are in a great position to sell. This is a great time for move-up buyers (first or second time sellers) to sell and still be able to take advantage of good buys before the market completes the swing to a "Seller's Market." Remember you can always check your home value and neighborhood real estate activity for free at www.HomeValuesInLakewoodInfo.com. A full copy of the 2012 Lakewood Real Estate Report may be obtained by emailing Chris@ChrisBergin.com.

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Letter to Editor:
Thank You, Elves For Elders

Dear Editor,

We wish to thank Lakewood Hospital, Hospice of the Western Reserve in Lakewood, WalMart of North Olmsted, First Federal of Lakewood in Fairview Park, Keller Williams Realty in Westlake and all the volunteers and gift givers who helped make the holiday community service program, Elves for Elders, such a success.

Through the generous donations and efforts of our community, many seniors in need who might have been

overlooked this holiday season received a gift and a little bit of companionship. We were able to provide over 400 gifts to Cleveland's Westside seniors this season.

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