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April 27, Harding Middle School

## Lakewood's Own Home Improvement Show

by Mel Page

The annual Lakewood Old House Fair will be next Saturday, April 27th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Harding Middle School, located at Madison Ave. and Hilliard Rd.

It is Lakewood's very own

customized home-improvement show. Though hardly showy, this little nonprofit event focuses on the unique needs and care of Lakewood's older architecture and living spaces. With free admission and a couple hours of your

Saturday you will get so much from this one-stop shop.

You get to talk with the actual plumbers, painters, roofers, etc. You can get some free do-it-yourself advice or meet the people behind the business before inviting them to your home for a free estimate. Many of the exhibitors will be holding booth raffle giveaways to help boost your home projects. Exhibitors like the Friends of Lakewood Library Book Sale and Lakewood Garden Center will be selling items for your home and garden needs.

We are also thrilled to bring you two scheduled educational forums that have been customized to address the unique needs of Lakewood. In partnership with The Lakewood Observer's new LOKOL (Lakewood Observer Know Our Lakewood) public forum series, the Home Show will present guest speakers who are experts on the topics at hand. These discussions will also foster community engagement and help identify and solve some of our pressing current issues. To make it convenient for you, we are holding each forum twice so that you can easily attend at least one of these forums while you are there.



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how to get an exterior paint job to last and how long is realistic for a paint job to last. We will get into the frustrations of **continued on 13**

## Lakewoodites Rally Against Gun Violence

photo by Craig Lovejoy, Low Level Aerial Photography



Lakewood's Ward 2 Councilman Tom Bullock gave an eloquent speech on the need for gun control. More coverage and photos inside on page 10.

## Three Honored At State Level For Reflections Art

by Christine Gordillo

Three Lakewood City Schools students have had their creative work recognized as among the best in the state in the National PTA Reflections art recognition program. LHS sophomore Gregory Watson was given an Award of Merit for his musical composition. Harrison first-grader William Bailey earned an Honorable Mention in the Visual Arts category as did Lincoln fifth-grader Marianna Stockman in the Musical Composition category.

The Reflections program offers students from schools with active PTAs the opportunity to create works of art for fun and recognition. Students in



preschool through grade 12 are encouraged to submit works in six arts areas: literature, dance choreography, film/video production, musical composition, photography, and the visual arts. All entries must follow a chosen theme, which this year was “The Magic of the Moment.”

The top 24 from the 133 works submitted to the Council level were selected to move on to the state competition.

## Win Big While You Support Rotary Projects

by Larry Faulhaber

Travel packages, entertainment and sporting event tickets, golf outings, dinners on the town and even health and fitness programs can be yours for the best bid at the

Sunrise Rotary Fund Raising Auction, Friday, April 19. The Rocky River Assistance Program, North Coast Health Ministry, Lakewood Food Programs, and Polio eradication **continued on 13**

## Baby Bargain Bonanza Set For May 4th

by Julie Derrick

The Lakewood Early Childhood PTA (LECPTA) is once again planning its popular children's resale of gently used children's clothing (sizes newborn to 14/16), furniture, toys and other items. The Baby Bargain Bonanza (BBB) is planned for May 4th at its NEW location of Garfield Middle School located at 13114 Detroit Ave. in Lakewood. The sale is open to the public and will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 4th. Admission is \$5 from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. and just \$1 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Attendees will find more than one thing to like! There

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

advantage of if you cannot attend the BBB but would like to get in on the fun of the raffle!

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

All this sounds great, right? But what if you are thinking, "I already have **continued on 2**

## LOKOL Public Forum Series Continues April 27

by Peter Grossetti

Our next set of Lakewood Observer Know Our Lakewood (LOKOL) Public Forums will be held Saturday April 27 in conjunction with the Old House Fair 2013 at Harding Middle School at 16601 Hilliard Road.

Two different forums will be presented twice each:

**Great Paint Discussion at noon and 2:00PM**

This panel discussion will assess exterior siding options and dilemmas for the typical Lakewood wood-sided house

(even if covered up by synthetic siding) so that homeowners can make well-informed choices for their homes.

**The Giving Tree at 1:00PM and 3:00PM**

This panel discussion will create interest in investing time and money into keeping Lakewood a city of trees. You'll learn what it takes to ensure trees are an important part of our city landscape for future generations.

Old House Fair 2013 will feature dozens of local exhibitors. **continued on 10**



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Welcome To Lakewood Event Set For Wednesday, April 24

by Melissa Garrett

The City of Lakewood’s Community Relations Advisory Commission and the Lakewood Family Collaborative are sponsoring the 2nd annual Welcome to Lakewood event on Wednesday, April 24, 2013 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Garfield Middle School, 13114 Detroit Avenue. This event is designed to welcome new residents to the community and to assist anyone looking for additional opportunities to make connections within the community. Welcome to Lakewood is a fun event where residents can learn more about local civic organizations, services and ways to get involved in Lakewood.

This is an opportunity to meet Mayor Mike Summers, Lakewood Schools Superintendent Jeff Patterson and Lakewood City Council Members. Fifty local organizations will be on hand to provide information about how to get more involved in the community. There will also be yummy treats from local bakeries. All attendees will leave with a packet of information all about Lakewood.

The Lakewood Community Relations Advisory Commission was established in 2005 to serve in an advisory capacity for the purpose of educating, informing and making recommendations to City officials, departments, boards and commissions on matters relating to community rela-

tions within the City of Lakewood 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. The objectives of the Collaborative are to assist in the identification of community issues and needs as they relate to youth/families, advocacy for youth/family/community and consultation and support to strengthen and expand community networking/partnerships.

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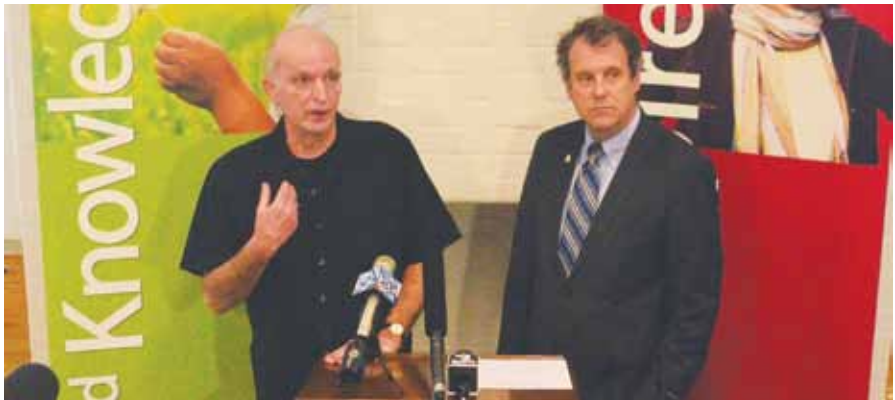
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in the World are just a few of the many Community and International Service Projects that are supported by proceeds from the Sunrise at Sunset Auction. It is on Friday, April 19. It also provides scholarships for needy students to the American Youth Federation’s Leadership Camp Miniwanca which challenges young people to unlock their potential and develop their best self mentally, physically, socially and spiritually.

The event which features, a raffle, live and silent auctions will be held from 6 to 9 p.m., on Friday, April 19 in Umerley Hall of the Rocky River Civic Center at Wagar and Hilliard Blvd. Tickets are just \$20 per person and include dinner and homemade desserts, with a cash bar. *For more information contact the Lakewood Rocky River Sunrise Rotary - David Clements, 216.712.4244 or dsc88keys@yahoo.com.*

Senator Sherrod Brown Introduces Legislation Against Identity Theft



Tom MacIntosh had his identity stolen and was able to recoup a lost IRS return and his identity with the help of Senator Sherrod Brown, on the right.

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# State/Federal

## State Rep. Nickie Antonio Introduces Stand-Alone Bill To Expand Medicaid

by Nickie Antonio

COLUMBUS – House Minority Leader Armond Budish and State Reps. Nickie Antonio and John Carney held a press conference introducing Medicaid expansion in a stand-alone bill. Gov. Kasich included the expansion of Medicaid as part of his two-year budget. House Republicans decided to forgo \$13 billion in federal aid to Ohio to increase healthcare access through Medicaid in the changes they proposed to Gov. Kasich’s budget.

“We stand ready to support the stand-alone legislation introduced by Reps. Antonio and Carney which adopts the Governor’s proposal to expand Medicaid. We ask Republican leadership to put aside tea party threats and allow the bill to be voted on, on the House floor, where it will have strong bipartisan support,” said Leader Budish.

Right now, hundreds of thousands of Ohioans cannot afford healthcare coverage and do not qualify for Medicaid. Expanding Medicaid will allow 275,000 Ohioans to see a doctor, get preventive care, and obtain needed lab tests and x-rays. And it will bring \$13 billion in tax money back to Ohio.

“This is the right time to do the right thing for hundreds of thousands of hardworking low-income Ohioans,” said Rep. Antonio. “Expanding access to healthcare is good for our economy and commu-

nities, and the overall well-being of our state.”

The stand-alone bill as introduced by Reps. Antonio and Carney mirrors the Medicaid expansion originally proposed in the budget by Governor Kasich. Medicaid expansion is provided for under the Affordable Care Act, enacted in 2010 by the United States Congress, and stipulates that the federal government will fund 100 percent of Medicaid coverage to individuals with incomes up to 138 percent of the Federal Poverty Level from 2014-2016. The expansion of funding from the federal government allows the state to efficiently support extending Medicaid coverage to 275,000 Ohioans.

“Medicaid expansion is a smart economic strategy that will underwrite jobs, keep Ohioans’ tax dollars in Ohio, and improve the health and productivity of our citizens. Failing to expand Medicaid will have an enormously negative impact on hospitals, healthcare delivery and Ohio businesses. The emergency room is the most expensive healthcare provider and failing to expand Medicaid will keep the emergency room as the location of only resort for hundreds of thousands of Ohioans,” Rep. Carney said. “Rejecting Medicaid expansion is not fiscally conservative, it is fiscally irresponsible.”



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# Lakewood Public Library

compiled by Leana Donofrio-Milovan

## 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](http://www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/bookclubs) for full book descriptions.

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

## Wednesday, April 17

### Lakewood Historical Society: “Edgewater:

#### The Industrial Park That Could Have Been”

The land where Edgewater Park sits today was coveted by industry in the late 1800s because of its easy access to both water and rail. Fortunately, the City Beautiful movement that swept the nation after the Chicago Columbian Exposition of 1893 inspired our civic leaders to make more attractive use of the land. Eric Deutsch of the Friends of Edgewater State Park tells the whole colorful story with plenty of pictures, and maps that give us a new appreciation of our precious public access.

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

## Thursday, April 18

### National Poetry Month

#### I Sing the Body Electric

#### A Portrait of Walt Whitman in Words and Music By Wordstage

Letters, diaries and revolutionary poems set to live violin music paint an intimate portrait of America’s most influential poet. The period musical selections serve to conjure the mood of a great, emerging nation careening into civil war. Building on that charged atmosphere,

director Tim Tavcar weaves carefully chosen snatches of the poet’s writings into a compelling biography. In an age marked by progress and hypocrisy, slavery and abolition, booming opportunity and silent homophobia, Walt Whitman drew upon his endless reserves of compassion to forge a poetic voice that spoke for the fledgling nation. It shouldn’t be possible to condense all of the passions and circumstances that made a man like Whitman into a single, one-hour presentation—and it isn’t—but Wordstage does a masterful job of sketching out a framework for new appreciation.

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

## Friday, April 19

### National Poetry Month

#### Remembering Daniel Thompson

A Raucous Outdoor Concert Event for Friends, Strangers and Saxophone By Drumplay with Maj Ragain, Bill Kennedy, Ray McNiece, and Ernie Krivda

On the eve of the eve of what would have been Daniel Thompson’s seventy-eighth birthday, poets and percussionists will gather to celebrate his defiant spirit, making a joyful noise on the Library’s Front Porch. The late poet laureate of Cleveland was a founding member of Drumplay and he has never left their circle. His words still resonate through Afro-Cuban rhythms and Middle Eastern motifs, sometimes driving the beat and sometimes being carried away. Thompson was a larger-than-life character. He fought and wrote for the homeless, the helpless and the disenfranchised. He had a wicked sense of humor and an anti-authority streak a mile wide. The world-famous jazz saxophonist Ernie Krivda, inspired by Thompson’s devotion to just plain folks, was a frequent collaborator too. He will join poets Maj Ragain, Bill Kennedy and Ray McNiece and in an effort to reimagine those legendary Drumplay concerts and spread Thompson’s words through the city streets—right where they belong.

6:00 p.m. on the Library’s Front Porch

## Saturday, April 20

### Five Star Films

#### “The Postman Always Rings Twice” (1947),

#### Directed by Tay Garnett - Not Rated

John Garfield is hired to be the new handyman at Cecil Kellaway’s roadside diner. His young, gorgeous wife Lana Turner acts cool to her husband’s choice—at first. Before long, disdain turns to smoldering mutual attraction. Keeping their affair a secret becomes untenable. The conspirators devise a risky plan to eliminate the only obstacle that threatens their future together.

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

## Sunday, April 21

### Sunday With the Friends: “The Restorers:

#### They Were All Volunteers” Directed by Adam White

On April 18, 1942, Lieutenant Colonel James “Jimmy” Doolittle led a daring bombing raid on Honshu that gave a much needed boost to American morale and caused the Japanese to doubt the infallibility of their leadership. This locally produced documentary, dedicated to all those who volunteer, chronicles the 2010 reunion of 17 bomber crews from the mission and the particular journey of a B-25 named Miss Mitchell. Meet the filmmakers after the show.

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

## Tuesday, April 23

### Playhouse: On New Ground

The New Ground Theatre Festival features debut work by nationally recognized playwrights. Get a close-up look at what it takes to make fresh-off-the-page theatre.

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

## Thursday, April 25

### Meet the Author: “Justice Delayed” by Paul H. Mitrovitch

When the case of Brown v. The Board of Education came before the Supreme Court in 1954, the nation came face to face with a crucial moment it had long been avoiding. Did the segregation of children in public schools on the basis of race deprive minority children of the equal protection guaranteed by the 14th Amendment? The final decision, a prelude to the Civil Rights Movement, opened up a wide range of questions about freedom and justice in America by firmly establishing that non-white people had the same legal rights under the Constitution as everyone else. Retired Judge Paul H. Mitrovich, recounts the slow, methodical process of change within the federal government that led to this groundbreaking moment in history. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

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

## Saturday, April 27

### Lakewood Art House Cinema

#### “Two Hands” (1999), Directed by Gregor Jordan - Rated R

A brother’s ghost guides Heath Ledger’s mad, romantic search and, together, they won’t be deterred by the gangsters who want them both dead. Before Brokeback Mountain, this small, sweet film blazed with Ledger’s emerging talent and his unmistakable chemistry with Rose Byrne—all set against the backdrop of an endless, sun-drenched Australian paradise.

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

## Sunday, April 28

### Sunday with the Friends: Muscle and Bone: The Songs of Bob Dylan

Blending rich vocal harmonies over guitar, bass, and harmonica, Susan Weber and Walt Campbell celebrate National Poetry Month with the ballads of Bob Dylan. Some are as familiar as old lovers you didn’t know you’d miss while others are friends you never knew you had.

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

## Saturday, May 4

### Lakewood Public Cinema

#### “Moonrise Kingdom” (2012), Directed by Wes Anderson - Rated PG-13

All the world sings of love, then stands stubbornly in the way. On an idyllic island of the coast of New England, two twelve year-olds open their hearts and run away from home to start a new life together. A conspiracy of adults, including Bruce Willis, Edward Norton, Bill Murray and Frances McDormand, follows with mixed emotions. Director Wes Anderson ventures into the world of nature beyond his perfect sets for magical results.

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

# LPL Children/Youth Events

compiled by Eric Knapp

## Saturday, April 20

### Poetry Carnival, For youth second through fifth grade

Try your hand at crafting an acrostic. Create a collage. Act out a poem. Find out who has the fastest tongue in a poetry race. The room is your stage, and the poem, your script. To register, please stop in or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 140.

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room.

## Thursday, April 25

### Poetry Out Loud, For youth sixth through twelfth grade

Fancy yourself a poet? Or do you just listen to a ton of music? Bring a clean copy of your favorite lyrics to compose your own masterpiece on the spot with friends. To register, please stop in or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 140.

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room.

## Saturday, April 27

### St. Ignatius Circus Company, For the whole family

Professional jugglers from St. Ignatius High School add a little bit of humor and magic. Free and open to the public, no registration necessary.

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

## Sunday, April 28

### Lakewood Lego® League,

#### For youth in kindergarten through fifth grade (caregivers welcome)

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6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the Main Library Activity 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](http://www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/youth)) for times and upcoming themes.

Main Library Activity Room and Madison Branch Auditorium

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

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

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Drumplay Remembers Poet Daniel Thompson At The Library

By Ben Burdick and Leana Donofrio

Too much is lost. The Lakewood Public Library was honored by its brief association with Daniel Thompson, the poet laureate who kept his heart street level, but those performances are mostly gone. We have snippets of video, fuzzy memories and, of course, his poems, but the power of the man has left us and is deeply missed.

To remedy this, the Library has decided to go back in time to recreate one of his legendary collaborations with cosmic percussionists Drumplay and jazz legend Ernie Krivda. Dear friends will carry the man’s voice and words in a poetry recital like no other. Because an event of this magnitude would be hard to contain inside the Library, it will be held on the Library’s Front Porch and belted out into the street where the great man’s legacy belongs. This raucous outdoor concert will take place on Friday, April 19 at 6:00 p.m. Visit [www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/poetry](http://www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/poetry) to learn more.

We spoke with Drumplay’s James Onysko and asked him to share his thoughts about the event.

**We’ve heard such good things about Daniel Thompson. What was it like playing with him?**

Daniel was a perfectionist; pouring over his words as if they were gold, which they are. His poems shine from his spirit and the energy of his poems continues. When I would cue him to join the music, he knew how to play it like a jazz man.

**Can you share a favorite Daniel Thompson memory?**

One day Daniel asked me to take him to the Ohio Turnpike, as he was going to hitchhike. I asked him where he was going and he told me he was going to City Books in Pittsburgh for a public reading event. He was tireless in that way, always willing to read and share his poems. I said I would take him there. It was an evening affair; it turned out to be around midnight before we headed for home. When we arrived back in Cleveland, it had to be around 2:30 a.m. the next day. And then Daniel said,



“Now I have to go on my rounds.” And by that he meant going around to collect day-old bread and pastries to distribute to the homeless. Needless to say, it was a very long day and night with Daniel that time. I have always marveled at his strength and commitment of purpose. He inspired that call to action in others as he did to me that time--and still does.

**You have played all over the world. What is your favorite location?**

Favorite location is Belfort, France, at Festival International de Musique Universitaire (check out [www.fimu.com](http://www.fimu.com)). I am their USA Correspondent. We were invited there in 2002 and 2003 and again last year, 2012. But I remember Daniel’s joke that first time. He said, “I’m reading to them in English, but they’re listening to me in French.” He was simply hilarious, and had a quick wit about him, always jabbing and moving like a boxer.

**What do you hope people will take away from the event?**

I always hope that we can suspend time for a little while and create some magic. We are often surprised ourselves as we work out these “rhythmprovisations” in performance. Also, I pray more people will learn what a treasure we have in Daniel Thompson. The man is gone, but his words still resonate. May that always be so.

**Any final thoughts?**

One very important point: Daniel Thompson is the Poet Laureate of CUYAHOGA COUNTY (not Cleveland), so named by the Cuyahoga County Commissioners on April 1, 1992. Daniel often commented that it was their April Fool’s Day joke.



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Tiger Scout Pack 268 paid a visit to the Lakewood Public Library for a tour of the Children's and Youth Services department. Pictured here: Ms. Kathryn, Jonas Siley, Billy Brady, Leader Cheryl Parker, Aidan Setta, Eloise Siley, and Aidan Parker. Their favorite part of the tour? The inside of the book drop!



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# Lakewood Public Library

## Special Documentary "The Restorers: They Were All Volunteers"

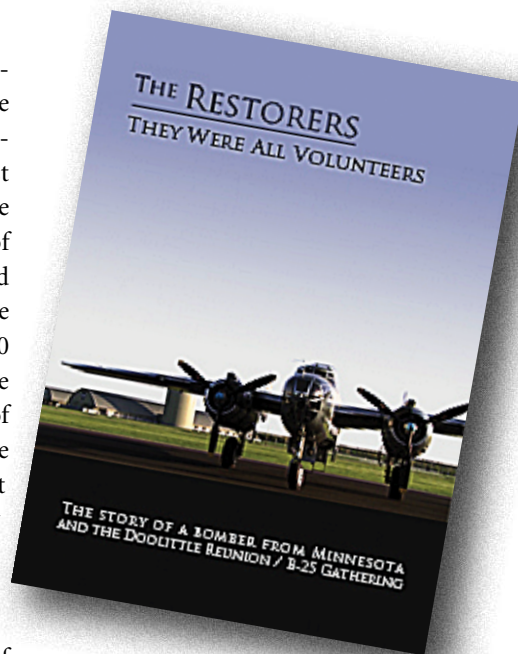
by Leana Donofrio-Milovan

On April 18, 1942, Lieutenant Colonel James "Jimmy" Doolittle led a daring bombing raid on Honshu that gave a much-needed boost to American morale and caused the Japanese to doubt the infallibility of their leadership. This locally-produced documentary, dedicated to all those who volunteer, chronicles the 2010 reunion of 17 bomber crews from the mission and the particular journey of a B-25 named Miss Mitchell. It will be screened for Sunday with the Friends at 2 p.m. on April 21 in the Main Library Auditorium. Filmmakers Adam White and Kara Martinelli will be on hand for this special screening, and Martinelli took some time out of a busy filmmaking schedule to talk about this extraordinary documentary.

**What made you want to make "The Restorers?"**

"The Restorers" is a documentary film made in 2003 by Hemlock Films, featuring stories about people who restore and fly antique aircraft. After the film came out, the Director, Adam White, had a stream of people suggesting new stories to him. So he came up with the idea to make it into a TV series. "The Restorers - They Were All Volunteers" is our pilot episode for that series.

Adam and I both have a love for history, specifically aviation history and WWII. So our passion for keeping these stories alive and teaching them to a younger generation has been our drive to make this TV series.



**Did it surprise you that these volunteers have such a strong and dedicated bond even after all this time?**

I'd say we were more excited than anything. To have people be so dedicated, especially the younger ones, to keeping history alive through flying a 70-year-old bomber to different cities to tell the stories of WWII and the sacrifice that those airman made during the war. There is a young lady in the documentary who runs the Minnesota Wing of the Commemorative Air Force, and she got involved because her grandfather used to work on B-25s and he brought her to the hanger when she was a child. And now she is in charge of the whole wing, volunteering all her

free time to help maintain and run the museum.

**What is one especially funny/special story that stood out for you while interviewing the subjects of the film?**

When we filmed the Doolittle Raider Reunion, we hired freelance filmmakers to help us shoot it. They didn't know anything about the Raiders or that part of history. After interviewing the Doolittle Raiders, one of our camera operators went down to the gift shop in the Museum of the US Air Force, and bought "30 Seconds Over Tokyo" and a few other documentaries about WWII.

**You specialize in "aviation" filmmaking. How do you explain this special brand of documentary filmmaking?**

While Adam White and I are both freelance filmmakers, our passion is history and aviation. Adam has been doing aviation related filmmaking for a decade now, so he's had time to really hone the craft of air-to-air filmmaking



go into it aiming to have the quality of work that could earn an Emmy award. And we hope that it will be recognized that way when we have finished the project. I think a lot of that comes from our desire to do the best job possible, and our love of the subject. We want to appeal to as many people as possible so that these stories of history and the people who created it, can live on.

When we found out that we were nominated in three categories, I was very excited to see that our hard work and the money that we put into it was receiving recognition. This was the first time I had received an Emmy



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by Julie Strunk

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by Philistine Ayad

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and telling a good story. Our documentaries are about the stories of the people who flew the aircraft and those who dedicate their lives to restoring them and keeping that history alive for younger generations. Rather than just telling the story of the airplane.

**Have you ever been in a dangerous/scary situation while filming?**

During the Doolittle Reunion, they had a 17-ship formation flight of B-25 bombers fly over a ceremony to honor the Doolittle Raiders. I was the lucky one thrown into the bomber from Minnesota, Miss Mitchell, to shoot the formation flight from the air. We were in the back of the formation, I think at position 15 or so. It was really awe inspiring to see all of those ships flying together. It really gave me a sense of what it must have been like during the war when they would have massive formation flights to fly over a target, though this flight didn't have nearly as many planes as they would have for a mission during the war. It was an amazing experience and I'm very lucky to have had that opportunity.

**Did you expect to win two Emmys for this film? What was your reaction when you found out?**

Whenever we start on a project, we expect to do a top-notch job. We

nomination, let alone three of them. Adam White has received several from past aviation and non-aviation related projects, so I don't think it was as exciting for him. Though I know he was very happy that we won the awards for Technical Achievement and Writing.

**After a screening of your film, what do you hope the audience walks away talking about?**

We hope that they walk away wanting to see more episodes. After our screenings, we always have a long Q&A session, because so many people want to talk about the history. My favorite comment was from a 10-year-old boy who stood up and wanted to know when he could see more. That is exactly what we are aiming for. To get more people, especially young people, interested in history and aviation.

We are currently in production for the rest of our 5 episode season of The Restorers. We have enough investors to start production, and we are looking for more investors to bring our project to completion when we have finished filming at the end of the year.

*For more information about this event and all the exciting events going on at Lakewood Public Library, please visit [www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org](http://www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org).*



# Lakewood Schools



Horticulture student John Liber prepares some of the Colorado blue spruce seedlings for the Keep Lakewood Beautiful tree giveaway on Earth Day.

## LHS Class Digs In For Earth Day Tree Giveaway

by Christine Gordillo

Students in Mark Rathge's Horticulture classes at Lakewood High School are doing their part to help keep Lakewood called "The City of Trees." The students spent recent class periods potting 125 tree seedlings that will be distributed for free at the Earth Day festivities at Lakewood Park on April 20.

The tree giveaway is an initiative by the Keep Lakewood Beautiful organization; this is the second year the group has provided trees for residents. People can choose from among four varieties: shagbark hickory, Colorado blue spruce, white flowering dogwood and eastern redbud. Keep Lakewood Beautiful will provide information about each species and detailed instructions on planting.

"We hope that all who adopt them will nurture them and enjoy watching them grow," said Keep Lakewood Beautiful board member Marianne Quasebarth. "It is important to keep planting young trees that will fit into our urban yards and city parks in order to maintain a continuing presence of trees for all to enjoy their many benefits for years to come."

The horticulture students are currently learning about deciduous trees so the planting was the perfect hands-on exercise to complement the classroom lessons. Keep Lakewood Beautiful saw the partnership as a good way to fulfill part of its mission.

"Although our main mission is quite simple, just as our name states, to Keep Lakewood Beautiful, education is also part of our mission," Quasebarth said. "We are happy to partner with LHS students and provide the opportunity for them to learn about trees and have hands-on experience. In return, they are providing a wonderful service to us and all those who will receive a tree for free at Earth Day. We are grateful for the help and the kind expertise that Mr. Rathge and his students have given."

The Earth Day event runs from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Lakewood Park. The trees will be available at the Lakewood Park Woman's Pavilion.

In conjunction with Earth Day, volunteers from across the city will spend the morning of the 20th picking up litter in neighborhoods as part of the Great American Cleanup.

## Lakewood Times Earns Second Place In State Competition

by Christine Gordillo

Congratulations to The Lakewood Times staff for receiving a second place ranking among news magazines in the state at the Ohio Scholastic Media Association convention and contest at Kent State on April 5. Many Times staff members and contributors also earned recognition with Superior and Excellent ratings.

"As a first-year adviser, I came into this year with a lot of worries, but the Times staff was truly amazing," said adviser and English teacher Dennis Ebner, who replaced longtime adviser Karen Ballash after she retired last year. "At times, I truly believe they taught me as much as I taught them! It was a great year and I am now really looking forward to next year."

Senior Lily Pollack was a standout

with four Excellent ratings and three Honorable Mentions for various news writing and design pieces.

Earning Superior ratings for their work were:

Seniors Khalil Cormier and Hannah Kiraly; juniors Christian Styles and Nora Varcho; and sophomore Abby Shuga for photography.

Sophomore Matt Morgenstern, for News Feature article.

Earning Excellent ratings were:

Sophomore Brett Brown for his artwork and Sabrina Suleiman for her First Person Narrative.

Honorable Mentions:

Brett Brown, artwork (2)

Senior Adam Mitchell, for an opinion piece.

Sabrina Suleiman, for her reviews.

## LHS Students Among Top Placers In Beck Art Show

by Christine Gordillo

Student artists from Lakewood High school had an impressive showing once again in the 68th annual Lakewood/Rocky River Rotary Club Music, Speech and Visual Arts Contest, sponsored by the Beck Center.

Senior Lindsay Furtado and Grace Lazos took second and third, respectively in the Music category, Furtado for a clarinet piece and Lazos for a vocal piece. Senior Steve Saed was runner-up in the Speech category and sophomore Nina Scavone placed third in the Visual Arts category. Junior Dameyan Chambers earned an Honorable Mention in Visual Arts.

In the speech contest, participants were asked to give an original speech based upon the "The Four Way Test of Rotary." The speaker was asked to apply this test to everyday relationships with individuals and ask 1) Is it the truth? 2) Is it fair to all concerned? 3) Will it build goodwill and better friendships? And 4) Will it be beneficial to all concerned. Saed captured second place

in this category last year as well.

This longstanding Rotary contest welcomes the best high school students from Lakewood and Rocky River as they demonstrate excellence in the areas of music, speech and the visual arts. Participants come from one of the five Lakewood and Rocky River high schools: Lakewood High, Rocky River High, St. Edward's, Magnificat and Lutheran West.

Nearly 60 of the visual arts entries, including the award winners and many other Lakewood High artists, are on display at the Beck Center through most of April. The entries include ceramic pieces, oil paintings, mixed media, pencil and charcoal drawings among others. The award winners were recognized in a ceremony March 25 at the Beck Center.

## Baby Bargain Bonanza Set For May 4th

continued from page 1

a closet full of kid's clothes and don't have room for any more!?" Well, maybe it is time to consider being a seller at the BBB. Everyone is welcome to sell children's items that are no longer needed. The items must be clean, free from recall and in good condition with all parts and pieces. If you are interested in becoming a seller, please visit [www.lecpta.com](http://www.lecpta.com) for more information or email [BBB.LECPTA@gmail.com](mailto:BBB.LECPTA@gmail.com). Whether you choose to buy or sell, LECPTA looks forward to meeting you on May 4th!

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## Lakewood Schools

### A Talk With A World Famous Archaeologist

by Aryan Andrew  
(Christian Bendahan) and  
Indus Ian (Nolan Westfall)

Recently Mr. Spooner's 6th grade Social Studies class has had the opportunity to speak with a world renowned archaeologist; Dr. Jonathan Mark Kenoyer via Skype®. We asked him questions about the Indus Valley Civilization.

We had many questions for him. We asked his opinion on many topics, including whether or not the priest king and caste system existed, and many more topics. With these questions prepared, we knew that we might get an opinion that differs from other research we have conducted.

Dr. Kenoyer had many different opinions on the Indus civilization. For example, our class had learned of a supposed Aryan takeover in the early stages of the creation of the Indus culture and civilization, but little did we know that that topic is often very controversial to archaeologists like Dr. Kenoyer.

We had also learned that the Social Structure of the Indus Civilization is the Caste System, which we believed started around 1500 B.C. But according to Dr.

Kenoyer, the Caste System didn't go into effect until as late as 400 A.D.

We had also watched a "Ted Talks" video about the types of writing believed to have been used in the Indus Civilization. Dr. Kenoyer does not agree with this at all. He believes that there most likely wasn't an Indus language, and the language was most likely derived from languages used around the Indus Valley. Dr. Kenoyer expressed his opinion on that video, "He's a Mathematician, not an Archaeologist."

As we have learned in class to synthesize information and to be open to other interpretations of history, we accepted the new information in combination with the other archaeologist's finds.

"It was a great experience," says student John Bobik. "He expressed his opinion in a way that was new to the class. I think that the whole class enjoyed Dr. Kenoyer's take on things because we got some new material and a world-famous archaeologist's opinion," which will help the class with our Indus Study and the creation of our websites.

### 8th Grade Middle School Band Festival Honors Veterans

by Gary Rice

On March 27th, at Lakewood Civic Auditorium, the 8th grade bands from Lakewood's Harding and Garfield Middle Schools were joined by the Lakewood High School Wind Ensemble for an evening of beautiful music.

Robert Rice, a former Lakewood Schools music director and WWII veteran, was invited to conduct the combined groups in "The American Veterans Last Salute March." This march had first been performed at Garfield School several years ago.

Written by Rice and his son, Gary, the march honors all veterans, and particularly John Shepherd, a Revolutionary War soldier/drum-

mer and America's longest-lived veteran. (117 years.) Shepherd was a resident of North Royalton, and is buried there.

Rice, accompanied by his son on the drum, joined Lakewood's present instrumental music directors, Brian Maskow, (LHS) Julie Tabaj (Garfield) and Nathan Harris (Harding) on the stage, helping Lakewood 8th grade music students and the premier high school Wind Ensemble musicians to be inspired by nearly a century of combined musical instructional experience.

It was a memorable evening indeed, as our talented Lakewood students rose to the occasion with brilliant performances.



## ZUMBAthon®

### Shake It For The Schools!

by Chrissy Kadleck-Pursiful

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"We are so excited to host the schools' first-ever Zumbathon," says Missy Toms, Lakewood Alumni Foundation executive director. "Not only are we promoting a healthy, family fun activity, we're raising funds to support the continued success of Lakewood's teachers, administration, and students."

All ages are welcome, so bring the kids. Admission is just \$10. Children 10 and younger are free. Doors open at 1:30 pm. Register early at [www.lakewoodalumnifoundation.org](http://www.lakewoodalumnifoundation.org).

### LHS Model UN Earns Top Awards At Conference

by Christine Gordillo

The Lakewood High Model United Nations team turned in an outstanding performance at the Cleveland Council on World Affairs Spring Conference on April 10-11. Sophomore Renee Klan and senior Bilal Shah led the way, each winning the gavel, the highest possible award given to the outstanding delegate in each committee.

Sophomore Sean Weddell was chosen as a superior delegate. Seniors Caroline Canale and Moira Horn won an excellent delegation award, while the delegations of sophomores Charlotte Hisel and Devon Chodzin, and

sophomores Parker Smith and Laert Fejzullari won honorable mention awards.

Team adviser Chuck Greanoff said that much of the credit for the conference success goes to the club's leadership team, including: Co-Presidents Ellen Latsko, Rachel Ritter and Grace Yousefi; Vice President for Communications Irina Vatamanu; and Vice President for Training Bilal Shah. Greanoff also gave special thanks to Garfield Middle School Social Studies teacher Joshua Thornsberry for sharing his time and expertise with the students.

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Lakewood Is Art

Bicycle Tour Fundraiser and Community Festival at Beck Center

2nd Annual Bike for Beck Rides into Town on May 19

by Fran Storch

Be on the lookout for one-of-a-kind hand-decorated bikes all around Lakewood as part of Bike Your Art Out, an art installation publicizing Connect to Beck's second annual Bike for Beck bicycle tour on Sunday, May 19, 2013. With over a hundred riders and several hundred more attendees at Beck Fest following last year's bicycle tour, the inaugural event was a tremendous success. This year, C2B hopes to build on last year's accomplishments and offer even more activities, art displays, food, music, and other cycling-related fun.

Registration is now open for Bike for Beck. The cost is \$40 per cyclist and includes a B4B t-shirt and rider packet. Riders may register online at [bikeforbeck.org](http://bikeforbeck.org). All proceeds benefit the quality arts education programs at Beck Center for the Arts.

The festivities kick off with rider registration between 8 and 10 a.m. in Beck Center's main lobby, where

cyclists may participate in a warm-up stretch class provided by the Lakewood YMCA. From there, riders may choose from 12-, 25- or 60-mile routes through the scenic Cleveland Metroparks, returning back to Beck Center to complete their tour. Snacks and water are provided at designated stops along the bike route. For non-cyclists, the YMCA is offering a free Zumba dance fitness class at Beck Center.

Riders, their families and the community are invited to the post-ride event Beck Fest, a day of fun, family-friendly activities celebrating arts education from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the Beck Center campus. Visitors can check out all the creative programs Beck Center has to offer including improvisational comedy, dance performances, and much more. Bike enthusiasts may also enjoy cycling art and learn more about area bike clubs and shops from local experts. Guests may also take a chance on bicycle raffle baskets.



Riders checked in before the start of last year's Bike for Beck.


On the entertainment front, last year's favorite musical groups, Fireside and the Revolution Brass Band return to the Beck Center Red Stage, joined this year by The Madison Crawl, Jerry Popiel, and Chris Hatton. Bicycle team, 216-BIKE performs demonstrations of bike stunts and tricks throughout the day. Refreshments at Beck Fest are available from local favorite food trucks, DonutLAB and Fired Up Taco Truck, and beer is provided by Eddie and Iggy's Bar & Grille.

Bike for Beck is sponsored by Vision Source/Madison Eye Care, Krylon, and Turner Construction with additional support from AFLAC, Comfort Dental Group, Dimit Architects, LLC, Drs. Harter Family Dentistry, Jeffrey W. Laubmeier, DMD, First Federal

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# Lakewood Is Art

## A Game Of Musical Chairs

by Fran Storch

The Women’s Board of Beck Center invites the community to play A Game of Musical Chairs. WB/BC volunteers have been busy for months refinishing and intricately hand-painting gently used chairs, stools and a children’s desk as part of their Painted Furniture Project fundraiser. These unique creations are now on display around town during the month of April and will be raffled off at the Women’s Board Victorian Tea Party on Sunday, May 5 at Beck Center for the Arts. All raffle proceeds benefit Beck Center’s quality theater productions and arts education programs.

The ladies are making a game of it! Chairs are currently moving around between 20 different area businesses throughout the month like a game of musical chairs. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or six for \$25 and may be purchased at these participating locations:

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\*All five area locations including Avon, Bay Village, Rocky River, and two Westlake stores.

Chair designs are inspired by past Beck Center productions. The first in the series, the “Joseph” chair, which featured a colorful rainbow design based on the hit musical Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, was raffled off at the Mayor’s Ball this past November and raised over \$500. The Beck Center Women’s Board hopes to match that amount when it raffles off each of the following five furniture pieces: a bright red and sunny yellow “Annie” chair, a chocolate-colored “Willy Wonka” chair, the 1950s themed “Marvelous Wonderettes” chair, a beautiful blue “Spring Awakening” stool, and an Elle-pink “Legally Blonde” children’s desk (law books and all).

Customers may also enter to win tickets to see “Monty Python’s Spamalot” at Beck Center in July when they snap a photo of themselves posing with one of the chairs at participating businesses and post it on Beck Center’s Facebook page.

The Women’s Board of Beck Center

would like to thank all of the participating businesses for their support of this fundraising project and encourage residents to shop local. More details and the addresses of participating locations are available online at [beckcenter.org](http://beckcenter.org). Tickets are also available at Beck Center Customer Service. For more information about the Painted Furniture Project fundraiser, please contact Janice Mastin-Kamps at 330.321.2620.

Founded in 1936, the Women’s Board of Beck Center, then known as Lakewood Little Theatre, is a volunteer organization that actively supports Beck Center for the Arts in its effort to create a community where everyone can be directly involved in the performing and visual arts. Through various fundraising activities over the years, the group has contributed over \$200,000 and provided thousands of volunteer hours to support performances, programs and day-to-day operations at Beck Center.

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## Lakewoodites Rally Against Gun Violence



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### Highlights from Councilman Bullock’s Speech

"Stronger background checks may not stop all gun violence, but they are a step towards reducing gun violence. We owe it to our kids to take this prudent step to increase their safety."

"We need to take the drama out the gun safety issue. It's not all black or white. It's not zero gun rights or the Wild, Wild West, as the NRA would have us believe. I'm so proud of our president for the political courage he's showing in taking on this extremist political lobby. Let's remove gun violence from a drama footing and shift it to one of rationality. We can put our minds together to implement reasonable safety standards and make our community safer for our children. We can succeed."

"There is something called institutional evil. It is certainly evil for one person to take a gun and kill others, as in the Newtown tragedy. But it is another form of evil, institutional evil, to allow a system to continue that results in thousands of deaths each year, more than in wars, and to say nothing. I'm so proud of Lakewood residents for speaking up today against this institutional evil, for refusing to be silent, for refusing to give their assent to this epidemic of gun violence in our nation. We are doing what responsible parents and neighbors do everywhere: speaking up for the safety of our children."

## LOKOL Public Forum Series Continues April 27

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tors knowledgeable and experienced in old homes. Free admission! Something for everyone! Kid friendly! Brought to you by Lakewood City Schools Community Recreation & Education Department, Lakewood Observer, and Lakewood Hardware.

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If you represent a Lakewood civic entity, non-profit organization, or special interest group interested in participating in one of our LOKOL public forums -- or if you have an idea about a possible topic -- contact Peter Grossetti, Associate Editor for Community Engagement at [petergrossetti@lakewoodobserver.com](mailto:petergrossetti@lakewoodobserver.com).

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# Nature’s Bin And Lakewood Congregational Sponsor Event Celebrating Plant-Powered Living

by Robin Suttell

Increasingly, more people are turning to fruits, vegetables and greens as a way to positively impact their health and overall lifestyle. While some simply increase what they eat, others have made plants the main focus of their diet... and the way they live.

Jennifer Warden, founder of Vegi-Couture Lifestyle ([www.vegicouture.com](http://www.vegicouture.com)), will share her own journey into this lifestyle and offer advice for those looking to incorporate more plants into their diets during an informative presentation on Plant-Based Living, Thursday, May 2, 7-8:30 p.m. in the Social Hall at Lakewood Congregational Church (LCC). Sponsored by LCC and Nature’s Bin, this special evening – free and open to the public – promises useful information, plant-focused recipes and wonderful vegan food.

As a lymphoma survivor who not only has struggled with diabetes and high cholesterol, but also has an ongoing concern for the environment and the ethical treatment of animals, Warden also pondered making the switch for quite a while.

In 2010, she decided to take that leap of faith and dove into what she



Certified plant-based nutritionist Jennifer Warden spends her days creating “plant-powered” recipes like this pasta with pomegranates and arugula. She will share tips on plant-based living during a special presentation at Lakewood Congregational Church on May 2 at 7 p.m. Sponsored by Nature’s Bin, the event is free and open to the public. Call 216.221.9555 to register.

calls “plant-powered living.” And she hasn’t looked back.

“The changes in my life were so profound that it would be irresponsible for me NOT to share this information,” Warden says, noting that eating plants can assist in diverting/controlling heart disease, cancer and diabetes, and improve overall health and well-being.

Warden holds a B.A. in psychology and a master’s degree in social

administration. She worked briefly as a psychotherapist before opting to stay home to be with her daughter, Olivia, now 14. As founder and director of Vegi-Couture Lifestyle, Warden, who studied culinary arts with Anne Willan of La Varenne at The Greenbriar in West Sulphur Springs, W. Va., now spends her days in the kitchen thinking up new and unique recipes consisting only of natural, plant-based ingredients. Warden, in fact, has earned certification in Plant-Based Nutrition from Cornell University.

She will help those who attend the May 2 presentation learn how to move to a more plant-powered lifestyle. Participants will come away with recipes and tips to make a smooth, gradual lifestyle change or even a few small tweaks to what they already are doing.

“If people go cold turkey, it becomes like a diet vs. a lifestyle, and we all know what happens with that! It gets too hard or it feels restrictive and they fall off,” Warden says. “I also tell folks that even if they don’t aspire to being totally plant based, every shift to incorporate more plants into their diet significantly impacts their health and our environment.”

Natural foods enthusiast and plant-based advocate Medeanna Hobar from Nature’s Bin will join Warden in during the event to further demystify how to feed the entire family on a plant-powered diet and how to make greens the start of your plate. She also will share tasty vegan samples from the store with attendees.

To register for the free, May 2 event and get a chance to win a Nexus Tablet, courtesy of Nature’s Bin, please email your name, address and phone number to [staff@lcc-church.org](mailto:staff@lcc-church.org) or call 216.221.9555.

## The Church Of The Ascension

by Reverend Elaine McCoy

As Episcopalians, we are followers of Jesus Christ, the second person of the Holy Trinity. During this time in the calendar of the Episcopal Church, we celebrate the “Great Fifty Days of Easter.” Also called, “Eastertide,” this is the period lasting from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. These fifty days represent an especially joyful time for us as we remember the wonderful gift of Jesus’ salvation given to the whole world in His life, death, and rising again to new life. The seven Sundays of Eastertide are commemorated at The Church of the Ascension, here in Lakewood, at 13216 Detroit Avenue by the seven crosses dressed in white and adorned with flowers. These same crosses had been dressed in purple during Holy Week and used in a rite of the church called “The Way of the Cross” on Good Friday. Jesus’ victory over sin and death is now celebrated with crosses that shine white. During Eastertide, we also celebrate the feast of the Ascension of the Lord, the festal day of our own church, and one of the “Principal Feasts” of our faith tradition.

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- \* we believe in amendment of life,



the forgiveness of sin, and life everlasting;

- \* we honor the “priesthood of all believers” in the inclusion of lay people in the governance and ministry of our church;
- \* we invite all baptized Christians, not only members of the Episcopal Church, to Holy Communion;
- \* we affirm that committed relationships are lifelong and monogamous and bless all such committed relationships. Episcopalians also recognize that there is grace after divorce and do not deny the sacraments to those who have been divorced.
- \* we affirm that issues such as birth control are matters of personal informed conscience,
- \* and we celebrate our unity in Christ while honoring our differences, always putting the work of love before uniformity of opinion.

All are welcome to share a spiritual home in our Episcopal Church!

## Calling All Girls: You’re Invited To A Girl Scout Dance Party- May 10th

by Jeanie Gergel

All girls ages five to 16 are invited to show off their best moves at a Girl Scout Dance Party on Friday, May 10, 2013, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Harding School Cafetorium, 16601 Madison Ave.

Admission includes two hours of dancing, a DJ (so come prepared to request your favorite songs!), one slice of pizza, and one drink.

Cost is \$5 per girl at the door or a bag of dry dog or dry cat food to be donated to My Best Friend’s Bowl, a pet food bank for low-income residents of Lakewood, Rocky River, and Westlake. Advance tickets can be purchased by May 7th for \$3 each by contacting troop leaders Jeanine Gergel and Laura Whitkofski at [troop70792@gmail.com](mailto:troop70792@gmail.com). All girls will need to bring a completed permission form which can be obtained at [www.girlscoutdanceparty.wordpress.com](http://www.girlscoutdanceparty.wordpress.com).

Cupcake decorating, games and additional pizza and drinks will be available at \$1 each so please bring a few additional dollars to spend.

The party is being organized by

Lakewood Junior Troop 70792 as part of their Bronze Award Project to benefit My Best Friend’s Bowl.

If you have questions, please call Jeanine Gergel at 216-221-1433. We hope to see you there!

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Rotary Club Honors Speech, Music, Visual Arts Winners At Awards Night At The Beck

by Lynn Donaldson

Winners of the Rotary annual Speech, Music, and Visual Arts Contest were honored at an awards ceremony March 25 at the Beck Center for the Arts.

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Lakewood & Rocky River, the competition showcases the incredible talents of students attending one of the five high schools – Lakewood, Lutheran West, Magnificat, Rocky River, and St. Edward.

“This annual event is a wonderful way to acknowledge the talents of our youth,” stated Ed Gallagher, Beck Center director of education, “and the quality work of the participants truly shows that the arts and creativity are alive and well in our community.” The Beck Center is a longstanding partner with the Rotary club for this competition.

The winners received congratulations and prize money from Curt Brosky, Rotary club president. “Our club has a long history of recognizing, encouraging and supporting the youth of our community in many areas of endeavor,” he told the audience. “We celebrate each participant’s talent hard work and persistence in the visual arts, music and speech.”

Heather Bonsky from Rocky River High School was the speech contest winner. Her topic was “Stereotypes.” Second place went to Steve Saed, Lakewood, and third place to Victoria Sullo, Rocky River.

The speech contest was held in



Lakewood-Rocky River Rotary Four-Way Speech Contest winners honored at the awards ceremony at the Beck Center March 25 were Victoria Sullo, third place (second from left), Steve Saed, second place (third from left), and Heather Bonsky, first place (fourth from left). With the winners are Charles Eversole (left), master of ceremonies, and Curt Brosky (right), club president.

two parts with the semi-finals at the Beck Center on March 9 and the finals at the Rotary’s March 18 meeting. Speeches must be of original content and be based on “The Four Way Test of Rotary” which asks, “Is it the truth, Is it fair to all concerned, Will it build goodwill and better friendships, and Will it be beneficial to all concerned?”

This marks the 68th year the club has sponsored the speech competition. Devin Stepan, saxophone, St.

Edward, captured first place in the music contest with “Sicilienne and Allegro” by Bach. Lindsay Furtado, clarinet, Lakewood, placed second, performing “Concerto for Clarinet in B flat, First Movement” by Mozart, and soprano Grace Lazos, Lakewood, placed third, performing “The Black Swan” from “The Medium” by Menotti. The contest follows judging standards set by the Ohio Music Education Association.

Visual arts winners were Joe Gyorky, “Ganesha,” clay, St. Edward, first place; Elise Moscia, “Joyce,” charcoal, Magnificat, second place; and Nina Scovone, “On the Other Side of the Light,” scratch-board, Lakewood, third place.

Honorable mentions went to Dameyan Chambers, “A Mother and Her Ducklings,” ceramic, Lakewood; Jillian Krapf, “One Man Band,” color pencil, Rocky River; and William MacFarlane III, “Blue Crab,” acrylic and texture gel on canvas, St. Edward.

Judging for the visual arts portion took place on March 13 and over 100 pieces, of numerous styles employing various media, were submitted by all five schools. A jury of artists selected outstanding works of art meeting the contest requirements. From this gallery of art, judges chose winners and prizes were awarded for the most outstanding works of art in the contest.

Selected entries from the visual arts contest are on display in the Rotary Student Art Show in the Jean Bulicek Galleria now through April 14. This exhibit is free and open to the public during regular gallery hours, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 12 to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Awards ranged from \$500 for first place to \$100 for third place. Support for the event was provided by FFL Investments Services at First Federal of Lakewood.

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Volunteering No Longer ‘One Size Fits All’

Speaker Tells Club At April 1 Meeting

by Lynn Donaldson

For more than 40 years, Greater Cleveland Volunteers has worked to match volunteers with nonprofit and public service agencies throughout the greater Cleveland area.

The Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River received an overview of the organization, its goals and services during its April 1 weekly meeting.

“It’s not a one size fits all when it comes to volunteers,” said Jan Vectirelis, GCV volunteer coordinator, who first started volunteering when she was just 4 years old. Vectirelis says the “candy striper”

volunteer model 40 years ago was much different than it is today. “It used to be we would send volunteers out and they would spend their time doing whatever tasks the project called for, like cooking or serving food. Nowadays, volunteers want to spend their time doing projects that match their particular skills. For example, a retired lawyer may be sent out to do legal work; a computer programmer might be sent somewhere where they need programming work.”

According to GCV’s annual report, the organization’s volunteers serve Cleveland by promoting volunteerism

and engaging adults in volunteering with nonprofit and public organizations. It brings together people who want to help the community with people and organizations that need their help.

Vectirelis says Greater Cleveland Volunteers has partnered with some 200 nonprofit organizations in the greater Cleveland area, organizations like the Cleveland Food Bank, Playhouse Square, and Meals on Wheels, to name just a few.

In conjunction with several area school districts, GCV also sources adult volunteers who act as tutors and mentors to young students.

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# “Guilty Til Proven Innocent” Premieres Locally April 28

by Peter Grossetti

A documentary film, “Guilty Til Proven Innocent,” will have its world premier screening April 28 at the Capital Theatre in the Gordon Square Arts District of Cleveland. The film should be of interest to Lakewoodites as nearly one-third of the footage is from various Lakewood City Council sessions. The legislative body deliberated and ultimately passed an ordinance in 2008 banning Pit Bull dogs within city limits.

The 83-minute film, produced and directed by former Lakewood resident Jeff Theman, and edited by another former Lakewoodite, Bryan Porter, “examines the controversy of Breed Specific Legislation, chronicles Ohio’s breed specific law from its inception, and uncovers the truth behind the misleading information of the most misunderstood dog...the Pit Bull,” according to the film’s promotional material.

Theman, owner of Cleveland-based video production company River Fire Films, is excited to premiere the film in Cleveland. “The concept of the film started just a few miles away in Lakewood, where a Pit Bull ban was proposed and passed,” he pointed out. “It directly affected me as I was in the middle adopting my beautiful boy, Preston, during this time, and had to move out of the city I was proud to call



Preston, and his dad/owner, filmmaker Jeff Theman.

home.”

Ever since he was a young boy growing up in Lakewood, Theman loved the arts and animals—especially dogs. Joining his two passions together, Theman’s “Guilty Til Proven Innocent” genesis was initially in response to NFL

quarterback Michael Vick’s suspicion of dog fighting crimes in 2007.

“It morphed into a film based on breed discrimination after a city, in which I resided, proposed a ban of Pit Bull dogs,” Theman said. “What Lakewood City Council proved to me

on that day they supported a breed ban is they don’t care about people like me who chose my dog because of an entirely different code of ethics than I do when deciding which 4 legged best friend I call my family,” he added.

“Guilty Til Proven Innocent” chronicles the 25-year history of breed specific laws in the state of Ohio, from their inception in 1987 to their repeal in 2012. (Lakewood maintains a ban on Pitt Bulls, though.)

“For the film, we interviewed leading national and international experts in the fields of dog behavior, dog rescue and advocacy, and psychology,” Theman pointed out. “And to be fair, we reached out to numerous people on the opposition of the debate to hear their point of views about the subject matter, which included the original Ohio State Senator and Ohio State Representative who passed the original bill to deem ‘Pit Bull’ type dogs inherently vicious at birth.”

Lakewood Ordinance No. 58-08—the piece of legislation authorizing the Pit Bull ban—was passed on July 28, 2008. Council members at the time voting in favor of the ban were (now State Representative) Nickie J. Antonio, Kevin Butler (currently serving as Lakewood Law Director), Michael P. Summers (now Lakewood Mayor), Brian Powers (now Lakewood City Council President), Thomas Bull-ock (still Ward 2 Councilman) and Michael W. Dever (no longer on Council). The only dissenting vote was cast by Mary Louise Madigan, who remains on Council as Vice President and Ward 4 representative.

“Guilty Til Proven Innocent” will have one showing only at the Capitol Theatre (1390 West 65th Street, Cleveland) at 2:30PM on Saturday April 28. The film will also be shown in Seattle, Washington and Portland, Oregon in May.

April 27, Harding Middle School

## Lakewood’s Own Home Improvement Show

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paint failure. One hundred years of accumulated paint can make it hard for new paint jobs to last. We will share methods that are being used among fellow homeowners and paint contractors who are having success with maintaining a beautifully painted house without breaking the

bank.

Our second scheduled forum, at 1 and 3 p.m., will be “The Giving Tree.” The subject of trees in Lakewood will take center stage for this talk. Read more about it in this issue by author John Palmer.

Get your project list in order and bring your questions. Come out and

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Wellness Watch

# Get Ready To Race At The 12th Annual Lakewood Hospital Ambulance Chase

by Kristin Broadbent

Join friends, family, neighbors and the West Side community at the 12th annual Lakewood Hospital Ambulance Chase on Sunday, May 6 at Lakewood Park. Proceeds from the race will benefit Lakewood Hospital's Rehabilitation Services and patient care programs.

Presented by long-time supporter Donald Martens & Sons, the Ambulance Chase is for everyone - from the youngest among us to the serious runner to the leisurely walker - and includes a 5K Run/Walk, 1 Mile Walk, and Children's Chase. The registration fee for the 5K Walk/Run and 1 Mile Walk is \$20 through April 22 and

\$25 from April 23 through race day. Teams of 10 or more receive a 10 percent discount (\$18/participant) if team member names and fees are submitted together by April 22. Only pre-registered walk and run participants receive a race shirt - so register online today at [lakewoodhospitalfoundation.org/ambulancechase!](http://lakewoodhospitalfoundation.org/ambulancechase!)

The Live Well Lakewood Children's Chase (ages 8 and under) includes a ¾ mile course around Lakewood Park. There is no fee to participate, but pre-registration is required and all participants receive a medal.

"Since its inception, the Ambulance Chase has generated nearly

\$400,000 to help enhance programs and services at Lakewood Hospital, including emergency medicine, diabetes management assistance, radiology, surgery and community outreach," said Kristin Broadbent, executive director of Lakewood Hospital Foundation, which raises funds exclusively for Lakewood Hospital. "This year's race will benefit patients utilizing Lakewood Hospital's full continuum of rehabilitation services and patient care programs."

For more information about registration or sponsorship opportunities, visit [lakewoodhospitalfoundation.org/ambulancechase](http://lakewoodhospitalfoundation.org/ambulancechase) or contact Emily Speer at 216.529.7080/[speere@ccf.org](mailto:speere@ccf.org). We hope to see you there!

**Ambulance Chase Schedule of Events:**

**Race packet pick up - May 3: 5-7 pm,** Lakewood Hospital Professional Building Lobby (14601 Detroit Ave., Lakewood)

**Race Day - May 5:** Lakewood Park (14532 Lake Ave, Lakewood)

**7:30 am:** Packet Pick Up and Late Registration

**8:30 am:** 1 Mile Walk

**9:00 am:** 5K Run & Walk (B-tag timed)

**9:45 am:** Children's Chase

**5K Awards:** top male/female overall; top 3 finishers in age groups 11 & under, 12-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60 & over

## Wellness Over Illness: Building A Community Of Support

by Katie Kurtz

One in four adults- approximately 57.7 million Americans- experience a mental health disorder in a given year. One in 17 lives with a serious mental illness such as schizophrenia, major depression or bipolar disorder[1] and about one in 10 children live with a serious mental or emotional disorder. [2] You, your child, sibling, parent, friend, neighbor, customer, —through one way or another, we are all connected to mental illness. Mental 'wellness' is everyone's concern. How can you gain a better understanding of mental illness in order to be a part of a larger, more supportive community?

Join us on Thursday, April 18th for The Lakewood Family Collaborative's community forum, "Wellness Over Illness: Building a Community of Support". A panel of Lakewood mental health professionals and advocates

will focus on dispelling mental health myths, fostering empathy, and creating a community of support for those with and affected by mental illness.

Thursday, April 18th at the Lakewood Park Women's Pavilion. This program is free. Registration begins at 7:45am, program at 8:00am-9:30am. Questions? Please contact Katie Kurtz (216) 227-5955.

[1] "NIMH: The numbers count—Mental disorders in America." National Institute of Health. Available at [www.nimh.nih.gov/publicat/numbers.cfm](http://www.nimh.nih.gov/publicat/numbers.cfm).

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Business News

# WVIZ/PBS Features Lakewood As A Destination Community

by Valerie Mechenbier

Make sure to tune in to WVIZ/PBS, Channel 25's televised auction on Thursday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. to see Lakewood prominently featured as a Destination Community. Each spring, this auction raises funds for public television in Northeast Ohio. Most of the auction focuses on a variety of offerings; new last year was the Destination Community concept.

WVIZ approached Lakewood particularly because of its status as a Main

Street community, which is administered by LakewoodAlive. LakewoodAlive and the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce worked together to solicit merchants city-wide to contribute items for the auction. With exposure to viewers in 17 counties, the live TV spot will showcase Lakewood to northeast Ohio, and successful bidders will visit to claim their prize and have "the Lakewood experience."

The requirement to become a Destination Community featured in prime time was to accumulate items totaling

\$2500. In an outpouring of generosity for the community, Lakewood merchants' contributions exceeded \$5000, thus garnering two auction boards and two prime time spots, taking the top spot among the eight communities featured. While it's great to get new people coming to experience Lakewood, plenty of Lakewoodites will want to bid on these great items:

Beck Center for the Arts: 2 Tickets to Spamalot, \$62

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Lakewood Chamber of Commerce: 2 Taste of Lakewood VIP tickets, \$150

## Hen Hopeful Business Spotlight: Pet's General Store

by Annie Stahlheber

The Hens in Lakewood Committee has featured several Lakewood families who support the notion of responsible hen keeping in Lakewood. Several businesses have come out to support this issue as well. This edition features Pet's General Store. Interested in learning more about the movement to responsibly keep hens in Lakewood? Attend a public forum on Sunday, April 28th at 6:00 p.m. at the Lakewood Public Library, in the multipurpose room. We hope to see you there!

**Name of Business:** Pet's General Store.



The gang from Pet's General Store: Greg, Logan, Amanda and Jonathan.

**Please describe your business:** We are a family-owned pet shop for more than 28 years. Our shop is literally like going back in time, from the decor to the way we remember our customers' names--and

their pets. We have fresh and saltwater fish, small animals, birds, reptiles, and adoptable kittens. We also carry all the supplies and foods for them, including the

best in healthy dog and cat foods. Our service to our customers is number one.

**Where are you located?** 16821 Madison Ave.

## Member Spotlight: Mary Johnson, Cornucopia Inc.

by Valerie Mechenbier

Mary Johnson has been with Cornucopia since 2000 and is currently the Assistant Executive Director. Prior to this role, Mary served as Cornucopia's Director of Marketing and Development. Cornucopia provides community-based job training for people with disabilities through its own, Nature's Bin market, and at four other community-based

training sites throughout Northeast Ohio. Cornucopia also provides job placement services for people with disabilities. Mary's focus these days is on raising the final \$300,000 to complete the expansion of Cornucopia's vocational training program with the re-development of the former McDonald's property on Sloane Avenue into the Cornucopia Vocational Training Center and commissary kitchen.

Mary works to promote Cornucopia's brand and presence in the community through advertising, media, social media, and public relations. She coordinates community foundation and corporate grant proposals and stewardship (she has raised over \$3.8 million for Cornucopia since 2000) and she serves as a staff representative on several Cornucopia Board committees.

Mary's marketing communication experience includes positions in the non-profit and for-profit arenas, as well as independent consulting. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce and the Northern Ohio Planned Giving Council. Mary holds a BA from the University of Dayton. She lives in Avon with her husband, Paul and is the proud mom of two sons.

**Why did you decide to open a business in the Lakewood area?** I remember walking to the Elmwood bakery from my grandma's house as a boy; those coconut squares are still great! Lakewood has that small town charm. Many of your favorite storefront businesses are within walking distance. Everything you need is right down the street. That makes me feel very comfortable. Lakewood residents love their families, and pets are part of the family. I feel it is a great fit to be here.

**Why do you support hen keeping in Lakewood?** More and more families are trying to live and eat healthier. Gardening is a fun and responsible way to provide healthy food for your family. Raising hens is just a logical next step in that direction, without the noise associated with roosters. It can be a fun family activity for children to bond with their feathered friends, while providing fresh eggs for the family.

**How would allowing hens impact your business?** Being a pet shop owner, I would gladly stock any necessary hen feed and supplies. I would also be willing to be an adoption spot for new chicks and orphaned hens.

## Upcoming Events

**Friday, April 26**  
**Lakewood Chamber of Commerce Luncheon Meeting**  
Sponsored by AT&T  
Mayor's Address to the Chamber by Mayor Michael P. Summers  
\$15/members \$20/non-members  
**Lakewood Senior Health Campus, 1381 Bunts Road, Lakewood**  
**11:30 a.m.**

**Friday, May 17**  
**Lakewood Chamber of Commerce Luncheon Meeting**  
Sponsored by Vision21  
The Role of the Arts in Economic Development presented by Mr. Tom Einhouse, Vice President of Facilities & Capital, Playhouse Square  
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**Beck Center Armory, 17801 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood**  
**11:30 a.m.**

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## Opinion

# Guns, Violence, Culture

by Gordon Brumm

As we are all aware, our nation is undergoing an epidemic of slaughter by firearms. In the most general sense, this is not new. For many decades, criminal firearm fatalities have been a fact of American life. But this recent use of guns is different. Previously, the fatal attacks, horrendous as they may have been, were purposeful – they grew out of gang warfare, or drug dealing, or personal revenge, for example. They were directed at specific victims, and in most cases, though not all, they were one-on-one assaults. By contrast, the killings we have become so familiar with have no purpose except killing for the sake of killing, and are aimed not at specific individuals but at as many random individuals as possible.

Why is this epidemic taking place? Various answers have been put forth, as we know. The easy availability of guns has been blamed, and to be sure, regulating the sale or transfer of guns would be a partial remedy. But it is not an adequate explanation. Guns, including automatic weapons, were around for a long time before the mass killings began.

Twisted minds are blamed, and again it would help to be more alert for mental sickness. But again, discontented, angry, disturbed young men have always been with us. Furthermore, we can't say with certainty that all the perpetrators would have been judged clinically pathological.

A third factor is the gun culture that is so prominent in America, especially the expression of that culture in the media. As gun zealots are so eager to point out, gun violence has been part of the cultural landscape since the nation was born. Yet only recently have guns been used for senseless slaughter on a wide scale. (Some forms of gun violence may be new, such as computer games and TV programs, but other forms were just as prominent in the past – remember the romance of the Wild West gunslinger and, somewhat more recently, the gangster movies a la Jimmy Cagney).

Conventional wisdom has it that the gun culture is cause and the success of gun zealots – blocking all attempts to regulate firearms -- is the effect. But there is only one development regarding gun use and gun control that has recently gained prominence, namely, the success of the gun lobby itself, led by the NRA. I would therefore like to suggest a different causal train. I suggest that the success of the gun zealots, rather than being an effect, is the cause of the cultural currents that have led sick minds to commit their atrocities.

It all begins with the Second Amendment.

### The Second Amendment

We constantly hear the words "I support the Second Amendment" from politicians and others involved with the gun-control controversy. This is said with an air of finality, the implication being that the Second Amendment absolutely prohibits any regulation

of firearms. And once that implication is accepted, gun control is seen as unconstitutional, and those who wish to promote gun control come to bat with two strikes against them. They must either present extraordinarily strong arguments to overcome the stigma of constitutional illegitimacy or must find some way to get around the Second Amendment's supposed prohibition.

I wonder how many people who follow this line of reasoning know what the Second Amendment actually says. If they did, they would begin to see that the supposed absolute prohibition is a myth.

The Second Amendment consists of 27 words divided into two clauses. Here it is in its entirety:

"A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

What does this mean? The first clause, with its reference to a "well-regulated Militia," seems to assert the right of citizens to form militias like the National Guard. But the second clause asserts the right of "the people." So the Second Amendment is basically subject to two interpretations: the "collective" or "community" interpretation based on the first clause (asserting the rights of citizens, collectively, to form armed militias) and the "individual-rights" interpretation based on the second clause (asserting the rights of individual citizens to own arms). We can't affirm either interpretation unless we ignore the other one, and there seems to be no way to reconcile the two. In short, the Second Amendment is absolutely, hopelessly ambiguous.

When a document is ambiguous beyond repair, the reasonable way to decide on its meaning is to ask what purpose it could serve. Will achievement of the purpose(s) work to the betterment of society? If the purpose is based on a factual assumption, is that assumption true or false?

The original purpose, or primary purpose, of the Second Amendment was apparently to guarantee a safeguard against tyrannical government. An additional purpose was perhaps to guard against attack by Indian tribes, who were still within attacking distance at the time the Constitution was written. Neither of these purposes can stand up today. If a tyrannical government takes power in America, the pistols, rifles, or even assault guns of the individual citizens are not going to overthrow it – that can only be accomplished by elements of the armed forces, with their own tanks, artillery and aircraft (in other words, civil war), or else by massive disobedience on the part of the citizenry. And besides, the first clause of the Amendment suggests resistance by organized militia, not by individuals. And as far as attack by Indian tribes – the second purpose --

is concerned, it is highly unlikely in our time that the Indians will pour out of their casinos to assault the rest of the population.

What about a modern purpose? Self-defense against criminals has at least a degree of plausibility, though the experts seem to think that having a gun in the house is more likely to cause a fatality than to prevent one. In any case, this purpose for gun ownership is quite amenable to strict regulation.

But in any case, it is the Supreme Court that decides. The Constitution means what the Supreme says it means, and we must abide by that.

Until recently, the Supreme Court and the court system in general inclined toward the community view, and understood individual gun ownership as a way of supporting militias. The turning-point came, according to legal expert Jeffrey Toobin, in 1977, when ultra-conservatives took over the NRA and began a widespread effort to get the government out of the gun-control business. Their efforts triumphed in the 2008 Supreme Court decision titled *District of Columbia v. Heller*, in which by a 5-4 majority the Court adopted the individual-rights view. The majority opinion was written by Justice Scalia, one of the five conservatives (including Kennedy) who made up the majority. The most interesting part of that opinion – because it seems to be completely ignored – is this: Although Scalia declared that a total ban on handguns is unconstitutional, he also declared that the government may legitimately limit the right to own guns in the following ways: prohibit concealed weapons; bar possession by felons and the mentally ill; bar firearms in sensitive places such as schools and government buildings; impose conditions on commercial sale of arms; and ban possession of rifles most useful for military purposes, such as "M-16 rifles and the like."

Which is to say that even the most extreme and decisive ruling against gun control still allows the regulation of gun ownership and the prohibition of the most dangerous kinds of guns (assault weapons). These are the same types of measures that gun-control advocates are now aiming for!

In short, prohibition of gun control by the Second Amendment is a transparent myth, promoted by the NRA and facilitated by the trusting naïveté of the American people.. Whatever approach we may take, the Second Amendment clearly does NOT prohibit the regulation of firearms – though as I point out above, there are many who, for whatever reason, have been hoodwinked into believing the opposite. These apparently include our president, who, as a law professor, should know better.

And what effect does this mistaken view of the Second Amendment have on twisted minds who are burn-

ing to strike back against society? We can only surmise, but this seems probable to me: Their hearing that the Second Amendment guarantees the right to gun use will bathe their efforts in a patriotic and self-righteous glow because they are supporting the Constitution. It will clothe their gun use in the mantle of moral legitimacy and weaken any moral constraints against their use of guns.

And that is the first step in the psychological journey to the killing field.

### Winners and Losers

Consider a deeply discontented, angry, disturbed young man (it's always a male) as he observes the gun control controversy. He already believes in the righteousness of gun zealots, as I've just described. He observes the controversies over gun control and notes that gun zealots, led by the NRA, win every fight and seem to have won the approval of the public. They are powerful and popular and important, and as we have seen, they are seen as righteous. In every way they are winners. Gun ownership (and gun use) is the way to be an effective human being. Such is the effect on the mind of the discontented, angry, disturbed young man.

He has been trampled and ignored enough in his life. He wants to be one of the winners. He wants to feel important; he wants to be somebody. Guns offer him a way.

So when the young man comes to the point where he must gain redress of his grievances, what does he do?

Does he present his complaints in calm and reasoned argument? Hardly.

Does he confront the object of his anger one-to-one? Not likely, because his anger is generally not focused on one person, and even killing one person would hardly be noticed.

Does he stand on a street corner and shout out his grievances? In some cases, yes. We see such performances every so often. But generally it is not the preferred way for the young man to make his grievances known, because NOBODY LISTENS.

Does he, therefore, ally himself (in his mind) with the powerful and righteous by killing – killing indiscriminately, just for the sake of killing – in a way that is sure to be noticed? Yes, yes, all too often.

May I suggest, therefore:

If someone tells you that the Second Amendment prohibits regulation of guns, set them straight. You may help to save lives, including children's lives.

If gun zealots tell you that gun regulation is the first step toward government confiscation of guns, tell them their belief is a paranoid fantasy. You may help to save lives, including children's lives.

Whenever possible, lend your voice and your efforts to the cause of sane and effective gun control. Do what you can to reduce the power of the NRA. You may help to save lives, including children's lives.



## Pulse Of The City

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# School Movie Day! (Morals, Manners, And A-Bomb Mayhem!)

by Gary Rice

OK, we've all been to school and know how classes work. Whether the teacher initiates a discussion on a lesson or there's classwork to be done, the thing about schools is that they want you, the student, to be engaged in the learning process. That was pretty much the way schools worked, except for those of us who nodded off, daydreamed, or were otherwise occupied with passing notes to the object of our desire sitting just a few seats away. Of course, once in awhile, the teacher would pick up such a note from some poor unfortunate writer, and then? Let's just say that the outcome was not pretty.

There were, however, three important school days when our spirits were inevitably brightened by circumstances beyond our control. One of those days involved heavy snow and the announcement that our school district was closed (which, in Lakewood's case, was all too seldom!). Another favorite day was when we walked into the classroom and saw a substitute teacher. Immediately, that circumstance ensured that a new, often surprising, and utterly interesting classroom dynamic would come into play. The third day, of course, was "Movie Day!"

"Movie Day" was announced by the presence of that huge 16mm projector, sitting on a rolling steel stand, at the back of our classroom. We ALWAYS stared at the film reel attached to the front of the projector first, hoping that it would be a large reel! Small spools meant that there would still be time for teacher-talk. Big reels meant an all-period movie, and it was always a double bonus if "Movie Day" also happened to be "Substitute Teacher Day"! The only problem with movies was when some sourpuss teacher told us to "write down 10 facts about this movie and turn our papers in at the end of the period." That might have been an "educational" task, or may just have been to keep the spitballs from flying too much, but one way or the other (particularly for those of us who did not multi-task well), it could quickly put a damper on an otherwise delightful "Movie Day."

I'd better stop for a moment here and give a real shout-out to substitute teachers. In the first place, when I got out of college, that was a job that I held for several years! "Subbing" is not an easy job either. Usually, there were lesson plans to follow and materials available, but sometimes there were not. For that reason, subs usually had a "bag of tricks" to help them get through those situations. I will state here my belief that most subs are well-trained, and more than competent in their jobs. At the same time, yes, there were those other ones, were there not? (smile) For those subs, "Movie Day" could be a ready-made disaster-in-the-making!

Sometimes, if you were a sub, you could see a disaster in the making coming..."Mr. Rice! Mr. Rice! I know how to run the projector!!! Let ME do it PLEEEZE!" Subs sometimes knew how to get that projector going, and sometimes not. Of course, I go back to the day when the film had to be carefully threaded along

and through a "film path." Only later would auto-threading projectors come along. At the same time, you always had to remember to attach the leader of the film onto the take-up reel. This was not always done, with the resultant 3-foot-high pile of celluloid ending up on the floor by the door when the bell rang for dismissal.

It was the material on those films, however, that some of us will never forget. Some of it was so outdated that endless chuckles ensued during the viewing. The poor subs would try and shush us so much that they sounded like old wheezing steam radiators. Then there were those "atomic era" films telling us that by crawling under our seats and covering our heads, we could possibly escape injury during an atomic bomb blast. Still other films chided us about proper morals, dating etiquette, good manners, and how to scrub behind our ears and brush our teeth: "Remember children, brush up and down, not side to side!"

There were those science films about dissection too. The squeamish among us became even more so when those objects

of dissection were actually placed before us. In my day, I think they were earthworms and frogs, but I've conveniently erased that trauma from my personal memory bank. It could have been worse, I suppose. Other school districts dissected cats, and I understand that some high schools still do!

There were films in the school library that covered nearly every topic. By far, the films that were most discussed by students back then were the Driver's Education crash-up films containing graphic shots of accident victims. I will NEVER forget watching a particularly gory film during Driver's Ed while the kid next to me was sneaking bites from his ham sandwich. Yes, several squeamish kids had to leave the room, but young Mr. Appetite was amazingly unfazed. Those old shop class safety videos could be equally shocking, particularly in that time before computerized movie and video games created the all-too-real gore that so many young people take for granted these days. There were also those blurry wartime documentaries, as well as those travel films that took us

under the seas and up to the tops of the Rocky Mountains. Sometimes, these were even in color, which was quite a treat for many of us who still had black-and-white TV at home.

Last, but not least, were those films that we saw in high school Health class. Some of those, while seeming to be somewhat "square," nonetheless had good advice. Some kids simply laughed at the messages those films attempted to convey, only to discover later in life how important those messages were.

Interestingly enough, some of the old school films can still be seen on the Internet, if you would be so inclined to relive your youth. "Duck and Cover," for example, was produced in 1951 by the federal government to inform American children how to drop to the floor and hide their heads from an atomic bomb attack. "Signal 30" was a graphic 1959 film about highway safety, produced in cooperation with the Ohio Highway Patrol. Time can indeed bring an interesting perspective to films like these.

"Movie Day!" One more memory about our Lakewood schools! What was YOUR favorite "Movie Day" memory?

## Letter to the Editor:

## Cost To Light Arthur Would Be Reduced For All Residents

To the Editor:

The Opinion piece, "Lakewood Citizens Will Bear At Least 2% Of Cost For Arthur Avenue Decorative Light Project" (April 3, 2013), tells only part of the story. While installation of fourteen LED streetlights would make our block prettier and safer, the cost to light our street every night would be significantly reduced for ALL Lakewood residents.

Seventy Per Cent (70%) of households on our block who have approved the self-assessment project to pay for new streetlights learned that currently First Energy charges Lakewood \$22/month, or \$264/year, for energy/maintenance costs for each of our nine "Cobra Head" streetlights. The total cost paid by Lakewood to light our street is \$2376/year. The estimated energy cost for each of the proposed

fourteen LED streetlights (with their ten-to-twenty year estimated lifespans for the lighting elements) is \$42/year, total cost for all fourteen lights is \$588/year, which is a 75% reduction from payments to First Energy, and a savings of \$1788/year to Lakewood and all of its residents. This annual cost savings would repay Lakewood's required 2% investment in the project in less than two years, and continue to generate \$1788 in savings to Lakewood each year after that. The cost savings would be even more dramatic if First Energy ever chooses to increase its monthly cost-per-light charge to Lakewood.

Cities all over the country have begun to replace 1970's-technology High Pressure Sodium (HPS) streetlights with LED lights. A notable example is Los Angeles, which is replacing its 140,000 streetlights with LED streetlights at the rate of 30,000/

year. The usual reasons given as to why new lighting is "necessary" include reducing energy costs, lowering maintenance costs, improving lighting quality, and reducing carbon emissions due to less power generated.

I hope that our new lights will look good, light our sidewalks better, and save money for the City. I hope they will be an example for homeowners on other blocks who may want to assess themselves to install new lights, or even an inspiration to the City to begin its own LED streetlight project. But first we have to try out the lights somewhere, and 70% of homeowners on our block are asking that Lakewood City Council let that somewhere be Arthur Avenue.

**Richard Foote**

*Richard and Judy Foote have lived on Arthur Avenue for 28 years, and Judy's parents lived in the house for 20 years before them.*

## \$1,000 Reverse Raffle To Benefit Meghan Cawley

Meghan, daughter of Lakewood Local 382 Firefighter Joe Cawley, was born with several severe birth defects including hydrocephalus and Klippel-Feil syndrome. She has endured two brain surgeries and she is facing future surgeries, out-of-state, for highly specialized care. Despite having been through so much, Meghan's always ready to brighten your day with her beautiful smile!

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# Lakewood Living

## Hens In Lakewood To Host Public Forum On Citizen-Proposed Ordinance For Responsible Backyard Hen-Raising

by Diane Gorsek

A public forum to consider a citizen-proposed ordinance for responsible backyard hen-raising will be held on Sunday, April 28 at 6:00 p.m. in Lakewood Public Library's Main Branch Multipurpose Room, 15425 Detroit Avenue. Hosted by Hens in Lakewood, a citizens' group advocating to legalize small backyard flocks for personal use, the forum will provide information about clean, nuisance-free hen-raising and will present a specific proposed ordinance tailored to Lakewood that is more than a year in development. Speakers will include experienced hen-keepers, public health experts, and animal care professionals.

Hens in Lakewood member Kristel Smith said the forum is being hosted at a time when more and more Lakewood residents support the idea and more communities have adjusted their laws to permit it. "Attitudes are changing about food. More and more people con-

sider themselves 'foodies,' and they are demanding great-tasting, healthy, local food. They want to know that the eggs they are eating didn't harm the animal in any way," said Lakewood resident Kristel Smith. "Lakewood naturally attracts young adults and creative people, so it makes sense that our residents are early adopters in growing food and raising hens for eggs. They want their children to experience where their food comes from first hand."

Lakewood ordinances currently prohibit keeping hens without a specific exemption granted by the mayor for "a legitimate scientific, educational or commercial purpose" (Lakewood Codified Ordinances 505.18(d)).

Hen-raising has been legalized by dozens of densely-populated cities across the nation in recent years. At least 16 municipalities allow for legal hen-raising, including Columbus, Cincinnati, Toledo, Dayton, and Mansfield in Ohio. Northeast Ohio cities allowing hen-raising include Cleveland Heights, Beachwood, Medina, Akron, Cleveland, Strongsville, Hudson, Brunswick, Chardon, and Hiram Township. The City of Euclid is currently considering a pilot program for hen-raising.

Hens in Lakewood has worked to educate Lakewood residents on the benefits of backyard hen-raising for several years and has received broad support, with more than 315 households across the city signing a petition to legalize hens, with the number of supporters growing by the month. The forum will present infor-

mation about responsible hen-raising from experienced hen-raisers and draw from a large and growing body of research and how-to guides from hen-keepers across the country. Information about trainings sponsored by the Ohio

State University Cuyahoga Extension will also be provided.

No RSVP is required., but interested residents may contact HensinLakewood@gmail.com. More info can be found at the "Hens in Lakewood" Facebook page.

## LEAF Presents: Green Spring Cleaning & Pest Control

by Heather Ramsey

You are invited to join the Lakewood Earth and Food (LEAF) Community for an educational session on Green Spring Cleaning and Pest Control on Tuesday, April 23rd at 7 p.m. at Mahall's 20 Lanes (13200 Madison Ave.).

Several years ago, Missy Toms, a Lakewood mom, became concerned about the safety of the cleaning products she was using. She began purchasing high-end, environmentally friendly products to clean her home and clothes. When the recession hit, she and her husband Darren were convinced there was a more economical way to clean without harsh chemicals. Using natural and easily accessible products, they have been able to keep the Toms household safe and sparkling for just pennies on the dollar. Find out how they do it from Missy herself!

Also, Lakewood resident and 4th-year Cleveland Farmer Justin Husher will discuss dealing with critters in a "natural"



(non-certified) organic way. Find out how to address pests, from four-legged critters to creepy crawlies. This will include traps and bait, bacillus thurengensis, diatomaceous earth, slug hunts, and vegetable oil-based sprays. Each participant will receive an Old Husher Slug Slayer.

As always, this LEAF educational event is free and open to the public.

For more information about LEAF and its educational events, find us on Facebook, check out our website at leafcommunity.org, or email us at leafcommunity@gmail.com.

## Enjoy Springtime In Lakewood With The Old House Fair

by John Palmer

Springtime is finally here and a homeowner's thoughts turn towards.... The Lakewood Old House Fair!

If you haven't made it to one in the past, please do yourself a favor and join us. It's a great source of information to help maintain and improve your Lakewood home from Lakewood businesses and experts. And if you're so inclined, I'll be glad to share advice and tips on maintaining your trees. You live in Lakewood, so most likely you have a tree or 2 occupying a significant place around your home. Here's an opportunity to learn more about them.

As a Certified Arborist and a member of Lakewood's Tree Task Force, one of my most important tasks is dispelling myths about trees, and teaching people how to best care for them. (Did you know that most mature trees do not have a tap root? It's true!) I will be speaking twice during the Fair, offering tips and information that can help you

care for your tree. Since your tree makes your property more valuable, cools the air around your house, reduces your energy bills, cleans the air, and helps you recover from illness more quickly, doing what you can for it is simply thanking it for giving so much to you.

If you ever wondered if your tree was safe or healthy, or if you have specific questions regarding things like care and pruning, please feel free to join me at the Fair. Understanding how and why trees grow is critical to proper care and maintenance. In the aftermath of last year's hurricane, learning how to keep a tree healthy so it has the best chance to survive the next big storm is critical. There are some simple things you can do, and I'll be sharing them.

I look forward to seeing you April 27th at Harding Middle School!

John Palmer is an ISA Certified Arborist and owner of PlanetCare Landscape and Arboricultural Services. Look for us on Facebook. Search: PlanetCare

### PUBLIC FORUM

#### Citizen Proposal: Ordinance for Responsible Back Yard Hens-Raising in Lakewood

Co-hosted by LEAF and Hens in Lakewood, this public forum will discuss responsible back yard hen-raising as part of Lakewood's successful local food landscape.

Sunday, April 28, 2013 | 6:00 p.m.  
Lakewood Public Library | Multipurpose Room

**Learn** about a citizen proposal for a Lakewood ordinance to allow hen-keeping and the national movement of suburban hen-keeping.

**Hear** from experts from the County Health Board, veterinarians, local Realtors, family hen-keepers, and local food innovators.

**Engage** in Q&A with the experts and experienced hen-keepers. This forum is an opportunity to ask questions, express your views, and get factual information from other cities' experience.

**Join** the discussion. Public dialogue makes a better Lakewood!



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Lakewood Living

# Positive Signs for Single Family Housing

by Chris Bergin

Single-family home sales will continue strengthening, according to latest report from the Urban Land Institute (ULI).

The Real Estate Consensus Forecast, ULI's semi-annual survey of the nation's leading real estate economists and analysts, examined 26 economic and real estate indicators in the third quarter. The report predicted healthy estimates for single-family housing as compared to ULI's March report.

"The predictions diverge from the previous forecast [from March] in that it is more optimistic regarding the

single-family housing sector," said ULI Executive Director Dean Schwanke.

According to the report, single-family housing starts are projected to increase by 145,000 units in 2013, while home prices are expected to rise 3.9%. Meanwhile, single-family home starts, which have been near record lows, are projected to increase from 530,000 in 2012 to 800,000 in 2014. All of these numbers show improvement from ULI's March forecast.

"Finally, the single-family housing sector is experiencing a turnaround that is expected to continue," said Schwanke. "The ULI Consensus Fore-

cast from March projected a stabilizing housing market, and the most recent numbers have been strong, leading forecasters to be even more optimistic going forward."

So how is Lakewood stacking up thru the first quarter of 2013? Currently there are only 100 Single Family Homes for sale. The average list price is \$157,000. There are 84 homes "under contract", with an average list price of \$189,600. Since January 1st there have already been 89 closed sales. The average list price was \$127,700 with an average sale price of \$123,700. All stats point to a solid recovery in the Lakewood market.

At this pace, Lakewood has only about a 3 month supply of homes on the market. Appropriately priced homes are selling in record time, with multiple offers. Lakewood continues to be one of the hottest markets on Cleveland's West Side. The 25-35 year-old population is growing in leaps and bounds. No matter how you look at it, Lakewood is on pace to have a very good year for Single Family Homes. Remember you can always track neighborhood activity and home values at [www.HomeValuesInLakewood.Info](http://www.HomeValuesInLakewood.Info).

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## The Market Is Ripe For Sellers

by Monica Woodman

When spring arrives in Cleveland there is always a buzz in the housing market, and there is a lot to buzz about. For the first time in a long time there has been a huge reduction in homes listed for sale which means home prices will start to rise. If you have been thinking about selling now may be a good time to get busy on a marketing plan.

Selling a home is much more than putting a sign in the yard and advertising it for sale. You need to think of your home as a product. Take yourself back to when you were walking through homes prior to buying one yourself. I'll bet you remember a few

that were cluttered and in disrepair. How did those homes make you feel? Do you remember how you felt when you walked into a home that was neat and clean and in good repair? Pricing aside there is a big difference in a home that shows well and one that doesn't. The good news is, it costs very little to make your home neat and clean and it truly is the first step in getting a home ready to market.

Having a marketing budget is important when planning to sell your home. It will enable you to get things done that will make the home more attractive. Maybe some of the rooms need painting, or old worn carpet-

ing needs to be replaced, or some of the hardwood floors need to be refinished. Certainly buying a few pillows to add a splash of color here and there, or a well-placed picture, or vase full of springtime flowers to help make the home look cheery and welcoming. A new shower curtain with matching towel sets hanging in the bathroom is a very nice touch. Whatever the case, you need to think like a buyer and make sure your house appeals to a large audience. Once a buyer walks through the door you have about 5 to 10 seconds to convince them that they want to see more. If you are convincing enough your home will sell in record time!

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## Spring Open House Saturday, April 27th

by Christin Sorensen

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