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Lakewood Board Of Education Says:

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On behalf of the Lakewood Board of Education, I would like to thank Lakewoodites for once again showing that our City values public education and understands the connection between strong schools and a strong community by passing our operating levy.

The funds generated from this levy will fill the gap created by reductions in state funding and enable us to keep classroom sizes smaller by ensuring the appropriate staffing level throughout the District; upgrade technology and add new instructional tools and materials; and build upon the outstanding programs that allow our students to be successful, engaged citizens of our world.

We are truly fortunate to be part of a town that lifts up its youth and are grateful that even in difficult times our residents step up to sup-

port providing the students of Lakewood the best opportunities and education possible.

The support of many people and organizations was critical to the levy's success. Thank you to the levy committee members and to the individuals and organizations who endorsed the levy. The organizations include Lakewood City Council, Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, LakewoodAlive, League of Women Voters, Lakewood Observer, Lakewood Teachers Association, OAPSE Union Local 129, Lakewood Council of PTAs, all Lakewood Schools PTOs & PTAs, Lakewood Alumni Foundation, Lakewood Early Childhood PTA, Lakewood Democratic Club and the Sun Post-Herald.

From our students, staff, administration and the Board,

Thank You Lakewood!

Edward Favre

President, Lakewood Board of Education

Boys Tennis Captures WSC Title



The WSC Champion Lakewood Tennis Team. They have now won 3 of their past 4 league titles.

by Chris Johnson

The Lakewood Tennis team finished off their finest year in the past half a century by beating Rocky River 3-2 and claiming the West Shore Conference Title outright in their first year in the

league. Seniors Chris Brinich and Dan Mezin won in straight sets at second and third singles, respectively. The second doubles team of senior Matt Carlson and junior Colin Levis dominated from start to finish in their

straight set win. The Rangers finished unbeaten in the WSC and completed their regular season with a 13-4 record.

The senior laden team was led by Seniors Chris Richardson and Chris Brinich. Richardson, a four year starter and stellar 3 sport athlete at Lakewood, did an outstanding job at the very demanding first singles position. He is currently 15-7 on the year. Chris Brinich leads the team in wins with a sparkling 20-3 record. Third singles, senior Dan Mezin, went unbeaten in the WSC and won the third singles title at the West Shore Conference Tournament. The first doubles team of freshman Frank Figueiredo and senior Alex Northrop won several key matches and the second doubles team of senior Matt Carlson and Colin Levis came on strong late in the season to help propel the Rangers to the league title.

During the season, the Rangers claimed second place in the Avon Lake Doubles Tournament and won the WSC Tournament Championship. Key wins during the season included a tight 3-2 win over former LEL nemesis Shaker Heights and a 3-2 win over the Lorain County Champions Lake Ridge. For the senior class, this caps off a four year run that saw Lakewood capture 3 out of 4 league titles, 2 of which were in the Northeast Ohio Conference.

Team members headed off to Washington are: seniors
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LHS Academic Challenge Team Headed To Nationals

by Christine Gordillo

The Lakewood High School Academic Challenge team will test its factual knowledge against the best in the nation when it travels to Washington, D.C. May 31 - June 2 to compete in the 31st annual National Academic Championship tournament. The team qualified for the national contest as a result of its undefeated regular season victories in its eight-team West Shore league.

Team advisers and LHS Math teachers Bob Sedlak and Peter Petto resurrected the team this year after a two-year hiatus of the club at LHS. In addition to the conference weekly round-robin play held in February and March, the team's three seniors competed on the WEWS-TV5 Academic Challenge show that aired in February.



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Check the LO out online to see more photos and videos of Old 765 and other things in and around Lakewood. Isn't it time you joined? <http://lakewoodobserver.com>.

Old 765 Barreling Through Lakewood

by Jim O'Bryan

This past Sunday, Mother's Day, Nickle Plate Railroad's #765 roared, whistled and ran through Lakewood on a round trip from out east to the Bellevue Train Museum. Many Lakewoodites including Craig Lovejoy, sent in photos and videos, you can check them out in our photoblogs, and on the "Deck."



9th Annual "Hair Of The Dog" Fundraiser

by Kate Coghlan

It's time for an evening filled with DJ entertainment, open bar drinks, appetizers and fantastic raffle baskets, all while helping our furry friends! The Citizens Committee for the Lakewood Animal Shelter (CCLAS) is sponsoring its ninth annual 'Hair of the Dog' Happy Hour and Silent Auction on Thursday, May 23.

As always, 100% of the proceeds will benefit the animals in the community of Lakewood and allow us to continue our low-cost spay and neuter program.

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More photos of Old 765 coming through Lakewood and many other events for you to check out and enjoy. (47 photos)



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City News

Council Considers Improvements To The Basketball Courts

by Christopher Bindel

Council President Brian Pow-ers called the May 6, 2013 meeting of Council to order at 7:31 P.M. Visiting the meeting were five members of the St. Edward's wrestling team who went to the state finals this year. They began the meeting by leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following the Pledge, the first order of business was a communica-tion from Councilman Shawn Juris (Ward III) regarding the St. Edward's wrestling team. He asked Council to take the time to recognize and congrat-ulate St. Ed's on their successful season as they are coming away from another Ohio State Championship. Council-man Juris highlighted the students' individual hard work and dedication as well as their ability to work as a team under the guidance of Coach Urbas.

Before Council passed a resolu-tion officially congratulating the team, the members that were present came forward and each told Council what their wrestling weight was, where they placed at state, their GPA and their plans for next year. All of the students have had successful academic careers as well as wrestling ones and plan to go off to some great colleges next year to continue both.

Council then passed the resolution and presented it to the wrestlers and Coach Urbas.

Next Councilman Tom Bullock (Ward II) and Councilman Juris both presented a resolution commending the recipients of the Lakewood Alive Volunteer Champion Award. The awards were presented to outstand-ing Lakewood Alive volunteers who dedicate much of their time to help-ing Lakewood Alive with many of its programs. Whether it is helping out at Light Up Lakewood, the Summer Meltdown, or helping paint someone's house or fix up their porch, these are the volunteers who are always there.

Executive Director, Ian Andrews, thanked Council for also recognizing the hard work and great impact of the volunteers. He also took the chance to again praise the dedication of the volunteers and the work of Lakewood Alive's outgoing board members.

Council passed the resolution.

Council then introduced a reso-lution that came from the Planning Commission on the Lakewood Com-munity Vision Plan. After a year of hard work and consideration by members of the community, the administration, and now the Planning Commission, the plan was finally submitted to Council for approval. They referred the resolution to the Committee of the Whole so Council could properly dis-cuss it before voting on it.

Councilman Juris then asked Council to consider a Walkable Neigh-borhood Initiative. With walkability being a popular concept in cities and neighborhoods across the coun-try, Lakewood finds itself uniquely positioned to take advantage of its

existing infrastructure of mainstreet corridors surrounded by residential neighborhoods, making it one of the most walkable cities in the country. According to the popular walkability website www.walkscore.org, Lakewood is the most walkable city in Ohio.

Councilman Juris proposes an ini-tiative that would set the goal of having property owners, both business and residential, remove obstacles and haz-ards that would make it difficult to walk around a neighborhood. If the goal is met in any particular neighbor-hood they could apply for a designation to be displayed, much like block watch signs, showing that walkability is an amenity in the neighborhood. Coun-cilman Juris notes the benefits to this program include residents' self-enforcement of ordinances and codes, allowing city services to handle more important issues; neighborhood pride, adding to the Block Club program; and marketing advantages for agents selling property. In order for a neigh-borhood to apply for the designation they must be able to show they comply with all existing ordinances.


Council received the communica-tion from Councilman Juris for later discussion.

Councilman Bullock and Coun-cilwoman Monique Smith (At-Large) then asked Council to consider a num-ber of minor changes to be made at the basketball courts in Lakewood Park. Considering the increased use due to warm weather, there are a number of minor things that have come to light that they feel could greatly improve the safety and impact of the courts. Some of the changes they asked Coun-cil to consider included: immediately allocating a staff resource to provide consistent, daily adult supervision at both the courts and skate park; enhanced community policing meth-ods by encouraging officers on regular patrols to interact and become famil-iar with the youths; erecting a fence around the new courts to prevent balls and kids from running into traf-fic and also allowing the courts to be secured after closing time; installing signs with the "rules of the court" on them; installing "slow" or "caution" signs on the nearby road; installing a water fountain nearby; arranging for better access to bathrooms; and installing benches for those waiting to play, but in a way that discourages loi-tering. Also mentioned was exploring the possibility of using a residents-only or residents-and-guests policy for these park facilities, requiring users to have some form of identification that showed they are Lakewood residents to use the courts or skate park.

Council referred the matter to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion on each proposed improve-ment.

Mayor Michael Summers then asked Council to consider passing a

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Lakewood Public Library

compiled by Leana Donofrio-Milovan

Wednesday, May 15

Lakewood Historical Society: The Battle of Lake Erie: Birth of a Nation and a City

John D. Cimperman, President of the Early Settlers Association of the Western Reserve, commemorates the Battle of Lake Erie, a key turning-point in American history that took place just 60 miles from here. After the United States won its independence, it found itself in a dangerous world without the protection of the Royal Navy. Between 1783 and the conclusion of the War of 1812, American shipping became prey to privateers around the world and close to home. Cimperman recounts our nation's struggle for survival up until the lasting peace that was struck up between the United States, Canada and England in 1815.

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

Thursday, May 16

Meet the Author: "House of Horrors: The Shocking True Story of Anthony Sowell, the Cleveland Strangler" by Robert Sberna

In October of 2009, the entire nation was shocked by a SWAT team's grisly discovery of eleven bodies in the Imperial Avenue home of Anthony Sowell. Cleveland-based journalist Robert Sberna dares to go down the rabbit hole of the mind of a serial killer with thorough research, interviews with experts and a burning desire to understand. More importantly, he examines the lives of the forgotten victims, who were often ignored and demonized because of their lifestyles. After a long journey engaging with police, family members, surviving victims and Sowell himself, Sberna lays bare the unique challenges faced by the police and coroner investigating a series of tragedies and provides readers with an account that is as honest as it is gripping. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

Thursday, May 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Saturday, May 18

Five Star Films - "Far From the Madding Crowd" (1967)

Directed by John Schlesinger Rated PG

In 1800's Wessex, the beautiful but capricious Julie Christie inherits a farm and runs it with the help of rejected suitor Alan Bates, a shepherd. In need of adoration, she flirts with older gentleman farmer Peter Finch but falls for handsome, reckless army sergeant Terence Stamp whom she marries. The perfect storm of love, betrayal and jealousy has been set in motion.

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

LPL Children/Youth Events

compiled by Eric Knapp

Sunday, May 19

Lakewood Lego® League
For youth in kindergarten through fifth grade (caregivers welcome)
Use LPL's collection of Lego®Bricks and your own imagination to create fabulous new structures and designs each month. No registration, but numbered tickets will be given out first-come, first-served. One ticket per child. For more information, stop in or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 140.
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the Main Library Activity Room.

Monday, May 20 – Saturday, Aug. 3

Summer Reading Club
For youth, birth through twelfth grade
Feeling adventurous? Join our Summer Reading Club and read 30 books or for 30 hours over the summer. Visit the Reading Club desk to collect stamps and tickets for prize drawings. Special rewards for those who finish! To register, please stop in and fill out a registration form.
Children and Youth's Services desk at both the Lakewood Public Library's Main and Madison branches.

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

Weekends With Wee Ones
For families with children under 2 years old
Spend a part of your family weekend time clapping your hands, tapping your feet, singing nursery rhymes and, of course, sharing books. We will provide materials and ideas for those wishing to continue the fun at home. Programs are offered every weekend throughout the year and there is no need to register in advance.
Madison Branch Children's and Youth Services
Saturdays at 11:30 a.m. and Sundays at 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 19

Sunday with the Friends: Northcoast Jazz Collective

What can we say? According to Scene Magazine, these guys are the Best Jazz Group around. Playing straight up modern jazz that's creative, emotional and accessible, this quartet braves the post-bop world with a hard-working trademark sound that says Cleveland all the way.

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

Tuesday, May 21

Knit and Lit

"The Memory Keeper's Daughter: A Novel" by Kim Edwards

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

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

Wednesday, May 22

Lakewood Historical Society: Cleveland's Westside Market: 100 Years and Still Cooking

In continuous use since 1912, the West Side Market is a matchless culinary and cultural resource, a nationally significant architectural treasure, and part of the city's distinctive urban landscape. This handsome book, written by two well-known Cleveland food writers, takes readers on a nostalgic tour of the market building, outdoor arcades, and into the lives of many vendors and market families. Enjoy the numberless rare, and until now, unpublished, vintage and contemporary photographs of this magnificent landmark, that has become a must-see destination for food lovers. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

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

Introduction to Ancestry.com Library Edition

6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Learning Lab

Thursday, May 23

Playhouse: 2013-2014 Season Preview Party
Celebrate the premieres, prize winners and re-imagined classics ahead and find out what makes Cleveland Play House a leader in professional contemporary theatre. Party favors provided!

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

Strokes Of Genius Ends With Art Show



Front Row: L to R: Sam Thomas, Helen Roche, Molly Burke, Emma Murray, Abby Hirsch, Back Row: L to R: Eden Sutliff, Simon Bockbrader, Leo Horvath, Owen Murray, Delaney McCoy, Marcella Orsini, Not Shown: Ava Garrett, Claudia Irwin, Gabriel Toledo.

by Marge Foley

The 2013 spring session of Strokes of Genius at the Lakewood Public Library recently came to a close as participating second, third, and fourth graders proudly showcased their talent at an art show for family and friends.

Each week students learned about the life and work of a different artist and then completed an art project in the

style of that artist. Artwork created by Paul Cezanne, Georgia O'Keeffe, Robert and Sonia Delaunay, Michelangelo, Georges Seurat, and Andy Warhol provided the inspiration for the students' creative efforts. Oil pastels, watercolor paints, clay, tempera, and markers were some of the art mediums used. Each participant took home their creative work, a certificate, and a purple ribbon.

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Francesca V. Mignosa: Ambassador of Sicily in the World.

“My Sicily: Life In The Cusp Of The Mediterranean Sea” Meet The Author At LPL

by Lisa Calfee

If it rhymed it would be a sonnet, if it had a tune it would be a romantic ballad, and although it's considered a travel guide, "My Sicily: Life in the Cusp of the Mediterranean Sea" remains a love story. That big beautiful island with a thousand scents and colors is the sole object of author Francesca V. Mignosa's affection in her new book. And good news, this is no tragic romance; Sicily loves her too. To prove it, Mignosa has been named Ambassador of Sicily in the World and has won the Italian Literary Award "Sicilia Mondo 2013."

Now that the award-winning author is closer to our moody Lake Erie shores than the sun-drenched Mediterranean, Lakewood Public Library is happy to announce she will be the guest speaker at our Meet the Author Series on Friday, May 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium. We hope you can join us for this enjoyable

discussion with Francesca V. Mignosa. Copies of her book will be available for sale and signing at the event.

Born in the seaside city of Augusta and moving to the states in high school, Mignosa has remained true to her native Sicily. "Though we left the island, the island never left us" she writes. Part journal, part travel guide, "My Sicily: Life in the Cusp of the Mediterranean Sea" brings the reader along to explore both Mignosa's personal history and the rich history, notable art and delicious food of each region.

Readers of the book love its conversational style, and with 12,000 people following her blog, it's clear Mignosa is an excellent travel companion. Get in on the adventure by joining us on Friday, May 24 at 7:00 p.m. for our Meet the Author program. And if you find yourself inspired to visit the sunny beaches of Sicily one day, be sure to tell them Francesca V. Mignosa sent you.

Summer Reading Club 2013 At The Lakewood Library

by Julie Strunk

Feeling adventurous? Like to discover and uncover? Let's all dig a little, read a little, and discover a lot!

Something exciting is happening at the library this month. It's something that returns every summer with a new face and a new name; something that starts small, but grows until by summer's end thousands of kids are involved. Have you guessed it yet? It's summer reading club, and this year it's all about what you may find underground!

Starting on May 20th, children ages birth through fifth grade can sign up to be a part of "Dig Into Reading." Sixth through twelfth graders have their own reading club, "Beneath the Surface." Kids will gather stamps and prizes as they go, and a special reward awaits those who complete thirty hours of reading (or thirty books for younger readers) by August 2nd.

Last summer over three thousand children got involved in our commu-



nity, had fun, and avoided "summer slide" by taking part in LPL's summer reading club. Help us make 2013 our best summer yet. Together we can dig into reading, explore the world, expand our minds, and collect rewards!

To register, stop by our Main or Madison branch Summer Reading Club desk starting May 20th!

Get A "Taste of Judaism" With Rabbi Enid C. Lader At The Lakewood Public Library

by Morgan Maseth

The traditions of Judaism have deep roots in our national culture. The Lakewood Public Library will be hosting a three-part class for people of all faiths to explore the spirituality, ethics and community through the lens of Judaism for like-minded knowledge-seekers called "Taste of Judaism." This journey of Jewish learning is sponsored by the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland and the Cleveland Board of Rabbis. Leading "Taste of Judaism" will be Rabbi Enid C. Lader. With her guidance, these classes will serve as an introduction to the Jewish faith and to new friends.

Rabbi Enid and her husband, Harry, have been Lakewoodites for the past thirty years with both their daughters graduating from the Lakewood School system. After studying music therapy and education, Rabbi Enid went for a graduate degree in Judaic Studies. Originally serving as the Director of Congregational Education for Beth Israel- the West Temple for twenty years, she then became Spiritual Leader for Knesseth Israel Temple in Wooster. It was during this time that she started her rabbinic studies. In 2010, Rabbi Enid was ordained from the Academy for Jewish Religion and finished her time in Wooster in 2012. When the rabbi at Beth Israel- The West Temple was retiring, she was asked to assume the rabbinic position there, and started there in August of 2012.

Rabbi Enid, who has been teaching "Taste of Judaism" classes for twelve



Rabbi Enid C. Lader of Beth Israel - West Temple

years now, says these sessions will offer participants an opportunity to learn about the Jewish understanding of God, the Torah, the importance of learning, and the centrality of community to the Jewish people. "The topics are serious, but they are taught in an engaging way," explains Rabbi Enid. During the three class sessions, participants engage with Rabbi Enid as well as each other in an open discussion of how Jewish tradition impacts one's life and lifestyle.

"Taste of Judaism" will begin on Monday, June 3, at 6pm, continue on Monday, June 10 and conclude Monday, June 17 in the Lakewood Library Main Auditorium. The classes are free, however space is limited. To register call 216-226-8275 ext. 127. For more information go to www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/calendar.

Renowned Professor Now Calls Lakewood Home

by Anne Shields

Lakewood welcomes highly respected author, playwright and professor Dr. Paul Kuritz to its midst. Dr. Kuritz had taught at Bates College located in Lewiston, Maine since 1978. There he taught acting and directing for the stage and screen. He has directed over one hundred plays throughout the United States, and in 1990 was invited to teach and direct at the National Theater School in Bratislava, Slovakia. He has also directed films, "A New Life" (2008) and "Amy's Wish" (2012). These films were selected to be shown in Houston, Atlanta, Chicago, and the Gideon's Flame Christian Film Festival, in Manila, Philippines.

His dramatization of the short story "The Yellow Wallpaper" by Charlotte Perkins Gilman was included in The Best American Short Plays 2001-2002 (Applause, 2006). His most recent



Dr. Paul Kuritz

work is "The Fiery Serpent: a Christian Theory of Film and Theater." (Pleasant Word, 2007)

Dr. Kuritz also writes thought-provoking book reviews that can be found on his website www.paulkuritz.com. His other works include: "Playing: an Introduction to Acting" (Prentice Hall, 1982) and "The Making of Theatre History" (Prentice Hall, 1987). Dr. Kuritz's books are available at Lakewood Public Library for checkout. Contact the library at 216-226-8275 for more details.

Lakewood Schools

Ranger 360 Forum To Address Teen Dating Violence, Sexual Assault

by Christine Gordillo

Ranger 360, a collaborative program headed by the Lakewood City School District, Domestic Violence & Child Advocacy Center (DVCAC), Cleveland Rape Crisis Center (CRCC) and Lakewood Police Department, is holding its first community forum on Wednesday, May 29 at 7p.m. in the Garfield Middle School Cafetorium.

The goal of Ranger 360 is to design and implement a comprehensive school-based response to sexual assault, dating violence, domestic

violence and stalking (SADDVS). Lakewood is one of nine districts in the nation and the only one in Ohio that received federal funding to support a program of this nature and is in position to create a state and even national model as a result.

Research suggests that successful interventions are tailored to fit the unique context of their community, which is why community involvement and insight is critical. This grant provides for two program coordinators, Abby McGinty (DVCAC) and Katie

Kurtz, LISW (CRCC), who will be embedded within Harding and Garfield Middle Schools, Lakewood High School, and Lakewood City Academy providing leadership for Ranger 360 over the next two years. They will be seeking broad community support to improve the District's SADDVS services, education, training and policy.

Over the past few months, McGinty and Kurtz conducted a community assessment to learn more about Lakewood and the community's needs and assets for responding to SADDVS.

They have spoken with parents, district administrators and staff, community members, and held student discussion groups to honor the youth voice and perspective. They learned that each person plays an undeniably important role in creating positive change and reducing incidents of violence.

The Ranger 360 research uncovered the desire and vision in Lakewood to create a violence-free community:

"I'd really like to see people not afraid to talk about these issues...I don't know exactly what that looks like, to be honest...people treating others with respect, kindness. Not filled with hate and negativity, no factions, no groups. Welcoming...it would be phenomenal."

While dating, domestic and sexual violence affect individuals regardless of age, teens are especially vulnerable. One in three adolescent girls is a victim of abuse from a dating partner. People age 12-19 experience the highest rates of rape and sexual assault and people age 18-19 experience the highest rates of stalking. Add to that the 15.5 million U.S. children who live in families in which partner violence occurred at least once in the last year and you have a huge number of young people in this country whose lives are affected by violence.

Lakewood recognizes this dire need for change and the district has chosen to take a stand. Come to the Community Forum on May 29 and hear more about the research conducted and the role each community member can play in Ranger 360's efforts.

When Art And Calculus Collide

by Christine Gordillo

"Transversion," the public art piece that graces the front lawn of the Lakewood Public Library on Detroit, no doubt spurs some contemplative thinking by its viewers, as art often does. Calculus, however, is probably not what you think of when looking at the intriguing sculpture. Perhaps a group of former LHS calculus students and a little booklet published by the library will change that.

"Poems and Problems" is a tidy booklet containing, yes, poems and math problems inspired by the Peter Diepenbrock installation. Last school year, AP Calculus teacher Bob Sedlak asked his senior students to study "Transversion" and come up with a solvable math problem related to the piece. The result is a dozen calculus problems interspersed among the poems about "Transversion." For those of you who may find calculus a tad intimidating, the book also contains a dozen geometry, algebra, trigonometry and probability problems waiting to be solved.



the 3,000-pound sculpture? Answer should be expressed in pound-inches."

Sedlak said the idea of constructing mathematics/calculus problems as related to "Transversion" occurred to him as he and Ruth Weible, a member of the art committee that selected Diepenbrock to create a piece for the library, first viewed the installation on a cold winter night in November 2011.

"We had the great opportunity to speak with the artist, a thoughtful and engaging person who had just completed the installation that evening," Sedlak said. "Peter discussed the building methods, installation difficulties, and the meaning of the title. The curved surfaces reminded me of the topic of finding the length of polar curves, which my students at Lakewood High were currently study-

ing in their Calculus class."

Intending at first to just photograph the sculpture then superimpose a grid over the photo to track key points to help create a mathematic model of the curved surfaces, Sedlak instead went with Plan B based on his students' strengths.

"The students in the class are some of the brightest, most inquisitive and creative students at LHS... Why not have the students create problems relative to the sculpture, both non-calculus and calculus-based. The project entailed each student, on their own time out of class, viewing the sculpture, taking measurements, and creating two problems, which they felt could be solved using traditional algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or calculus methods."

The result is the nifty little book, "Poems and Problems," available in the Technology Department of the main library.

Girls On The Run Program Goes Beyond Fitness

by Christine Gordillo

Girls on the Run, a program now in its third year in the district, is helping many of our elementary and middle school girls learn to build strong and healthy lives physically, socially and emotionally. The Girls on the Run program, established 16 years ago, made its debut in the district in 2011 with two schools (Emerson and Harding). Garfield Middle School and Grant and Lincoln Elementaries started their programs last school year, and Horace Mann joined ranks this year, bringing the total number of school participating to six. At the middle school level, the program is called Girls on Track.

The program's mission is to educate and prepare girls for a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living. Twice a week for 10 weeks, the girls get together for an hour and spend the first half hour talking about issues that affect young and adolescent girls such as bullying, peer pressure and body images and the media. The advisers then extend the lesson through a half-hour of running, designed to build confidence in the young girls as they get stronger each week.

The program culminates with a celebratory 5K (3.1 mile) race that

brings Girls on the Run clubs from all over Northeast Ohio together. This year, that race will be held on May 19 in Akron.

The reputation of the program's success within the district has grown so that when Horace Mann decided to start its Girls on the Run program, they had such a great response that the school received permission from GOTR to field two teams of 12 rather than just one.

"The girls at Horace Mann have shown a tremendous amount of personal growth in the 10 short weeks that they have participated in the program," said Horace Mann coach Nicole Long. "Not only are they running more and accomplishing their goals physically but they are also learning how to develop a healthy self-image. Through the GOTR curriculum we are instilling in our girls that they are capable, strong and beautiful, and that they have the power to make positive choices physically, socially and mentally."

No doubt that sense of accomplishment is felt at all the Girls on the Run/Girls on Track schools in the district as they prepare for their big run. Good luck to all!

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Lakewood Schools



2003 Lakewood Project

And The Beat Goes On

by Paula Reed

In 2013, the Lakewood High School orchestra program marks 20 years under the stewardship of Beth Hankins and commemorates the 10th anniversary of the renowned Lakewood Project, one of the first high school rock orchestras in the country. Classically trained, Ms. Hankins admits her knowledge of rock music was sorely lacking when she scheduled a field trip to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame for a presentation on orchestral rock performance. She came away from that workshop convinced she had a new way to connect with yet more kids, and threw herself into planning, organizing and recruiting students.

Finding rock music already orchestrated was nearly impossible, so she also took on the task of scoring music, enlisting students to help with that task. It was a huge learning experience for everyone involved, and it was the already-successful orchestra program that allowed the rock orchestra to grow and thrive. Had students not already been proficient with their acoustic instruments, they would never

have mastered the electric strings.

Ms. Hankins currently conducts four orchestras at LHS, and is adding a fifth orchestra next year. When she joined the LHS staff, there was one orchestra with 20 students. Now nearly 250 students participate, and the biggest problem is finding enough room on the stage to seat them all! She is pursuing a Ph.D. in Music Education at Case Western Reserve University, and recently added to a long list of professional accolades the Yale University Distinguished Music Educator Award.

Her educational mission includes the middle school summer Rock On camp in which campers play in the Lakewood Project's annual Fourth of July concert preceding the fireworks; and touring with the Lakewood Project to other schools statewide to teach clinics. Her reputation has drawn families with musically gifted children to Lakewood, and she has motivated many students to become music teachers, performers and composers.

In celebration of the dual anniversaries, on Friday, May 24th at 7 p.m. **continued on page 10**

West Shore Pair Place 1st In State, 10th In Nation In IT Competition

by Christine Gordillo

Congratulations to West Shore Career-Tech and Lakewood High students, junior Matt Kerrigan, and senior, Dan Twardesky, on their 10th place finish in the national 2013 Cisco NetRiders IT/networking competition on May 3. Over 1,800 students from 36 states and Canada competed.

Kerrigan and Twardesky's high national finish came on the heels of a first-place finish in the state portion of the competition. They were one of only three Ohio teams to advance to the final round. The final round was a live online event broadcast via Cisco WebEx with audio, video and chat features. In addition to the national recognition gained from their 10th place national finish, Kerrigan and Twardesky each earned a \$100 gift card.

The NetRiders competitions provide students with hands-on practice and experience in a competitive environment, a chance to test their skills and recognize their weaknesses, showcase their knowledge, and create interactive networking skills. For instructors, this is a great opportunity to lead students and showcase teaching



Dan Twardesky (left) and Matt Kerrigan.

skills as well. The competition consists of a series of online exams and simulation activities using Cisco Packet Tracer.

Competitions are offered for students currently or recently enrolled in a Cisco Networking Academy course.

Cisco Networking Academy NetRiders competitions utilize Cisco's Web 2.0 technologies to create an interactive networking skills contest that enhances classroom learning, unites students from across the world, and promotes further technology education and training.

Camp Dream Comes True For Future Doctor



Harnold Ramazani and Lakewood High Physics teacher Jennifer Zaremba.

by Missy Toms

Harnold Ramazani has the ambition, the drive and the heart to change the world through medicine. And thanks to five generous Lakewood High School alumni, he is one step closer to his goal.

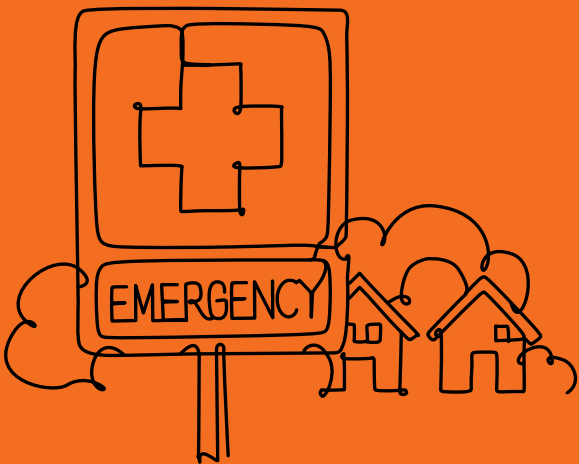
Born in Albania, Harnold immigrated to the United States with his family when he was nine months old. Seeking greater opportunity and a better education for their children, Harnold's parents won a national lottery for the chance to start a new life

in America.

From a young age, Harnold's parents have encouraged him to become a doctor; to help people, to heal people, and to have job security. A car accident on his 10th birthday changed his perspective on life. Since that point, he has never taken life for granted, and his faith in God grows. Now his desire to be a doctor is even more purposeful; it will give him a chance to help people physically, emotionally, and mentally.

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Sports

Lakewood Soccer Association Travel And Saturday Soccer Programs Still Kick’n It After 30 Years

by Jessica Withrow

Try Outs Coming! Check It Out.
If you think your child is ready for the exciting sport of soccer then get ready for this. Lakewood Soccer Association(LSA) is holding tryouts for its travel program.

BOYS TRAVEL TRYOUTS:
May 13th at LHS Stadium
U07-U10 5:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
U11-U14 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

GIRLS TRAVEL TRYOUTS:
May 17th at LHS Stadium
U08-U10 5:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
U11-U14 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

BOYS & GIRLS TRAVEL MAKE-UP TRYOUTS:
May 20th at LHS Stadium
U08-U10 5:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
U11-U14 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

If your child is interested in having fun, improving skills and playing a more competitive level of soccer or play in the World Cup, then join our program. Many LSA travel players go on to play for some of the best high school programs in the area, including Lakewood High School, St. Edward High School, Magnificat High School, St. Ignatius

High School, and St. Joseph’s High School. Travel soccer is open to any boy or girl 7-14 years old that desires to play more competitive soccer. Unlike our Saturday program, the travel program has separate boys’ and girls’ teams and different skill levels.

LSA’s certified coaches take the player’s game to the next level. Technical skills are often the difference between a talented player and a great player, and our professionally certified coaches ensure the player has the opportunity to be great and have fun. We play games against neighboring Northeastern Ohio communities. Most games are played on Sunday afternoons and do not interfere with LSA’s Saturday Soccer Program.

GENERAL INFORMATION
Fall and Spring league plays 8 games each season for a total of 16 games for \$220.00 fee and also includes:
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per team for pre-approved tournaments.
Travel players receive a 50% discount on Saturday Soccer fees.
Lots of fun and lots of great soccer! Do not delay. Rosters on the travel teams fill up fast.
Please visit the Lakewood Soccer Association web site, www.lakewood-soccer.com, to download registration forms. Bring all required information with you to try-outs.
If you have any questions, please contact Travel Registrar Maria Pauer via email, lsatravelregistrar@gmail.com, or at (216) 521-9686.
Have Fun Out There !!!

District Buys 10 AEDs

by Christine Gordillo

Lakewood City Schools recently reaffirmed its commitment to the safety and well-being of its students by purchasing 10 AED (automated external defibrillators) units for the district. The AEDs, which have been credited with saving lives when a person on site goes into cardiac arrest, will be installed at all seven elementary schools and both middle schools as well as the Board of Education offices. Lakewood High School and Lakewood City Academy already have AEDs.
District nurse Kathleen Corrigan spear-headed the effort to purchase the AEDs. She has been training students and staff in CPR/AED since November and has many ongoing classes scheduled for the remainder of the school year. She will continue her training sessions next year as well for any staff

or student who wishes to get certified.
“We want to be prepared to be able to respond as best we can in an emergency situation,” Corrigan said.
When Corrigan requested the expenditure, it did not take the administration long to think about and approve the \$17,747 purchase for the 10 kits.
“Jeff Patterson and I have both had experiences in our careers where seconds made a difference between the life and death of a student, a staff member or a member of the community,” Assistant Superintendent Kevin Bright said. “Defibrillators strategically placed in each of our buildings dramatically increase the chance of survival of anyone visiting our buildings and experiencing such a life and death encounter.”



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Sports

Lakewood Ranger Baseball Team Continues Their Winning Ways; Team Seeded 2nd In District Tournament

by Jay Foran

The Lakewood Rangers Varsity Baseball team continued their winning ways as they pushed their season record to 18 wins and 4 losses. Their West Shore Conference (WSC) record stands at 9 wins and 3 losses, good for 2nd place in the conference.

By virtue of their strong record, the Rangers have been seeded second in the district for the upcoming state tournament. The Ranger squad hopes to parlay both it's experience and talent to go deep into this year's tournament. Because of their high seed, the team will enjoy home field advantage for as long as they continue to win in the tournament.

Coach Mike Ribar commented, "Our program has come a long way fast. Just over three years ago our win-loss record was nearly the reverse. While this improvement is a testament to my coaches and the support of the Lakewood Schools and Lakewood Recreation administrations, it is even more a reflection of the hard work and preparation the boys have put forth. Without their (and their parents) buy into our baseball philosophy and system we simply would not have improved at the rate that we have."

A brief capsule of recent games:
Lakewood - 0
Midview Middies - 6

Eric Lauer, Midview's senior lefthander and one of the area's premier pitchers demonstrated his 90+ mph fastball and delivered a no-hitter against the Rangers. Defensively the Rangers didn't fare any better as they committed a number of untimely errors that led to four of the runs. Starter Jameson Foran took the loss.

Lakewood - 7
Avon Eagles - 1

The Rangers rebounded to the Midview loss with a key and convincing victory over the visiting Eagles. Senior Jake Antel pushed his record to 3-0 with a complete-game 2-hit victory. Seniors Brian Hrdlicka and Dylan Bruening each chipped in with three hits and two runs apiece.

Lakewood - 1
Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin - 0

Marty Hartsel provided a sparkling complete-game shutout and Eric Roder delivered when it counted most for the Lakewood victory. Roder's 2nd walk-off hit of the season was struck with two outs in the bottom of



Senior Brian Hrdlicka hits homerun versus North Ridgeville.

the seventh inning and scored Dylan Bruening from second base. Bruening, who singled to lead off the inning, moved into scoring position following a pinch-hit sacrifice bunt by Jameson Foran. Hartsel struck out eight while yielding only four hits.

Lakewood - 8
Bay Rockets - 4

Senior Tommy Fuller picked up the victory in relief of a quality start by senior Brian Hrdlicka. Fuller worked out of a 7th inning bases-loaded, no outs jam in the seventh inning to allow the visiting Rangers to capture the victory in extra innings. In the decisive eighth inning a combination of walks by Marquise Tyus and Jesus Denizard and singles by Jameson Foran and Max Lavisky pushed across four runs.

Lakewood - 7
Rocky River Pirates - 11

While the Rangers had eked out a number of extra-inning wins that was not the case on this day. The Pirates delivered some clutch hits in the first extra frame to seal the victory. Tommy Fuller took the loss in relief of sophomore Max Lavisky.

Lakewood - 15
North Ridgeville Rangers - 8

Seniors Eric Roder and Brian Hrdlicka each banged a home run in this runaway victory at North Ridgeville. The team totaled a season high 17 hits in the contest. Starter and winning pitcher Jameson Foran was provided a 14-2 lead before North Ridgeville added a number of meaningless

walks, delivering a timely sacrifice bunt and taking advantage of an error.

Lakewood - 7
Westlake Demons - 0

Marty Hartsel delivered his second consecutive outstanding complete game victory. This one provided some personal satisfaction to Hartsel. Last year during the state playoffs, the Demons had mounted a comeback victory against him and then went on to qualify for the state championship game. Seniors Eric Roder and Wayne Naida scored two runs each and sophomore Max Lavisky provided timely hits, driving in three runs.

Lakewood - 10
Elyria Catholic Panthers - 0

Junior starter Jameson Foran delivered another goose-egg for the Lakewood starting staff, delivering the eighth complete-game win this season. The visiting Rangers took control of the game by scoring six runs in the second inning against the Panthers number one starter. The Rangers mixed four walks, a hit batsman and run-scoring singles by Max Lavisky and junior Danny Zagaria to stake Lakewood to a comfortable lead they never relinquished.

tallies in the final two innings.

Lakewood - 4
Vermilion Sailors - 1

Jake Antel took the hill and dominated the visiting Sailors, carrying a no-hitter into the final frame before Vermilion tacked a few hits together and pushed across their only run. Max Lavisky contributed a first-inning RBI single that plated two runs. Lakewood played small ball in the 4th and added two insurance runs by coaxing some



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Lakewood Is Art

Rocking The Summer Away At Vance Band Camps

by Betsy Voinovich

If you haven't heard of Chris Vance and Vance Music Studios, you probably don't get out much. In recent years, he and his students have been everywhere, from the Front Porch Lakewood library concerts to all-student shows at local clubs like the Winchester and the Phantasy. Chris himself, who by all accounts is "a smokin' bass player," (both electric and upright) can be found in his own jazz combo at Vosh on Lakewood's west end, to gigs where he fits right in on the bass without missing a beat with longstanding blues greats, The Numbers Band.

A couple of years ago, the word went around to middle schools and high schools that Chris and his fellow musician-teachers were teaching "band" or to use its more formal description, "ensemble," in which Vance students would come together and try out all the skills they were learning in individual lessons in an actual hands-on, live group environment, with real band members, real rehearsals, and most fun, and challenging of all—real gigs. And suddenly every fifth kid walking down Detroit was carrying a guitar case.

Fast forward to Summer 2013-

-- when the rest of those kids will be picking up guitars (or basses, or drums, or microphones) because... Vance Music Studios is offering two weeks of Rock Camp and one week of Jazz Camp this summer, in which every camper will get to be in a band—and learn about all the aspects of what that means. Each band will rotate through different activities throughout the day. Group lessons will be organized by instrument, bands will rehearse as they gain in skill both individually and together. Music Theory classes will outline how music is created and on the most practical level, tech classes will allow campers to learn how to care for and set up their equipment, and the stage they intend to inhabit.

All of this culminates in a chance to play a real set before a real audience in real clubs, The Winchester for the Rock campers, Mahalls for the Jazz campers.

According to Chris Vance, Vance camps are different "because of the high level and the variety of classes offered

throughout the day." He had this to say about Jazz Camp: "It's different than any other jazz camp in the area because it focuses on small group playing (like a real gig), rather than throwing everyone into a big band. There will be lots of individual attention."

As for instructors, campers will benefit from the experience of real musicians, all who hold degrees in music, and who are active as performers at a professional level. Rock Camp will be taught by Tim Lane, J. Blues, Carey Viton and Chris himself. Jazz Camp teachers are: Chris Scott, Dave Kasper, Carey Viton, Matt Hadaway and Chris.

9th Annual "Hair Of The Dog" Fundraiser continued from page 1

local business and designers donate thousands of dollars worth of great products, gift certificates, art, and services. They help us continue our success in making the Lakewood Animal Shelter more than just another city pound. Through their generosity and your support, CCLAS is able continue our vital role in helping to find homes for homeless pets, fostering abandoned and orphaned litters, and spaying and neutering Lakewood's dogs and cats, in order to minimize the overpopulation of homeless animals on the streets and

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Council Considers Improvements

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resolution that would allow the city to use \$50,000 from the economic development fund, to help Beck Center of the Arts repave their parking lot. Included in the repavement plans are the construction of new, onsite storm-

water management systems which will help the city meet EPA regulations.

Council referred the matter to the Finance Committee for consideration.

Coming to the end of the Council meeting, Council President Powers adjourned the meeting at 8:36 P.M.

LHS Academic Challenge Team Headed To Nationals

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Steve Saed, Peter Schleckman and Elliot Smith (captain); junior Hugh Campbell; sophomores Laert Fejzurali and Ben McKinsey; and freshmen Amanda Cabot, Alex Grunder and Fox Milenski.

The team secured a generous donation from the Lakewood Alumni Foundation to help pay for the trip

but still needs to raise \$2,500 to cover travel costs and participation fees. If you would like to contribute toward the trip, please send your donation to the team LHS Academic Challenge Team, 14100 Franklin Blvd., Lakewood OH 44107. Checks should be made payable to Academic Challenge Team Fund – LHS.

And The Beat Goes On

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in the Civic Auditorium, there will be an orchestra reunion concert, in which any LHS orchestra alumnus may participate. On Saturday, May 25th at 7:30 p.m. in the Civic Auditorium is the Lakewood Project reunion concert; tickets are \$10. Nearly half the 100+ LP alum are returning to play. Ten years later, the group is still inspiring young musicians and remains an innovative program nationwide. For information on joining either of the reunion orchestras, contact stephkreed@gmail.com.

Don't miss the reunion concerts—it's a once-in-a lifetime opportunity!

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demarc record, Harnold is very active at Lakewood High School and the community as a member of the soccer, tennis, and intramural basketball teams, H2O, regional honors choir, and the French, Race & Diversity, and Barnstormers Drama clubs. He also attends his church youth group and volunteers with its youth ministry.

Harnold's strongest desire is to become a surgeon. When his Chemistry teacher, Sidney Peterson, recommended that Harold attend the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine, Harold got busy selling candy to raise enough money to pay the tuition fee. Enter Physics teacher Jennifer Zarembo, who contacted the Lakewood Alumni Foundation to see if we had any resources to help. Through generous gifts from Dr. Steve and Julie Meadows, '90, Dr. Jack and Anne Huxtable Palomaki, '60, and Dr. Joan Palomaki, '64, the Foundation was able to provide Harnold with the remaining half of his tuition fee. He leaves this

summer for Boston, his first step to a career in medicine.

This fall, Harnold will begin his studies in pre-med at Cleveland State University. He wants to stay close to his supportive family—parents, older sister, and 6-year-old brother—and be involved with his church. When this busy young man gets stressed, he knows that if he loves what he's doing and he has a purpose, he will succeed and grow as a person and a healer.

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

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BeckFest 2013: A Free Community Festival At Beck

by Fran Storch

Beck Center for the Arts invites its neighbors and the community to attend BeckFest, a free family-friendly event on Sunday, May 19, 2013 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. throughout the Beck Center campus. Participants will enjoy art activities, cycling themed artwork, Zumba, yoga, food trucks, and stunt cycling performances by 216Bike; as well as musical entertainment on the Red Stage featuring Jerry Popiel, Chris Hatton, Fireside, The Madison Crawl, and Revolution Brass Band.

Cycling enthusiasts may also ride in the second annual Bike for Beck, a fundraiser to benefit the arts education programs at Beck Center. Cyclists choose from 12-, 15- or 60-mile



Families enjoy the sunshine and great music at BeckFest 2012.

routes through the scenic Cleveland Metroparks with snack and water stops along the way. Rider registration and the bike tour begin at 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. at Beck Center. A \$40 registration fee includes a Bike for Beck t-shirt and

rider packet. For more information visit bikeforbeck.org.

Roads will not be closed for this event. Area businesses are encouraged to participate in this community festival and the public is invited to attend. Beck Center for the Arts is located at 17801 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood. Free onsite parking is available. For more information about this community event, please call Beck Center Customer Service at 216.521.2540, ext. 10.

The following businesses are generous supporters of Bike for Beck: Vision Source/Madison Eye Care, Krylon, Aflac, Turner Construction, Dr. Jeffrey Laubmeier, DMD, and Lakewood Hospital.

New Play By Tony Award-Winning Writer Of “Billy Elliot”

“The Pitmen Painters” Takes Center Stage At Beck Center

by Fran Storch

Beck Center for the Arts proudly presents “The Pitmen Painters,” May 31 through July 7, 2013 in the intimate Studio Theater. Show times are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are now on sale.

Written by Tony Award-winning author Lee Hall, “The Pitmen Painters” is inspired by a book by William Feaver about the Ashington Group, a group of Northern England coal miners who took an art appreciation class and became overnight art-world sensations. Like Hall’s acclaimed film and musical “Billy Elliot,” this script tells another inspiring story about the way the arts can change lives and examines the lives a group of ordinary men who did extraordinary things. Heralded in London’s West End and on Broadway, “The Pitmen Painters” was described by Variety as “a feel-good, make that a feel-great hit...inspirational...heartbreakingly funny.” For more information about the Ashington Group, visit <http://www.ashington-group.co.uk/home.html>.

Beck Center’s production of “The Pitmen Painters” is directed by acclaimed director Sarah May and features an ensemble of nine talented area

actors including Equity actors Chris Bohan and Dana Hart who appear courtesy of the Actors’ Equity Association. “This is a remarkable true story that reaffirms my belief that art can change lives,” exclaimed May. “I am thrilled to be working with an excellent cast that is committed to honoring these hard-working blokes who discovered their potential through the stroke of a paintbrush.” “The Pitmen Painters” contains brief nudity.

Tickets are \$28 for adults and \$25 for seniors (65 and older) with an additional \$3 service fee per ticket applied at time of purchase. Student tickets are \$15 with valid I.D. (includes service fee). Preview Night on Thursday, May 30 is \$10 with general admission seating. Group discounts are available for parties of 13 or more. Purchase tickets online at beckcenter.org or call Customer Service at 216.521.2540, ext. 10. Beck Center for the Arts is located at 17801 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood, just ten minutes west of downtown Cleveland. Free onsite parking is available.

Opening night patrons are invited to Marquee Friday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Cleveland Artists Foundation gallery. Guests may enjoy complimentary appetizers, free musical entertainment

by Lounge Kitty and happy hour priced drinks; as well as browse free gallery exhibits including Beck Center’s Student Art Show in the Jean Bulicek Galleria and “Pioneering Modernism: Post-Impressionism in Cleveland” (1908-1913) in the Virginia Q. Foley Gallery of the Cleveland Artists Foundation.

This production of “The Pitmen Painters” is presented by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc. and is sponsored by the

residents of Cuyahoga County through Cuyahoga Arts and Culture and the Ohio Arts Council.

Beck Center for the Arts is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization that offers professional theater productions, arts education programming in dance, music, theater, visual arts, early childhood, and creative arts therapies for special needs students, and free gallery exhibits featuring local, regional, and international artists.



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MedWorks & North Coast Health Ministry Partner For Free One-Day Medical Clinic Focused On Primary Care

by Jeanine Gergel

MedWorks will partner with North Coast Health Ministry to host a one-day primary care clinic on Saturday, June 8, 2013 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. The clinic will take place at North Coast Health Ministry, 16110 Detroit Ave., Lakewood, Ohio 44107. Appointments can be made by calling the MedWorks Appointment Line at 216-201-9325. Walk-in patients will also be accepted between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The clinic will feature about 30 health care professionals and lay volunteers who will provide a broad range of primary care services. Services will include physical exams, wellness checks, lab tests and a small pharmacy. Each patient will also have the opportunity to meet with a social worker to help schedule follow-up appointments through North Coast Health Ministry and other providers for which they qualify. All services will be provided free of charge.

MedWorks is a non-profit that provides free healthcare clinics to Ohio's un- and under-insured. Through its successful collaborations with hospitals, corporate sponsors, and medical and non-medical volunteers, MedWorks provides care for its patients and serves as an access point for those individuals to the medical community.

NCHM is a faith-based clinic that provides and optimizes access to health care for the medically underserved on Greater Cleveland's West Side. A vital part of the community health care safety net for the past 27 years, NCHM provides primary care, prescription assistance, specialty

referrals and health education to low-income uninsured individuals and families.

This event is made possible by the generous support of our many in-kind corporate sponsors as well as financial support from The Mt. Sinai Health Care Foundation, the Cleveland Foun-

dation, Kaiser Permanente, and The Abington Foundation.

For more information about MedWorks, visit the organization's website: www.medworks.usa.org. MedWorks can be reached by e-mail at info@medworksusa.org, or by phone at 216-231-5350.

8th Annual Meet The Trucks Scheduled For June 1

by Julie Derrick

The City of Lakewood and the Lakewood Early Childhood PTA are excited to once again host the popular Meet the Trucks event on Saturday, June 1st from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The event will be held at Lakewood Park, 14532 Lake Avenue, and is free and open to the public.

Several of the trucks and vehicles in the City's fleet will be on hand to explore. They include an aerial truck, dump truck, refuse truck, fire truck, police car, police motorcycle, SWAT vehicles and more. In addition to the trucks, there are many other fun activities to explore! There will be bounce houses, a DJ, raffles, crafts and balloon twisters. Jungle Bob will be presenting two free shows and food will be available. While supplies last, there will be free popcorn and bagels. There will also be drinks, hamburg-

ers, snow cones and more available to purchase.

Please bring a canned good to donate to the Lakewood Community Service Center. There will be a collection point located in the park along with other community groups that will be on hand to provide information about their services and events.

A special thanks goes out to The University of Akron-Lakewood, Jungle Bob, Kiwanis Club of Lakewood, Lakewood Family YMCA, Midway OH Boy, Met-Chem, Inc., Ohio Mobile Gaming, Music Connections DJ Services and Zap Entertainment for helping sponsor this family-friendly event. See you at the park!

Barton Center To Host 7th Annual Wine & Cheese Fundraiser On May 23

by Curt Brosky

Barton Senior Center will hold its 7th Annual Wine and Cheese fundraiser on Thursday, May 23 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Over 130 attended last year's event and this one promises to be even bigger and better. This indoor/outdoor event will be held in Barton Center's beautifully landscaped outdoor Courtyard and in the adjacent indoor Rotunda. Festivities will include wine, heavy hors d'oeuvres, grilled specialties served by Chef Kevin from Kevin's Café and terrific silent auction items.

Tickets are \$30 per person (\$15

tax deductible). Phone 216-221-3400, or mail a check to Barton Center at 14300 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood, OH 44107. Proceeds will be used to fund the many amenities and activities offered by the nonprofit Barton Center, including transportation, health programs, computer and exercise classes.

To find out more about Ohio's first senior center or to volunteer, call the phone number above. Barton Senior Center is located on the Ground Floor of the Westerly Apartments and is open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Lakewood United Methodist Changes The World

by Laura Jaissle

On Sunday May 19, 2013, The People of Lakewood United Methodist Church and the Citizens of Lakewood Ohio are invited to join together to change lives. We will join with other United Methodists around the globe to change the world

on May 19, 2013.

Change the World is a movement to connect United Methodists in service with simple acts of kindness to build community locally and to fight malaria globally.

Lakewood United Methodist Church will participate by joining with the Lakewood Department of Aging and Lakewood Alive to go to homes around our community and do light repairs, yard work such as mow lawns, clean and prune flowerbeds and plant flowers.

The event will kick off with ONE worship service at 10:00 a.m. to commission the volunteers followed by a light lunch for the volunteers. The teams of volunteers will then leave the church and go to their assigned locations around noon. Volunteers may wish to bring yard and garden tools, gloves and water bottles.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Church Office at 216-226-8644 or email Rev. Laura Jaissle at PastorLKJ@gmail.com



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Chautauqua Brings Battle Of Lake Erie

by Hilary Schickler

On the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Lake Erie, it's fitting to remember Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry's most famous quote: "We have met the enemy and they are ours; two ships, two brigs, one schooner and one sloop."

Perry will be among five people giving first-person historical character-

izations during Ohio Chautauqua 2013: "When Ohio Was the Western Frontier," at Lakewood Park, June 25-29.

Ohio Chautauqua is a traveling show that presents history in a compelling form that people of all ages will love. Lakewood is the first of five stops in the state for the event; the scholars-in-residence will interact with the public as themselves and as their cho-

sen historical figures.

Each scholar will present two day-time workshops: a youth program at the Beck Center for the Arts (17801 Detroit Ave.) at 11 a.m. and an adult program at the Lakewood Public Library (15425 Detroit Ave.) at 2 p.m. Subjects include "Women on the Western Frontier," "The Battle of Lake Erie" and "Becoming Johnny Appleseed."

A variety of musical groups, including many of Lakewood's talented students, will open the evening entertainment under the red and white tent that will be raised in Lakewood Park. Following the music, a scholar will give a living history presentation of one of five diverse historic figures, each with a unique perspective on the "western frontier," including: naturalist and folk hero Johnny Appleseed, frontier aristocrat Margaret Blennerhassett, Iroquois leader Chief John Logan, Lewis & Clark expedition member York, and the hero of the Battle of Lake Erie, Oliver Hazard Perry.

Find more information at <<http://lakewoodhistory.org>>lakewoodhistory.org.

Ohio Chautauqua is hosted by the Lakewood Historical Society in partnership with the City of Lakewood, Lakewood Public Library, Beck Center for the Arts, Lakewood City Schools, and the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce. Sponsors include Lakewood Kiwanis, Steel Valley Federal Credit Union, First Federal of Lakewood, University of Akron – Lakewood, Dollar Bank, the Lakewood Observer, Geiger's and Granny's Attic.

The Ohio Humanities Council, with support from OSU's Humanities Institute and the National Endowment for the Humanities, sponsors Ohio Chautauqua, to be presented in five Ohio communities in the summer of 2013.

Hungering For Music? Marrell Music Plays For Hunger Relief!

by Paula Maeder-Connor

How often have you hungered for that special song of yours? Which song continues to find itself grabbing you right in the gut? Have you ever forgotten to eat because you have been surrounded by tunes that take you away?

Now imagine you have had nothing to eat today. Would that same song come to you? Would you be able to forget that you are hungry?

In Lakewood there are people who are in need of food. Can they sing for their supper?

All these questions will continue

in our neighborhood for a while. The music faculty and students of Marrell Music will assist to make ends meet for our neighbors in need. A concert is in the works to offer gifts of music to support the hunger relief efforts of Trinity Lakewood Community Outreach.

An evening of solos, duets and ensembles will stir you. The Marrell Music makers will literally play their hearts out! You will leave filled with music from the heart to support food for the soul and the body.

A freewill offering will be collected. Seating will be first come first seated.

Trinity Lakewood Community Outreach serves FOUR hot meals a month, has a produce distribution in the summer months where 10-12K pounds of produce is given away, and grows organic vegetables right on the property in the Garden of Peace and Plenty. Over 150 volunteers assist in TLCO's programs. Info for you can be found at www.trinitylakewood.org or Facebook page: Trinity Lakewood Community Outreach.

Location of concert: Trinity Lutheran Church, 16400 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood. Thursday, May 16, 7 p.m. will be a good evening to put on your plate!

A Special Sunday At North Coast Health Ministry's Gospel Brunch

by Jeanine Gergel

Over 150 supporters turned out for North Coast Health Ministry's first-ever Gospel Brunch at Vosh Lakewood on Sunday, April 21, 2013. The joyous voices of Greater Cleveland gospel groups "One Voice" and "The Tralalas" rang from the rafters. Both groups donated their time and talents to benefit North Coast Health Ministry, the Lakewood-based charitable health center serving the low-income uninsured.



Above: Gospel music took center stage at Vosh for NCHM's fundraiser brunch.
Left: A group strikes a pose at the Gospel Brunch.



Below: Guests enjoy great food and great music for a great cause!





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Business News

10th Annual Taste Of Lakewood To Be Hosted By The Lakewood Chamber Of Commerce

by Valerie Mechenbier

The Lakewood Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that the 10th Annual Taste of Lakewood will be held on Sunday, June 2nd, 2013. This gala event, highlighting many of Lakewood's outstanding restaurants and food purveyors, will be held from 4:00–7:00 p.m. at the Lake Erie Building, Templar Industrial Park (commonly known as The Screw Factory), 13000 Athens Avenue in Lakewood.

The Taste of Lakewood, supported by our Caviar Sponsor Cleveland Magazine, has grown over the past nine years to become a regionally-recognized "Don't Miss" food event. The venue provides an opportunity to partner with the Screw Factory Artists, who will have their studios open during the event. Sample delicious food, enjoy live music, enter to win fabulous themed raffle baskets, visit open artists' studios - be a part of the 10th Annual Taste of Lakewood that will showcase 26 of Lakewood's award-winning food destinations!

New for the 10th Anniversary of the Taste of Lakewood: a "Beer Tastings & Pairings" VIP Hour from 3-4pm, presented by our VIP Sponsor Buckeye Brewing Company. Learn more about beer and food pairings as you sample

six unique craft beers from Buckeye Brewing, each carefully selected to complement delicious and flavorful foods from seven of Lakewood's best-known restaurants.

A portion of the proceeds from this event benefits the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce's scholarship fund, established to reward and assist

college-bound high school seniors from St. Edward and Lakewood High Schools.

Tickets are \$30 (VIP \$75) and are available at the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce (16017 Detroit Avenue) and Nature's Bin (18120 Sloane Avenue) in Lakewood, and also online at www.tasteoflakewood.com. Free park-

ing will be available at the east parking lot of the Lake Erie Building (corner of Halstead and Athens Avenues) and the municipal parking lot across the street. For more information about this gala event and to see the list of participating restaurants in this year's Taste of Lakewood, go to www.tasteoflakewood.com.

Layering Tax Efficient Investment Tools: Part 1

by Jonathan Clark

Part 1 of 2: Layering Tax Efficient Investment Tools might be a valuable strategy for portions of your wealth as we look into the future. There are a variety of tools that can lead to some sort of tax efficiency such as: IRAs, Roth IRAs, Roth Conversions, Tax-Free Municipal Bonds, Annuities, and Life Insurance. There is not a tax crystal ball to tell advisors and CPAs what the income tax structure will look like 10 years, 5 years, or even two years from now. What we do know is that we are currently at historically low tax rates and government debt continues to increase. A case can be made that potential tax increases in the future are a strong possibility. With that thought in mind, here are some strategies that in some cases can create tax flexibility

in the future.

IRA's, Pro: During your working years you might be in a position to set some excess money away for retirement. IRA's as well as other retirement plans offered through your employer allow you to set that excess money in a place where you won't pay tax on the contribution until you take it out. Although the initial tax deferral is a nice benefit, the real power comes from the compounding effect on the growth of the IRA. By compounding effect I mean the interest on the principal plus interest on the tax deferred growth. Con: Retirement accounts can grow to be quite substantial in size. At age 70 ½, the government requires that retirees start to take a minimum distribution from the total of their IRAs. At times that distribution may not be wanted because it could cause up to 85% of social security payments to be taxed. The other risk posed by IRA's tax deferral is the possibility of tax rates increasing in the future.

Roth IRA's, Pro: Like the IRA, Roth IRA's are contributed to during your working years. The choice here is the decision to pay income taxes on the contribution during the year it was earned. In exchange for paying income taxes now the Roth IRA will grow income tax free as long as certain rules are followed. This means that most distributions after age 59 ½ will be income tax free. Roth IRA's do not have a Required Minimum Distribution like the IRA. That is a crucial benefit during retirement. At your passing, heirs will have the option to keep the account as a Roth IRA. Con: Finding a con for the Roth IRA is challenging. One difficulty is having the cash flow to contribute to the Roth and pay income taxes. Also, if you have a higher income you will be phased out or not be permitted to contribute. Another thought, if the investment choice for the Roth IRA decreases in value, it is possible that you could end up paying taxes on money that you never get to

spend.

Roth Conversion, Pro: This was the hot topic a few years back. Roth Conversion is the ability to take all or a portion of an existing IRA, pay the taxes now and convert it to a Roth IRA. Example: In 2012, you had an IRA worth \$100,000 you decide to wave the wand and covert it to a Roth IRA. When filing your income taxes for 2012 you will need to add \$100,000 to your income taxes for the year. Wait 5 years before taking a distribution and you will have a tax-free Roth IRA. There are no Required Minimum Distributions once converted. If the \$100,000 grows to \$200,000 it is all tax-free. Con: In the example above, you would add \$100,000 to your 2012 income tax return.....ouch. There are ways to soften some of the tax burden, but that maybe the biggest mental roadblock when deciding to convert or not. Investment choice once converted is an important factor. Imagine paying taxes on \$100k in 2012 and then having that 100k worth only \$70k in 2014 because of a market downturn.

IRA's, Roth IRA's, and Roth Conversions are three tools if used correctly may add tax flexibility to your wealth. Age, current and future income, health, family, and account values collectively create a profile to guide you through the pros and cons of these tools. I do believe moving forward that some individuals and families that position parts of their wealth in tax efficient vehicles will find they will have more choices down the road when funds are needed for retirement. These strategies would likely work best with the help of a tax professional.

Part 2 of this article will address Municipal Bonds, Annuities, and Life Insurance as tax efficient alternatives.

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Business News

Lakewood's Cortney Kilbury Wins Inside Business's 2013 Athena Award

by Casey Ryan

Cortney Kilbury, a Lakewood resident since 2003, was recently named Inside Business Magazine's Athena Award winner for 2013. The Athena Award is given annually to one individual each from Cleveland and Akron (among other cities national and international) who has attained and embodies the highest level of professional excellence in their profession, has devoted time and energy to improve the quality of life for others in their community, and actively assists women in realizing their leadership potential. Ms. Kilbury received her award at Inside Business's Athena Awards dinner on May 2.

"I'm really honored to have won," Kilbury said. "Some pretty amazing people have won this award, and to be mentioned with them is really humbling to me."

Athena is the Greek goddess of wisdom, courage, and inspiration, and if you know anything at all about Cortney Kilbury, you realize the award is quite apropos. As Director of Marketing and Communications for Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority, Kilbury works on publications, organizes events, and serves as media spokesperson. She earned her Executive MBA at Cleveland State University in 2012 (while working full-time) and then became that program's spokeswoman as well as the youngest member of CMHA's executive leadership team. Kilbury works tirelessly to provide things like neighborhood computer labs, a Junior Olympics, and other community development projects, often in conjunction with other organizations such as the Cleveland Foodbank.

"I really love the work that we do," Kilbury says. "I know I'm in the right place because I'm making a difference with the people that we serve."

One of the people she is making a difference to is Shequetta Washington. The two met at a CMHA YouthBuild meeting, and have been close ever since. Kilbury is helping Washington develop and perfect her writing and acting skills, as well as obtain her GED.

"Her involvement in my life has basically meant the world to me," says Washington. "I want to have a name in the world and she's helping me do that. She's opening so many doors for me, and words cannot even explain how I appreciate her."

In addition to her work with CMHA, Kilbury is also a member of more than ten different local organizations and participates in numerous volunteer projects every year. She has organized food drives for the homeless, helped implement CMHA's Healthy Living Program, and mentored numerous interns and other young people.

But Kilbury's accomplishments are not limited to her professional life. She has run marathons, completed an Olympic distance triathlon, and done



Kilbury working with kids in the community.

zip-lining, scuba-diving, and hang-gliding. She lettered in volleyball, basketball, and softball in high school. While earning her Bachelors Degree at John Carroll University she played lacrosse and raced on the ski team. Kilbury still plays several sports and is an avid golfer. She participates in several charity runs and obstacle-course style runs each year, and is a member of CMHA's Corporate Challenge team. As we have lunch at the Winking Lizard on Detroit Road not far from her home, she downs water and lemonade as part of her training for the upcoming Rite-Aid half marathon.

"Gotta stay hydrated," she says.

Kilbury is also an accomplished artist, having done several commissioned pieces for various clients. Most notably, she was one of 60 Ohio artists chosen to design her own artwork using an electric guitar as a canvas for the Rock-and-Roll Hall of Fame and Museum. She used a fused glass process that produced a stunning and fully playable Gibson Epiphone electric guitar that was sold at a benefit auction for \$2000. She has also painted several outdoor murals for CMHA and local parks.

Much of her training for all those races and events is running along Lake Avenue and Edgewater Drive, close to the house she owns. And in addition to

the Winking Lizard, Kilbury enjoys so much of what is Lakewood – Buckeye Beer Engine ("love their burgers!"), Melt, Einstein's, and of course Angelo's Pizza. As an artist herself, she is a big fan of Beck Center and the work they do in and for Lakewood.

And later this year, after a trip to Peru to hike Machu Picchu, Kilbury will cross off one more continent of places to visit. She is an avid traveler, with the stamps of 25 countries on her passport including Italy, Egypt, the Netherlands, Australia, and the Phillipines. Antarctica remains, but, she says, "I may make it there too someday!"

One might think a person with so many accomplishments, honors, goals, and experiences would be a hard-driving, type-A personality. But Ms. Kilbury is anything but. She is ambitious and

confident and goal-oriented, but also approachable, respectful, and a genuine pleasure to be around. She credits her family for her drive and success. She says she knew early on she didn't need to be a doctor or teacher or minister to help people or have a positive influence on others. Her mother was a school principal, is currently a professor in Las Vegas with her doctorate and a recently published book to her credit. Her father runs his own successful home building and renovating business.

"They were always very supportive and encouraged me to do my best at whatever I did, sports, art, whatever it was, they encouraged and supported me," Kilbury says.

As a result, despite her numerous honors and accomplishments, people are what matter most to her.

"Relationships are more important to me than anything," she says.



Cortney Kilbury and Shequetta Washington at the Athena Awards Banquet.

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Although days honoring motherhood have possibly been known in the world since time immemorial, the first known American commemoration occurred in 1908 through the efforts of one Anna Jarvis. Jarvis had wanted to honor her own mother, who had worked in the areas of sanitation and assistance for wounded Civil War soldiers. Anna's mother had organized

“Mother's Day Work Clubs” for those purposes back then. Ironically, in her later years Anna Jarvis reportedly disapproved of the commercialization of the holiday.

Another famous woman, Julia Ward Howe (composer of the words for the “Battle Hymn of the Republic”), had written a “Mother's Day Proclamation” in 1870 encouraging peace on earth, although she was unable to attain official recognition for a “Mother's Day for Peace.”

In 1914, the United States Congress passed a law declaring the second

by Gary Rice

Sunday in May to be Mother's Day. An older tradition from England had been known as Mothering Sunday.

Traditionally, carnations have been worn in many churches on the occasion of Mother's Day. Red carnations were worn by those whose mothers were still living, and white ones were worn by those whose mothers had passed on.

In The Pulse Of The City, we spend a great deal of time discussing the various issues and people impacting our lives in different ways. I can think of nothing that has a greater

impact on our lives than the influence of our mothers.

While most of us probably have endearing memories of our childhood, it should be noted, with sorrow, that some people do not share such memories. They might not have experienced the love and support of a caring mom, for any number of reasons. My heart goes out to those people. For those others whose loving mothers have passed on, my heart goes out to them too, for I am in that category.

I was one who had a beautiful mother, Betty Rice, who was the light of my life. She's been gone nearly nine years now, but she lives in every thought that I have and action that I do. Our life together was a precious blessing. The wonderful lessons that she brought to my life will always be with me.

Happy Mother's Day to all of the mothers who share the pulse of this city. The rest of us would not even be here without you.

Rotary Foundation Awards Over \$40,000

by Lynn Donaldson

Over \$40,000 from the Lakewood-Rocky River Rotary Foundation will be used to provide scholarships, recognize student achievement, purchase dictionaries, and fund grant requests made by Lakewood and Rocky River community organizations.

The awards focused on three main areas – community health and wellness, food and nutrition, and programs that encourage and foster youth leadership.

The Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River began presenting the awards on March 25, when student winners in the club's annual speech, music and art competition were rec-

ognized at an awards ceremony and reception at the Beck Center.

The Beck Center's visual arts program also received \$2,500 for club-sponsored scholarships, and \$1,300 was used to continue the club's commitment to provide a dictionary to every third grader in Lakewood and Rocky River.

Other grants for youth-related programs were awarded to: Mathew's Lending Library, Lakewood Community Recreation, H2O (Help to Others), and the American Youth Foundation programs at Lakewood and Rocky River high schools.

This year's largest grant of \$5,000 was awarded to Lakewood Community Ser-

vices Center for building modifications to accommodate its mental health services and outreach. Cornucopia Inc. (Nature's Bin) was awarded \$3,000 for assist with expansion of its job training program.

Providence House will receive \$2,500 for its medical crisis nursery.

Additional community service grants were awarded to: North Coast Health Ministry, Lakewood Hospital Foundation, Trinity Lutheran Community Outreach, Rocky River Assistance Program, Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corp., and Lakewood Meals on Wheels.

The club Foundation's assets grow each year as the result of gifts, donations and bequests by members and friends of the club.

The local club was chartered in 1926. Rotary International is the world's first service club organization, with more than 1.2 million members in 33,000 clubs in more than 160 countries worldwide. RI's polio eradication project, begun in 1985, has eliminated polio in all but four countries, the lowest occurrence of polio in history.



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Lakewood Living

Lakewood High School Grad Fights Hunger One Meal At A Time

by Julia Millman

A typical college class consists of lectures, quizzes, exams, and lots of homework. And while that classroom drudgery is necessary and rewarding, Julia Millman, a 2009 graduate of Lakewood High School, is enrolled in a much more hands-on and unique class called Projects in Marketing

The class has organized into a working marketing agency, called ProsInMotion, and is working with Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank to take a significant bite out of hunger.

According to Julia, “I used to think food banks were small time operations run out of someone’s garage, but after a visit to the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank my outlook changed completely.”

Feeding over 120,000 people in the Pittsburgh area each month, the Food Bank is a the largest food assistance agency in southwestern Pennsylvania. After learning how many people--children, seniors and working families-- go hungry in this area, ProsInMotion decided it wanted to take action against hunger and encourage the rest of the Pitt campus to get involved as well.

Julia, a member of the Pros In



Julia Millman at Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank.

Motion Public Relations Department, has collaborated with the class on YouTube videos, print advertisements, campaign events, media relations, social media and various guerilla marketing tactics as part of an overall integrated marketing campaign titled “One Meal at a Time.”

“There is often a feeling among students that a small donation isn’t enough or there is just not enough time to help. One Meal at a Time expresses the sentiment that anyone can help and

that it is simple, effective and rewarding,” Millman says.

The One Meal at a Time campaign has involved students from all over campus in an effort to raise awareness, donations, and hopefully ongoing student involvement. Thousands of members of the Pitt community have joined the “Hunger Squad,” an action-oriented super-group of college students, faculty, and staff who have banded together to fight hunger in the Greater Pittsburgh area.

The Food Bank asked the agency to devise a series of unique campaign tactics to draw the attention and interest of Gen Y. The Hunger Squad Cooking Competition, an Iron Chef-style event, featured student organizations using typical Food Bank items to concoct delicious meals. ProsInMotion also hosted Hunger

Squad in the Quad, an interactive event that attracted thousands of students and involved games, food, fun, and plenty of information about the Food Bank.

Bag drops both on and off Pitt’s campus have raised significant donations. Bags were left on door handles encouraging residents to fill the bags with food donations and leave them out to be collected by the Hunger Squad. Students also collected donations at Pittsburgh Pirates and Pittsburgh Penguins games.

Through various media outreach tactics, the class’s efforts have been highlighted on local Pittsburgh television and in newspapers. Because of its exposure to the ProsInMotion campaign, the Community Relations department at the University of Pittsburgh has reached out to the class for ways to make the cause of ending hunger a permanent presence on Pitt’s campus.

Through hard work and dedication to the cause, the students have become very involved with the issue of hunger and hope to carry on the One Meal at a Time sentiment even after the campaign is over. By the end of the semester, ProsInMotion estimates that it will have collected nearly \$7,000.00 and close to 1,000 pounds of food.

For more information about One Meal at a Time, please visit our website, onemealpitt.com, and like and follow its Facebook and Twitter accounts!

Together, we can help end hunger... One Meal at a Time!

Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast At New Location May 19

by Gordon Brumm

The Lakewood Kiwanis Breakfast on May 19 will be at new location this year- Lakewood Catholic Academy.

What season is Lakewood Kiwanis season? It’s a trick question: Kiwanis offers a different fund-raising event every season. Spring, specifically the balmy but exhilarating month of May,

belongs to the French Toast and Pancake Breakfast.

Although this event has been presented unchanged for many years, it will take place at a new location this year, namely, Lakewood Catholic Academy, 14808 Lake Avenue, just to the west of Lakewood park. The day is Sunday, May 19. The time is 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The menu features pancakes (regular or blueberry), French toast, sausages, juice and coffee. For French toast and pancakes, the “all you can eat” sign is out.

Tickets are \$7.00 apiece, and can be purchased from any Lakewood Kiwanian or at the door. Children 5 and under are admitted free. Proceeds go entirely to Lakewood Kiwanis community projects.

We Lose Another Good One Mark M. Breck

by David Slife

Mark M. Breck, age 54, Beloved son of Doris (nee Wojciechowski) and the late Harlan. Loving brother of Bill (Debi), Jim (Debbie), Chris (Jana), Kathleen (Joe) Thuener, Mary Jo (Mark) Garner, and Rev. Steven Breck. Beloved uncle of 5 nieces and 5 nephews, and great uncle of 2. Very dear friend of Weezie & Ziggy.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105, or the Cleveland Animal Protective League, 1729 Willey Ave., Cleveland, Oh 44113.

Mark will be fondly remembered by numerous customers & employees from Slife Heating & Cooling and William E Donnelly, where he was a dedicated employee for many years.

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Lakewood Living

Hens In Lakewood Is Your Liaison From Coop To Kitchen

by julia Toke

More than 70 Lakewood residents recently gathered at a public forum held on Sunday April 28th, 2013 at Lakewood Public Library. Attendees heard a proposed ordinance presented by the Hens In Lakewood, to legalize a limited number of small backyard hen flocks for personal, non-commercial use. Hens in Lakewood, presented in-depth research and a detailed outline for the proposed ordinance. Speakers at the forum included experienced hen keepers, agriculture education specialists, and realtors, all of whom answered audience questions.

Currently ordinance 505.01 prohibits hens in the City of Lakewood. The mission of the Hens in Lakewood is to propose a new ordinance creating a city based application and approval process that would issue revocable permits to a limited number of residents to raise hens within the city limits of Lakewood. The ordinance if passed would initially allow twelve Lakewood households to raise between one and eight hens. After the initial three years the total number of people allowed to own hens would be thirty-six out of fifty-two thousand Lakewood residents. These approved residents would be required to get training, submit a quality site plan, and be subject to demonstrate the ability to maintain a clean, odor-free, and humane site.

Cities as large as New York, Chicago and San Francisco and as small as Hudson, Ohio allow hen keeping. Eggs produced by hens in backyards are organic and hormone-free. Backyard hens tend to eat a more natural diet, including greens and insects. Their eggs have yolks that are brighter yellow or orange, have a firmer texture, and have a taste that is fresher and more delicious than any egg from a grocery store—including organic store-bought eggs. An egg from a backyard hen has the



Residents attending the forum at Lakewood Public Library.

same superiority in taste over a store-bought egg just as a backyard tomato at the peak of ripeness has over a store-bought tomato in January. “Hens in Lakewood is your liaison from coop to kitchen.” If you are interested in more information about the ordinance or the

group Hens in Lakewood please email: aprilstoltz@sbcglobal.net
Media inquires please contact is Julia Toke: 216-535-9152 - hensinlakewoodPR@gmail.com
If you would like hens to be raised in Lakewood please email or call your city council person.

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Hen Hopeful: Maggie Parks

by Annie Stahlheber

Happy spring from the Hens in Lakewood Committee! We are highlighting another fine Lakewood “hen hopeful” so that Lakewood neighbors can learn about who wants hens and why. Here is another wonderful Lakewood native sharing her point of view on the popular issue of responsible hen-keeping in Lakewood.

What street do you live on?
Cranford Ave.

How long have you lived in

Lakewood?
I grew up in Lakewood and moved back in 2011.

Why do you choose to live in Lakewood?
I live in Lakewood for a few reasons. I grew up here and loved it, and I still think Lakewood has the best features compared to the rest of the west side suburbs. I like that Lakewood is socioeconomically and culturally diverse, and that nearly everything I need is biking distance. Also, I’ve got a big backyard for gardening and wonderful neighbors.

Why do you want to raise hens in Lakewood?
I want to live in a more sustainable way. Chickens are great for the garden and reduce landfill waste. Their eggs are healthier than factory-raised chickens



Maggie Parks, a Cranford Avenue resident and Hen Hopeful.

and far tastier. I’m also completing my schooling to be a biology teacher, and I think chickens could be useful as a tool for teaching sustainability to high school students and the community in general.

Why do you think Lakewood is a community that should allow responsible hen keeping?
Hens are quiet, clean, and have almost no odor if kept properly. They are great for community building and foster conversation among neighbors. Also, they are incredibly beneficial to the soil and eat ticks and other pests.

Do you want to mention anything else?
I think Lakewood needs to keep up with the times. Many countries and cities officially recommend keeping chickens for numerous reasons. I think we should at least start the pilot program so the residents of Lakewood can see for themselves that hens are a fantastic idea that will benefit our community.



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Market Update:

What's Hot In Lakewood Real Estate

by Chris Bergin

It's May 7th, and the Lakewood Real Estate Market remains active with single family homes in demand. Currently there are only 96 homes for sale in the market. So where could we use more inventory? I'll tell you in a moment...

Currently there are 65 homes under contract. The breakdown:

- 35% under \$100,000
- 35% between \$100 - \$150,000

- 17% between \$150 - \$200,000
- 12% over \$200,000

Year to date 119 homes have sold and transferred. The breakdown:

- 44% under \$100,000
- 28% between \$100 - \$150,000
- 17% between \$150 - \$200,000
- 11% over \$200,000

Of the 119 homes sold since January 1st, nearly 30% have sold AT or OVER list price! Yes, we are seeing multiple offers and sales over list price

once again in all price points.

So, where could we use more inventory? Of the 96 homes for sale on the market, there are:

- 35% under \$100,000
- 39% between \$100 - \$150,000
- 13% between \$150 - \$200,000
- 14% over \$200,000

There is a shortage of quality inventory between \$150 - \$200,000. We typically see an increase in inventory each month starting in February, with

a peak in July/August. If you recall from past articles however, we have been hovering around the 100 market each and every month this year. Quality homes, priced appropriately, are selling quickly.

Now is the time to contact a professional and see how your home stacks up in the current market. You may be surprised by the results. As I've said before, your home may be worth more than you think. I've been asked often lately if now is a good time to try a "For Sale By Owner"? My response....."No way!" With nearly 30% of sales going at or over list price sellers need to expose their home to as many buyers as possible to realize the best and highest offer. Having a professional provide maximum market exposure is the only assurance you will get true market value for your home.

So whether you've been wondering if now is the right time to sell, or if you just want to see how your home would stack up against the competition, contact a professional and ask for a Highest Price Analysis. And remember, you can always track home values and neighborhood activity at www.HomeValuesInLakewood.info.

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It's Time To Stop And Smell The Rose Garden!

by J R Pandy

Roses are awesome plants with many rewards for their owners: rose plantings last for many years and are beautiful, fragrant and available in a myriad of colors.

With so many varieties, choosing one can be a little thorny! Seven different types of rose bushes are available. Hybrid tea are single stem beauties, like what you would see at a florist. Floribundas are bushy shrubs with flowers on every stem instead of just one. Grandifloras are single stem roses with multiple flowers. Climbers are more aggressive and, with a little help, can be trained over an arbor or on a trellis or fence. Miniatures are hardy little plants that do well in containers or small spaces. Tree roses are typically grafted onto a stem and resemble a lollipop and can be quite stunning. Last, but certainly not least, are the shrub and groundcover roses. These low-maintenance shrubs come in many colors and are blooming machines. Mine actually bloomed through mid-December this past year and were

covered with flowers.

Roses need sun and a minimum of 5-6 hours is best. A well-drained soil and fertilizer are required for optimum performance. Feed your roses approximately every 6 weeks with rose tone fertilizer. This all-organic slow-release provides all the minerals and nutrients they crave.


When blossoms fade, remove spent flowers and prune above the first 5-leaf set below the flower. This is the best area to prune to encourage more blossoms. Use a bypass pruner to make a clean cut so you are not tearing the stem. Wear gloves, as most roses do have thorns and could scratch you. Other tips you should consider when dealing with roses are to water in early morning and try to avoid wetting the leaves. Roses can get black spot (a fungal disease) or powdery mildew and you should never let water set on the leaves overnight.

My father always taught me that an ounce of protection is worth a pound of cure. I love a product by Bayer called All in One for roses. This product pro-

TECTS plants from disease and insects for up to 6 weeks. Simply mix 2 ounces in a gallon of water and dump on the roots of your plant. The active ingredient will systemically be taken up throughout plant and you will be protected for a month and a half. A little charge of fertilizer helps speed the uptake in the plant. I would still recommend the rose tone in addition to All in One for roses. This tag team combo will assure you have awesome roses for years to come!

Enjoy!

J R Pandy is the "No BS Gardener" at Pandy's Premier Garden Center. For answers to questions, email JR@pandys-gardencenter.com



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