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Issue 84: Let's Finish The Job

by Christina McCallum

My sons were toddlers when I first began attending meetings about Lakewood City Schools' Master Facilities Plan. Now they attend Lakewood High School and Garfield Middle School. In the last 10 years, they have benefited from the Schools' excellent staff and learned in a variety of school facilities, from new buildings completed in building phases I and II to the open

classroom model of Grant Elementary to the trailers at Grant and LHS.

Now is the time to complete the construction program and rebuild Grant, Lincoln, and Roosevelt Elementary Schools and complete Lakewood High School by rebuilding its east side. It is time to finish the job and vote "Yes" on Issue 84 this November 5.

Your "yes" vote will help

secure \$50 million from the state. This money is finally available to our community after years of waiting. We need to take advantage of it while it's there to be used.

Money generated from our local bond issue may only be used for construction. This is true not only of the 3.25 mill bond issue, but also for the 0.5 mill permanent improvement levy. All the money will be used for construction of new buildings and their maintenance.

Your "yes" vote in November will create schools that are more environmentally friendly and energy-efficient in the long term than the buildings they will replace. Additionally, the new buildings will provide improved classroom spaces for students. This means no more modular units at LHS. This means no more "open" classrooms like those found at Grant. This means no more trips to the basement by students and teachers when temperatures climb above 90 degrees because classrooms are too uncomfortable.

Lastly, your "yes" vote contributes to the overall attractiveness of Lakewood as a place to live. Yes, Lakewood

has been rated the best place to buy an old home and the best place to raise your kids. Prospective homebuyers may take note of those accolades. However, they will certainly take notice if all of our schools are new. New schools are not only a selling point to young families,

but are also an asset to those who have lived in Lakewood for decades. New schools will signal our community's desire to invest in itself for the long term, both in its infrastructure and in its children.

Now is the time to vote YES for Issue 84.

Inaugural Spotlight Fundraising Gala Raffle And Auction At Beck Center

by Pat Miller

Beck Center's landmark 80th anniversary season is well underway and less than a month remains until the inaugural Spotlight fundraising gala on October 19.

Since 1933, Beck Center has been creating art experiences for all ages, and this celebration looks forward to creating them for eighty more. With this in mind, the Spotlight gala will not only honor the past and celebrate Beck Center's future, but will also aim to raise vital funds for the programming that this community has come to love. This event includes cocktails, a plated dinner, live entertainment featuring the Moss Stanley Quintet, and a musical program featuring Rebecca Pitcher who starred as Christine Daaé in Broadway's The Phantom of the Opera.

A number of exciting items will be raffled off throughout the evening including a 50/50 Raffle sponsored by Sky Zone, tickets for which are now avail-



able online. Other raffle items only available that evening include a fishing trip, diamond jewelry donated by Broestl & Wallis, and a liquor cabinet sponsored by Beck Center's Board of Directors.

Later, you can take another chance at winning during the Live Auction. Many exciting packages are available including a trip to Le Maison de Smith, a renovated abode

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Help LHS Win \$10,000!

by Christine Gordillo

Lakewood High School is participating in the Safe Driver Pledge contest through Brunswick Auto Mart and has a chance to win the grand prize of \$10,000. The school that lands in second place will receive \$5,000. Nearly 60 schools in Northeast Ohio are competing.

You can vote only once per email, and voting ends November 3 at midnight. Help our community encourage safe driving and perhaps earn some money for our high school to boot!

Vote now at www.safedriverpledge.com.

National Merit Semifinalists Lead List Of LHS Academic Honors



Lakewood High School's National Merit Scholars (from left): Commended Scholar Hugh Campbell, Semifinalists Sarah Neff and Aidan Howell, Commended Scholars Colin Levis and Zachary Sanderson.

by Christine Gordillo

The National Merit Scholarship program and AP Scholar honorees have been announced and once again LHS has its share of

top academic performers, including two National Merit Semifinalists, four National Merit Commended Scholar and 79 AP Scholars, including **continued on page 8**

November 5, 2013 General Election

by Patrick O'Malia

Voters in all of Cuyahoga County's municipalities will be included in the November 5th General Election. Municipal, Judicial, and School Board candidates are on the ballot as well as County and local issues.

To avoid lines on Election Day, and to allow extra time to study the ballot, all registered voters may Vote by Mail. Vote by Mail ballot applications are available at the Board of Elections website:

www.443VOTE.com, by calling the Board of Elections at 216-443-VOTE, and at all public libraries.

It is important for all voters to be prepared to cast their ballots. The voter registration deadline is October 7th. Voters who have moved or changed their name since they last voted need to complete and return a new Voter Registration Card.

Voters who are interested in serving as poll workers may call 216-443-VOTE.

Grace Avenue Residents: "We Are Really Here About The Truck Traffic"

by Peter Grossetti

More than two dozen people attended the September 30 Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss concerns related to the new Discount Drug Mart on the corner of Grace and Detroit Avenues.

The Committee addressed this issue in response to an August 8 letter from Council

President Brian Powers (at-large) indicating that a group of Grace Avenue residents feel that Drug Mart has "adversely and permanently altered the character and livability of Grace Avenue."

Powers said, "it is not my intention to go back over a year or two of history and debate that has already happened; my **continued on page 2**

1st Beer And Wine Festival A Success



This past weekend, LakewoodAlive staged the first Lakewood Beer and Wine Festival. The place was packed! Good work Ken Brand and everyone at LakewoodAlive.

Lakewood Observer

LOKOL Looks At "Move To Amend" Local Affiliate's Activities

by Peter Grossetti

The Lakewood affiliate of Move To Amend will update the community on their recent activities during our next LOKOL Public Forum on Friday, October 11 at 7 p.m. Join local and state Move To Amend members in Lakewood Public Library's Multipurpose Room for an informational presentation and Q&A and discussion session.

Move to Amend is a coalition of hundreds of organizations and tens of thousands of individuals committed to social and economic justice, ending corporate rule, and building a vibrant democracy that is genuinely accountable to the people, not corporate interests. According to its website (www.moveto-amend.org), they seek an amendment to the United States Constitution to unequivocally state that inalienable rights belong to human beings only, and that money is not a form of protected free speech under the First Amendment and can be regulated in political campaigns.

The forum will include the showing of a nine-minute video "The Story

of Citizens United vs FEC." The film will be followed by a discussion of the implication of money in politics, as well as an update on Lakewood City Council referral of a citizens' initiative seeking passage of a city ordinance to create an annual Democracy Day in Lakewood to the Rules and Ordinances Committee for consideration.

Our LOKOL (Lakewood Observer Know Our Lakewood) Public Forum Series is designed to help The Lakewood Observer Project reach our mission: "to attract, articulate, and amplify civic intelligence and community good will in the city of Lakewood and beyond," and our goal: "to help Lakewood residents and neighbors learn as much as possible about the city."

Any Lakewood civic entity, non-profit organization, or special interest group interested in participating in our LOKOL Series should contact Peter Grossetti, Associate Editor at petergrossetti@hotmail.com. Input and suggestions from Lakewood residents on possible topics to be presented is highly encouraged.

Hot Off The Deck

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LAKWOOD DISCUSSION

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Grace Avenue Residents: "We Are Really Here ...

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hope is to hear from my council colleagues, residents of Grace, Drug Mart representatives, and the Mayor and his administration so we can move this dialogue forward."

Grace Avenue residents presented their concerns: Colleen Cotter emphasized references from Planning Commission meeting transcripts in which both Drug Mart and Commission members assured residents that delivery trucks wouldn't use Grace as the main access route to the store. She added that not only is the number of trucks an issue, but their size and the fact that they often sit idling is a major concern.

"We are here because of what we feel are broken promises," Cotter said, "and these unkept promises have had wide-ranging quality of life consequences."

The 2+ hour meeting included discussions about encroaching fences, invasive parking lot lights and decreased property values. Tammy Hanson read a

letter from a former Grace Avenue resident who left Lakewood over this issue. Grace resident Mark Buckley summed up the group's concerns: "We are really here about the truck traffic."

Drug Mart Construction Manager Tim Moran said, "We want to be good neighbors. And we feel we have been throughout this entire process." He indicated that Drug Mart would commission a third-party traffic study and present it at the December Planning Commission meeting.

Mayor Summers said, "The issues we're talking about tonight are not unique to Grace Avenue. This is a city-wide issue that includes a balancing act between design and activity. Many stores in Lakewood have deliveries made in the rear ... and often via residential streets."

Summers will lead an effort to ensure that all parties involved will be involved in this discussion and said that he looked forward to those meetings.

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City News

City Considers Buying McKinley Elementary

by Christopher Bindel

Council President Brian Powers called the September 16, 2013 meeting of Council to order at 7:32 P.M. His first order of business was to excuse the absence of Councilwoman Monique Smith, which Council did.

Councilwoman Mary Louise Madigan (Ward IV) then asked Council to consider passing a resolution thanking the people of Cliffs Natural Resources for all their volunteer work in Lakewood. Cliffs collaborated with Lakewood Alive on June 21, 2013 for Cliffs Cares Day of Service. More than 800 hours of volunteer time and \$6,000 in supplies were donated to improve Lakewood. Efforts in the Birdtown neighborhood included transforming a vacant lot by removing almost 70 pounds of brush, planting four trees and building a decorative fence. Throughout the rest of the city volunteers painted two houses and made improvements to the Lakewood Park Skate House, the Oldest Stone House, and the Nicholson House. Cliffs

Natural Resources total investment was more than \$20,000. Councilwoman Madigan said she is very grateful for their support and service and would like to thank them all for their hard work.

Before voting on the resolution a few people wish to make statements. The first was the Director of Lakewood Alive, Ian Andrews, who said he couldn't thank them enough. He said they were great partners to work with and that everyone showed up ready to work, and work hard they did.

Councilman Brian Powers (At-Large) said he really appreciates Cliffs. He said they are a great corporate citizen and that they do good all over which is something to respect, but that he is particularly thankful for good they have done in Lakewood this year.

Councilman David Anderson said, "Someone once said anyone can be great because anyone can serve, so

thank you for choosing to be great in Lakewood."

Mayor Summers said it is to be admired how Cliffs is able to come to town and create such "a whirlwind of activity and leave with such an astonishing improvement." He said he is very grateful and that the city will look upon them fondly for years to come.

Council then passed the resolution and gave a copy to the representatives of Cliffs Natural Resources that were present.

Next Mayor Summers asked Council to consider an ordinance that would allow the city to buy the shuttered McKinley Elementary School from the Lakewood School Board. The reason for the purchase is due to the restrictions that are put on selling schools. The restrictions require that an appraisal be done on a school and that any purchase of that school

has to be made within one year of that appraisal otherwise another appraisal needs to be done before a sale can happen. Due to the lengthy process of property sales this is often an arduous process, delaying, and sometimes even preventing the sale of schools. The City and the School Board have come to the agreement to allow the City to buy the school to avoid these issues. The City can avoid many of the issues that make property sales a drawn-out process, therefore taking a position before the expiration of the current appraisal. The City then can market and sell the property in a normal time frame without the obstacle of appraisal. The City and the School Board are aiming to sell the property to a developer that will create single-level residences which the city is lacking, and which is needs, considering the aging population.

Council referred the matter to the Finance Committee to be considered.

Director of Planning and Development, Dru Siley, then informed Council that the City would be accepting additional grant funds awarded to the City through Cuyahoga County NSP III program. In 2011 the City was awarded an initial \$250,000 dollars to acquire, rehab and sell a minimum of three houses in Lakewood's NSP III area identified by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Each city that was awarded these funds were required to use them by a deadline. Lakewood has been very efficient with the dollars given to us so of the funds taken back from the cities that didn't use them, Lakewood will receive an additional \$49,500. These funds will go towards rehabbing 1617 Alameda and must be expended by November 15, 2013.

The last item on the agenda was a last-minute add-on. Council was to consider a resolution supporting Lakewood Senior Citizen Inc. and Cleveland Housing Network Inc.'s application to the Ohio development Service Agency for an allocation of an Ohio Historic Preservation Tax credit for the rehabilitation for the Westerly III senior living housing. Coming up on its 50th birthday, the Westerly III could use some generous investment to keep it up-to-date and in good working order. With rehabs being quite costly the Historic Preservation Tax Credit was applied for to help make these improvements. With a quick approaching deadline the ordinance was added at the last minute and was requested to be passed on its first reading. Council did so.

Although you might, like Director Siley said, debate the significance of mid-century modern architecture, the Westerly fills a much needed housing niche in the city of Lakewood. It is important to the seniors of Lakewood and therefore important for the city to help support it.

Coming to the end of the agenda item, Council President Powers adjourned the meeting at 8:24 P.M.

Great Turnout For The Lakewood Community Festival

by Susan Butler

The 26th annual Lakewood Community Festival was held Saturday, September 7, 2013. The festivities started at 11 a.m. and continued to 5 p.m. at Madison Park. Each year the festival celebrates community, cultural heritage, friends and families. It was a day of fantastic food, fun, entertainment and activities for everyone. There were craft and game booths, a bounce house, an obstacle course, pony rides by Ponytail Farms, we were visited by the Alpacas from the Starburst Suri Alpaca Ranch and there were plenty of games for the children.

Also, part of the festivities was a wide variety of delectable foods including stuffed cabbage, pierogies, potato cakes, cabbage and noodles, kielbasa and sauerkraut, pizza, french fries and funnel cakes, just to name a few. An assortment of traditional ethnic baked goods and other desserts were available.

The weather was very cooperative this year and provided a beautiful, warm, sunny day for this traditional end of summer event!

Entertainment on the tennis court

started off with The Lakewood Recreation Department Tap Dancers, followed by Silhouette Dance Studio dancers. The bands started up with Edelweiss 5 around noon. They were followed by The Birdtown Boys, The Polka Pirates and The Riley

Brothers Band. 2 Guys/12 Strings finished up the entertainment for the day. Other entertainment throughout the park during the day included The Saint Ignatius Circus Company (Jugglers), The Lake Erie Science and Nature Center, photo booths, corn hole and more.

The festival, sponsored by the Lakewood Community Festival, Inc. and the City of Lakewood, is traditionally the last event of the summer. Proceeds from the festival will be donated to various local, non-profit,



Alpacas courtesy of the Starburst Suri Alpaca Ranch - a long time favorite at the festival.

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Lakewood Public Library

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Wednesday, October 2

Lakewood Historical Society: Ohio’s Katrina: The Great Easter Flood of 1913

It was the most widespread natural disaster in the history of the United States, claiming more than a thousand lives over fifteen states. The Great Easter Flood of 1913 gutted the industrial north, wreaking havoc on railroads, bridges, dams, telephone and telegraph communications, steel mills and water treatment plants—not to mention countless homes. Author Trudy Bell recounts those calamitous days in searing detail, including the story of the Clevelanders who rallied from their own misfortune to be the first responders in hard-hit Dayton.

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

Friday, October 4

Muslim Journeys: Muhammad: A Very Short Introduction

A Book Discussion with Dr. Jonathan A.C. Brown, Associate Professor of Islamic Studies and Muslim-Christian Understanding at Georgetown University

As the founder of Islam, a religion with over one billion followers, Muhammad is beyond all doubt one of the most influential figures in world history. But learning about his life and understanding his importance has always proven difficult, as our only source of knowledge comes from the biography of him written by his followers, the reliability of which has been questioned by Western scholars. This remarkable volume serves as a superb introduction to the major aspects of Muhammad’s life, providing both Muslim and Western historical perspectives. It explains the prominent roles that Muhammad’s persona has played in the Islamic world throughout history, from the medieval to the modern period. The book also sheds light on modern controversies such as the Satanic Verses, for which author Salman Rushdie was condemned for blasphemy and the uproar over Danish cartoons of Muhammad, which triggered violent protests around the world. As these recent events show, whatever the truth about Muhammad’s life, his persona still plays a crucial role in Muslim life and civilization.

Plus Tour of The Turkish American Cultural Center with Light Refreshments from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Turkish American Cultural Center

13303 Madison Ave, Lakewood, OH

Saturday, October 5

Lakewood Public Cinema: “Our Idiot Brother” (2011)

Directed by Jess Peretz

Ned isn’t just another stoner and this isn’t just another drug-addled comedy for the reality-impaired, despite what the trailers would have you believe. While it’s true that our hero begins the story getting arrested in the friendliest, most cordial drug bust ever filmed, he goes down for all the right reasons. That’s because Ned believes in people and takes them at their word—a classic recipe for disaster. Forced to serve out his probation in the arms of his reluctant but loving family, he turns the lives of his successful sisters upside down, one after another, with his special brand of wide-eyed honesty and integrity. With genuine big heart and big laughs, Our Idiot Brother shows that sometimes the screw-up of the family is the wisest of them all... That said, forget about all that drama stuff. This movie is screamingly funny, too!

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

Sunday, October 6

Sunday with the Friends: The Squirrel Hillbillies

From deep within the urban forest of Pittsburgh’s East End, the Squirrel Hillbillies emerge to share their eclectic mix of folk, country and blues. The duo has been writing and performing original music since 2010, with recent appearances at the Three Rivers Arts Festival, the Pittsburgh International Children’s Festival and the Folk Alliance International’s annual conference. Through a collaborative, nonlinear songwriting process, duo partners Jenny Wolsk Bain and Gary Crouth draw from personal experiences, third-hand stories and vivid imaginations to craft songs that are unpredictable and quirky, yet widely accessible.

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

Tuesday, October 8

Attacking Writer’s Block

The hardest part of writing is getting started. You sit in front of the computer screen watching the cursor blink. It’s taunting you, like a shard of glass in your finger that you just can’t see. It’s almost daring you to write while simultaneously distracting you from doing so. In this experimental seminar, professional writer Susan Fox provides simple techniques to demolish the mental blocks that are holding you back from writing your novel. Learn to feel good about sharing your poems and stories. Shut down that critical voice in your head that only wants to focus on why you can’t write. Join your fellow aspiring writers for sixty minutes of fun and make your breakthrough today.

Space is limited. Call (216) 226-8275, ext. 127 to register.

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

Wednesday, October 9

Ask the Pharmacist

Do you have questions about your medications and how they might interact with the vitamins and supplements you’re taking? Come and talk to a professional pharmacist from the Northern Ohio Academy of Pharmacy. Please bring a list of all your current medications and a smile for the volunteers.

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room

Meet the Author:

“Fundamental Acting: A Practical Guide” by Paul Kuritz

Aimed at the beginning acting student, this book by the renowned professor, playwright and director of stage and screen takes a commonsense approach to the craft. Building on basic techniques in the first section, it proceeds to tackle two distinct types of theater—comedy and Shakespearean verse. Core acting techniques are introduced through a series of simple exercises. One chapter on verse analyzes accent and rhythm with examples of dialogue that clarify difficult concepts while another chapter runs through fifteen comic situations that might come in handy in anybody’s life. Additional sections filled with warm-up exercises, guidelines for dialects and stage terminology add general usefulness to this indispensable volume. Whether you are pursuing a career onstage or simply curious about the creative contributions made by actors, this evening with one of Lakewood’s newest residents is sure to illuminate and entertain. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

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

Thursday, October 10

Meet the Author: “Tampa: A Novel” by Alissa Nutting

Not only is Alissa Nutting, an assistant professor of creative writing at John Carroll University and the author of the award-winning collection of stories Unclean Jobs for Women and Girls, a Lakewood author, but much of her highly-anticipated debut novel was written here at the Library!

For a junior high English teacher, Celeste Price is undeniably hot. She drives a red Corvette with tinted windows. Her husband, Ford, is rich, square-jawed, and devoted to her. But Celeste’s devotion lies elsewhere. She has a singular sexual obsession—fourteen-year-old boys—and the luscious and naïve Jack Patrick is more than willing to accept her terms for a secret relationship. Ever mindful of the risk of exposure, insatiable Celeste flies over each hurdle with swift thinking and shameless determination. In slaking her sexual thirst, she proves that she is remorseless, a monstress driven by pure motivation. She deceives everyone, and cares nothing for anyone or anything but her own pleasure. And the clock is ticking on the last innocent moments of Jack’s remaining boyhood... With crackling, rampantly unadulterated prose, Tampa is a grand, uncompromising, seriocomic examination of want and a scorching literary debut. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

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

Saturday, October 12

Learning Lab Classes: Internet Skills

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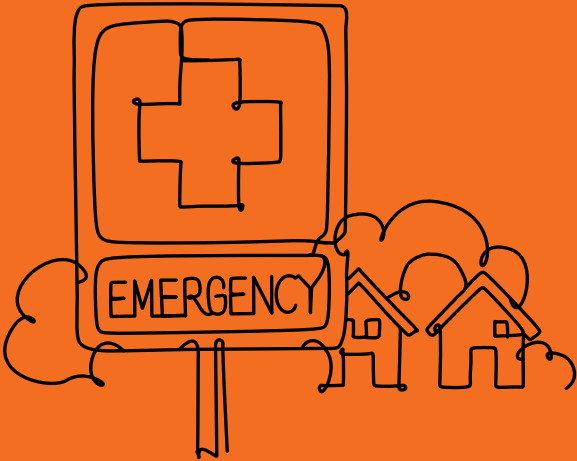
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vice, but tutors and their students are welcome. Pencils, pens, calculators, rulers, paper, and many other supplies are available for students’ use during these hours.

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The Turkish American Society Of Ohio Seeks To Foster Friendship And Understanding Between Cultures With Muslim Journeys And More

by Morgan Maseth

In existence since 2010 and headquartered in Columbus, The Turkish American Society of Ohio’s mission is to introduce Turkish culture into American Society. Through their efforts in dialog and unique community services they also seek to promote friendship and understanding between cultures. In his second year of working with this organization, Murat Gurer organizes a wide variety of programs to make sure their mission is upheld. These programs include Turkish Coffee Nights, breakfast, luncheons, forums and cultural activities as well as intercultural trips to Turkey. One of the latest efforts of Gurer and the rest of TASO Cleveland is their sponsorship of Muslim Journeys at the Library.

Muslim Journeys was brought to the Library in an effort to close the holes in the Library’s collection concerning the religion, culture, politics, literature and art of a billion of the world’s people. The recent gift of the Muslim Journeys Bookshelf (selected by the American Library Association and provided by the National Endowment for the Humanities) has done an amazing job in filling this gap and enriching the collection. With the support of the Turkish American Society of Ohio – Cleveland, the Library is able to also continue the journey with

a series of lectures, films, concerts, poetry recitals and programs for children to enable the Library to share its knowledge with all.

Of Muslim Journeys and TASO Cleveland’s participation, Gurer has to say, “We hope that some of the misunderstandings and misrepresentations of ‘Muslims’ and the religion ‘Islam’ go away from our society. We know that not many people know about Islam and it is our responsibility to introduce it and present it in a right way.”

Two of the Muslim Journeys programs will be taking place at the Turkish American Cultural center located at 13303 Madison Ave. The first of these will be a book discussion with Dr. Jonathan A.C. Brown on his book, Muhammad: A Very Short Introduction on Friday, October 4 at 6:30 p.m. Brown is the Associate Professor of Islamic Studies and Muslim-Christian Understanding at Georgetown University. His volume is a superb introduction to the major aspects of the founder of Islam’s life, providing both Muslim and Western historical perspectives. The second of these will be held on Saturday, October 12 at 1 p.m. and will be a lecture entitled Hizmet as a Contemporary Muslim Spiritual Renewal and Social Reform Movement by Dr. Scott Alexander, Director of Catholic – Muslim Studies at the Cath-

olic Theological Union. The Gülen or Hizmet movement is a non-political service group that grew from a handful of students, teachers and businessmen in Turkey during the late 60’s to inspire millions of adherents from around the world. Its basic principles stem from Islam’s universal values such as love of the creation, sympathy for the fellow human, compassion and altruism. Dr. Scott Alexander will trace the history of the movement and discuss its considerable impact on the world today. Both of these programs include a tour of the Turkish American Cultural Center as well as light refreshments.

“As an organization, our vision is to build and sustain a peaceful and friendly community with strong intercultural ties among individuals and respect for all the religious and ethnic

background through communication, interaction, education and diversity. We are part of this society and would like to be active and productive citizens,” says Gurer.

In keeping with that vision, TASO also takes part in community service projects such as serving meals, helping local food banks, visiting shelters and senior’s homes. Gurer also notes, “TASO is open to everyone, regardless of gender, race and ethnic background.” If you are interested in learning more about the TASO and the Turkish American Cultural Center you can call them at 440- 520-2269 or visit their website at www.tasocleveland.org. For more information on Muslim Journeys you can visit www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/muslimjourneys.

Sho-jo-ji Japanese Dancers

by Marge Foley

The mission of the Sho-jo-ji Japanese Dancers is to preserve, teach, and perform classical folk dances from Japan. Let your children have the opportunity to experience another culture when this talented group appears at the Lakewood Public Library. They will perform Japanese dances, demonstrate how to wear a kimono, and teach the audience some authentic Japanese folk dances.

The dancers wear the traditional costume of Japan, a vibrant kimono dress, which is tied with a brocaded obi (belt). Brightly colored fans and delicate tissue-paper parasols are used with graceful gestures to depict the sto-

ries and moods of the dances. Japanese folk dances are repeated movements danced in a circle moving in a counter clockwise manner. Members of the audience will be encouraged to join the circle and dance with the group. These are the same folk dances that have been enjoyed at celebrations for centuries.

This program for children and their families will take place on Saturday, October 12th at 7 p.m. All programs are free and open to the public. Generously funded by the Friends of Lakewood Public Library, this event will be held in the Multipurpose Room, which is located in the Children’s Department.

LPL Children/Youth Events

compiled by Eric Knapp

Lakewood Public Library Spelling Bee

For students in secon through eighth grade
Preliminary Rounds are held on two days: Choose either Thursday, October 3 or Thursday, October 10. Grades 2 to 4 will start at 4:00 p.m. and grades 5 to 8 will start at 4:45 p.m. Preliminary Rounds take place in the Main Library Multipurpose Room. To register, please stop in or call (216) 226-8275 ext. 140.

Saturday, October 3 & 10, in the Main Library Multipurpose Room.

Sho-jo-ji Japanese Dancers, For the whole family

This talented group will perform and teach Japanese folk dances and demonstrate how to properly wear a kimono. Free and open to the public.

Saturday, October 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room.

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.

Sunday, October 13, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the Main Library Activity Room.

Teen Read Week Submissions Due

For students in sixth through twelfth grade
Aspiring filmmakers, artists, and writers, get your submissions into the Main Library Children’s and Youth Services Desk before the deadline! Contest information and submission forms can be found at www.lakewoodpubliclibrary/youth. To register, stop in or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 140.

Film and writing submissions due Monday, October 7.

Art submissions due Friday, October 11.

Henna Tattoos for Teens

For students in sixth through twelfth grade (parents/guardians welcome)
Made from the leaves of the Henna plant, this dye has been used throughout history to color hair, fingernails, fabrics, and to create temporary body art. Learn about the significance and traditional designs of Henna body art and get a small (temporary) tattoo! To register, please stop in or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 140.

Friday, October 4 at 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room.

Tail Waggin’ Tutors For school-age children

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

Saturday, October 12, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Main Library Multipurpose Room.

Blind Date with a Book For students in sixth through twelfth grade

Don’t judge a book by its cover! Blind Date with a Book lets you choose a new read sight-unseen. Come choose from our selection of disguised titles and rate your read online! No registration.

Sunday, October 13 – Saturday, October 19 Children’s and Youth Services Desk.



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Lakewood Public Library



Meet The Author Of One Of The Most Controversial Books Of The Year

by Leana Donofrio-Milovan

No one passing through the Library’s Quiet Room last year could have guessed the nice young student in sweatpants was writing what critics are calling one of the most shocking, controversial and must-read novels of the year.

Alissa Nutting, an assistant professor of creative writing at John Carroll University, will return to the Library where she wrote her breakthrough novel, Tampa, on Thursday, October 10 at 7 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium.

The novel is written from the perspective of an attractive, young, female middle school teacher who also happens to be a remorseless sexual predator. Nutting said she was inspired to write a book that forces readers to confront and examine the double standard that exists between men and women when it comes to sexual crimes.

"We're able to see male sexuality as being powerful and violent, and we're not able to see female sexuality that way in our society. That's one of the reasons (Celeste's) character has to be so extreme. I felt like I had to write a shocking, troubling, arresting book that kind of breaks all of those stereotypes in order for the stereotypes to be looked at and magnified," Nutting told the Plain Dealer.

For a junior high English teacher,

Celeste Price is undeniably hot. She drives a red Corvette with tinted windows. Her husband, Ford, is rich, square-jawed, and devoted to her. But Celeste's devotion lies elsewhere. She has a singular sexual obsession—fourteen-year-old boys—and the luscious and naïve Jack Patrick is more than willing to accept her terms for a secret relationship. Ever mindful of the risk of exposure, insatiable Celeste flies over each hurdle with swift thinking and shameless determination. In slaking her sexual thirst, she proves that she is remorseless, a monstress driven by pure motivation. She deceives everyone, and cares nothing for anyone or anything but her own pleasure. And the clock is ticking on the last innocent moments of Jack's remaining boyhood...

Some book stores have refused to even stock Tampa, citing the graphic sexual content, but top reviewers have silenced the harshest critics. Nutting will talk about her craft, as well as how to handle the blowback from penning a novel that goes where few have gone before.

"Alissa Nutting's debut novel, Tampa, will give people something to talk about this summer and beyond. Though the novel's subject matter is controversial, Tampa is also impeccably written, full of smart cultural

The Friends Of Lakewood Public Library Fall Book Sale: A Proud Lakewood Tradition

by Ben Burdick

How do they do it, again and again? The Friends of Lakewood Public Library pay for nearly all of the Library's concerts, films, lectures and publications with no source of revenue other than deep discount book sales and two dollar membership dues. There is no doubt that the sales are successful. But after all these years of pennies-on-the-dollar prices, you would think that their supplies would be running low. So how do the Friends keep their shelves stocked with great books, magazines, movies and more? The answer lies in the generous nature of Lakewoodites and their book-loving ways.

The Friends of Lakewood Public Library Fall Book Sale will be Saturday, October 19 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the basement of the Main Library. This is your chance, not only to support the Library in all of its endeavors, but to see what the rest of Lakewood

has been reading! While some of the books on sale have been retired from the Library's collection, most items are donated to the Friends by your friends and neighbors to keep this Lakewood tradition going strong. We have the best book sales because this city is filled with avid readers who like to recycle their reads. Think of it as a living Pinterest page of Lakewood likes.

Anyone interested in catching a sneak peek at the latest assemblage of book deals should consider stopping by the Members Only Preview Sale on Thursday, October 17 from 6 to 9 p.m. You can join the Friends at the door for as little as two dollars and see a fascinating cross-section of the city's literary appetites before it gets picked apart by bargain hunters.

Learn more about the Friends, future sales, volunteer opportunities and more at www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/friends.

Teen Read Week Events At LPL

by Nicka Petruccio

Teen Read Week is approaching fast! October 13th through 19th has been designated Teen Read Week by the American Library Association, a week dedicated to the idea that teens should read for fun. I know, I know, you're in

observations, and no small amount of wit. Tampa is far bigger than the buzz, and more significant than the catchwords that will inevitably be attached to it." – The Daily Beast.

With crackling, rampantly unadulterated prose, Tampa is a grand, uncompromising, seriocomic examination of want and a scorching literary debut. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

school, you have tons of assigned reading and mountains of homework... but what better way to relax during your downtime than to escape into an amazing book? We know you're out there teen readers, and that's why all of our most popular teen titles here at Lakewood Public Library spend more time off the shelf than on it!

We want you to help us celebrate the awesomeness of books, so we've got a whole week of events planned for Teen Read Week: Blind Date with a Book, where you can choose your read sight-unseen from a collection of disguised titles, then rate your date online. Three awesome contests for you creative readers out there: Book

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Lakewood Schools

Front Porch Visits Help LCA's Youngest Students Feel At Home

by Mike Hudock

LCA kindergarten and early childhood teachers have found that the best way to make their students feel at home is to actually visit their homes. So each August, the teachers pay a "Front Porch Visit" to the children they will have in class.

"We spend about 10 to 30 minutes with each child," says kindergarten teacher Karen Beegan. "The visits give us a chance to get to know our students, meet their siblings and pets and to help alleviate any fears they may have."

In its sixth year, The Front Porch Visit Program has been a tremendous success in helping teachers build a personal connection and a foundation of trust with the kids. "Teachers from other schools tell us that they don't know of any other school that has this program," said Mrs. Beegan. This year, seven faculty members made 145 visits to families in Lakewood and as far away as Avon Lake and Bratenahl.

"We used to get a lot of crying and clinging on the first day of school, but not anymore," Mrs. Beegan adds.

The visits are also beneficial to the



Mrs. Beegan greets a new student this August.

teachers, as they are able to know the children's names and talk to them on a personal level the moment they walk into the classroom.

On occasion, there's the added benefit of goodies, too. "We've had the children make us cookies and cake and lemonade. It's really nice of them," Beegan says. "Most importantly, it's a chance for us to bond."

National Merit Semifinalists

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two National AP Scholars.

Leading the way is LHS' pair of National Merit Semifinalists: seniors Aidan Howells and Sarah Neff. More than 1.5 million students in over 22,000 high schools entered the National Merit Scholarship Competition, with 16,000 top scorers named Semifinalists. Students enter the competition by taking the PSAT their junior year. Semifinalists represent less than 1% of U. S. high school seniors and are the highest scoring entrants in their state. Howells and Neff are now eligible to continue on in the competition in hopes of receiving one of more than 8,200 scholarships to be awarded in the spring.

In addition to LHS' two Semifinalists, seniors Hugh Campbell, Colin Levis and Zach Sanderson were named National Merit Commended Scholars for placing among the top 5% of PSAT participants. Although those three will not continue in the Scholarship competition, students named Commended Scholars have demonstrated outstanding academic potential by their strong performance in this highly competitive program.

In addition to LHS' National Merit honorees, a number of members from the Classes of 2013 and 2014 have earned AP Scholar Awards in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the Advanced Placement Exams taken each spring.

National AP Scholar, an award earned by averaging at least a 4 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams:

Class of 2013: Ellen Latsko and

Steve Saed

AP Scholars with Distinction, an award earned by averaging at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams:

Class of 2013: Sam Aprile, Dillon Bodnar, Stephen Burtzlaff, Caroline Canale, Wesley Carney, James Ditzell, Rober Dunay, Thomas Ebner, Lindsay Furtado, Moira Horn, Ellen Latsko, Grace Lazos, Luke Malonis, Sheila McMahon, Alexander Northrop, Peter Quigley, Steve Saed, Peter Schleckman, Elliot Smith, Alexander Stewart, Morgenna Zubly

Class of 2014: Hayden Bish, Nicholas LaCerva, Colin Levis, Maxwell Mulready, Zachary Sanderson, Daniel Toner, Irina Vatamanu

AP Scholars with Honor earn their recognition by averaging at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams:

Class of 2013: Corrigan Kenny, Kyra Mihalski, Jacquelyn Miller, Bilal Shah

Class of 2014: Cooper Brown, Hugh Campbell, Luke DeBaltzo, Jameson Foran, Andrew Gordon, Aidan Howells, Charlotte Link, Kyle Masters, Sarah Neff

Finally, LHS had 38 AP Scholars, who earned the award by completing three or more AP Exams with grades of 3 or higher. The AP Scholars are:

Class of 2013: Monica Adams, Beatrice Aldrich, Emily Bango, Joseph Bilinski, Matthew Carlson, Rachel Corder, Zach Fehrenbach, Andon Gjika, Julie Herman, Daniel Mezin, Katherine Montgomery, Chelsea Polk, Lillian Pollack, Christopher Richardson, Aaron Roos, Stephen Sorger,



Andrew Schulte (center) with Auto Tech teacher Mike Szittai and fellow student Robert Anderson back in their West Shore days.

West Shore Grad Turns Dream Into Reality

by Lynn Foran

Andrew Schulte, 2010 graduate of LHS and West Shore Career-Tech's Auto Technology and Pre-Engineering programs, is fueling his passion for cars in his position with Nissan's Vehicle Engineering Quality Department near Phoenix, Arizona. He credits the West Shore programs and teachers for giving him a "head start" on his industry peers, and a teacher/mentor relationship that has helped shape him into the person he is today.

After LHS/West Shore, Andrew attended and graduated from Universal Technical Institute, a leading training institute for technicians in the transportation industry. Mike Szittai, Schulte's teacher while at West Shore, credits Schulte's success to "his passion for the trade, his cooperative attitude, and his 'success smile.'"

Schulte grew up loving cars and found himself naturally gravitating to anything about cars in his free time.

Schulte says, "Because I was encouraged to identify my passion and then find a way to make a living involving that passion, I saw the Automotive Technology course at West Shore an obvious must for me. However, still being so young, I was not certain whether I wanted to move my life in the hands-on direction or to the engineering side of the automotive field so I took the Pre-Engineering program as well. This gave me a taste of the type of environment that would be involved in each side of the automotive industry. Taking the engineering courses alongside Auto Tech courses saved me a huge amount of time and money after high

school because coming out of high school it was clear to me that being an engineer would not be the most enjoyable for me."

Hands-on Learning: Schulte says he "loved how the West Shore courses didn't just give you book material to learn. You actually get to do things and get your hands on things revolving around your field of study. The engineering projects and use of CAD programs were great opportunities to get experience with programs and design knowledge that are hard to come by outside of school."

According to Schulte, "In Auto Tech, the hands-on activities (rebuilding an engine, performing real maintenance and repair on real cars) made HUGE impacts on how I retained knowledge and provided experiences I could look back while at UTI and say 'hey I remember learning that!'"

Mentorship: Schulte can't say enough about the role Szittai played in shaping his personal and professional life. He credits him for going beyond the textbook, teaching valuable life lessons and character. "I saw not only that I changed for the better, but also every other student in my class was in some way bettered as a result of Mr. Szittai's teaching style."

Schulte's advice to current students: "Choose a WSCTD program based on what really sounds the most enjoyable to you. Then as you go through the course, picture yourself after high school in the field you are studying. Treat the courses more as a 'preview' than a class."

In his spare time, Schulte has been making a name for himself in motorsports as a pro-am drifter – think of Fast & Furious. He's been working on his Nissan 240SX, which has been getting noticed on the drift courses.

Christine Sun, Jacob Supinski, Duncan Virotko, Jessica Wagner, Grace Yousefi

Class of 2014: Eleanor Blackman, Grace Bulchik, Robert Dang, Amy Garlesky, George Harkenrider, Joan Hoile, Kendall King, Colin Lybarger, Romeo Metri, Zachary Moran, Aaron Morit, Anastasia Riddle, Edwin Rosic, Kaitlen Triesel, Nora Varcho, Eric Wonkovich

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Schools

West Shore Auto Tech Program Named Top 20 In Nation

by Lynn Foran

West Shore’s Auto Technology program has been selected as one of the Top 20 programs in the nation and is now competing to be selected as the 2013 School of the Year. WIX® Filters and O’Reilly Auto Parts, partners with Tomorrow’s Tech, sponsor the annual contest. The competition, in its sixth year, is open to all high school and post-secondary schools that have a subscription to Tomorrow’s Tech. This year there were 158 entries across four regions. West Shore at Lakewood High School is one of the five schools in Region 1.

“The ‘School of the Year’ competition has been a great success and we are thrilled with the quality of entrants this year,” said Jeff Stankard, publisher of Tomorrow’s Tech, a Babcock Media publication for automotive students, in a September 17th press release. “The annual contest is a great way to recognize automotive schools and highlight their instructor’s dedication in training the next generation of auto repairers,

collision specialists, and heavy-duty service personnel,” he added.

The top 20 schools have been asked to submit a video highlighting their tech programs. The schools were given just under a week to submit their entry. Judges will review the video entries and select four finalists. Teacher, Mr. Mike Szittai, along with several dedicated students- Samir Ballesteros, Samantha Hall, and Zachary Kulina, worked over the weekend to compile photos and video for submission. The School of the Year will be announced in October. Click here to view the video.

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Mr. Szittai with students Samir Ballesteros and Zachary Kulina.

Marrell Music Hosts Party For LHS Marching Band

by David Sarkies

Marrell Music, building community through music, sponsored an After-Party at Lakewood High School for the LHS Marching Band following the Lakewood Ranger Marching Band Festival on Saturday, September 21st.

The party featured Columbus DJ Kenny Lector, playing today’s hits for students attending the event.

The Marching Band Festival is an annual event featuring high school marching bands from throughout the area. This year’s event was the 27th annual Marching Band Festival, and featured, among others, the Fairview Park, Garfield Heights, and Lutheran West High School Marching Bands, as well as the host Lakewood Ranger Marching

Band, performing at Lakewood Stadium.

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Lakewood Cares

Vintage Varieties Sale

by Paula Reed

Vintage Varieties on Saturday, October 12th, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., is the Lakewood Historical Society's sale of an eclectic mix of antiques, collectibles, and even some contemporary items. There will be small furniture; a vast array of lamps, light fixtures (including spectacular Victorian fixtures) and globes; artwork, frames & mirrors, architectural salvage, including hardware; wood and primitives; baskets galore; home décor; and cool oddities. Have you ever seen a wooden carpet sweeper? Or a sampan or Siamese cat lamp from the 1950's? How about a hammered aluminum hors d'oeuvres wheel? We have a great collection of aluminum and copper items—some functional, some for show, all of them reminiscent of mid-century. As for antiques, there's a fantastic iron that holds its own coals for heat with a rooster catch to open it; and a plane that is as beautiful as the wood it was used to shape.

You'll also find a big selection of interesting pottery. Any of the plants you'll be bringing inside for the winter would be proud to be at home in one of these pots. Collectors, note: the work of Lane & Company, Hall, Hull, McCoy, California Pottery and USA are all represented.



There's a gracious mid-century sofa; oak drop-leaf table; occasional tables; night stands and a wide variety of chairs. Fall, Halloween and Thanksgiving items will also be on display.

This is just to give you hint of what you'll find. You must come see the rest for yourself.

Where do you go to shop for all these bargain-priced treasures? The Skate House at Lakewood Park, just behind the Oldest Stone House Museum, 14710 Lake Avenue. All proceeds from this sale benefit the programs and properties of the Lakewood Historical Society. Come support a great cause, and take home something that will make you happy!

North Coast Health Ministry Offers Free Flu Shots and Patient Education Class

by Jeanine Gergel

North Coast Health Ministry will offer two free flu shot clinics and a diabetes management education class to registered patients this fall.

Free flu shots will be offered Monday, October 7, 2013, and Monday, November 4, 2013 from 9 to 11 a.m. at Lakewood United Methodist Church. To receive a free flu shot, individuals must be registered in advance as a NCHM patient. To become a patient, call 216-228-7878 or go to: <http://www.nchealthministry.org/patient-application>.

The free patient education class is "Taking Control of Your Diabetes: Four Steps to Managing Your Diabetes." It will take place Thursday,

November 21, 2013, from 5 to 6 p.m. at North Coast Health Ministry at 16110 Detroit Ave., Lakewood, Ohio 44107. Registrations for this class must be made by Wednesday, November 20, 2013. Space is limited. Individuals must be registered as a NCHM patient to take part and must call in advance to register to participate in the class.

To become a patient, call 216-228-7878 or go to: <http://www.nchealthministry.org/patient-application>. If you are already a patient, registration for either the flu shot clinic or the diabetes management class can be made in person at NCHM or by calling 216-228-7878 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Mission In Action

by Laura Jaissle

A life in Africa is claimed by Malaria every sixty seconds, leaving millions of lives lost every year. In the 1950's, the United States was completely rid of Malaria while Africa was left behind. This disease has been killing millions of people for thousands of years. Could you imagine a world with no Malaria? Family and friends of Lakewood United Methodist Church have joined hands with one another to raise money for an amazing cause. "Mission in Action" is what Lakewood United Methodist Church is calling their new annual 5k run and 1 mile fun run and walk. This campaign will be held annually in order to raise awareness and money for different missions not just locally but globally as well.

For the first annual "Mission in Action" campaign, the proceeds raised will go to "Imagine No Malaria", a global campaign to fight Malaria in Africa. Our "Mission in Action" 5k race and 1 mile fun run and walk was hosted on Sunday September 15th 2013. 160 participants gathered at Cove United Methodist Church and proceeded along Lake Road. Participants continued through some of the neighborhoods along Edgewater Drive, where many family members and friends cheered them on. Together the "Mission in Action" campaign has so far raised an impressive \$4,500. The



1 mile Fun Run

proceeds raised will go towards bed nets, diagnostic tests, education, medicine and treatments.

This first annual "Mission in Action" campaign was a huge success! On behalf of the race committee, we would like to give a huge THANK YOU to everyone who participated and donated to the campaign and to the following sponsors: Lakewood United Methodist Church, Cove United Methodist Church, Dr. Greg Devor DDS, First Federal Lakewood, Cargill, Zeis McGreevey Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Jammy Buggars, Catalyst, Earthfare and Hotel and Leisure Advisors. Without all of the love and support from the community, this campaign would not have been possible. Together we are putting our faith into action to prevent deaths that are caused by Malaria.

If you are interested in participating in our second annual "Mission in Action" or participating in other church events please like us on Facebook, Lakewood United Methodist Church (LUMC), for more information and updates. To learn more about the global campaign "Imagine No Malaria", you can visit the official website www.imagenomalaria.com.

Pet Memorial Service At Faith

by Mark Rollenhagen

Mourning the loss of a pet?

Faith Lutheran Church will conduct its first pet memorial service on Saturday, October 5.

The service begins at 5 p.m. in the sanctuary at Faith, 16511 Hilliard Road (at Woodward) in Lakewood, followed by refreshments and conversation in the chapel.

The service will acknowledge the loss people feel when pets die and will give thanks to God for the love and companionship between pets and their people. It will feature scripture, prayers, Holy Communion and the lighting of candles in memory of late pets.

No pets are permitted at the memorial service, but people are encouraged to bring photos, ashes or other memories of a deceased pet. Photos to be included in a video display during the service may be e-mailed to office@faithlakewood.org.

Faith's regular, monthly pet-friendly worship service will be held the next afternoon (Sunday, October 6) at 2 p.m. The Pets Are Welcome Service (PAWS), which includes scripture, familiar hymns, communion and blessings for people and their pets, is held the first Sunday of each month.

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Thanks to all of the big and little superheroes who supported the Youth Challenge Superhero Dash.

Youth Challenge Superhero Dash A Blast

by Kathy Rigdon

Batman, Batgirl, Superman, Wonder Woman and even a life-size hotdog were spotted on the streets of Lakewood recently when more than 260 runners and walkers joined in the Youth Challenge Superhero Dash. The 28th Annual Race Day took place on Saturday, September 14, at Lakewood Park. The event was dedicated to the memory of Dave Hardman, former President of the Youth Challenge (YC) Board of Trustees.

Members of the community, YC families and friends—many dressed as Superheroes--ran or walked in the 5K and 1 Mile Walk/Roll. Close to \$10,000 was raised from the annual event to benefit Youth Challenge (YC), a non-profit that provides adapted sports and recreational opportunities to children with physical disabilities. Trained teen volunteers are paired one-on-one with participants to play, socialize and have

fun. Programs and transportation are offered at no charge. YC serves children throughout Northeast Ohio and has offices in Westlake and Shaker Heights.

Volunteer groups from Metro-West Kiwanis, Nuremburg, Paris, Heller & McCarthy and Lakewood's H2O, Help to Others, pitched in to help make Race Day a great success.

The Superhero Dash was sponsored by American Tank & Fabricating, Nuremburg, Paris, Heller & McCarthy Co., LPA, Cleveland Clinic Children's Fairview Hospital Pediatric ED, Oatey Co., Linda & Doug Hardman and Orthopaedic Associates. Bruegger's Bagels and Giant Eagle Westlake provided food and water for the runners.

For more information about how you can get involved with Youth Challenge visit youthchallengesports.com, or call 440-892-1001.

The Lakewood Women's Club To Host Annual Pumpkin Fun Run For HUGS & H2O

by Kristy Feyedelem

The Lakewood Women's Club kicked off their 2013-14 year on August 20th at The Cleveland Yacht Club. Members and guests gathered to discuss events and socials that are planned for the up-coming year. One of the biggest events of the season is the LWC 5K Great Pumpkin Fun Run that will be at Lakewood Park on Sunday, October 27th. All proceeds from this race will go to our charity recipients; The HUGS foundation, Lakewood H2O and our 2014 scholarship winner.

This is the first year the LWC is raising money for The HUGS foundation. It is an organization dedicated to helping families who are struggling with addiction in Northeastern Ohio. It provides funds for treatment, travel and ancillary services not covered by insurance bene-

fits. According to HUGS founder Dianne Vogt, "support from family is critical to long term recovery for alcoholic and chemically dependent adolescents." If you have been helped by the HUGS foundation, the only thing they ask for you to do is pay it forward by helping someone else in need. Visit The HUGS website at <http://www.hugs4families.org/> to find out more information about this amazing foundation.

So come out to Lakewood Park on October 27th for the 9th Annual Great Pumpkin Fun Run and have a good time while supporting several worthy causes. If you're interested in becoming a member of The Lakewood Women's Club or just want to find out more information, you can find them online at <http://www.lakewoodjuniors.com/>.

Teen Read Week Events At LPL

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Cover Redesign contest, Video Book Trailer contest, and the Zombie Short story contest. Last but not least, we'll host the City of Lakewood's unofficial Zombie Defense Plan and Strategy meeting, where you will use all of your zombie outbreak knowledge to help your city prepare for the possibly impending zombie outbreak!

Deadlines for the contests are

coming up soon, so check the teen tab of the Library's web page for important dates and submission forms and guidelines. Registration is required for the Zombie Defense plan meeting, so please register online or call- space is limited and filling up fast. Online registration and submission forms can be found at <http://www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/youth/teen.html> or call us at (216) 226-8275 ext. 140.

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David B. Shapiro, MD

"Debilitating pain in the hand, fingers and thumbs can be seen in patients as early as their 30s or 40s," says Dr. Shapiro. "Diagnosing the type of joint pain early is critical because today we have drugs available that, in some cases, can alter the course of the disease and prevent further loss of function. There is a huge benefit when the disease is detected early," he says.

Joint pain can be caused by osteoarthritis, a disease that begins as a thinning of the cartilage that lines the joints. It can also be caused by rheumatoid arthritis, a primarily genetic autoimmune disease where inflammation occurs in the tissues that line joints and tendons. Rheumatologists and orthopaedic physicians often work together to manage arthritic joint pain.

"I tell patients orthopaedics is easy. First, we manage pain conservatively. If that does not work, we treat with steroid injections. If pain still persists, we explore surgical options," says Dr. Shapiro.

Conservative management includes moist heat, splints and wraps, occupational therapy, non-steroidal anti-inflammatories (NSAIDs), acetaminophen, and anti-inflammatory creams. Dietary supplements, such as glucosamine and chondroitin, have so far shown little benefit in hand arthritis. If further treatment is needed, steroids can be injected directly into the painful joint.

Surgical options are the last resort and fall into three broad categories: realignment, fusion, and joint replacement. Realignment procedures change a bone's shape to change the forces across a joint. Fusion trades all of the motion at a joint for pain relief. Finally, joint replacement includes implants made of metal, ceramic, plastic, or a natural tendon to replace the diseased joint. "For the thumb, a natural tendon works the best. After two years, over 90 percent of patients report that they are pleased with the results," notes Dr. Shapiro.

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Public Art Mural Unveiled On Bailey Building In Lakewood

by Ian Andrews

The public was invited to join Kowit & Passov Real Estate Group for the unveiling of the new mural outside of the Bailey Building in Lakewood, Ohio. The reveal of the mural, painted by professional artist Jacqueline DelBrocco, took place on Saturday, September 28th, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. outside of the Bailey Building (14725 Detroit Ave).

Property owner Brad Kowit sought to improve the aesthetics of the building along a blank, brick canvas with a piece of art the public could enjoy, therefore holding a contest to provide one local artist the opportunity to have their art featured on the western side of the Bailey Building outside of the University of Akron. Artist winner Jacqueline DelBrocco developed the "Dream" like piece that was unveiled at the event. DelBrocco says her design

"portrays a positive, uplifting figure shaking dreams of hope from his/her head. A famous quote by Eleanor Roosevelt emerges from the dream-like shapes that are growing out of the figure's imagination."

DelBrocco attended Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio where she received a BFA in Studio Art with a concentration in painting and minor in Art History. Jacqueline currently works as a professional artist, with painting as her primary passion. In the past year, she traveled to Denver, CO to exhibit her artwork, was sponsored by Moen Faucets to paint a 10ft. tall guitar for the Rock n Roll Hall of Fame and United Way's Guitarmania 2012, and won a national art competition to have her paintings printed on wine labels at Artiste Winery in Los Olivos, CA.

Inaugural Spotlight Fundraising Gala Raffle And Auction At Beck Center

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located in the small market town of St. Cyprien in Southwestern France. Surrounded by traditional bakeries, excellent restaurants, and quaint boutiques; this trip comes with two international airline vouchers. Another trip to win is a luxurious two-night getaway to Nemaquin Woodland Resort, nestled in the scenic Laurel Highlands of Southwestern Pennsylvania.

Our Spotlight honoree, Terry Stewart retired President & CEO of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, has also generously donated

a vinyl party including dinner for ten at his residence. A Cleveland Indian's Package is available as well, consisting of throwing the first pitch at the game and four box seats. Win a chance to name Beck Center's driveway, the name you choose will be displayed on a street sign at the Detroit Avenue entrance. Finally, win a walk on role in The New Mel Brooks Musical Young Frankenstein. This unique opportunity comes with four front row tickets.

For more information regarding tickets and sponsorship, please call Heather Johnson at 216.521.2540 x19 or visit beckcenter.org. 50/50 raffle tickets

"33 Variations" Shifts Through Time At Beck Center

by Pat Miller

Beck Center for the Arts is proud to present "33 Variations," October 11 through November 17, 2013 in the intimate Studio Theater. Show times are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays. Post show talks with local experts from the medical and music communities will follow performances on Sunday, October 13, Saturday, October 26 and Friday, November 8. There will be no performance on Saturday, October 19. Tickets are now on sale.

Written by Moisés Kaufman, the award-winning author of "The Laramie Project," this imaginative play follows a modern day musicologist diagnosed with ALS as she races to finish her research on Beethoven. Across time in 1819 Vienna, the ailing and deaf composer becomes obsessed with a simple waltz. Plagued by illness, but gifted with passion, their parallel journeys entwine as they learn to embrace the gift of time and find peace in letting go. Nominated for numerous Tony Awards, Broadway World called "33 Variations" "one of the most satisfying new plays that Broadway has seen in a long while."

Beck Center's production of "33 Variations" is directed by the acclaimed director Sarah May and features an ensemble of seven talented area actors including Equity actors Dana Hart and Maryann Nagel who appear cour-



tesy of the Actor's Equity Association. Stuart Raleigh, an integral part of the music scene in Northeast Ohio, will play the piano. "You don't have to know anything about classical music to enjoy this show," remarked May. "It's a wonderful, totally accessible story about determined people following their dreams, all underscored with some of the most beautiful music ever written."

Tickets for "33 Variations" are \$29 for adults, \$26 for seniors (65 and older), \$12 for students (with valid I.D.), and \$10 for children (12 and under). An additional \$3 service fee per ticket is applied at the time of purchase. Preview Night on Thursday, October 10 is \$10 with general admission seating. Group discounts (13 or more) are available. 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.

Presented through special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc. this production of "33 Variations" is generously funded by Cuyahoga County residents through Cuyahoga Arts and Culture and the Ohio Arts Council.

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Lakewood Is Art

Mirrors Appearance Re-ignites Debate: Lakewood, Ohio The Birthplace Of Punk Rock?

by John Kompier

Recently, the birthplace of punk rock has been disputed. Is it England? It has to be New York City. What about Detroit?

While it is usually agreed that the very first proto-punk bands, (that are known about) The Stooges and MC5 came from Detroit, how about Lakewood?

The Lakewood-born band Mirrors appearance at this year's Studio-A-Rama, perfectly timed with the release of "CBGB," a film about the very first punk club (or was it?) brought the debate up once again. And this is just the debate about when, not why... That's another story-- and another story about Lakewood.

If you look at the dates on bands out of the Lakewood area, they predate the Sex Pistols, the Ramones, and even Cleveland's own Dead Boys—though there they have some close relatives... The first punk bands to come from the Lakewood scene were electric eels, Mirrors and Rocket From The Tombs.

Each of these bands existed around the same time (early 1970's) and at some point, some of them shared members. Jaime Klimek, Craig Bell, Jim Crook, and Michael Weldon, all from Lakewood, formed Mirrors. Craig Bell joined Rocket From The Tombs, and then was fired from Mirrors. Paul Marotta, a later member of Mirrors also played with

electric eels (formed by John Morton, Dave E. McManus, and Brian McMahon—who all went to Lakewood High School.) Paul Marotta also produced and recorded the electric eels albums.

Eventually, each of these bands split up and formed different groups. David Thomas and Peter Laughner of Rocket From The Tombs formed Pere Ubu, Cheetah Chrome and Johnny Blitz of Rocket From The Tombs formed the Dead Boys, John Morton of electric eels formed X___X, Johnny and the Dicks, and Amoeba (raft boy), Nick Knox who joined electric eels in 1975 eventually joined The Cramps, and Jaime Klimek and Paul Marotta of Mirrors formed The Styrenes, whose lineup at multiple times included John Morton. Also, there was a short-lived band called The Men From UNCLE, whose members were the original three electric eels plus Paul Marotta, Jaime Klimek, Jim Jones and Anton Fier (who was also in Pere Ubu.) Craig Bell who has been in many bands, and has been referred to as "the bass player that everyone could count on" plays out right now with his band the Down Fi. (They will be in town in November.)

Mirrors recently played their first show in 38 years at this year's Studio-A-Rama at Case Western Reserve University. Klimek explained to the Lakewood Observer that instead of choosing between the old members or the new members, and having each



Jaime Klimek on guitar, Jim Crook on guitar and Craig Bell on bass and vocals, all founding Mirrors members, with Tom Madej on drums, fill the right side of the stage at Studio-A-Rama in front of a packed courtyard.

play only half a show, he brought all the members together, old and new. Craig Bell on bass and vocals, Paul Marotta on organ and vocals, Tom Madej on drums, and four guitar players: Jim Crook, Dave Franduto, Tom Fallon, and Jaime Klimek.

Though in Jaime Klimek's last LO interview he was laughing about the possibility of the show being a train-wreck with four very different guitars, the show was fantastic, the wall of guitars giving each song, old and new, more power as each guitarist found

his own niche without blowing each other off the stage. Klimek clearly enjoyed himself, joking with the audience about some of the songs having to be censored from the radio broadcast: "This is just for you..." ending the show with, "We'll see you in another 38 years."

This monster version of Mirrors was so amazing, everyone there hoped he was kidding. The Phantasy, which was around way back when they started, is still around, so maybe...

Free Music At Madison Park

by Ian Andrews

LakewoodAlive, in partnership with the City of Lakewood and Vance Music Studios, presents "Music on Madison" at Madison Park (13029 Madison Avenue) on October 6 from 1-4 p.m. The free, live concert will feature jazz and blues to help ring in fall and round out the weekend. The con-

cert will take place directly in front of the pool house and the community is invited to attend. Bring a lawn chair or blanket too.

October 6: Bob Frasier and Friends

This program is part of an effort to bring more programming to Madison Avenue and is an off-shoot from LakewoodAlive's Front Porch Concert Series.

Zombied At The Exchange



I caught zombies Scott Beck and Brandy Sladek looking for good deals at The Exchange this past weekend. (This is probably completely unrelated to Old School Sinema's 12th --Bi-annual-- Zombie Walk and Food Drive, which happened Saturday at Mahall's 20 Lanes, where for \$5 and two cans of food for The Cleveland Food Bank, zombies could just be zombies amongst friends, food, drinks and vendors. And bowling.)



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A Lakewoodite Goes To Gettysburg

by Maureen MacGregor

I had the good fortune of being born to parents who both grew up in Lakewood, got married to each other, and then stayed in Lakewood to raise their children, therefore allowing my brother and I to go through the outstanding Lakewood City School system. It was in 5th grade at Lincoln Elementary that I started to learn about war in a critical way, which carried me through several more years of social studies and eventually into my AP US History classes in 9th and 10th grade. I delighted in learning about how the many wars in our nation's history shaped our collective conscience and set the precedents for the world we live in now. Military history has always intrigued me and made me question my general disdain for violence that I have always held, which has taught me to see conflict from both sides. If it weren't for history teachers like Dan Smith, Bert Fassett, Dr. Chuck Greanoff, Joseph Lobo, and Alisa Nazelli I wouldn't be half the person I am today. Now a student of photojournalism at Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, NY, I work to find ways to combine and explore my two passions: photography and American history.

The American Civil War is particularly interesting to study and think about, especially in light of the ongoing civil war in Syria. It really makes you question the beliefs we all hold about our civil war: Are we better off because the union was "saved"? How different are the Confederate "rebels" from the Syrian "rebels"? How differently was Lincoln viewed by the Confederates compared to how Assad is viewed by the Syrian rebels? How will the Syrian Civil War influence the country's next 150 years? These are questions we should all consider as the sesquicent-



photo by Maureen MacGregor

tennials are celebrated all across the United States at various battlegrounds. I asked myself these questions over and over the week I spent in Gettysburg, PA during the marking of that battle's sesquicentennial at the beginning of July. However, I left with far more questions than answers.

I went to Gettysburg as a photojournalism student and as a history nerd. I had visited Gettysburg once on the way back from the 8th grade trip to Washington, DC, but our tour lasted about an hour. This time around, I got to know that place in an incredibly intimate way. I camped down the road from the battlefield with two of my colleagues from school; three more came around for more abbreviated visits. It was an incredible experience: I camped in a tent in the middle of a field next to a trailer park. Our neighbors became our friends, hopefully for a long time to come. I met re-enactors who delighted in being rained on in their small tents if only because it meant that they felt a little closer to the many soldiers who suffered through worse conditions for four long years. I met the

Fort McHenry "Social Media Team" - a group of serious looking young men in 2nd Division uniforms who also made up the Fife and Drum corps. I met men whose ancestors had been landless young men who joined the Confederate army and somehow made it through. I spoke to emphatic confederate re-enactors who spoke with remarkable clarity and equity about the causes of the war. I saw people watch reenactments from grandstands while they ate elephant ears and cheeseburgers. I witnessed a rainbow arch over the battlefield on the anniversary of the second day of battle and heard the celebratory calls of the Union re-enactors. I was around telling each other that it was proof that the many men being honored that week were smiling down upon them. It was transcendental and remarkably American. For a week I existed in this strange place between past and present. I was overwhelmed by the visuals. I had come with a loose sense of what I wanted to focus my photography on, but when I got there I realized I really had no idea what I was walking into, so I let my focus come more organically.

The town itself was inundated with tourists. An army of contracted traffic directors in neon yellow suits had been brought in to deal with the incredible flood of traffic. There were police from all of the surrounding towns to provide security. Every single Park Ranger was on duty. You couldn't walk anywhere without seeing someone in period garb or uniform eating on a patio or walking down the street. Little kids walked around in stovepipe hats with Lincoln beards tied around their chins eating ice cream. There was an Abraham Lincoln lookalike contest. Segway tours through the battlefield were commonplace but their humor and spectacle was not lost on anyone who observed them. There was media everywhere so, even without passes, we went unnoticed and unquestioned with our big cameras and long lenses.

To say the least, it was an incredible experience. When I got back to Rochester at 2 in the morning on Mon-



photo by Maureen MacGregor

day, July 8th and fell into bed, I awoke eight hours later feeling as though I had just awoken from a very long, vivid, and exhausting dream.

Now, as I begin to comb through my photos and memories in preparation for a publication, I am just starting to understand what it all meant. The voyeurism of the tourists and the unwavering commitment of the re-enactors clashed in the most interesting of ways. The space I mentioned earlier between past and present allowed for a humorous and critical examination of our relationship with American history. One hundred and fifty years later we still wage wars, albeit in very different ways, that take thousands of lives; the anniversaries and sites of horrifying human carnage have become a place to take a family vacation to; and we still can't agree on the causes or outcomes of the American Civil War.



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Wellness Watch

Nourishing Your Body For The Fall Season

by Rachel Anzalone

As the weather starts to cool off we may feel inclined to gravitate to those richer, heartier, stick to your ribs kind of foods and that's not a mistake. That's not a sudden lack of control that over takes us. It is our nature and our biology to crave these foods because they are the foods that will keep us warm during the winter months.

So how do we take care of our health and eat in a way that is both nourishing and supportive without falling into those rich heavy fattening food traps as the weather cools off? Here are 3 easy tips for you to eat in balance with nature this fall:

Tip Number 1: Eat foods that are in season

There are no mistakes in nature & the best time to eat foods is when they are ripe and in season where you live. These seasonal foods will taste best and be the most nutrient rich this time of year. Some of my favorite foods to work with in the fall are the ABCs - apples, beets & carrots. Super high in antioxidants and minerals and very versatile. All three can be used as sweet or savory touches.

Brussels sprouts are fantastic this time of year. Try mashed cauliflower in stead of mashed potatoes. Delicious! Celery root and fennel are 2 of

my favorite fall foods. Kale is not just great in green juice it's a hearty cooking green you can use through fall and winter. All varieties of squash - try roasted spaghetti squash topped with fresh basil and tomatoes. And my absolute favorite fall superfood - pomegranates! Check out your local farmers markets and really take advantage of what's in season this time of year.

Tip Number 2: Lightly cook your foods to give them a little warmth.

While eating raw is a great way to nourish your body and in the summer months it feels natural to eat those fresh fruits and veggies, it can be challenging to maintain body heat and metabolism

in the winter months without adding in some warmer foods.

The key here it to saute or stir-fry your veggies so that they are warmed but still crunchy, and you want to make sure that they maintain their bright, vibrant color. Once they're cooked to the point that they start to discolor or get mushy they've also lost a lot of their nutrients and enzyme activity. And you don't have to go overboard. Keep your fresh juices and salads, but maybe add a cup of soup or top that salad with some sauteed onions zucchini.

Tip Number 3: Use spices to create heat.

Fall is a time off cooling down and slowing down, a time of shorter days and more hours of darkness. In order to stay in balance this time of year it can be helpful to add a little spice into your cooking. Some warming spices include black pepper, cardamom, tumeric, cumin, clove and cinnamon. Mustard & horesraddish are great to use as well. Of course any kind of hot pepper such as cayanne or chipotle will add some heat. You can even heat up your juice by adding fresh ginger. Or make fresh hot tea using ginger juice and lemon. Sipping it throughout the day supports digestion, it's detoxifying, and it will keep you warm. And of course we can't Garlic! Garlic is warming, it's at it's most plump and sweetest in the fall and is great for boosting the immune system as we go into cold & flu season.

Lakewood Hospital Presents 5th Annual Diabetes Symposium: Taking Charge Of Your Health

by Sabrina Powers

If you have Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes, or are interested in lowering your risk for developing diabetes, you don't want to miss this event presented by Lakewood Hospital on Wednesday, November 6 from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. at LaCentre Conference and Banquet Facility, 25777 Detroit Road, Westlake, Ohio.

Event Agenda:
4:30-5:30 p.m.
Registration, Exhibits and Welcome

5:30 p.m.
Dinner presentation Heart 411 by Marc Gillinov, MD and Steven Nissen, MD, respected Cleveland Clinic physicians and co-authors of this guide to heart health.

6:45-7:30 p.m.
Strategies to Take Charge to Prevent or Manage Your Diabetes: An Overview of Programs & Services

Available to You presented by Margorie Reed, RN, BA, BSN, Division of Prevention and Health Promotion, Ohio Department of Health

7:30 p.m.
Take it Back presented by motivational speaker and author Kay Potetz, PhD, President and CEO, Dr. Kay Potetz and Associates

Tickets are \$10. Major credit cards accepted. Registration is required. To register for the event, please call 1.877.234.FITT (3488). For on-line registration go to lakewoodhospital.org.

The symposium is co-sponsored by the American Diabetes Association.

Lakewood Hospital is also hosting, The Benefits of Research: Diabetes Symposium for Healthcare Providers at LaCentre Conference and Banquet Facility on the morning of November 6th. This event is appropriate for nurses and dietitians in all patient

care settings. Presentations include: Bariatric Surgery and Type 2 Diabetes; Islet Cell Transplantation for Type 1 Diabetes; and Diabetes Prevention Program and Pre-diabetes. Contact hours awarded.

Doors open at 8 a.m. A light breakfast will be provided.

The event runs from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Tickets are \$25. Cleveland Clinic employees, \$10.

Major credit cards accepted. Registration required: 877.234.FITT (3488). Call 216.529.5312 or e-mail gigavl@ccf.org with questions.



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Business News

STEM Handmade Soap Opens In Birdtown

by Cil Davis Knutsen

Lakewood is about to have the cleanest residents in all of north-east Ohio with the Grand Opening of STEM Handmade Soap on Saturday, October 5 at 12405 Madison Avenue. Owner and chief formulator Steve Meka of Lakewood makes all natural soaps, lotions, lip balms and other bath essentials with skin-loving ingredients produced only by Mother Nature.

Steve and his partner Dave Willett, have turned a hobby into a sudsy reality with the opening of this new storefront in the historic Birdtown area. Production has officially outgrown the basement of their Lakewood home and moved to Madison Avenue. You can watch Steve making everything by hand right in the retail shop and see with your own eyes the natural ingredients that go into STEM products – shea butter, coconut oil, safflower oil, cocoa butter and jojoba oil just to name a few.



The beautiful storefront at STEM Handmade Soaps located at 12405 Madison Ave.

“Pure, natural soap retains all of the skin-nourishing qualities rarely found in synthetic soaps manufac-

tured commercially. Our natural soaps are all vegetable-based and tested only on family and friends. Try a few bars and you’ll feel the natural difference of handcrafted soap,” Meka explains.

“Our skin is all natural, and I think the soaps that clean it should be too!”

The 100% natural products are only scented with pure essential oils to make washing your hands or taking a shower an aromatherapy experience. Special fragrances are featured each month and customers can take advantage of the Create-Your-Own scent option for a fragrance that is just right.

STEM Handmade Soap is currently scheduling educational soap-making classes and entertaining parties for special occasions, all right at the shop.

Follow your nose to the east end of Madison for a luxurious treat as a gift for yourself or a friend (we recommend both)! For those of you who know this block on Madison Ave, it’s located in the same building “The Bin” occupied before moving over to Sloane as “Nature’s Bin.”

Stop by the Grand Opening on Saturday October 5th and Sunday, October 6th to check it out, meet the owners and help them celebrate!



coffeep proper Opens At Beck Center For The Arts

by Pat Miller

Beck Center for the Arts is pleased to welcome the independent café coffeep proper to their campus. The espresso bar and tea lounge opens at 8 a.m. on Thursday, October 1. Beck Center is located on the west end of Lakewood at 17801 Detroit Avenue. In addition to metered street parking, free onsite parking is available in the lots east and south of Beck Center’s Main Building.

Proprietors Bryan Davis and Frank Revy are pleased to introduce coffeep proper as the newest espresso bar and tea lounge in town. Conveniently accessible to local residents and Beck Center patrons, coffeep proper is the perfect place to start your day with a “proper” cup of coffee. “We’re here in the mornings to get your day started and here in the evenings to get your day restarted,” commented Davis on coffeep proper’s schedule. The café is closed throughout the afternoons as lunch is not served, but reopens later in the day for a relaxing beverage, snack, and occasional live music. “We want to be open and available at the right times.”

coffeep proper aims to take its beverages to the next level for the ultimate espresso bar and tea lounge experience. Specialty coffees are served by Rising Star, a local company that roasts to optimize flavors, immediately packages to insure freshness, and delivers within



one day of roasting. Extraordinary teas are made available by Samovar, a San Francisco-based tea lounge, and range from black, green, oolong, pu-erh, and herbal. coffeep proper even serves the “Ocean of Wisdom,” a decaf masala chai custom-blended for the Dalai Lama. Specialty treats are also on the menu, which include luxury chocolates, protein bars, and snack bars.

The hours of operation for coffeep proper vary, with Davis and Revy welcoming customers to call or text 216.395.4627. More information regarding hours of operation, menu, and events may be found at coffeep proper.com, which is continually updated for users.

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

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Business News

Lakewood Resident And Businessman Continues His Fundraising Mission

by Susan Calleri

Lakewood resident, Woody Calleri, is able to combine his love of lacrosse and coaching with his commitment to helping his community. Burning River Lacrosse was founded in 2005 to provide developmental lacrosse opportunities at all levels (introduction to the game, improvement of skills, national competition and college exposure) to Northern Ohio's lacrosse community. Burning River also hosts

charity events such as the Fall Breast Cancer Research Fund Raiser and the Spring Fisher House Charity Lacrosse Showcase to raise money and awareness for those in need and to teach participants about their responsibility to reach out and make a difference in the lives of others.

Because of this dedication, Burning River was recently honored. Dick's Sporting Goods has selected Burning River Lacrosse as

one of only five youth sports organizations in the United States that deserve to be spotlighted on the Dick's Sporting Goods soon to come "Community" section of their website. BR was selected because of the success of efforts to grow lacrosse in NE Ohio and due to the work done in the community through the Spielman College Lacrosse Fundraiser and Fisher House College Lacrosse Fundraiser(raised \$300,000+ to support the families of severely wounded an/or ill military service members).

This fall Woody is at it again. Along with Renegade Brands (Sweat X Detergent), Wendy's and Orlando Baking Company he is organizing the 4th Annual Breast Cancer Research Fund Raiser to benefit the Stefanie Spielman Fund for Breast Cancer Research at The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center – Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute (OSUCCC – James). The fund supports laboratory discoveries that are being translated into effective treatments and new drugs for breast cancer patients, as well as other research.

This year's event will be held on Sunday, October 13, 2013 at Hawken School's Walton Stadium, located at 12465 County Line Road, Chesterland. This event features top tier college lacrosse teams from Mercyhurst Col-

lege (2011 National Champions), Seton Hill University, Lake Erie College, The College of Wooster, Ohio Wesleyan University, Hiram College, Walsh University, Kenyon College, Washington & Jefferson College, University of Detroit Mercy, St. Vincent College and Wittenberg University. The teams are paired up on the field to show their talents, have some fun and reach out and make a difference in the lives of others in the community. If you have never seen a lacrosse game, this event promises a fast paced, exciting introduction to the game.

Your help is needed! This year's goal is to raise over \$10,000 to benefit the Stefanie Spielman Fund for Breast Cancer Research. Tickets (\$5 in advance/ \$10 day of) will be available in advance at all Burning River events, by contacting Burning River at 216.373.5684 or on the day of the event. We will also be selling specially designed shorts and T-Shirts (new pink design) with all proceeds from clothing sales being donated to the Stefanie Spielman Fund for Breast Cancer Research.

If you have any questions about the Fall Breast Cancer Research Fund Raiser please feel free to contact Woody Calleri at wcalleri@brlax.net or 216-373-5684 or visit our website at www.brlax.net. If you want to volunteer, go to the website for more information.

Chocolate Walk Is Coming!



Colleen Batton, Dramatics, will be serving fabulous cupcakes again this year.

by Paula Reed

Tuesday, October 1 is a brown-letter day in Lakewood. Because brown is the color of chocolate, and October 1 is when Chocolate Walk tickets go on sale. This sweet evening has people rushing to be one of the lucky ticket holders who will get to stroll Downtown Lakewood from 6 – 9 p.m. on October 24th in search of smooth, delectable CHOCOLATE.

The line will form outside the University of Akron Lakewood, the check-in site, waiting for Charlie Chonka to open the doors to the Warren Road lobby. There you'll receive your wristband, bag, map and your first chocolate treats. Then you'll hit the streets to visit all the Sweet Stops. Tickets for Chocolate Walk are \$25,

and only 250 will be sold.

Want to add another level of bliss to your chocolate experience? There are 50 tickets at \$40 available for the Pre-Walk VIP Party at Deagan's Kitchen & Bar. The VIP Party provides private check-in, a signature chocolate drink created especially for the event, appetizer and VIP badge.

Pause a few minutes at the patio beside Menchie's to listen to Fireside, as the band plays favorites to keep you walking to the beat.

This event provides the opportunity to revisit shops you've loved for years, and to investigate businesses you haven't visited before. New to Downtown are David Stein's Cotton; Dan Deagan's Humble Wine Bar; Peet's Coffee & Tea. The newest kid on the block (Warren & Detroit, that is) Campbell's Sweets Factory won't be ready to open until the end of October. The Campbells are very excited to be in Lakewood and didn't want to miss out on Chocolate Walk, so they're partnering with the Dolatowski's from lion and blue who will be hosting Campbell's products in their store for the evening. This kind of collaboration is what sets Lakewood businesses apart.

Chocolate Walk always sells out quickly. You can get your tickets online at lakewoodchocolatewalk.com, or in person at Geiger's, lion and blue, Paisley Monkey or Rozi's. VIP tickets can only be purchased online or at the LakewoodAlive office, 14710 Detroit, Lower Level. Don't delay—they'll be gone before you know it!

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Pros And Cons Of County Tax Issues

Voters' Guide Explanations Of Countywide Tax Levy Issues

Health & Human Services
Issue 1: Proposed Tax Levy (replacement and increase)- County of Cuyahoga

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage
A replacement of 2.9 mills of an existing levy and an increase of 1 mill, to constitute a tax for the benefit of Cuyahoga County for the purpose of supplementing general fund appropriations for health and human or social services at a rate not exceeding 3.9 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 39 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five years, commencing in 2013, first due in calendar year 2014.

League Explanation: The Cuyahoga County Council by unanimous vote requests the replacement of the existing 2.9 mill Health and Human Service levy and an increased of 1.0 mills to support critical safety net services and shore up a fund projected to exhaust its reserves by 2015. The five-year 3.9 mill levy would collect about \$106 million, or \$27 million more than the current tax. It would cost a taxpayer \$136 per year for every \$100,000 assessed value and would replace millions of dollars of revenue lost because of declining property values, state and federal cuts. The health and human services levy is the smaller of two county taxes that support the MetroHealth Medical Center, elderly and child-protection services, Meals on Wheels, mental illness and addiction treatment programs and other county services.

Pro: The tax increase is needed to continue the level of support that Cuyahoga County voters have expected and to stop drawing down the human services reserve in order to balance. Cuyahoga voters have shown a long tradition of caring about the quality of life of our citizens in the support of the range of health, human, and social service needs.

Con: Human services programs should be evaluated for their effectiveness. Only after proof of effectiveness should these programs continue to be funded at present levels.

Cleveland Metropolitan Park District
Issue 80: Proposed Tax Levy (replacement and increase)- Cleveland Metropolitan Park District

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage
A renewal of an existing levy of 1.8 mills and an increase of 0.9 mill to constitute a tax for the benefit of the Cleveland Metropolitan Park District (known as Cleveland Metroparks including the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo) for the purpose of conserving the natural resources and maintaining, repairing, improving, planning, acquiring, developing, protecting and promoting the use of existing and future lands and facilities, and for any

other lawful purpose of the park district, at a rate not exceeding 2.7 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 27 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for ten years, commencing in 2013, first due in calendar year 2014.

League Explanation: The 10-year 1.8 mill MetroParks levy expires in 2014, so this 2.7 mill levy request includes that plus a 0.9 mill increase. This would cost the owner of a \$100,000 home \$92 annually, or about \$1.80 a week. These monies fund the ongoing operations and maintenance of 23,000 acres, 18 park reservations, all roads and trails, some nature centers and the Zoo. A new responsibility is the administration of the Cleveland lakefront parks. Levy monies comprise 62% of Metropark's \$89 million annual budget, the rest coming from grants, donations and aid from state or federal governments.

Pro: The increase is needed because the new lakefront parks increase expenses, and revenue from property taxes and state/federal aid has

declined. Management has cut staff (without layoffs) as well as energy costs; the last 17 audits have been "clean;" and Metroparks have remained debt-free.
Con: Metroparks should trim and tuck in order to operate within their means. Taxpayers cannot shoulder any additional burdens during hard times.

Cleveland- Cuyahoga County Port Authority
Issue 82: Proposed Tax Levy (renewal)- Cleveland- Cuyahoga County Port Authority

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage
A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority for the purpose of providing funds necessary for the Port Authority budget at a rate not exceeding 0.13 mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 1.3 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five years, commencing in 2013, first due in calendar year 2014.

League Explanation: The Cleve-

land-Cuyahoga County Port Authority requests the renewal of their 0.13 mill levy, passed in 2007, which expires at the end of 2013. The levy will cost a taxpayer \$0.29 per month for every \$100,000 assessed value, yielding approximately \$3.1 million per year, about 35% of their budget. Besides operating the Port of Cleveland, the Port Authority serves as a bonding agency for development projects such as the Flats East Bank. It recently opened and maintains control of the Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve at the eastern end of Gordon Park to the public. The Port Authority now accounts for how tax funds are spent in its budget.

Pro: The Port is an important asset of the local infrastructure, providing a shipping link to the global economy.

Con: The Port has not turned the Nature Preserve over to Metroparks management, as has the State of Ohio with the city's other lakefront parks. Additionally, the Port of Cleveland loses money annually, which must be made up by the levy and income from development project bonds.

Pros and Cons of County Charter Amendments

Voters' Guide Explanations Of Charter Amendments

compiled by Pam Smith
More time for confirmation of executive appointments

Issue 2: Proposed Charter Amendment- Cuyahoga County

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage
Shall Article II, Section 2.03(2) Powers and Duties of the Charter of the County of Cuyahoga be amended to extend the term during which Council may act on Executive appointments, and add an interim appointment provision?

League Explanation: Charter language currently provides the County Council with a 30-day window to confirm or reject Executive appointments. Certain appointments also require confirmation hearings and three readings at consecutive Council sessions, while the Council meets only twice each month. The amendment extends that 30-day deadline to 60 days.

Pro: The 30-day deadline has proven difficult and sometimes impossible to meet, if hearings were involved or if the appointee was out of town or forced to miss a session for unavoidable reasons. Some confirmations require more extensive vetting or discussion than others.

Con: Council needs to continue doing its business quickly and efficiently.

Changes to the "Human Resource Commission"

Issue 3: Proposed Charter Amendment- Cuyahoga County

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

Shall Article II, Section 2.03(12) Powers and Duties, and Article IX of the Charter of the County of Cuyahoga be amended to rename the "Human Resource Commission" the "Personnel Review Commission," to provide that the County Council shall have the authority to appoint and remove members of the commission, to clarify the commission's administrative powers and duties, and to formally establish an office of the Director of Human Resources?

League Explanation: Charter language currently names its independent, quasi-judicial civil service commission "Human Resource Commission," while at the same time there is an Executive Branch department called the "Human Resource Department." To clarify the distinction, this amendment would rename the first of these, "Personnel Review Commission." The Charter also calls for the County Executive to nominate the members of that 3-person commission, even though the commission's chief task would be to review personnel issues or irregularities involving the Executive Branch's own employees. The amendment would shift the appointment role to the Legislative Branch or County Council, to remove that possible conflict of interest. The amendment would also clarify some current ambiguity regarding which employees and rules it is the Commission's jurisdiction to cover and adjudicate.

Pro: The new name and parameters clear up confusion and uncertainty in the minds of employees, the public, and the commissioners themselves. Legislative rather than Executive

appointment of commissioners is a traditional Checks and Balances issue.

Con: The current name is no problem, and Executive appointments were already well balanced by Council hearings and confirmation of those appointments. The amendment is not necessary.

Actions of Council not requiring executive approval

Issue 4: Proposed Charter Amendment- Cuyahoga County

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage
Shall Article III, Section 3.10(5) Organization, Rules and Procedures of the Charter of the County of Cuyahoga be amended to specify actions of Council that do not require Executive approval to be binding?

League Explanation: Charter language currently requires the County Executive to sign off on all actions of the County Council. The amendment would list 10 Council actions with no such requirement, such as the setting of Council's own rules and procedures, possible rejection of an Executive appointment, or any possible Council investigation into Executive branch operations.

Pro: This is only logical, but it needs to be stated in the Charter.

Con: So much procedural detail should not be part of a Charter.

Board of Revision
Issue 5: Proposed Charter Amendment- Cuyahoga County

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage
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Opinion

Lakewoodites Always Leery Of Regional Attempts

Regionalism and the centralization of County services and government are subjects that are very much in the news today. Yet, these issues have been debated for nearly 100 years by area leaders and local residents.

Beginning in the early 1900s, several attempts were made by Cleveland area business leaders to merge Cleveland's suburbs into the central city. In 1910, for instance, Lakewood residents voted 1456 to 977 against a merger with Cleveland.

In 1916 another failed annexation effort was based on the slogan "Detroit shall not outstrip Cleveland" as at that time Cleveland was in fear of losing her title of "Sixth City" to her Michigan rival.

In 1919 Cleveland area business leaders, the forerunners of today's Team NEO and Cleveland+ attempted to merge Cleveland's suburbs into one large city through the process of a constitutional amendment providing for annexation.

Business leaders met at the Statler Hotel in downtown Cleveland to establish a committee whose intent was to merge the cities of Lakewood, East Cleveland and Cleveland and the villages of Bratenahl, Shaker Heights, Cleveland Heights, Euclid, West Park, South Newburg and Newburgh Heights into one governmental entity.

The Lakewood Press of Jan. 9, 1919 reported, "that this committee recommends to the board of directors of the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce that the latter send representatives to said meeting and acquiesce in and support the following propositions:

by Thomas George

1. That wherever there exists in a single county a group of politically separate organizations, which are sociologically, economically, and industrially a single organization, the demands of economy and the application of sound public policy require that they be united politically.

2. That the cities of Lakewood, East Cleveland and Cleveland, and the villages of Bratenahl; Shaker Heights, Cleveland Heights, Euclid, West Park, South Newburg and Newburgh Heights are sociologically, economically, and industrially a single organization and should, therefore, be made a unit politically,

3. That the proposed Constitutional amendment seems to present the only feasible means at the present time for accomplishing such unification and that the initiation of such amendment and its final ratification by the people of the state of Ohio are desirable and necessary;"

Lakewood elected officials and those of other municipalities fought the efforts vigorously.

The Lakewood Press of Jan. 23, 1919 reported: "Members of the executive committee of the Cuyahoga County Anti-Annexation League met Tuesday afternoon to consider further plans for the completion of an organization to fight the county-city merger legislation at Columbus. C. A. Neff of Bratenahl presided and Samuel Potter Burrill of Lakewood acted as secretary. Other representatives of

the executive committee present were: Frederick B. Ayer, East Cleveland; A. J. Throckmorton, Cleveland Heights; W. J. Van Aken, Shaker Heights; Alvord L. Bishop, Euclid.

The reasons provided by Lakewood's Mayor B.M.Cook and other suburban officials who fought the annexation were reported in the Lakewood Press in January of 1919. The Press quoted Cook, "'Lakewood will increase its street lights from 500 to 800 this year while Cleveland lighting will be reduced," remarked Mayor B. M. Cook on New Year's Day, looking over the budgets of the two cities. "Lakewood is adding ten more firemen, an increase of 25 per cent in the membership of our department. It is opening one new firehouse and will add another firehouse before the end of the year. It will increase the membership of the police force. Cleveland on the other hand is reducing its fire and police protection below the safety limit."

"If Lakewood were annexed to Cleveland, we should be forced to reduce our street lighting and to submit to a reduction in fire and police protection. All of which would cost more taxes rather than less for Lakewood. That is one reason why there is practically no sentiment in Lakewood in favor of annexation," Cook continued.

Regional proponents argued in support. The Lakewood Press of Feb. 20, 1919 reported, "W. A. Stinchcomb, county surveyor, was the speaker at the weekly meeting of the Cleveland

Real Estate Board Wednesday noon at Hotel Winton. He discussed "The Advantages of a Consolidated County Government."

"He said there are over ninety separate taxing subdivisions in Cuyahoga county, including Cleveland, the smaller cities of Lakewood, East Cleveland, and Newburg, and thirty villages, fourteen townships and a number of school districts. A proposed amendment to the constitution of Ohio has been introduced in the legislature and action will be sought within the next few days."

In the end, the 1919 county/city consolidation did not occur, although regional efforts continue to this day.

One hundred years later many of the arguments regarding the issue have a familiar ring. Author E.G. Lindstrom in the vintage publication, "Story of Lakewood" sums it up when saying, "From almost the very year of her birth as a city, Lakewood has had to fight for her corporate existence. Cleveland, once so far away, has expanded right up to the city line. Strangers passing through seldom know when they have left one city and entered the other.

In everything except government, the two are one. They are served by the same utilities, their streets merge without a break, and a majority of Lakewood citizens work in Cleveland and think of themselves as Clevelanders rather than as citizens of an entirely different municipality.

The generation of residents who came out when Lakewood was new, who built homes and saw property values rise with the city's bounding population, are now passing out of picture. Their places are being taken by newcomers who have no such sentimental attachment to the town, and who will therefore be more open to the old familiar arguments of the annexationists."

Lindstrom concludes, "if Cleveland presents such a record of good government that it will erase the memory of past mismanagement, annexation may emerge from the status of a possibility to that of probability."

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Congresswoman Kaptur Endorses Bullock For Council At-Large

Citing "effective partnership," Kaptur "enthusiastically" backs Bullock

by Nadhal Eadeh

Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur announced this week that she is endorsing Councilman Tom Bullock for Lakewood City Council at-Large in the upcoming November election.

Kaptur cited Councilman Bullock's experience and advocacy on behalf of neighborhoods. Kaptur, herself an urban planner by profession, said she has an "effective partnership" in working with him on community issues. Kaptur represents Lakewood as part of Ohio's Ninth District. "If you want Lakewood to be the best city it can be, if you want Lakewood to keep innovating and improving, you need leaders with the focus, drive, creativity, and initiative that Tom Bullock brings to City Hall," said Kaptur. "I know I can partner with Councilman Bullock very effectively, and I enthusiastically endorse him for Council At-large."

Bullock said he was honored to receive the Congresswoman's endorsement. "Congresswoman Kaptur is a model public servant who has served Ohioans for years, so her endorsement means a lot," said Bullock. "She works for the people, delivers results for local communities, and doesn't get

caught up in political bluster on cable TV. We need more leaders like her, and Lakewood is lucky to be represented by Congresswoman Kaptur."

Bullock said he looks forward to partnering with Kaptur on issues in which the federal government directly impacts local communities, such as neighborhood stabilization, where federal funds can help address vacant and foreclosed properties, and sewer and storm water system upgrades that reduce overflows into Lake Erie and keep drinking water clean and healthy.

Pros and Cons of County Charter Amendments

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Shall Article VI, Section 6.02 Board of Revision of the Charter of the County of Cuyahoga be amended to clarify the role of the Board of Revision?

League Explanation: Charter language is currently unclear as to what is a Board of Revision and what is a Hearing Board. The amendment clarifies the distinction: The Board of Revision is a single three-member board consisting of the County Executive, a Council



President appointee of a different political party from that of the Executive, and either the Fiscal Officer or the Treasurer. That board hires and oversees as many Hearing Boards as are needed to handle current numbers of real property owners seeking reductions in their property's assessed valuation for tax purposes. Each Hearing Board would consist of three persons meeting merit standards but no longer with a bipartisan requirement.

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Grandmother's Hoover Constellation Vacuum Cleaner

by Gary Rice

Living in 1950's America, air power and the space race were two highly significant areas of public interest, due mostly to the Cold War between the West and Communism. When WWII ended in 1945 with the birth of the Atomic Age, it was clearly understood by anyone who truly cared, that air power had played a highly dominant role in winning that war. At the same time, the explosion of rocketry and guided missile technology meant that every town and city worldwide could suddenly find itself on a front line of a new, sudden, and devastating world-wide war. Communism was competing for world-wide domination and small revolutionary wars were springing up all over the world.

Facing the very real possibility that they could be atomized at a moment's notice, citizens looked to their governments to prepare fallout shelters in public buildings. People even constructed them in the backyards of their private homes. Films like "Duck and Cover" instructed children to crawl under their desks and stay away from windows, if an atom bomb hit nearby.

At the same time, many consumer products began to echo the technologies that were being developed for the air and space race between the United States and the Soviet Union.



Grandmother's Hoover...Ready to clean the family car again!

Automobiles developed aircraft or rocket-shaped fins, and many home appliances, from toasters to tea pots, began to show futuristic space-age designs.

One such product was the Hoover Constellation vacuum cleaner. This amazing and highly popular satellite-shaped product, originally created in the early 1950's by that (formerly) Canton, Ohio based company, reportedly stayed in Hoover's line for around a

quarter-century, and was even briefly reproduced again a few years ago. Closely resembling a spacecraft, or perhaps even a hypothetical Unidentified Flying Object, (UFO) this round-tank

vacuum cleaner actually DID fly, or rather float, on a cushion of air like a mini-hovercraft. The little lady of the house (You could get away with saying such things back then!) could then almost effortlessly move about the home with that circular canister floating along behind her.

Grandmother's little "Connie" was transported up to Lakewood from Alabama, when she came up here to live near us. On Grandmother's passing, I used little "Connie" for awhile as a car vac, until another vacuum came along. At that point, "Connie" went out with the trash. Fortunately, as it turned out, a neighbor asked about her, and away little "Connie" went; recycled out to his own garage, where she was used as his own car vac for the next 25 years... until he also upgraded to another vacuum; at which point, "Connie" came back home to me! Even though little "Connie" is around 50 years old, missing her handle, and most of her original tools, she still tries to float like a cloud at least, and she still picks up dirt like a dream!

Coffee With The Subconscious... Ella's Wisdom

by Betty Rozakis

I felt anxious as I opened the door to Blackbird Bakery. I was craving my morning cappuccino. Then I noticed that dreaded sign: 'Espresso machine down till tomorrow.' Not a problem. I'll cross the bridge with my Golden Doodle Ella and find another way. Nonetheless, it didn't happen, my subconscious interfered...

I can't recall if Ella was outside barking or sitting when I untied her leash from the wooden post. My mind was focused on a substitute source. When the white figure to cross Sloane signaled us to proceed, I took a few steps then got jerked to a STOP!

Ella froze her paws. She refused to go West. No matter how much I tried to lure her leash toward the area of the setting sun, she was determined to pull me in the opposite direction.

Caught in a standstill, something told me to unbridle this friction and follow her lead. Ella returned us to the park setting outside Blackbird Bakery. She led me to sit at a picnic table. I felt the warmth of the morning sun on my



The author and her dog Ella.

face--something I would have missed had I succeeded in crossing the bridge. I felt the beginning of a calm. What just happened?

Dogs seem to know and expect rituals. These rituals represent what's going on in their owner's subconscious. My habitual actions have taught Ella to be by my side when I sit in my chair on the shore of the Lagoons, walk along the boulders of Clifton Beach, or relax outside Blackbird. Did Ella sense my stress and shift me back into gear? I was stuck and she knew how to get my energy flowing back in the right direction. Luckily, I knew to pay attention and follow her.

I didn't always know which way to turn. My training in European Depth Graphology helped me realize the right energy course for me. I've learned to consider my intuition, relax and enjoy the process.

I never got my cappuccino that morning, but I managed to fulfill my subconscious need. Are you aware of yours?

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Notes From Afghanistan

Dispatch 3.1: Why We Fight

by Eric Smith

Author's Note: I've written a few "dispatches" over the past few years, first as a battalion executive officer in Iraq and then as a brigade operations officer in Afghanistan. Now I'm the commander of the 3rd Squadron, 2nd Cavalry Regiment (nicknamed the "Wolfpack") and we've deployed to Afghanistan for a nine-month tour. The squadron is an infantry battalion, based out of Germany, and we have deployed 550 Soldiers out of a total of 720.

The squadron assembled a week before we started deploying and the text below is a rough approximation of what I told the Soldiers. Like the Greek historian Thucydides, I will admit that I didn't write down the speech ahead of time – I gave it off the cuff, so any differences between my actual words and what is written below are my errors alone.

One more thing, an "IED" is an Improvised Explosive Device, an "SVEST" is a suicide vest, and a "VBIED" is a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device. Sorry to slip into vernacular, but my audience was familiar with the terms.

Good afternoon Wolfpack!

Over two hundred years ago when our country was first struggling to achieve its independence, a minor German aristocrat named Baron Von Steuben came to the new world to help our Army train and transform itself from a collection of amateur fighters into a professional army.

Someone asked him at one point "What is the American Soldier like?"

He replied, "The American Soldier is a great fighter, willing to withstand great hardships. He acts on his own with individual initiative. His biggest problem is that he is not willing to blindly follow orders but always wants to know why."

I think that description holds up today just as it did two hundred years ago. Well, the Wolfpack is going to war, so you deserve to know why. I am your commander, so it is my responsibility to tell you.

Back in the mid-90s when Britney Spears was still running around in schoolgirl outfits and we were all captivated by OJ's white SUV fleeing from the police on live TV, Afghanistan went from chaos to total anarchy.



Lieutenant-Colonel Eric Smith talks with his Soldiers prior to deploying to Afghanistan.

What was left of the central government collapsed and warlords took over the country, fighting with each other, and having their way with the people. They were accountable to no one.

A group of religious students, known as the Taliban, decided enough was enough and started an uprising against the warlords. The people, tired of living in an environment in which no one was held accountable for their actions, supported the Taliban. They were repressive, but they brought order.

Soon the Taliban controlled the whole country and they faced a crucial dilemma. They needed money. You see, the Taliban are consumers, they are not producers. There is no Taliban Chamber of Commerce. There is no Taliban Small Business Development Program. There is no Taliban job-training plan. They taxed the people and that produced enough to live off of but not enough to buy expensive things – like weapons and ammunition.

Afghanistan has some natural resources, but they're hard to get to. And they need lots of money to develop. The Taliban didn't have a lot of money to do that. But there is one thing that Afghanistan has – it's isolated. Afghanistan is a hard place to get to – as we are about to find out. And it's a good place to hide. So the Taliban sold their isolation to people who wanted to hide and they played host to Al Queda.

Al Queda had already been kicked out of Saudi Arabia, Egypt, the Horn of Africa, Algeria, and the Sudan. They needed somewhere to go, a place they could find sanctuary, and Afghanistan fit the bill.

And it was in Afghanistan that Al Queda planned and executed the attacks on our country on September 11, 2001. The most devastating attack on American soil since Pearl Harbor, killing thousands of everyday, normal Americans in a single morning. They were able to do this because they had a sanctuary to plan and rehearse the attacks – a sanctuary provided by the Taliban, in Afghanistan.

We are going to Afghanistan to ensure there is a government, supported by security forces, that's accountable within the international system. We are going there to ensure that Afghanistan is never again going to be the place where those who would want to attack our country find sanctuary. When we leave, their government doesn't have to be perfect, the Army doesn't have to be just like ours – but it has to work for the Afghans.

Over the course of the next nine months, there will come a time when you are lonely, hot, tired, and miserable. And you will ask yourself "why am I here?" When that moment comes, I want you to think that while you're thinking about home, there's a high school football game being played in Oklahoma. There's some kids going to

school in Atlanta. In Oregon, a young couple is getting married and in North Carolina a woman is buying a new house. College students are interviewing for jobs and people are shopping at farmer's markets and someone is angry because they're stuck in traffic.

There are hundreds of thousands of daily dramas going on back home – the rhythm of normalcy. None of these people woke up in the morning and said, "I hope I don't step on an IED today." None of these people said, "I hope my kids don't get killed by an SVEST." None of them even paid one ounce of thought to the chance that they might get caught by a VBIED on the way to work.

They didn't even think about it because of you. Because you are going somewhere very far from home to fight our nation's enemies before they ever get the chance to go from over there to over here.

Thank you for what you do and who you are. I'm proud to stand amongst you and I'm proud to go to war with you. Years from now, when we look back on this, we'll say with honor – I was there at the end. I finished that thing. And my home, my family – and thousands of families I'll never know, are safe.

Eric Smith is a Lieutenant-Colonel in the US Army, currently stationed in Afghanistan. A lifelong resident of Lakewood, he graduated from Lakewood High School in 1990. More than anything else, he's looking forward to getting home and having some Malley's Ice Cream.

Pros and Cons of County Charter Amendments

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would continue a serious ambiguity. Flexibility in the numbers of Hearing Boards allows for considerable savings during times of lighter caseloads. Bipartisanship of the Board of Revision itself removes the need for it on the Hearing Boards.

Con: The bipartisan requirement for Hearing Boards is important and should be retained. Charter ambiguity can remain for one more year, until the requirement is reinserted and the amendment is resubmitted to voters.

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Lakewood Living

Peace, Sixth Graders, Essays, And Art Come Together In Lakewood Park

by Marianne Quasebarth Usiak

The dedication of the World's Children Peace Monument Sculpture in Lakewood Park occurred on Sept. 21, 2013, also United Nations International Day of Peace. With the kind recommendation of Senator Skindell, Lakewood was suggested to receive the World's Children Peace Monument. We are honored to have been chosen to receive this sculpture. The dedication ceremony sponsored by Keep Lakewood Beautiful was held adjacent to the sculpture and began outside as the sun finally peeked through the clouds with music performed by Marty Higgins. The World's Children Peace Monument (WCPM) was wrapped like a large gift with a yellow bow in the sunshine. Indeed, it is a gift to the City of Lakewood from the International Center for Environmental Arts (ICEA) and the children of Berea, Ohio who have donated the Peace Stone for the World's Children Peace Monument to promote a sustainable global Culture of Peace and Goodwill. The International Center for Environmental Arts is dedicated to assisting in the understanding of the relationship between humans and their environment through the arts to promote a sustainable Culture of Peace.

The official ribbon cutting ceremony was performed by Nickie Antonio, State Representative of Ohio House District 13; Miss Jane Kalinowski, winner of the city wide 6th grade peace essay contest sponsored by Keep Lakewood Beautiful; David Jakupca, member of ICEA, a Universal Peace Ambassador, and the designer and sculptor of the WCPM, and Renate Jakupca member of ICEA and a Universal Peace Ambassador. The reveal of the sculpture was framed picturesquely by the surrounding Keep Lakewood Beautiful Adopt-A-Spot Garden masterfully maintained by The Lakewood Kiwanis Club's John Mumma (past president, 2010). Kind and inspiring words from State Representative Nickie Antonio; the Lakewood Kiwanis Club: De De Macnamee Gold, President, John Mumma; Renata Jakupca, and City Councilmember Tom Bullock also graced the event.

Bringing the WPCM to Lakewood fit well with the Keep Lakewood Beautiful mission which is to promote civic involvement, to enhance the beauty of Lakewood through green space activity, litter prevention, recycling efforts, and to encourage individual education and investment in the overall environment of the City. Keep Lakewood Beautiful brings annually to the City of Lakewood the fall and spring humus sale, earth day, beautiful home awards, and over 50 Adopt-a Spot gardens.

In honor of the dedication of the World's Children Peace Monument Sculpture, Keep Lakewood Beautiful sponsored a city wide 6th grade essay contest entitled "What Peace Means to



Winners of the city wide 6th grade peace essay contest gathered in front of the newly dedicated World's Children's Peace Monument.

me..." A big part of the event was the awarding of the winners of this city wide 6th grade essay contest. All 6th grade students in the City of Lakewood were invited to participate. With the generous support of middle school principals of both public and private schools, 6th grade teachers and the students, we received 152 official entries in the essay contest! Keep Lakewood Beautiful was thrilled with this wonderful response.

All judging was done independently and blindly so no student names or schools were visible or known to a judge. We had three teachers kindly volunteer their time. They each read all 152 essays and picked the top 25 essays which received awards. Keep Lakewood Beautiful would like to acknowledge them for this mammoth task they graciously undertook: Sue Seeds- a Language Arts teacher at Lakewood Catholic Academy, Katherine Ingersoll-Gifted and Talented Coordinator Lakewood City Schools, and Becky Blau-a Language Arts teacher at St. Mary of the Falls School in Olmsted Falls.

The 1st place essay winner is Jane Kalinowski of Lakewood Catholic Academy -Jane's award winning word work of art follows:

"What is peace? Peace to me is a helping hand. A helping had that leads to another helping hand, till there are millions of hands reaching out to pick you up off[f] the ground. Peace can make a million, but everything starts with I.

Peace to me is tranquility and harmony. Living things should not grow apart, but grow together. Peace to some is "rainbows and flowers." But really all it is, is just People Working Together! Did Neil Armstrong make it to the moon himself? No! He had help from hundreds of scientists! Did Martin Luther King have the courage to have a dream by himself? No! He had millions behind him! All I am trying to say is everyone needs help, and that people should come and stay together.

To sum things up peace is inside all. We just need figure out how to let it

out. That in a few words is what peace means to me."

An additional part of the dedication of the statue was the addition of the essay contest winner's handprint to the lower right corner of the statue. Everyone present was able to watch David Jakupca's artistry in action as the sculptor prepared the Peace Monument for Jane's handprint. The significance of the hand comes from the following quote: "This hand belongs to Jane Kalinowski and one day her hand will touch millions." Congratulations Jane!

The 2nd place essay winner is Gwen Wojtkun of Lakewood Catholic Academy. A quote from her winning essay follows: "If you have had something that makes you feel at peace, you know what happiness feels like. If you don't, close your eyes and think of the best day in your life and you will feel happiness."

The 3rd place winner is Brier Bracken of Garfield Middle School. Here is a short selection from her winning essay: "Peace is something embedded in our souls, and we can all feel it, even under everything else, like love and hatred. We are all unique and independent, but we still need each other to succeed. That's why we should respect ourselves and others, to join together to create our perfect world. Bring peace, because peace is pure."

With so many wonderful essays it was hard to choose the winners. While all bestowed many amazing pearls of wisdom, excerpts are taken from each of the rest of the winners for all to get a glimpse of "What Peace Means to me" by the City of Lakewood's 6th grade students.

There were seven 1st Tier Honorable Mentions: (1) Evan Bell- "Peace means being content with myself." (2) Emma Carson- "Is there a place that makes me feel at peace? I choose Lakewood, all of it." (3) Payton Rossen- "Peace means a perfect world where no one is left out." (4) Gabrielle Heath- "Peace cannot be kept, it comes and goes. Peace is something you work for, not something you just get overnight." (5) Kitty Crino- "Equation for Peace: Respect the earth + Respect fellow humans = Happiness = Peace" (6)

Autumn Saddler- "Peace is never forced. Peace is ONLY to be chosen." (7) Alice King- "Everyone deserves peace."

Fifteen 2nd tier Honorable Mentions were awarded: (1) Gabe Beaver- "Peacemaking means running into the middle of it and making a difference by helping someone." (2) Chloe Becker- "I think peace is action that we should all do everyday." (3) Tiffany Reed- "[Peace] means to end all fighting between race and religion." (4) Kenyon Jefferson- "Peace is important because it is freedom." (5) Nolan Hess- "Soldiers fight for the peace I have in my own homeland, and we should fight for peace in ourselves." (6) Marina Klee- "Practicing peace at home helps us to be confident peace ambassadors in the world." (7) Jacob Laux- "One might find peace knowing that they are being accepted for who they are." (8) Katie Pietrangelo- "I think when you found something you love, you found your peace!" (9) Ashlee Presock- "Peace means smiles to me." (10) Grace Quasebarth- "Peace has lots of different ways of finding us. Peace should always be in our hearts." (11) Kennedy Ball- "Peace is soft and quiet, to dance, to live, to love, and not to hate." (12) Lauren Heba- "What peace means to me is a phoenix of peace rising from the ashes of war." (13) Renee Jones- "Everyday you need to decide if you want to be a peaceful person." (14) Haley Schultz- "Everyone could be able to achieve anything that they want, no one would be limited, and everyone would be free." (15) Tulley Worron- "I think everyone deserves a chance at peace. Our generation has an obligation to carry on the legacy of peace."

Congratulations to all of our winners! Also, congratulations to every student who wrote an essay about the meaning of peace. They are all winners! Taking a moment to think about what peace really is to each of us is an invaluable gift which we can always cherish and strive for. The complete collection of 152 essays has been put together and will be on display. Please contact Keep Lakewood Beautiful at OneLakewood.com/KLB for details.

Keep Lakewood Beautiful would like to acknowledge the many Lakewood businesses, organizations, and individuals who have so generously donated to make this event possible and give our winners wonderful prizes.

Keep Lakewood Beautiful especially acknowledges ICEA, our dignitaries, speakers, and guests, and especially thanks our students for their wonderful and inspirational essays. These essays are like seeds of peace that each student has planted around the The World's Children Peace Monument. With nourishment, each of them will grow and blossom into promoting peace in each of us and beyond. What a wonderful way to Keep Lakewood Beautiful! Peace!

Lakewood Living

Spooky Pooch Parade Set For October 19

by Ken Brand

Lakewood’s Spooky Pooch Parade is Saturday October 19th, 2013 12:30-3:30 p.m. Join us once again at St. Charles Green for this popular event. This year along with costumed dogs competing in a costume contest, have your kids join in on the fun and dress up for a little Spooky Pooch Trick and Treat with our over 40 vendors. We will also have a pumpkin patch provided by the Lakewood Garden Center for you to enjoy and pick up a few of your favorite spooky decorations.

Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. and the parade steps off at 2 p.m. sharp. Awards will be given to the Best Dog & Child, Best Dog & Adult, Best Group, Spookiest Pooch and Best in Show. We

have made the judging process faster and more efficient to keep the energy high after the parade. Last year we had more than 300 registered dogs and we are looking forward to filling the streets of Downtown Lakewood with more of the same fun from last year.

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The author shows off one of his catch from another fishing trip to Finland.

Lakewoodites...Fishing In The Land Of The Midnight Sun

by Jim Marquard

I have been to Finland ten times now – my wife is from Tyrnava, Finland, so we visit family, friends, mother nature, travel, and of course we were married there. And we love to sauna every day. This trip was special, her mom’s 80th birthday party, plus our fishing trips.

My wife loves to fish. Our fishing trip starts up past the Arctic Circle line in Pello, fishing for salmon in the Tornio river (the river splits Finland and Sweden). This time we had no luck with salmon fishing, but we got two perch (one Finnish, one Swedish). We continued to fish for pike on the Rattosjarvi.

First, I am fishing with Ville, an 11-year-old whose reel breaks. I throw my lure out, tell him to reel in while I try to fix his reel, and he catches his first pike. Awesome! Next day, my wife’s lure somehow comes off the leader, I waded in the lake, found the lure and got wet. So I set my wife to fish and a little further along the shore I set up Ville to start fishing again when my wife yells, “FISH ON! I GOT A FISH!” I run over to my wife, net the fish and bring it in. This means we have fish for lunch – two pike: one from yesterday (Ville’s fish) and one from today - my wife’s fish. So after this I run back to Ville as his lure is stuck in the tree, I have to climb the tree to the get the lure out – success.

In between all this fishing we picked wild blueberries, yum, yum. Oh, did I mention the reindeer walking by us?! But, wait... what about me? Did I get a chance to catch a pike? I had four pike on and only landed one, which I released due to its size. No picture proof but my wife’s brother Kari and his son Ville saw my pike. That is called PROOF.

Last but not least, which I hate to admit, my wife caught the biggest fish (about 1.75 kilo)!



Ville with his fish that day.

Gordon Square’s Historic Haunts Event Is Back This Spooky Season

by Nadine Nocero

The West Clinton Historic Haunts Walking Tour is back and filled with more frighteningly good fun than ever. This year’s event will be held Friday, October 4, and Saturday, October 5, with tours departing from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Beginning at Cleveland Public Theatre’s Parish Hall (6205 Detroit Avenue), the tour, led by lantern-carrying guides, will visit neighborhood porches, parks, churches and public buildings where guests will meet noteworthy and disreputable former residents and hear real-life tales of horror.

The tours depart from Parish Hall every 10 minutes and last approximately 45 minutes. This family friendly event is free for children under 15. Adult admission is \$5. Free parking is available next to, and across the street from, Parish Hall. Last held in 2011, the event drew over 1400 visitors, so pre-sale tickets are available now online via Brown Paper Tickets (a minimal service fee applies).

Live entertainment will be performed at Parish Hall throughout both evenings thanks to Roots of American Music and the St. Ignatius Circus Club. Light refreshments and a silent auction

will also take place thanks to our generous sponsors including but not limited to, Gypsy Beans & Baking Company, The Cleveland Orchestra, and The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum. Historic Haunts 2013 theatrical partners, Blank Canvas Theatre and Talespinner Children’s Theatre, will perform all acts. Scripts while based off of Cleveland’s spooky past, will take an original spin thanks to John Stuehr, playwright and chairman of Talespinner Children’s Theatre, director Patrick Ciamacco, and designer Allison Garrigan.

Guests will be transported to the year 1910 where a very special host, the famed former Cleveland Mayor, Tom L. Johnson, will introduce them to their neighborhood tour guides who will take them back in time and escort them from act to act with several street performers popping up along the way.

This year’s spooky stories include a tale of The Trunk in The Lake, A Shot in The School House, Murder in High Society along with others.

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Extra Items	\$0.50	\$0.75	\$1.00	\$1.50
Extra Cheese	\$1.00	\$1.50	\$2.00	\$2.50

Available Items: Pepperoni, Sausage, Mushrooms, Onions, Green Peppers, Anchovies, Ham, Bacon, Fresh Garlic, Black Olives, Hot Peppers, Ground Meat & Artichoke Hearts

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