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Mayor Summers' 2013 State Of The City Address

"100 yards further than last year"

by Peter Grossetti

Two moose hunters are flown into a remote lake in Alaska. They have a good hunt, and both manage to get a large moose. When the plane returns to pick them up, the pilot looks at the animals and says, "This little plane won't lift all of us, the equipment, and both of those animals. You'll have to leave one. We'd never make it over the trees on the take off."

"That's baloney," says one

of the hunters.

"Yeah," the other agrees, "you're just chicken. We came out here last year and got two moose and that pilot had some guts. He wasn't afraid to take off!"

"Yeah!" said the first hunter, "and his plane wasn't any bigger than yours!"

The pilot got angry, and said, "Hell, if he did it, then I can do it, I can fly as well as anybody!"

They loaded up, taxied

at full throttle, and the plane almost made it, but didn't have the lift to clear the trees at the end of the lake. It clipped the tops, then flipped, then broke up, scattering the baggage, animal carcasses, and passengers all through the brush. Still alive, but hurt and dazed, the pilot sat up, shook his head to clear it, and said, "Where are we?"

One of the hunters rolled

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From 0 To 100 Years



photo by Jim O'Bryan

In the Emerald Canyon (it is not a valley!) a pair of Bald Eagles watch over their eggs. Check the LO Deck for daily updates. See them at <http://lakewoodobserver.com/forum> "Animal Babies."

District Ranks Near Top In State For Academic Growth

by Christine Gordillo

Data recently released by the Ohio Department of Education in relation to the 2011-2012 Report Cards shows that the Lakewood City School

District is in the top 2% of all Ohio public schools systems and charter schools in regards to learning gains in one academic year in reading and math.

Out of 832 districts, Lakewood City Schools ranks 14th in the 2012 Value-Added category of the Report Card. The Value-Added designation measures how much academic progress a student has made in one academic year. Lakewood Schools have earned "Above" the expected measure each of the five years that Value-Added has been counted in the state Report Cards.

"This shows us that our teachers are working very hard ... and working collaboratively. There is a lot of work going on to get these kind of results," said Board President Edward Favre at the March 18 Board meeting where the ranking was announced. "Our instructional staff and administration is outstanding," he continued.

The rankings were based on the performance of students in grades 4-8 on the Ohio Achievement Assessment tests administered each spring. Solon (5th) and Olmsted Falls (10th) were the only other Northeast Ohio school systems ranked in the top 20.

"Our school improvement processes are working," said Superintendent Jeff Patterson. "I am very proud of our students and staff members. We have proven that we add significant academic growth in the areas of reading and math."

DLBA Brings You The 2nd Annual Spring Stroll & Fashion Show On April 27th

by Ken Brand

Come celebrate spring in Downtown Lakewood at the second annual Spring Stroll and Fashion Show! The Downtown Lakewood Business Alliance will be presenting an afternoon of food, fashion and shopping, on Saturday, April 27th, from 12:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

This year's event will begin at the Lakewood Masonic Temple, 15300 Detroit Ave, at 12:30 p.m. Upon checking in, partici-

pants will receive a raffle ticket to enter in the drawing for the Downtown Lakewood gift basket (worth over \$500!), as well as a program detailing this year's participating merchants.

Once inside, guests will be able to sample small bites and treats from various Downtown Lakewood restaurants, as well as prepared foods from Giant Eagle.

Following the tasting, will **continued on page 5**

Keep Lakewood Beautiful Great American Cleanup And Earth Day Festivities

by Marianne Quasebarth Usiak

Saturday, April 20 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Women's Pavilion in Lakewood Park

Come learn about local earth-friendly organizations and businesses. Adopt-a-tree for free from KLB! Be a part of the annual tree tour (1:15pm) and planting in Lakewood Park. All for free, just come and see the green!

And The Great American

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Individuals or groups of volunteers interested in sprucing up public spaces and city parks should contact Keep Lakewood Beautiful. Lunch is provided to registered volunteers. To pre-register use our link on www.onelakewood.com/KLB; or call Luann at 529-6601.

Two events one day!



photo by Jim O'Bryan

Owl baby almost ready to leave the nest. See them at <http://lakewoodobserver.com/forum> "Animal Babies."

Lakewoodite Celebrates 100!



photo by Jim O'Bryan

Inez Postma's 100th birthday party, March 27th at Lakewood Senior Health Campus. Inez was born in Lakewood, and has lived here almost all of her 100 years. She said her family moved to Lakewood when it was still farmland, and before the roads were put in. When asked how she feels to be 100 Inez said, "Oh boy! Some days are better than others. I just live a simple life."

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Tabletops & Trifles

by Paula Reed

Tabletops & Trifles is the Lakewood Historical Society's sale of the finer things from yesterday and today. Some of the sets of vintage china, crystal, silver, flatware, and linens were wedding gifts to brides and grooms in the 1920s and 30s. Imagine how delighted great-grandma must have been to receive such luxurious possessions with which to entertain her family and friends. Shopping this sale gives you the chance to avail yourself of beautiful things that can't be replicated today, at least certainly not at these prices!

This year's sale features an amazing array of pitchers and teapots; fine and costume jewelry, vintage clothing, hats, purses, shoes, gloves and lingerie. You will also find select pieces of artwork and small, precious decorative items.

Tabletops & Trifles debuts at the Nicholson House, 13335 Detroit, on Friday, April 12th from 1:00 p.m. –



Collect pitchers?

7:00 p.m., and continues on Saturday, April 13th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Parking is available at St. Ed's across the street. All proceeds from the sale benefit the programs and properties of the Lakewood Historical Society.

Come treat your senses—listen while the music plays as you feast your eyes on beautiful pieces, feel the silky linens, and savor a steaming cup of scented tea with a dainty sweet bite. What a great girls' evening or day out—don't miss it!

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City News

Welcome To Lakewood

by Barbara Schwartz

Save the date: Wednesday, April 24th, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Garfield Middle School, 13114 Detroit Ave.

We've been asking you to save the date for some time now because this will be the second annual Welcome to Lakewood event, and we wouldn't want you to miss a chance to learn so much more about your new hometown. We want people to see and feel that Lakewood is a welcoming community, and to find ways for you to be engaged, involved, and we hope, to learn that this is the place you want to stay for a long time to come.

You will have a chance to chat with Mayor Summers, members of Lakewood City Council, Lakewood City Schools Superintendent Jeff Patterson, as well as other representatives. Many of Lakewood's civic and service organizations will have tables and representatives to share information that you can take with you. Find out how these organizations are contributing to life in Lakewood. This will be a fun event with H2O holding activities for

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out from being thrown into a bush, looked around, and said, "I'd reckon about a hundred yards further than last year."

That appropriately poignant story was how Lakewood Mayor Michael P. Summers kicked off his 2013 State of the City Address on the evening of Tuesday, March 26.

Approximately 100 people—including many City Hall officials, municipal employees, movers and shakers from our many civic groups and non-profit entities, as well as curious residents—filed into the Masonic Temple to hear Summers present his third State of the City Address. His speech, titled "Progress Under Pressure" provided highlights of 2012's slow, steady strides (Progress) made in the face of external national, state and regional forces (Pressure).

Among the highlights addressed by the mayor:

Housing Initiatives – "We have surveyed all 12,600 one- and two-family houses in Lakewood and identified 1,700 properties that required significant repair. Our goal in 2012 was to reduce homes needing much repair by half through a combination of code enforcement and community outreach. Today, of those 1,700, more than 800 of those homes have been improved."

Commercial Development – "During 2012, our City saw \$22 million in private commercial investment, including many new businesses and several noted expansions and rehabilitation projects for existing businesses."

Public Safety – "Crime data from 2012 reflects stability, and speed of response remains a point of pride."

He also touched on:

- a major investment in technologies which will increase the city's day-to-day operational capacity and efficiency;

kids, and refreshments provided by Lakewood's fabulous local bakeries.

This event is co-sponsored by the Lakewood Community Relations Advisory Commission and the Lakewood Family Collaborative. The Lakewood Community Relations Advisory Commission was established in 2005 to serve in an advisory capacity to City officials, departments, boards and commissions on matters relating to community relations within the City in an effort to advance respect for diversity, bonds of mutuality and equity. The Lakewood Family Collaborative is a group of agencies, organizations and concerned individuals working together to make sure a network of services and supports are available and accessible to children, youth and families in our community.

If you need additional information about the Welcome to Lakewood event, please contact Melissa Garrett in the Lakewood Office of Community Relations at (216) 529-6650.

We hope to see you there!

- the City Council-directed update on our more than 20-year old Community Vision document,
- upcoming automated recycling collection,
- the introduction of a new MyLakewood App for smartphone users which allows for easy reporting of issues to the City,
- a major investment of funds to improve Lakewood's 75 acres of shared park space,
- beginning the process to renegotiate Lakewood Hospital's lease with Cleveland Clinic, and
- emulating Detroit Avenue's vibrancy on Madison Avenue in order to offer two significant commercial corridors.

Summers addressed some of the challenges that lay ahead, saying, "We have some headwinds," when referring to federal mandates related to storm water runoff issues. He also indicated that recent Statehouse ideology has "cities being starved into submission."


After his formal address, Summers deftly responded to a half dozen or so questions from the audience.

State Representative Nickie J. Antonio (D-Lakewood, who was in attendance, also chimed in and praised the Mayor for the leading role he plays in Ohio First Suburbs Consortium's (www.firstsuburbs.org) efforts to thwart House Bill 5, the Ohio Legislature's efforts to make municipal income tax filing requirements more uniform.



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Council Considers Proposal From Arthur Residents

by Christopher Bindel

Council Vice-President, Mary Louise Madigan, called the March 18, 2013 meeting of Council to order at 7:30 P.M. The first order of business was to excuse the absence of Council President Brian Powers, which they did.

The first item on the agenda discussed was a resolution sponsored by both Councilman Tom Bullock (Ward II) and Councilman Brian Powers (At-Large). The resolution is the first step necessary for the neighbors of Arthur Avenue to begin the assessment process that would allow them to install decorative lighting fixtures on their street. The historically accurate lighting fixtures which are similar to those that were recently installed in front of the Lakewood Plaza (a.k.a. Drugmart Plaza) would replace the highway style, extended arm lights that are currently on the street. The installation would include energy-efficient LED bulbs and electrical lines that would be installed underground. After installation the city would be responsible for the maintenance of the lights.

The cost of the project is estimated at \$125,000. The residence would cover 98% of the cost, but since it is a project that involves city land and would be maintained by the City after installation, the City Charter requires that the city pay at least 2% of the cost. Split between the 68 households on the street, each would be responsible for about \$1,831, which they can pay in a lump sum or have added to their property tax bill and paid over 10 years. Paid over 10 years the cost would average about \$19 a month.

Councilmen Bullock and Powers thanked the residents of Arthur Avenue for their leadership in trying to make improvements to their neighborhood that would have otherwise not been budgeted for by the City. Their hard work has brought them to this point. Over the last two years they have educated their neighbors and got 70% of them to sign a petition asking the city to allow them to do this project.

Although 70% of the neighbors signed the petition and agree to the project, not all the neighbors are so keen about it. A number of residents, on both sides of the issue, were at the

meeting to be heard. Before Councilwoman Madigan (Ward IV) opened the floor to comments, she had Law director, Kevin Butler, explain what the purpose of the resolution is and how the process works.

Director Butler explained that by passing the resolution does not mean that it is approved. What the resolution does is begin a process where a board meets to discuss the project and how the cost would be assessed to each homeowner, and what that cost would be. During this process homeowners are able to come to the board and tell them why they think an amount being assessed to them is not right, or damage they think could occur to the property due to the resulting project. That board would only meet after the resolution is passed and every resident on the street is notified of the meeting. The notice must explain what the assessment is for, how the process works, the rights of the homeowner to appear at the meeting, and when the meeting is. The City can start looking into the cost of the project once the resolution is passed and would share that information with the board. With the information from the city and the statements from the homeowners, the board can make a report to Council with their findings. Upon receiving the report Council would consider whether to pass an ordinance that would initiate the project and assess the cost to the property owners.

Once Director Butler finished explaining the process, Councilwoman Madigan began inviting residents of Arthur Avenue to speak to Council. The first person to speak was Jennifer Elaban. She began by saying that the Council meeting was the last place she wanted to be on a Monday night, but that she was dragged into this process 2 years ago. "I feel like how I felt about living on Arthur has changed; I'm upset," she said, continuing saying that \$1,800 feels very different to her than it does to some of her neighbors. She turned to Councilman Bullock and said that in his letter he said that the city would not be taking on project like this on their

own. She asked if that is because they found it unnecessary? "In these economic times, how is this something we need to be doing?" she said. Pointing out structural issues with some of her neighbors properties, she asked why they weren't concerned with fixing those issues instead of replacing lights that currently work. "I have \$1,800, but I don't need my neighbors telling me how to spend it," she said. In closing, she told Council "I am sad. I have been a homeowner in Lakewood for 20 years. When I moved on to Arthur Avenue I was excited. When I tell people I live on Arthur they say, 'You must love it.' Right now, today, I don't."

The next neighbor to speak was Richard Peck. He said he was sorry to hear about all those negative feelings, however he wanted to say, as one of the 70%, he has pride in Arthur Avenue. "My family has lived there for 30 years, and to see the chance to have it upgraded in this way is a nice step to take," he said. Although he said he felt bad about the other neighbors' position, he hoped the 10 year payment plan would make it manageable.

Patty Ryan, who was one of the original members involved in putting the project together, said that she was sorry for any division it seems to be causing among residents. However, she said she wanted to state up front "we have tried to make the process very open and have meetings and taken input. I think one of the things that reflects that is when we first started looking into this project it was \$30 a month, now if you look at it it's about \$18 a month, which is due to a lot of hard work of the committee working on this." She said they did that so they could try and keep the cost reasonable for everyone on the street. In closing she said, "I take a lot of pride in our street and believe we live on one of the best streets in the city, if not the state. As a property owner I see this as an investment in our property."

Another original member of the group that looked into the project, Sean McDermott, believes they have a great street with beautiful period houses, that are well-maintained, and thinks this project would be a wonderful addition to it. He said they wanted to make it as affordable as possible for everyone on the street, which is why they took it slow, taking two years to work on it. "We took a no pressure approach, knocked on doors, held meetings, and made sure our contact information was available to everyone we spoke to," he said. He really wanted to stay away from the 70% versus 30% argument saying that's not how it is. He wants to continue to work with everyone and said they are still hoping to identify some ways to bring the monthly cost down even more.

Five more people from the neighborhood spoke on the topic. Four of them, including one who man initially

opposed it but now fully supports it, and a homeowner who has lived on the street for 48 years, support the project. The fifth, although he said it would be difficult for him financially, said that the main reason he opposes the project is because of the division it is causing in what used to be a very friendly, cohesive neighborhood.

Council referred the resolution to the Committee of the Whole to be discussed.

Next Councilman Ryan Nowlin (At-Large) read a report from the Public Safety Committee. The topic discussed at the meeting was the issue of quadricycles. Although the committee continues to discuss how the law should handle the use of quadricycles in Lakewood, they decided they should take the initial step to accurately define them in our Codified Ordinances. They also considered some ways to ensure the safety of the operators and passengers of quadricycles, and those sharing the road with them. They proposed an ordinance for Council to consider regarding those points.

Council referred the ordinance to the Public Safety Committee for further discussion.

Law Director Butler then asked Council to consider two resolutions that would extend contracts with two of the City's bargaining units for one year. If approved this would make six of the City's seven bargaining units which have successfully extended their current contracts for an additional year.

Council referred the ordinances to the Committee of the Whole so all of Council could discuss it further.

Planning and Development Director, Dru Siley, then asked Council to consider an ordinance that would change the zoning on a Sloane Avenue parcel, known as the Irish Cottage. With the Clifton Pointe development scheduled to be completed in July, and all units of it under contract, the developers are looking to expand with five more units on the current site of the Irish Cottage. Having been zoned commercial for decades, it needs to be zoned for multiple family/high density use.

Council referred the ordinance to the Planning Commission for consideration.

Coming to the end of the agenda items, and with no one from the public to speak, Council Vice-President Madigan adjourned the meeting at 8:02 P.M.



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School Board Meeting

March 18th School Board Meeting

by Woody Calleri

The March 18 school board meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Board President Edward Favre.

Superintendent Patterson's report highlighted three of the the West Shore Career and Technical school's recent achievements. The Culinary Arts program-- Sabrina Fernandez, Andrea Gross, Alisha Miller, Sahana Petras and Alyssa Smith and under the direction of Devan Sharosky and Robert McGorray--finished 2nd in the 2013 Gordon Food Service Ohio ProStart® Invitational in Columbus. Second, 17 students were awarded the 2013 Work Ethic Award, and finally, 15 students were selected for the 2013 Rotary Outstanding Student Award.

The presentation concluded by reviewing the school's statistics (numbers of students, etc.), program offerings (core courses and electives), and possible future career offerings (criminal justice, cosmetology, etc). For more information on West Shore Career and Technical District please

visit their website at (http://www.lakewoodcityschools.org/school_home.aspx?schoolid=14)

Mr. Favre thanked the students and staff for their time and congratulated them. Ms. Shaughnessy noted that their work and effort made a difference in the community.

Mr. Favre gave the Communication report, regarding a meeting he had with Council President Powers. They agreed to a May meeting to discuss having joint City Council and School Board meetings annually, and meetings between the two groups on a quarterly basis.

Mr. Einhouse thanked students for having him attend their Right To Read program. Then the floor was opened to all interested parties to speak to the Board.

Ian Andrews, Executive Director of Lakewood Alive introduced Paula Reed, vice president of their board who addressed the board concerning the importance of housing and schools to the community. She reported that Lakewood Alive would be endorsing the

May 7th levy. Mr. Favre thanked her.

The next item was the adoption of the Consent Agenda. There were no updates or changes to the agenda.

The board then addressed several items under 'Other Board Business.' First, the Board considered 2 Certified and 2 Classified resignations on one motion to be approved on only one reading. The motion was put forth by Ms. Petrie Barcelona and seconded by Ms. Shaughnessy. It carried on a 4-0 vote.

Next was the OSBA student achievement quarterly report presented by Mr. Gleichauf, Director of Teaching & Learning who reported that for the 5th straight year Lakewood Schools have achieved a result of 'Above Expected Growth' on the 2012 'Value-Added' report card. He added that we had placed 14 in the state on the 2012 results which reflect the performance of 4th through 8th graders on the 2012 Ohio Achievement Assessment test.

Mr. Gleichauf detailed how the schools would be implementing the results of the value added report to the teacher performance in the coming months. He indicated that the teacher linkage would be just for math and reading at the 4-8th grade level (covered by the test). The implementation would be in three phases: school setup, roster verification and principal review and approval. He said that this was a teacher-driven process and that teachers would be determining the shared attributes of the students (who was responsible for the

student in co-teaching or shared classes). He wrapped up his presentation by indicating that the review would not be used to name, shame, or blame but rather to find teacher strengths. Eventually it will be used as part of teacher evaluations.

Ms. Shaughnessy asked if the teachers would be determining student attribution on a class-by-class basis or a student-by-student basis. She was told it would depend on the students and the class. Ms. Petrie Barcelona asked how teachers in classes other than Math and Reading would be impacted. Mr. Favre commented that the results were a reflection of the hard work and effort of our outstanding and dedicated staff.

The board then addressed a resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission for the setting property tax rates. The tax rates are: 99.8 mills voted, 5.03 Inside mills, 3.5 mills for the library and 10.75 mills for outstanding bond issues.

The last item under Other Business was a motion for our district to apply for membership to the South Western Athletic Conference and to leave the West Shore Conference. It was noted that 6 of the 8 teams in our current conference were applying to move and that the new larger conference would be a better fit. The motion passed 4-0.

A motion was made to recess to a closed "Executive Session" for consideration of the employment of a public Employee. After that discussion which is not open to the public or reporters, the School Board adjourned.

DLBA Brings You The 2nd Annual Spring Stroll & Fashion Show On April 27th

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be the Downtown Lakewood Fashion Show, beginning at 1:30 p.m. This years featured fashions will be from Paisley Monkey, lion and blue and Geiger's Clothing and Sports. At the close of the show, the winner of the gift basket will be announced.

From there, guests are encouraged to stroll through Downtown Lakewood, where many merchants will be offering same day specials, and some will even have snacks and beverages to enjoy while you shop! The stroll is the perfect opportunity to snag one of the fashions seen on the runway, or stop in for a bite to eat at one of the restaurants being showcased at the tasting.

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For questions, please call (216) 521-0655 or visit www.springstroll.com.

H2O Hosts Bikes And Bands To Collect Bicycles For Lakewood Kids

by Vanessa Lange

In January of last year, Lakewood City Council adopted a plan to become one of the most bicycle friendly communities in the country by 2015. The Bike Master Plan establishes three main objectives that include (1) expanding our supply of bike racks, (2) establishing the primary bikeway system – Share the Road, and (3) educating & reaching out. Lakewood's youth are a vital piece of this plan. A bicycle friendly community must include children who use bicycles for transportation, as well as exercise, and know how to do so safely and responsibly.

However, not all youth in

Lakewood have equal access to participating in Lakewood's cycling community. Due to any number of circumstances, children may have a bike that is unsafe to ride, a bike that is too small, or no bike at all. That is why H2O "Help to Others" is embarking on a project with the goal of providing 50 Lakewood youth with safe, working bicycles, along with helmets and locks, and bicycle safety education.

To realize this vision, H2O is putting out a call for gently used bicycles to be donated during their upcoming event "Bikes and Bands" on Saturday April 13th, 4-8 p.m. at Mahall's 20

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Lakewood Public Library

compiled by Leana Donofrio-Milovan

Thursday, April 4

National Poetry Month
Feeling into Poetry; Feeling into Lakewood
“Captain Poetry’s Sucker Punch:
A Guide to the Homeric Punkhole, 1980-2012” by Kenneth Warren

Kenneth Warren explores how C.G. Jung’s psychology of types provides a set of cardinal directions for engaging four records of interactive knowledge spoken through poets, punks, and Lakewood visionaries. The talk will draw on the former Library director’s recent breakthrough book of history, criticism and imagination, “Captain Poetry’s Sucker Punch: A Guide to the Homeric Punkhole, 1980-2012.” Joe Napora writes, “If you have any interest in poetry, the poetry that matters, Ken Warren’s “Captain Poetry’s Sucker Punch” needs to be your constant companion. It is a critical examination of the past thirty years of poetry (plus some film & music), and it’s a language event in itself, a poetic mirroring of the occasion for its writing of not only what’s new but what’s newsworthy. The list of writers, essential but too often ignored, is impressive: Kerouac, Snyder, Corso, Wakoski, Acker, Eshleman, Doubiago, Eigner, d. a. levy, Susan Howe, Hirschman, Oppen, Tarn, as well as cultural figures like John Cage, Simone Weil, David Lynch, Bo Diddley, and including the major revision of the Charles Olson and Vincent Ferrini relationship, the importance of Jack Clarke, teacher, scholar, poet, all set in the human context (the Homeric subtitle) that makes even the archaic contemporary.” Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

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

Saturday, April 6

Lakewood Public Cinema
“Burke and Hare” (2010) Directed by John Landis - Rated R
In this hangman’s tale, set back when Edinburgh was the scientific capitol of the world, two out-of-work men will do anything to get a piece of the Enlightenment. Grave robbing can be lucrative if you sell to the right medical school—but Burke and Hare aren’t very

LPL Children/Youth Events

compiled by Eric Knapp

Fridays, April 12 through May 17
Please Stop the Rollercoaster!
A peer discussion group for the parents of teenagers

Parents of teenagers, don’t miss this six-week discussion group based on the book of the same name by Sue Blaney. Workbooks provided at no cost. Reading chapters ahead of time required. Space is limited. To register, please stop in or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 140.

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. in the Main Library Meeting Room.

Sundays, April 7 and May 5

Origami Go
For students sixth through twelfth grade

Origami Go is for those who have never made a crease, to seasoned pros who want to show off their skills. Each session begins with basic fold techniques and transitions to a group project. After that, it’s origami free-time. Supplies and project books provided. Attend any or all three sessions. To register, please stop in or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 140.

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the Main Library Activity Room.

Saturday, April 13

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 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room.

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

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

Weekends With Wee Ones
For families with children under 2 years old
Spend a part of your family weekend time clapping your hands, tapping your feet, singing nursery rhymes and, of course, sharing books. We will provide materials and ideas for those wishing to continue the fun at home. Programs are offered every weekend throughout the year and there is no need to register in advance.
Madison Branch Children’s and Youth Services

good at it. Killing people is much easier. The director of “Animal House” and “The Blues Brothers” takes a grisly page out of history and turns it into a side-splitting story of love and progress. You won’t believe how much of it is true!

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

Sunday, April 7

Sunday with the Friends: Acacia Trio
To the Egyptians, Acacia was the tree of life and to Freemasons it represents the endurance of the soul. This guitar, bass and drums jazz trio hails from the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, divining new life from classic song forms.
2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Tuesday, April 9

A Blueprint for Poets
“Coffee with the Subconscious” by Betty Rozakis

Life is about relationships, the resolved and unresolved... As a poet, a muse and a graphologist, Betty Rozakis has inspired scholars and tastemakers like Kenneth Warren and Michael Heaton with her powerful intuitive insight. Warren wrote of Rozakis, “From Hippocratic humorology to Jungian typology, from enneagram to graphology, Rozakis has done her homework across esoteric systems of human personalities to make ‘Coffee with the Subconscious’ a functional fiction of archetypal modalities. Intelligently probing elemental vocabularies for structural insights into human process, Rozakis fashions a charming prose-poem of life experience, mystery, romance, and self-confrontation within the conceit of an objective blueprint.” You can either read her work as one epic poem or follow its lessons to map out your own poetic journey. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

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

Wednesday, April 10

Introduction to Ancestry.com Library Edition
The Ancestry genealogy resource is free to use every day at the Library. How far back would you like to trace your family tree? Genealogist Deborah Abbott will show you how to unlock the secrets held by census reports, military records, birth certificates and death notices in this hands-on workshop. Unravel your history with professional results.
6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Learning Lab

Thursday, April 11

National Poetry Month
Dissecting the Spy
“[BOND, JAMES]: alphabet, anatomy,
[auto] biography” By Michelle Disler

The title is an inscrutable as the man himself. James Bond is an elusive character who navigates the world of international espionage with only brief layovers for smokes, drinks and beautiful women. Dr. Michelle Disler, a professor at Ohio Wesleyan University, slows the man down with prose, poems and essays that deconstruct 007 as a model of masculinity. With her own narrative of the reluctant killer, Disler turns the tables and exposes Bond in an entirely new light. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

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

Thursday, April 11

BOOKED FOR MURDER: Queens of Crime
“A Man Lay Dead” by Ngaio Marsh
The greatest collection of crime-solving, lady detectives from yesterday and today will keep you up late, turning the pages. Unburden yourself once a month and share your sleepless ponderings 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

Saturday, April 13

Hitchcock Comes to Hollywood
“Suspicion” (1941)
Joan Fontaine gets a callback, this time as a woman who thinks her husband, Cary Grant, married her for the money and wants to get her fitted for a coffin. Fontaine parlayed her suspicions into an Oscar. When Grant brings her a beverage to help her sleep, we are quite certain that the milk is fortified with more than just Vitamin D. (Hitch actually placed a small light inside the glass to give it a sinister glow). This was the first of four films with Grant who became one of Hitchcock’s favorite surrogates.
6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Sunday, April 14

Sunday with the Friends: The Living Edgar Allan Poe
Poe is long dead, but his midnight verses will live for centuries. How can the living compete? Contemporary poet Vladimir Swirynski dons the guise of Annabel Lee’s most ardent admirer for a haunting recitation of classic poems and stories, mixed with his own contemporary musings.
2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Tuesday, April 16

Knit and Lit
“Loving Frank: A Novel” by Nancy Horan
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 full book descriptions.
7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Meeting Room

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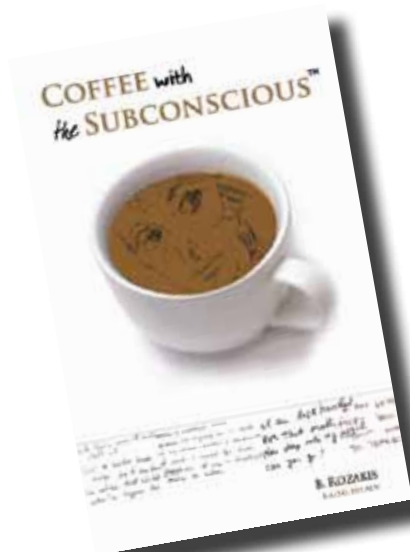
Poetry Month Continues At Lakewood Public Library

by Lisa Calfee

If grammar holds ideas captive with its rules and conventions, poetry sets them free. Once free, they tend to make all sorts of unusual connections with one another. In honor of National Poetry Month, Lakewood Public Library welcomes two authors whose books have captured our imaginations with ingenious connections and seemingly unrelated interrelationships.

On Tuesday, April 9 at 7:00 p.m., Betty Rozakis will talk about "Coffee with the Subconscious." And on Thursday, April 11, Michelle Disler will join us for a discussion about her book "[Bond, James]: alphabet, anatomy, [auto] biography." Both events, "A Blueprint for Poets" with Betty Rozakis and "Dissecting the Spy" with Michelle Disler, will take place in the Main Library Auditorium.

As a trained European depth graphologist, Betty Rozakis believes handwriting reveals unconscious patterns enabling her to look deeply into a person's psyche. As a poet, she has taken graphology and other psychological theories to develop the complex characters in her poetic fiction, "Coffee with the Subconscious." The result is a fascinating exploration of ideas that just might lead to a deeper understanding of ourselves and the people in our lives.



And where would a celebration of National Poetry Month be without... James Bond? Michelle Disler, a professor at Ohio Wesleyan University, has taken a fresh approach to Ian Fleming's international man of mystery with poetry and prose in "[Bond, James]: alphabet, anatomy, [auto] biography." Her concentrated dissection of 007 is a complete surprise, and a whole lot of fun.

Please join us on Tuesday April 9 at 7:00 p.m. for a visit with Betty Rozakis and "Coffee with the Subconscious," and again on Thursday, April 11 at 7:00 p.m. with Michelle Disler, author of "[Bond, James]: alphabet, anatomy, [auto] biography." Books will be available for sale and signing at both events.



photo by Jim O'Bryan

The first two authors from the Lakewood Public Library Poetry Month series, Kenneth Warren and Betty Rozakis, talk over coffee at Blackbird Baking Company. You can hear and meet Ken Thursday April 4, and then 5 days later talk with Betty, Tuesday April 9.

Outback Ray Fun



Over 300 people recently enjoyed "Outback Ray's Amazing Animal Show" at the Lakewood Public Library.

by Marge Foley

Over 300 people recently enjoyed "Outback Ray's Amazing Animal Show" at the Lakewood Public Library. An audience of children and their parents were delighted by numerous animals, including a hissing cockroach, a red-footed tortoise, an umbrella cockatoo, an opossum, a bearded dragon, and a 13 foot albino Burmese python.



"Wide eyed wonder" describes the expression on the faces of these children witnessing big bouncing bubbles.

Balloons Of Soap

by Marge Foley

An enthusiastic group of over 200 people recently enjoyed "The Wonderful World of Bubbles" program at the Lakewood Public Library. Sue Durante (aka The Bubble Lady) thrilled the crowd by inflating marvelous, magnificent bubbles of all sizes. The feat that drew the most enthusiastic response from the crowd involved a small wading pool filled with sudsy water and a hula hoop with a handle. Children were chosen from the audience to step

onto a concrete block that was placed in the center of the pool, and marvel as Sue raised the hoop from the liquid and enveloped them in a giant, glistening bubble. A special concoction of soap, water, and glycerin provided a night of family fun!

The next Family Music and More program at the Lakewood Public Library will be a performance by professional jugglers from the St. Ignatius Circus Company on Saturday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m.

Weekends With Wee Ones

by Eric Knapp

Do you have a child under the age of two? Spend a part of your family weekend time clapping your hands, tapping your feet, singing nursery rhymes and, of course, sharing books. Reading with children from the very start is a very important part of early childhood development, and at Lakewood Public Library, we make it lots of fun.

Each Wee Ones session includes reading 2-3 board books aloud, nursery rhymes with movements, singing several songs with fun hand and arm movements, playing with shakers, popping bubbles, and culminates with wheeling a wagon full of board books

out at the end for the families to choose from. We provide materials and ideas for families wishing to continue the fun at home.

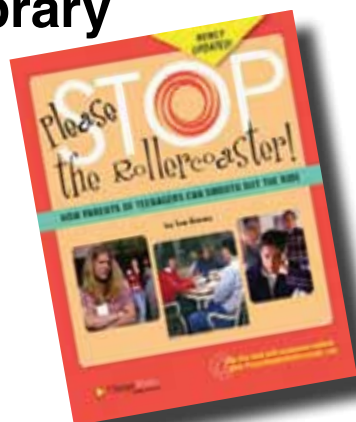
Wee Ones is offered every weekend throughout the year, and there is no need to register in advance. All children must have a parent, caregiver, or other adult with them at all times who are expected to participate along with their child in the program. Wee Ones is a free program held in the Madison Branch auditorium every Saturday at 11:30 a.m. and every Sunday at 3:30 p.m. Runs approximately 30 minutes. Call (216) 226-8275 ext. 140 for more information.

"Please Stop The Rollercoaster!" At The Lakewood Library

by Julie Strunk

A Peer Discussion Group for the Parents of Teenagers Brought to you in collaboration between the Lakewood Council PTA, Lakewood City Schools, and the Lakewood Public Library

You're a good parent who wants to keep your teenager safe while giving them the freedom they demand. Maybe you could use some help? Don't miss this six-week discussion group based on the book, Please Stop the Rollercoaster: How Parents of Teenagers Can Smooth Out the Ride by Sue Blaney. Join your parenting peers for frank discussions of topics ranging from "The Myth of Perfection" to "Friends, Culture and Risk Behavior." Workbooks will be available at no cost to participants at the first day of the



session. Participants are asked to read each week's chapters before the discussion. Space is limited. To register, please call Children's and Youth Services of the Lakewood Public Library at (216) 226-8275, ext. 140.

Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., April 12 through May 17, in the Main Library Meeting Room

Lakewood Schools



Freshman Amanda Kantor with her group's display on medical procedures during the Civil War. Classmates Claire Black and Aoife Fox also worked on the tri-fold.

AP Students Celebrate Civil War

by Christine Gordillo

Students in Dr. Chuck Greanoff's freshmen AP U.S. History classes celebrated the impact and meaning to our country of the Civil War in the 5th annual Lakewood High School Celebration of History, held March 26 at the Lakewood Park Woman's Pavilion.

Tri-fold presentations created by the students were on display depicting important battles, people and other aspects from the Civil War era. One interesting interactive display offered foods to sample from the era including Johnnycake, a cornmeal pancake and Hard Tack, a biscuit that is as you expect, hard.

The audience full of parents of the

more than 60 students enjoyed a formal program that included musical selections of the era ("Dixie Land," "Battle Hymn of the Republic," "The Bonnie Blue Flag") arranged and performed by some of the students. Students also read actual letters to the homefront from soldiers on the battlefields. Amanda Cabot wrapped up the readings with a recitation of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, the most important speech in American history, says Dr. Greanoff.

Afterward, everyone enjoyed some cake and browsed among the fascinating tri-fold reports some more. It was a good evening that reminded all in attendance of the sacrifices made by those who came before us to keep our union strong and our freedoms secure.

District Showcase April 17 Sure To Be Electric And Eclectic Event

by Christine Gordillo

On April 17, "Electric and Eclectic: A District Showcase" will highlight the smorgasbord of opportunities and talented array of students in the Lakewood City Schools. It is a celebration of all that goes on in our schools!

Lakewood High will be transformed into a showcase of music and dance performances, art displays, interactive science stations, health and fitness stations, engineering demos, club displays and even a soup & salad bar in the Ranger Cafe. And that's just the start! The event runs from 5:30-8:30 p.m. and the soup and salad bar (\$5) will open at 5 p.m.

While musical groups from The Lakewood Project to the Harrison Tappers will be performing on the Civic Stage and in the North Gym, the rest of the high school will be filled with demonstrations and samples of just a slice of the type of programs our students are engaged in and the extracurricular activities that are enriching them.

On the first floor of the high school a sample of what you will find are interactive science stations presented by Harding, robotic and 3-D art demonstrations by West Shore Career-Tech's Project Lead the Way engineering pro-

gram and an instrument petting zoo.

The Art Atrium on the second floor will house displays of our award-winning artists' work. Student artists will be on hand to give quick drawing lessons as well. Garfield's Ducks 4 Downs club will be selling some of their unique crafts and the Academic Challenge team will be ready for your questions, so come prepared with a tricky one to try and stump the team members. In the Art Atrium you can also see the results of LHS Project 2.0's Wikiseat project, where students were asked to build a chair as part of a problem-solving exercise.

On the second floor you will also find cookie decorating by our Family & Consumer Science students and Civil War presentations created by our AP U.S. History students.

West Shore's Auto Tech and Construction Trades classes will be on hand to demonstrate some of the valuable real-world skills they are learning every day and the Emerson Unicycle Club members will wow you with their acrobatic talent.

And this is just a sampling of what will be going on at this super showcase. For a full schedule of musical performances, visit lakewoodcityschools.org.

Harding Power Of The Pen Team Takes Regional Title

by Christine Gordillo

Led by District champion Kent Adams, Harding 8th graders racked up another first-place Power of the Pen finish as the team beat out 44 other teams at the March 16 Regional tournament held at St. Joseph Academy. Adams placed 3rd overall out of 150 writers and also won a "Best of Round" award for his story, "Sea Sickness." Garfield 7th grader Elizabeth Shuga placed 8th overall. Isabel Ostrowski earned an honorable mention for the 7th graders.

Although Adams was the only Harding writer to place, the depth of the 8th grade team helped propel the team to victory. "We had a huge advantage having six of our team make it to Regionals," said 8th grade Harding coach Ruth Pangrace.

Joining Adams at the Regional tournament were Lauren Klann, Elena Mulready, Caleigh Sheehan, Abbey Stone and Julia Neff. Harding 7th graders qualifying were Sophia Parker, Saige Rook and Claire Walkosak. Joining Shuga for the Garfield 7th grade team were Isabel Ostrowski and Sarah Bene. Garfield 8th graders competing were Ian Bell, Abigail Iler, Muayad Shahin and Grace Werner.

Adams and Shuga are guaranteed to move on to the state competition to be held at the end of May at the College of Wooster. More than 700 writers, the top 10% of all competitors, will vie for

the title of best writer at Wooster. The teams will find out by the end of the week which other writers have qualified for the state tournament.

The creative writing contest is made up of three rounds. In each round, competitors must compose narratives in response to a prompt such as "Leftovers-Describe some you are left with," and "If you can laugh at yourself, nobody else will beat you to it." The writers have 40 minutes to complete each narrative.

H2O Hosts Bikes And Bands

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Lanes. Bicycle donations can be dropped off across the street from Mahall's at Madison Park, where volunteer mechanics and H2O student volunteers will be on hand to provide basic maintenance and repairs. Bicycle donations can only be accepted if they have all parts intact and no bent frames, wheels or handlebars. Wheel size must be 20 inches or larger.

In conjunction with the bicycle collection and fix-a-thon, "Bikes and Bands" will feature music and family activities in Mahall's Music Hall. Youth bands from Vance Music Studios will include Riot 101, The 10am Band, Neon

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Lakewood Schools

Harding Middle School Students Advance To Regional Equestrian Competition

by Laurel Hammel

Riding for Equine Differences in Oberlin, Ohio, Maya Sutliff and Lillian Wood, both 8th graders at Lakewood’s Harding Middle School, have qualified for regional competition in the Inter-scholastic Equestrian Association (IEA) Zone 5, Region 4, hunt seat trials.

As a future novice rider, Sutliff accumulated 15 or more points in five equitation-on-the-flat competitions over the past six months to qualify for regional competition.

Wood accumulated 15 or more points in future novice equitation-over-fences (jumping) in five competitions over the past six months to qualify for regional competitions.

Middle- and high-school riders from teams in Summit, Stark, Lorain, Medina, Mahoning and Tuscarawas counties will compete in regionals at Equine Differences in Oberlin, Ohio, to advance to multi-state competition.

IEA was formed and organized to promote and improve the quality of equestrian competition and instruction available to middle- and secondary-school students. Its purpose is to set minimum standards for competition, provide information concerning the creation and development of school associated equestrian sports programs, and promote the common interests of safe riding instruction and competition.



Sophomore Grace Roberson will travel to Carnegie Hall next month to accept her Gold Medal award in the Scholastic Art & Writing competition.

Hello, I Must Be Going.....LHS Making Another Conference Switch

by Mike Deneen

Less than one year after its last conference switch, Lakewood High School is again on the move. The school is moving from the West Shore Conference (WSC) to the South-western Conference (SWC) effective the 2015-16 school year. The Rangers are joining fellow WSC members Avon High School and Midview High School, making the SWC a ten-school league. Other SWC members will include Amherst Steele, Avon Lake, Berea-Midpark (these schools will merge this summer), Brecksville-Broadview Heights, North Olmsted, Olmsted Falls and Westlake.

The new move is intended to make

scheduling easier and to offer more varied competition for all sports. In addition, the SWC also has a stronger mix of Division I and Division II football programs that will offer improved opportunities to gain computer points for the football playoffs. The SWC, which has been in existence since 1937, is happy to add LHS. “These two schools (Lakewood and Midview) both have fine reputations for their academic, co-curricular and athletic programs. In addition, both of these schools have outstanding physical facilities and provide a major positive addition to the conference,” said SWC commissioner Michael McCarthy in a press release announcing the expansion.

Much like at the college level, conference shuffling has become a regular part of high school sports. Population shifts have changed enrollments dramatically at many schools, with city and inner-ring schools generally shrinking or staying flat, while exurban schools gain enrollment. Population shifts have forced the closure of many area high schools, ranging from Lorain Admiral King to St. Peter Chanel. These shifts have altered the longstanding competitive balance of many leagues, leaving members to seek a more suitable conference.

Generations of Ranger teams played in the Lake Erie League, a conference consisting of many inner-ring suburban schools such as Shaker Heights, Euclid and Cleveland Heights. LHS was in the LEL for over six decades until leaving in 2007. The old LEL was breaking apart, with schools such as Shaker, Mentor, and Garfield Heights exiting in recent years. The Rangers joined the Northeast Ohio Conference, which had a sprawling 18 member lineup that made travel difficult. The league’s three division lineup also made it hard to build rivalries or identity with other schools, many located far away. After five years in the NEO, Lakewood joined the WSC in 2012. The WSC offered much more convenient travel, but consisted of many

LHS Student Earns National Gold Medal Award For Poetry

by Christine Gordillo

Lakewood High School sophomore Grace Roberson has been named a national Gold Medal winner - the highest honor - in the prestigious Scholastic Art & Writing Awards presented by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, a national competition with more than 185,000 works submitted from more than 50,000 students in grades 7-12 from across the nation.

Roberson won her Gold Medal, which represents the most outstanding work in the nation, in the Poetry category for two poems she submitted as a collection. She will be honored along with the other national winners at a ceremony May 30-June 1 in New York City’s Carnegie Hall. The national winners were selected from the 1,500 that advanced from their regional competitions in January.

Entries were judged by professionals in visual and literary arts and judged on the following criteria: originality, technical skill and emergence of personal vision or voice.

This is the first time Roberson has won an award for her writing. “I was very surprised. I didn’t think I would win because so many people enter,” she


said.

Roberson credits a fourth-grade teacher for opening her eyes to her writing skills, and now carries a journal with her wherever she goes. She also credits her LHS English teachers, Shane Sullivan and Jennifer Lewis, for “really encouraging my passion for writing.” Roberson said she is grateful for the different creative writing outlets offered at Lakewood High, such as the literary magazine, The Phoenix, and the Poetry Slam Club along with a Creative Writing elective she is taking.

Roberson’s mom, Heather Bise, is also grateful for the mentoring Roberson has received at LHS.

“Mr. Sullivan was a big influence on Grace her freshman year; and now as a sophomore, Ms. Lewis has taken that literary-inspiration to a new level,” Bise said. “I’m thrilled that Grace is able to share this wonderful moment in her life with her mentors—her teachers and friends at Lakewood High School. I am a very proud LHS parent.”

In addition to Roberson, seven other Lakewood High school students who were named Golden Key winners at the regional level also had their work judged at the national level.



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Lakewood Cares

H2O Volunteers Become Wavemakers

by Emmie Hutchison

Middle school students in the H2O program had a wonderful opportunity to hear a presentation by Erin Huber from "Drink Local, Drink Tap" in February which included a preview of her mid-feature length documentary, "Making Waves from Cleveland to Uganda." (Visit www.drinklocal-drinktap.org for more information). She visited both Garfield Middle and Harding Middle School, telling kids there about her journey as an activist and environmental advocate. Erin, (named one of the Most Interesting People by Cleveland Magazine in 2012), has always been a person to passionately pursue her interests, especially when it comes to helping others. After an eye-opening visit to villages in Uganda that lacked any access to water (clean or otherwise) and no sewage, she focused her impressive energy on developing "Drink Local, Drink Tap." H2O is among its latest "wavemakers," carrying out DLDLT's mission to "reconnect people with local water in tangible activities. These activities include educational events, beach cleanups, World Water Day celebrations, public speaking, art and film making." Ultimately, Cleveland-area wavemakers learn to care for the enormous body of fresh water in our backyard and support other parts of the world that suffer from lack of access to water.

After hearing Erin's educational and inspirational speech, the kids made posters with facts about water, globally and locally. They then decorated empty 2-liter bottles with messages about water scarcity and conservation. During the



Erin Huber and Harding H2O Volunteers.

week of World Water Day, which occurs on March 22nd, 58 kids carried the bottles around their school in solidarity with kids in other parts of the world who carry unsanitary cans for miles just to have enough water to live. They were prepared to answer questions about what they were doing, and to spread awareness about what they had learned. Kids in the middle schools also pledged to think

critically about their water use, including kicking the bottled water habit, and collected funds to support DLDLT's mission to build wells in Uganda.

It was clear from students' reactions that Erin's message had landed in their hearts. One middle school student, Lily Lamotte, brought in her earnings from a childhood craft sale. She had saved the money for years, waiting for the "right"

way to spend it. The calling came right after Erin's speech, when Lily pledged to donate her savings. While it can be challenging to confront the reality that so many people in the world struggle to meet life's most basic need, the students simultaneously learned what they can do to help. That's a powerful experience.

The bottles will be on display at the Root Café on Earth Day, April 22nd, creating a visual display of how much water the average American consumes on a daily basis. There will also be information from "Drink Local, Drink Tap" and an opportunity to contribute to the organization. H2O volunteers will staff the information/donation table after school that day.

H2O is a service learning program, sponsored by the City of Lakewood's Division of Youth Office. H2O receives tremendous support from the Lakewood City Schools, generous donors and a dedicated group of adult volunteers. Participation is open to middle and high school youth in Lakewood.

Compeer Volunteer Honored As United Way Spotlight Volunteer

by Denise Ayres

On Friday, March 8th, the United Way of Greater Cleveland held the its Annual Meeting at the Renaissance Ballroom in downtown Cleveland. This annual meeting is held to review the 2012 United Way Campaign, to launch the 2013 campaign, and to honor the outstanding and ever giving United Way organizations that serve the Greater Cleveland area. United Way asks its organizations to nominate their "Spotlight Volunteers" for the past year.

Far West Center, located on the Health Campus of St. John Medical Center, is a United Way agency. The Compeer Program at Far West Center nominated Mr. Terry Koozer as our agency's Spotlight Volunteer of 2012. Terry Koozer has been volunteering for our Compeer Program since October 2003. I am sharing with you part of the submission for honors that describes what a difference Terry has made in the lives of others. As a Compeer Volunteer Terry offers friendship to a man that manages a mental illness:

Terry and his Compeer Match were introduced in October 2003. Terry continues to have the same commitment and

enthusiasm for his friendship and supportive role in his Compeer's life. Terry offers ideas for activities that are social, informative, and health-oriented and the ongoing encouragement he needs to do them. Terry's friendship has helped his Compeer recover from brief symptom relapses he has experienced. Terry continues to make sure that his Compeer does not become isolated and depressed that can cause a recovery setback.

In October 2012 Terry and his friend went together to see President Obama speak at Burke Lakefront Airport. Terry's friend told him that this will be one of his most memorable lifetime experiences!

Terry provides an outstanding example to the others who volunteer for our Compeer Program. In the past year, Terry and his Compeer volunteered additional time together to set up for our two major Compeer annual events, a summer picnic and a winter holiday party. Their friendship focuses on health, well-being, and recovery...not on illness.

All too often people who experience

a mental illness also become depressed, isolated, and may even attempt to harm themselves. Terry's time, care, and commitment for the past ten years has provided a very significant benefit to his Compeer's recovery. The Compeer motto is "Making Friends. Changing Lives." By his participation in our program Terry has helped change life for his friend and has also had significant positive influences on the lives of others.

The Compeer Program at Far West Center is grateful to Terry Koozer for all of his time and efforts. Our program is honored to have Terry Koozer as an outstanding example of our Compeer mission and the powerful gift of friendship in changing lives!

The Compeer Program at Far West Center is one of the over 60 affiliated programs of the international nonprofit Compeer, Inc. Compeer at Far West Center serves individuals in Cuyahoga County. Our program is local, flexible, fun, and changes lives! To become a Compeer Volunteer please call Denise at 440-835-6212, Ext. 242.



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LakewoodAlive Honors Volunteers

by Ken Brand

Last Friday, LakewoodAlive hosted a volunteer appreciation breakfast to recognize the more than 300 volunteers who have contributed their skills and services over the past year to make Lakewood a better place to live, work, and explore. The early-morning event saw over 40 attendees, including Lakewood Mayor Michael Summers, Councilman Sean Juris, and Lakewood Poet Laureate Bill Knittel, who composed an original poem for the occasion.

LakewoodAlive Executive Director Ian Andrews explained that because the nonprofit organization only has three full-time staff members and one part-time staff member, volunteers are integral in facilitating events such as Light Up Lakewood, the Summer Melt-

down, and the Spooky Pooch Parade, as well as projects with LakewoodAlive's Housing Outreach Program.

"We are here today to recognize you, as an invaluable volunteer to the LakewoodAlive organization," said Sean McDermott, president of LakewoodAlive's board of directors. "With strengthening the community through community engagement, volunteerism rests at the core of LakewoodAlive's mission."

Several volunteers were recognized for their specific contributions:

Three LakewoodAlive board members – Curt Brosky, Steven Ott, and Chas Geiger – were given Volunteer of the Year awards. All have been with the organization since its inception in 2003.

Seven individuals were given Volunteer Champion Awards:

Pastor Laura Jaissle of the Lakewood United Methodist Church, whose church adopted a home on Elmwood Avenue last May, and over the

course of a week, prepped and painted the home, cleared an overgrown backyard, and rebuilt the front steps;

Kevin Rush of City Edge Church, whose team has been involved in numerous projects through their "Serve the City" Sundays, including clearing a fallen tree after Superstorm Sandy, painting porches, and running a snow cone machine during the Front Porch Concert Series throughout the summer;

Lori Uldricks of Glidden, who led a company effort to donate paint to the Housing Outreach Program and also improve a single home along Elmwood Avenue, including painting the entire house and garage, and rebuilding the porch railings and garage hood;

Tamara Karel, chairwoman of the committee that organized this year's Light Up Lakewood event which drew nearly 15,000 people to downtown Lakewood;

Paula Reed, member of LakewoodAlive's board of directors, Downtown Lakewood Business Alliance.



Kevin Rush of City Edge Church and Sean McDermott president of LakewoodAlive's board of directors.



41st Annual Spring Classic

by Mark Brinich

On Sunday, April 14, 2013 Cleveland West Road Runner Club will be holding the 41st Annual Spring Classic at Cleveland Metroparks Bonnie Park in Strongsville, Ohio. This race started as the Columbia Station 10-mile-run in 1973, moved to Bonnie Park in the Metroparks in 1980, and has been held every year since. Registration can be done online at active.com, at packet pickup (2nd Sole in Rocky River), or day of race (at Bonnie Park).

10-mile walkers start at 8:30 a.m. 10 mile & 5k runners start at 9:00 a.m. Overall and age group awards for both 5k and 10-mile races will be presented. Medallions will be distributed for all kids 14 and under in the 5k. Refreshments for all runners will be served

Gospel Brunch Charity Event To Benefit North Coast Health Ministry

by Elizabeth O'Brien

The joyous voices of two of Greater Cleveland's gospel groups will ring from the rafters on Sunday, April 21, 2013, at a brunch at Vosh Lakewood to benefit North Coast Health Ministry, a Lakewood-based charitable health center serving the low-income uninsured.

The gospel brunch event will feature the sounds of "One Voice" and "The Tralalas" in concert and a gourmet

following the race.

Packet pick-up is at 2nd Sole, 19341 Detroit Rd., Rocky River on Friday, April 12th and Saturday, April 13th from noon -5:30 p.m. Day of race registration is also available from 7:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

The Cost for the 10-miler is \$45 and the 5k is \$25. Kids 14 and under are free without a shirt, or a \$10 fee with a shirt for the 5k. For more information go to www.clevelandwestrunningclub.org or email: cwrrcspringclassic@gmail.com.

brunch including coffee, juice and soda, with alcoholic beverages available for purchase. Two seating times are available--10:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$25 for children age 12 and under. Reservations can be made online at www.nchealthministry.org/gospelbrunch or by contacting Elizabeth O'Brien at 216-228-7878 ext. 114 or eobrien@nchealthministry.org. Seating is limited, and all reservations must be made and paid for in advance of the event.

Vosh Lakewood is the newest music destination on Greater Cleveland's West Side and is located at 1414 Riverside Drive in previously unused space in the former Bonne Bell building.

"The Tralalas" are a local gospel, sixties tribute and jazz group featuring Sandra Bass, Kurana Glaros, Cozzetta Ragland and Ruby Turk. They have performed at many local venues including the Martin Luther King Jr. tribute at the Rock and Roll Hall of

Fame and Museum in January. Making a special guest appearance at this event will be Art and Joyce Blakey of "The Hesitations."

"One Voice" has been heralded as a 2012 Gospel Music Elite Award winner. Joining their voices in praise are Debbie Blackman, Sa'Sharry Garcia, Yolanda Garcia, Frances Lawrence and Lynette Speights.

About North Coast Health Ministry

NCHM is a faith-based charitable health center that provides and optimizes access to health care for the medically underserved. A vital part of the community health care safety net for the past 27 years, NCHM provides primary care, prescription assistance, specialty referrals and health education to low-income individuals and families. With the support of over 150 volunteer physicians, nurses and other caregivers, NCHM is the medical home for its patients, providing preventive care and chronic disease management as well as care for acute illnesses and injuries.

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Lakewood Is Art

Creative Camps And Here Be Dragons At Beck Center!

by Fran Storch

Creative Camps for Kids!

Spring is in the air, but it's time to start thinking summer! Registration is now open for summer camps at Beck Center for the Arts in Lakewood. Students ages 7 to 19 may choose from a variety of fun, creative camps. Beck Center offers half- and full-day camps in dance, music, theater, and visual arts including a Ballet Intensive with guest instructor Bobby Wesner from Oberlin College, a Show Choir Camp, a "Best of Broadway" Musical Theater Camp, and a Visual Arts Camp specifically designed for teen artists; or children may sample all four areas at an Arts Sampler. Camps begin the week of June 10 and continue through mid-August. For complete camp information including dates, descriptions and tuition, parents may download a Beck Center summer 2013 camp flyer at beckcenter.org.

Easy, convenient online registration is available at beckcenter.org/arts-education or stop by Beck Center at 17801 Detroit Avenue, where a customer service associate is happy to assist you. Camps fill up quickly, so enroll today. Campers can have double the fun when they register for two or more camps and save 10% off the tuition for each camp (restrictions apply). For more information call Customer Service at 216.521.2540, ext.10.

Here Be Dragons!

Beck Center Visual Arts staff has started its series of Parade the Circle workshops for its 2013 parade entry for Parade the Circle on Saturday, June 8 at University Circle. This year's theme centers on DRAGONS! Enormous, medium-sized, shoulder-sized...any sized dragons are needed. Beck Center invites you to put on your creativity cap and start thinking about how you will design your own amazing dragon.



Beck Center students display their creative works at a campers' art exhibition.

Register for the creative workshops, Sundays from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. now through early June at Beck Center. The cost

is \$26 per person and includes all materials and the parade entry fee. Children 18 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Register by calling 216.521.2540 x10 or online at beckcenter.org.

The arts education programs at Beck Center are generously funded by Cuyahoga County residents through Cuyahoga Arts and Culture and the Ohio Arts Council.

Celebrating 80 years of creating art experiences, 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.



Create your own dragon at Beck Center for Parade the Circle.

The Winchester Music Hall Wins Best Live Music Venue In Cleveland... AGAIN

by James Mileti

The Winchester Music Hall on Madion Avenue in Lakewood has been voted the Best Live Music Venue in Cleveland for the fourth consecutive year in the 2013 Cleveland Hot List voting. The amazing run started with winning the 2009 Fox 8 TV Hot List contest and has included wins in 2010, 2011 and 2013. There was no contest held in 2012. The Winchester Music Hall presents the best National touring acts available, with world-respected musicians ranging from jazz guitarist Al DiMeola, Grammy Winner Bill Frisell, Leon Redbone, Woodstock

alumni Richie Havens, Country Joe and Melanie to up-and-coming artists like Joanne Shaw Taylor, who, after playing The Winchester Music Hall, played Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee celebration in England for millions of onlookers.

The Fox 8 & Cleveland Hot List is the most prestigious of the local contests and at its peak had over 144,000 votes cast in the competition.

The Winchester's comfortable, seated "listening room" set-up is the only such club environment offered in Cleveland and has been rewarded with these repeated 'Best Of' awards. To see



Leon Redbone performs at The Winchester Music Hall (Photo by Buzz)

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H2O Hosts Bikes And Bands

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Transmission, The Barking Spiders, Anonymous, The Thundercats, Beginning of the End, The Betas, and Deep Fried Atomic Lemons. Headlining the event will be Staff Infection, featuring Lakewood City Schools teachers, staff and administrators. The event will be rounded out with face-painting, donut-eating contests, and raffles.

H2O's student leaders originally developed the idea for an event that would be a youth music showcase, fundraiser, and community celebration of H2O's 20th Anniversary. As a need was

identified for bicycles for Lakewood kids, especially those in middle school, the event grew to become a community-wide service project in support of youth cycling. H2O student leaders have played an integral role throughout the planning process of this event and will be trained by the Ohio City Bicycle Co-Op to be assistant mechanics for the bicycle fix-a-thon.

Admission for "Bikes and Bands" is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children, or free with a bicycle donation. Proceeds will go towards program costs for H2O, as well as future cycling projects.

H2O's Bikes and Bands is made

possible through partnerships with The City of Lakewood Department of Planning and Development, Bike Lakewood, Ohio City Bicycle Co-Op, Spin Bike Shop, Mahall's 20 Lanes, Kohl's, Vance Music Studios and Lakewood City Schools. H2O is a service learning program, sponsored by the City of Lakewood's Division of Youth Office in partnership with Lakewood City Schools. Participation is open to all middle and high school youth in Lakewood.

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Wellness Watch

Can Living in Lakewood Help You Lose Weight & Save Money?

by David Pauer

Every year more than 100 million people in the United States go on a diet. We buy diet books, take diet pills, eat only one type of food (vinegar diet, cabbage soup diet, ice cream diet, ?, etc.). And we join fitness centers trying to lose weight – 50 million people sign up for gyms each year.

But these strategies may not be working – more than 65% of adults in the US are obese or overweight, and the number goes up each year. This is much more than just a dating issue – obesity

contributes directly to other severe chronic health conditions – including diabetes, cancer, stroke, heart disease, asthma, arthritis, liver disease, and many others. This greatly reduces the quality (and length) of our lives – and directly contributes to the increases we all pay in healthcare costs each year. These costs are not only in our health insurance premium, but in our out of pocket of co-pays, co-insurance, and deductibles.

In fact, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

(CDC), preventable chronic illness is responsible for 75% of all healthcare spending in the United States. And all spending for healthcare is approaching 20% of GDP in the United States. That is twice as large as other western countries, and not sustainable for any economy. The main reason we spend so much more is because we have more chronic and preventable disease.

And the future may be even worse. Our children in the United States are nearly 40% overweight or obese. We diagnose these young kids with the

same conditions that we have increased the diagnosis in a adults – type 2 diabetes, sleep apnea, high blood pressure, fatty liver disease, among others. And healthcare providers know from experience that a child who is just overweight is nearly 90% likely to be obese by the time they are adults.

So what can we do? Unfortunately, most of us live, work and go to school in environments that make it difficult to be healthy – and easy to be unhealthy. It is hard to be physically active when we sit all day – at desks, in cars, on the couch, etc. And it is really hard to eat healthy when poor food choices like junk food and fast food are everywhere and seem to be quicker and cheaper.

Live Well in Lakewood

by Rachel Anzalone

Spring is finally here! It's prime time to take advantage of all the wonderful wellness resources Lakewood has to offer. As one of Ohio's most walkable cities Lakewood is a great place to be if you want to live a healthy, active lifestyle.

Did you know that Lakewood is

home to 15 parks and over 75 acres of green space? Not to mention 6 yoga and Pilates studios, 4 martial arts centers and 6 gyms.

Between road races like the Lakewood Hospital Ambulance Chase, group bike rides organized out of Spin Bike Shop on Madison Avenue, and

community festivals like the Summer Melt Down, there's always something to do in Lakewood that will help keep you healthy. And the best part is that many of these activities are FREE!

Want to indulge in some self care without breaking a sweat? Lakewood has an abundance of massage, reiki and other wellness resources. If healthy food is on your agenda Lakewood has a wide variety to choose from. From vegetarian to vegan to organic to locally grown & locally made.

Lakewood is a hotbed for healthy, active living and those "in the know" take full advantage. Want to know what's going on wellness-wise in Lakewood? Check out the newly updated www.LiveWellLakewood.org for events, activities & resources to help keep you healthy.

Spring Pea Salad Recipe

compiled by Josie Duennes in collaboration with Live Well Lakewood

Here's a refreshing salad that uses those early spring vegetables. Hang on to this for a couple of weeks because, as of this writing, there is still snow on the ground!

Spring Pea Salad

1 bag (16Oz.) baby peas, frozen or 2 cups shelled and blanched fresh peas

1 cup snow peas or sugar snap peas or a combination of both

1/2 cup thinly sliced green onions

1/2 cup thinly sliced radishes


1/3 cup lemon juice

2 Tbs. vegetable oil

salt and pepper

String the peas. Combine all the vegetables in a bowl. Don't bother defrosting if using the frozen. Whisk together the oil, lemon juice and salt and pepper. Pour over the vegetable and toss. Let stand for about an hour to combine the flavors. Use within a day or two.

As you can see this is a simple salad that depends on quality ingredients. Buy the radishes with tops on and look for small ones. If you're lucky enough to have a garden, this is a great showcase for your first harvest.



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Business News

That’s Nuts! Is It? No Matter, Check It Out!

by Jim O’Bryan

A couple months ago I was at Lakewood Hardware and owner Glen Palmer said to me, “You should check out the new nut place on Madison Ave.” I asked the deal and he said he did not know, but the guy had come in and needed some items and was interesting. So I went down to meet owner, Meilio Bakich, an interesting guy who wanted us to wait to do a story until he was ready and open. This is often the case with businesses; any squirrel can rush in and get out “the first word,” but rarely does it do the business justice. This is one of the reasons we do not review new restaurants. Having been in the restaurant bar business, I know that it sometimes takes weeks if not months to

A) Have the place in their best form. B) Show you a true representation of what the business is capable of. Last week, I stopped in and Mr. Bakich said, sure I am ready. So we sat down and talked.

Meilio has created a small but friendly place. It reminds me of a coffee shop a friend of mine had created in Atlantic Highlands, where he had brought a chunk of his life and hobbies



Making my favorite cashew/blueberry butter.

into the store. Honestly, at first it, like “It’s Nuts,” seemed odd and out of place, and searching for an identity, until you know the players, and then it is more like being invited into their home, and that is what it is like here. Small counter, 8 chairs, and a bunch of toys and memorabilia from the past couple decades including Star Wars, Godzilla and Lava Lights. One has to admit it is different. But it is not for the decor that we

are here, it is for their special, healthy, organic versions of peanut butter, or more aptly nut butters, as they offer a dizzying selection of nut butters, and combinations that are guaranteed to hit your taste buds perfectly if you love nuts and nut butter. Cashew butter, walnut butter, macadamia nut butter, and great combinations like my favorite, blueberry/cashew butter. When I stopped they gave me tasters, and I have to admit

I was not eager to try blueberry/cashew nutbutter, but damn was it good. He also has nut butters that resemble some of the favorite candy bars, Mounds, Snickers, and he is working on a pecan pie nut butter that was very good when tasted but “not ready for prime time.”

If healthy organic specially roasted nut butter is not your thing they also offer a pretty good selection of sandwiches which include turkey reuben, ham and cheese, kosher hot dogs, roast beef, and corned beef. While not done in the same vein or way of other famous sandwich shoppes in town, they really are excellent in taste, quality and price.

So the next time you are Uptown on Madison Avenue in Lakewood and looking for something healthy, different and good, stop by That’s Nuts, you will not be nuts for doing it.

That’s Nuts, 15208 Madison Ave., 216.228.NUTS (6887), Open Tuesday - Friday 11am - 7pm, Saturday 11am - 6pm Closed Sunday and Monday.

New Digs, Same Touch Origin Massage Studio

by Andrew Harant

In an attempt to further their business, Jill Solze and Hannah Corrigan took to the street. Origin Massage Studio, begun by Solze and Corrigan

in 2010, originally operated in a space on the fourth floor of the INA Building. However, this past December, the studio moved into its present location, a storefront at 14233 Detroit Avenue,

next to Edible Arrangements.

In considering ways to grow their business, Solze and Corrigan identified a lack of street visibility as a major obstacle. “But we didn’t want to move out of Downtown Lakewood,” said Corrigan. So they watched and waited for opportunity to come knocking. As soon as a perfect storefront came available, they snagged it. Since the move, business has picked up tremendously.

Solze and Corrigan originally met at the Cleveland Institute of Medical Massage (Middleburgh Heights) in 2010. After graduation, they found that they shared a common interest—neither of them was interested in working for someone else. Solze approached Corrigan about opening a massage studio together. Hannah, figuring she had nothing to lose, accepted the proposal. Corrigan explained that the two of them decided on locating their new business in Lakewood, because “it’s conveniently located (easy to get to from both east and west), it’s a walkable town, the community really supports local business, [and] it’s becoming the place to go for shopping, dining etc.”

Origin’s menu of services includes



A full listing of the available butters!

relaxation massages for various lengths of time and specialty massages (prenatal, deep tissue, hot stone, couples). The most intriguing item on the menu is the four-handed massage, though Corrigan did not mention how she found a four-handed masseuse. Wellness packages are also available to purchase multiple massage sessions in advance.

Another perk they’ve benefited from as business owners in Downtown Lakewood is support from other business owners, particularly through Downtown Lakewood Business Alliance. For the second year in a row, Solze is the chairperson for the upcoming Spring Stroll and Fashion Show (Saturday, April 27, 12:30-5:00 p.m.)

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Origin Massage can now be found in a first floor storefront not far from their old Downtown Lakewood location.

Opinion

Lakewood Citizens Will Bear At Least 2% Of Cost For Arthur Avenue Decorative Light Project

by Laura Hammel

Did you know that a provision in the Lakewood City Charter can make you, as a homeowner, liable for decorative street improvements regardless of need or desire? Here's a scenario: You live on a street in Lakewood with perfectly serviceable street lights that are paid for and maintained by the city, using the taxes collected for this purpose. A handful of your well-meaning neighbors decide they want decorative street lights to beautify the tree lawns. They are able to petition the residents, write a resolution and present it to council, who then can approve the resolution as a special assessment that forces all residents on the street to pay for the decorative lighting—in this case, approximately \$1831 per household for 13-15 lights. Of course, you can spread the cost over 10 years as a non-deductible tax assessment—while paying additional interest fees.

This is what is happening on a portion of Arthur Avenue (between Detroit and Hilliard). The program has not been made available to the entire street or to other streets in Lakewood.

As it stands, Lakewood taxpayers will pay for 2% of the Arthur Avenue decorative lighting project should City Council approve the project in the coming months. Additional tax dollars might also be used for future maintenance and repair of those lights unless Council decides, through special assessment, to tax Arthur Avenue residents a second time for up to 30% of future repairs. Since the tax is assessed on the property, anyone living on Arthur now or moving to Arthur in the future will be responsible for these extra taxes.

On Monday, the Council of the Whole voted to move the project through the process of due diligence. During the meeting, council members

acknowledged that the proposed cost per resident is not fixed—and that it could potentially increase after construction bids are collected.

A key word in the resolution is “necessary” and the question was brought up at the meeting about these lights being absolutely needed or a nice-to-have amenity. If the term “necessary” is in the resolution and there is no alternative definition for it, then it reverts to the English definition which means “absolutely needed” (this is the Rule of Legal Construction). Therefore, if Council goes through the process and approves the resolution as it is written, Council is subsequently endorsing this project as a necessary and vital improvement versus a beautification project.

Several Arthur Avenue residents spoke about the declining safety of the street—and that these lights are needed to protect children and pedestrians. Still other residents cited the serviceable nature of the lights currently on the street. Theoretically, the decorative

lighting could pave the way for individuals walking the street but, unlike the downtown Lakewood renovations that benefit all citizens, businesses and guests of Lakewood, this project only benefits one-third of Arthur Avenue (the Arthur Avenue Enhancement Committee collected signatures from only the residents living between Hilliard and Detroit and therefore Council will discuss only this portion of the street).

Tom Bullock of Ward 2 reported that the city will realize energy savings from the decorative lights that have been suggested for the project. It was proposed by a resident that this cost savings be used to defray the cost per resident or be put into a fund to pay for maintenance.

A Belle Avenue resident spoke out against the project, indicating that it could set a dangerous precedent of favoring certain streets, using tax dollars for beautification rather than necessary projects, or resuming the practice of imposing special assessments on residents when the

city doesn't want to pay for projects.

Due to a provision in the City Charter, only four council members need to cast a favorable vote for this project to move it forward.

While I believe in a beautiful Lakewood, I do not believe that adding a few decorative streetlights to a portion of a Lakewood street should be at the expense of Lakewood taxpayers. Therefore, I implore Council to put a lot of thought into whether this is a necessary project or a beautification project and legislate accordingly. As the resident from Belle suggested, it sets a precedent and that is why the language in the resolution is important.

We need to call a spade a spade and the citizens of Lakewood need to know where their taxes are going—for necessary improvements to correct an issue or for beautification projects to benefit a few.

Laura Hammel has lived on Arthur Avenue for 12 years.

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Opinion

Lakewood Observer Advisory Board: Vote Yes On Issue 14

As the oldest citizen journalism project in the country, the Lakewood Observer prides itself on our unwavering belief that candid, thoughtful, open conversations are the foundation of any healthy, vibrant community. It is our mission to “open a space for long-running dialogue with everyone who works, lives, or plays in the great city of Lakewood.” In our efforts to leave this dialogue open to all stakeholders, the Lakewood Observer Advisory Board made a conscious decision to endorse neither candidates nor issues in local, state or federal elections.

But, as with any rule, there is always an exception. For the Advisory Board, this exception comes, as it has in the past, in the form of our endorsement of a levy for Lakewood’s schools: Lakewood’s Issue 14, also known as the Lakewood

City School District (LCSD) Levy.

The LO Board’s endorsement does not compromise the Observer’s mission in terms of providing a voice for all of those who would like to share their opinions with the community, and in fact, we have published a range of opinions on Issue 14. With our endorsement of Issue 14, the Lakewood Observer Advisory Board is taking the opportunity to share its voice from within our place in the community, with the community. As a group who has made a strong commitment to the citizens of our city educating themselves, and each other, through communication, we must support those who make education of the public possible.

A strong public education system is the key to the wellbeing of the community as a whole, both now and in

the future. In our case, each and every person on our board is intimately acquainted with what the Lakewood City Schools are doing on a day-to-day basis to educate the children of Lakewood and we understand the value of the unique, opportunity-rich environment that our schools are able to offer.

Issue 14 is an operating levy whose purpose is to give stability to that environment, to our school system as it stands. With the State of Ohio removing a large share of its support for our District, it is imperative that we maintain what we have, as we work on innovative solutions both in funding and education for our future.

We know this district well. Some of us have children in the district today; some of us were recently students ourselves; some of us graduated from LHS years ago; but all of us have benefited whether directly or indirectly from having a strong public school system in

our city. For those who may not have children in the schools and are looking for evidence of the quality of the education being offered, you need look no further than this paper. The April 3 LO contains news of Lakewood’s District being in the top 2% of all Ohio public schools systems and charter schools in regards to learning gains in one academic year in reading and math.

Every issue of the Lakewood Observer is full of news of Lakewood’s successful students, creative teachers and dedicated school administrators. All of these articles are submitted and shared with Lakewood readers by proud members of our community who know that the future of our schools IS the future of our city.

With this in mind, the Lakewood Observer Advisory Board urges you to join with many of our contributors, and with us, in asking that on May 7th you vote “Yes” on Issue 14.

Letter To The Editor: Lakewood City Schools

To the Editor:

On May 7, registered voters in Lakewood will have the opportunity to choose our children.

By voting yes on Issue 14, we will continue the Lakewood tradition of providing the means for Lakewood’s city schools to deliver a quality education to our community’s children. In Lakewood that’s not something we take

for granted. Lakewood City Schools has historically provided the opportunity for every child in our community to have a high quality education and I’m very proud of that.

The recent state funding cut of over \$6 million to Lakewood City Schools requires additional community funding. The Lakewood City Schools need to close the budget gap in order to continue to provide our children with opportunities for success. The school system has already made significant cuts to programs and staffing. The 3.9 mill levy will provide funding to be used to maintain reasonable class sizes, update instructional materials, increase high school graduation rates, and update technology. The Lakewood City Schools will continue to economize while essential teachers, technology, books and educational opportunities can be maintained to prepare our students for college and good jobs. The Lakewood Board of Education has committed to make this levy last 3 years.

As a Lakewood graduate, homeowner, business owner and parent, I urge you to join me in voting YES on Issue 14 – choose our children.

Suzanne Metelko

Hello, I Must Be Going.....LHS Making Another Conference Switch

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smaller schools such as Rocky River and Bay. To make matters worse, other WSC conference members were seeking an exit, leaving Lakewood at risk of being abandoned.

LHS is making its third conference switch in less than a decade, but this time there is a strong chance it

will stick. The SWC has been around a long time, and offers a solid mix of geographic proximity and competitiveness. There will probably be more movement (look for Brecksville-Broadview Heights to leave the league), but the core of the conference is likely to stay together. Hopefully someday generations of Rangers will remember the SWC as fondly as the old LEL.

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by Joan Miller

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Pulse Of The City

A Passion Play Concern... (Another Easter Message)

I once again had the opportunity to witness an Easter “Passion Play” a few weeks ago. Like so many times before, I stunned some of my friends by refusing to go and see it. I have consistently refused to witness yet another replay of that dark, morbid, tragic, and yet timelessly hopeful story of the Easter message.

If you were thinking that Christmas was the most important time in the Christian year, think again. For Christians, the message of Easter was what totally defined the birth of Christianity. Indeed, for many years, the celebration of Christ’s (birth) Mass did not receive the celebratory acclaim that it does today. Easter, on the other hand, was when, according to Scripture, the Son of Man defeated death on the cross, and the Christian message of salvation through a belief in Christ started to spread around the world.

Easter, at once a dark and brooding, and yet- infinitely hopeful story, tells the tale of the betrayal of Jesus in Jerusalem (by one of his disciples) into the hands of the high priests. Jesus was then delivered to the Roman Prefect of Judea, Pontius Pilate, who questioned Him and ultimately brought Him before a crowd, along with another man, and offered to pardon one of them. The crowd chose to save the other guy, and Jesus was then crucified along with two others on the hill called Golgotha on the afternoon of what today is called

Good Friday. On Sunday, His tomb was found to be empty, and a living Jesus reportedly appeared to His followers before ascending to Heaven; leaving them with messages of hope and salvation.

That’s the well-known (to Christians) Easter story in a nutshell, and down through the ages, the story has been told and re-told by the churches in their annual Easter messages. At the same time, the story has oftentimes been re-told through community springtime thespian events, sometimes called “Passion Plays”.

If you think that a play commemorating the Easter message would be warmly received by all, you would be mistaken. Although the play was, and is still, performed in communities around the world, there were those who dreaded when that play would come to town, due to one particular scene that was often depicted in those plays. That was the part where the crowd, standing before Pilate and Jesus, condemns the Son of Man and cries an oath that the blood of Jesus be on them and their children. As the crowd was presumably comprised largely of Jews, a great deal of historic animosity occurred toward Jewish people over the years as a result of those words.

After the Passion Play was performed, all too often in those European towns and villages, Jewish

residents were reportedly subjected to persecutions, humiliations, retributions, and even death at the hands of angry Christian mobs. Indeed there are numerous examples of discriminatory laws that were passed against Jews by Christian-led governments over the course of history.

The particular Bible verse, Matthew 27:25, quoting that crowd’s alleged unfortunate oath, is widely considered by today’s mainstream Christian theologians to have been taken out of context; and was therefore intended to refer only to the specific people who were involved with the death of Christ at that time. That verse however, was unfortunately taken by some Christians to mean all Jewish people. Indeed it probably would not be an exaggeration to state that a great part of Christian persecutions against Jewish people quite possibly grew out of that one single verse, (a verse that, by the way, was not even repeated in the other three Gospels!) The really sad thing about all of this is that, all too often over the years, so many Christian people have focused on that one part of the Easter story, while forgetting the principle message that Jesus uttered from the cross, according to Luke:

“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”

That statement, at least to my way of thinking, totally eclipses whatever other unfortunate words or deeds might have been said or done by anyone, at any time...ever. The slate of the past having been erased, a wonderful pathway is now open for the rest of our world to follow, whether or not we might consider ourselves to



Teen-aged Gary’s surreal artistic interpretation of the Crucifixion.

be followers of Christ.

How many times over the years have each of us focused on someone’s single unfortunate utterance, whether real or imagined, rather than thinking about so much that is otherwise positive about that person? How many times have we been so willing to be intolerant in our lives, rather than forgiving? How many times have we either generalized, or listened to negative generalizations about people and nations, rather than seeking out the sublime goodness that can so easily be found in the rainbow of our human family? How many times have we allowed our feelings, our past, and our prejudices to otherwise interfere with our present and future attitudes?

Forgiveness indeed. Now THAT’S yet another great Easter message, and one that, all too often, we seem to have forgotten to practice in today’s world.

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Lakewood Living

Jammy Buggars Restaurant And Pub To Serve Comfort Food To Patients And Their Families

by Laurie Henrichsen

A Lakewood restaurant with an unusual name and a great big heart will launch Hospice of the Western Reserve's Meal to Remember program at Ames Family Hospice House on Tuesday, April 16. Jammy Buggars Restaurant and Pub, 15625 Detroit Rd., winner of Cleveland Magazine's 2012 Silver Spoon Award for "Best New Restaurant," will serve hospice patients, their families and caregivers a full-course comfort food dinner.

The innovative Meal to Remember program brings a different Cleveland-area restaurant to Ames Family Hospice House in Westlake each month to allow families to enjoy a sit-down dinner

together, complete with fine china and linens, wine and musical entertainment. A strolling photographer is also available to capture the special memory for families. All of the food, time and talent is donated by the restaurant. The program was introduced at Hospice of the Western Reserve's David Simpson Hospice House in November 2011. The roster of participating restaurants reads like a "Who's Who" of Cleveland's culinary community.

Jim Sprenger, owner of Jammy Buggars, grew up in the restaurant business, working alongside his brothers at the family's restaurant in Fremont. "Opening Jammy Buggars fulfilled a lifelong dream to open a warm and welcoming

neighborhood restaurant with a creative, chef-driven menu," he said. "When we were approached by Hospice of the Western Reserve to launch Meal to Remember, I couldn't say 'no.' Our specialty is comfort food -- just like being at your mother's house for dinner -- so it's a natural fit for us. We're honored to play a role in bringing families together for a meal during this difficult period in their lives."

So what's on the menu for hospice patients and their families? Chef Rob Geul and the culinary staff will be preparing and serving tomato bisque with three-cheese crostini, a mini-wedge salad (crisp iceberg lettuce with carrots, cucumbers, crumbled bleu cheese and red onion dressed with balsamic vin-

aigrette), Papa Guel's famous meatloaf, three-cheese macaroni, and haricot vert with caramelized mushrooms. Topping off the meal will be peanut butter and chocolate mousse. Wine for the meal will be donated by Scoperta Importing.

"It's impossible to overstate how much the simple act of sitting around the table together to enjoy a meal means to our families," said Bill Finn, CEO of Hospice of the Western Reserve. "Meal to Remember supports our goals of fostering quality time for patients and families, and making Ames Family Hospice House a 'home away from home.' For many families and their loved ones receiving care, this will be the first time
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Spring Has Sprung And Love Is In Bloom At Crestmont

by Bonnie Greenberg

The beautiful renovations at Crestmont North Healthcare provided an elegant backdrop for the exchange of vows between resident David Austin and his new wife Christine. The ceremony was officiated by Mayor Michael Summers on Friday, March 22nd, 2013.

The newlyweds expressed that their wedding was, "a long time coming." After overcoming obstacles along the way, they decided that there is no time like the present. The couple is planning their move into a senior living community and had wished to be married prior to living together.

Chris excitedly shared with Crestmont North Healthcare's Administrator, Wendy Tyler, just four days prior that she and David were getting married and the Mayor kindly offered to come to the facility to officiate.



Christine & David Austin get married at Crestmont North with Lakewood Mayor, Mike Summers, officiating.

Rather than simply exchange vows, Wendy felt it would be more meaningful with a ceremony to allow residents, staff, and family members of the cou-

ple to share in their joy and happiness.

"We didn't expect anything like this," said the new bride with a glowing smile. The bride and groom expressed

much appreciation of the staff for coordinating such an elaborate ceremony with only four days notice. The team at Crestmont North Healthcare worked together to create the very classic, black and white themed setting, highlighted by a stunning cupcake tower from their own kitchen.

It is not often that the residents have an opportunity to attend a wedding at the facility. In fact, this is only our third wedding in many years. You may recall reading about John and MaryAnn Babiak who renewed their vows in celebration of their 69th anniversary or Don Wilson and Irene Alba who were united together in matrimony.

Nursing facilities promote happiness and well-being, and nothing warms the heart like a wedding ceremony.

Congratulations to Christine and David Austin from the residents and staff of Crestmont North Healthcare.

Baby Bargain Bonanza Seller Registrations Now Being Accepted

by Julie Derrick

Baby Bargain Bonanza Seller Information & Policy, Saturday, May 4, 2013

Baby Bargain Bonanza has a long-standing reputation of being a quality resale of gently used baby and children's items. We require that Sellers be sure to quality-check their items and only sell the following items:

Gently used baby/children clothing sizes newborn-14/16, which are not

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Gently used baby furniture, strollers, highchairs, cribs/beds, bouncy seats, etc. Bedding should be clean. Drop-sided cribs can no longer be sold.

All car seat sales are sold at your own liability. All car seats expire after 6 years. Please make sure all car seats are not expired.

**Please adhere to the above criteria so that we may maintain the positive reputation we have acquired as a great kids sale.*

Seller Cost: \$25 per 6 foot table or equivalent space, if table is not desired, for Non-LECPTA Members and ALL vendors or crafters regardless of LECPTA Membership.

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Seller Policy: Each Seller will have an 8-foot-wide and 6-foot-deep space. Spaces will be taped off to assure fairness to each Seller. If you need more space you may buy more tables. Each Seller is allowed 4 items in the "Big Item Room." Cribs and

Beds cannot be assembled. The Baby Bargain Bonanza committee will assign sellers their table location. Assignments will be handed out beginning at 7 a.m. Assignments are final. Sellers may pack up any unwanted items into garbage bags for charities at the end of the sale.

Tables are first come, first serve. There is no limit on the amount of tables a Seller can purchase. Once we sell out of spaces, we will allow for a waiting list. Seller tables are not reserved until the check and contract is received. Once the table(s) is reserved there are NO REFUNDS for any reason. Sellers price and sell their own items and keep all of the profits. Please bring enough change for the entire day. LECPTA will not provide change. You might consider offering bags to your

buyers. Please arrange for childcare for your children. Confirmations will be emailed or mailed out to each Seller.

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All vehicles must be removed from the Garfield Middle School parking lot by 8:30 a.m. Seller parking is available on various nearby streets and in several parking lots a short distance away. Seller set-up is from 7-9 a.m. The sale begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 1p.m. Tables must be manned at all times, and must be set-up
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Lakewood Living

Home Improvement, Lakewood Style

by Mel Page

Spring is finally here. It's a fine time to prioritize and tackle some home improvements. Many Lakewood volunteers and businesses are gearing up to bring you the annual Lakewood Old House Fair. It will be Saturday, April 27th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Harding Middle School on Madison Ave. It's Lakewood's very own little home-improvement show. However, as co-chair, I think it's more like Lakewood's biggest home improvement party if you ask me! You bet I'm excited. It's fun to watch this event take shape.

I get to talk to many of the businesses and nonprofits about the goods and services they will be exhibiting. Most of these exhibitors not only do business in Lakewood, but are fellow residents. They share an appreciation for older homes and have a vested interest in the condition of our community's housing. Businesses and nonprofits

alike often return to exhibit every year because this venue is an effective way to reach and inform residents about their services and resources.

Exhibitors offer their Saturday to advise, demonstrate, and inform residents whether you look to do-it-yourself or hire someone. Our two scheduled informational forums will be partnering with Lakewood Observer's new LOKOL (Lakewood Observer Know Our Lakewood) series. These community conversations will be customized to address the unique needs and dilemmas pertaining to Lakewood. Our first talk will be the "Great Paint Discussion" held twice, first at noon and then at 2 p.m. We will explore the dilemmas of our homes' exterior wood siding. We will touch on the frustrations and expectations of exterior paint jobs versus covering up with vinyl or other newer manufactured siding. We will have several experts and resources

present to help you get a wealth of information.

The second talk is titled "The Giving Tree" at 1 & 3 p.m. We will give the subject of trees in Lakewood center stage. Trees provide tremendous benefits to our city and properties. Lakewood's tree expert, John Palmer, will be making sure homeowners know what they can do when it comes to new or existing trees on our own properties and those in our neighborhoods. More on these scheduled forums will be in the next Lakewood Observer issue and will be topics found on Lakewood Observer's online public discussion forum, the Observation Deck, at <http://lakewoodobserver.com/forum/index.php>.

Known as a city of homes and with its older housing stock, Lakewood has a everpresent need for this customized event. To those of you who haven't taken advantage of this event, as an exhibitor or resident attending, you are missing out. There truly is something for everyone. So mark your calendar for Saturday, April 27th. Admission is free. Businesses and services wishing to exhibit can visit the Lakewood Hardware store on Madison Ave. or their website and facebook page online.

Jammy Buggars To Serve Comfort Food To Patients And Their Families

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they have enjoyed a meal together for months. We're extremely grateful to Jammy Buggars and the other participating restaurants for their generosity."

Other new restaurants signing up to participate include Bruno's Ristorante on W. 41st St. in Cleveland, The Burntwood Tavern and The Woods, both of Rocky River and Strip Steakhouse in Avon.

About Hospice of the Western Reserve

Hospice of the Western Reserve is a community-based, non-profit agency providing comfort and emotional support to patients and their families. The agency cares for people in a variety of settings, including private residences, hospitals, nursing homes and assisted living facilities, at David Simpson Hospice House overlooking Lake Erie, and at Ames Family Hospice House in Westlake. For more information, visit hospicewr.org or call 800.707.8922.

About Jammy Buggars

Jammy Buggars Restaurant and Pub realizes a long-nurtured dream to create a restaurant that "we've always wished

was in our neighborhood." Featuring a chef-driven menu that is creatively distinct, Jammy Buggar's goal is a favorite meeting place, combining a welcoming, community-focused atmosphere, moderate prices and warm service. For more information, visit www.JammyBuggars.com or call 216-767-5922.

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until 1 p.m. At 1 p.m. sellers may begin to pack up, but not before the sale ends. This policy must be adhered to in all

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Registration & Contract Form

Saturday, May 4, 2013

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(Include name of Sellers sharing the table so that we may provide a name badge and lunch form for each participating Seller)

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