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Lincoln School Celebrates 100 Years!

by Christine Gordillo

Lincoln Elementary threw itself a weeklong party to mark the school’s 100-year birthday,

and students not only learned about their school, but a bit of history as well.

The organizing commit-

tee and staff kept the history lessons coming all week long. Grades were assigned decades from the last 100 years to study. On Tuesday, students dressed in the style of their decade or as a famous person of the last 100 years. Newsboys, Shirley Temple, Rosie the Riveter, Rosa Parks and so many others walked the halls decorated to reflect each grade’s decade.

Wednesday was a school assembly celebrating the milestone where dignitaries such as Mayor Summers and former principals Noreen Hazen, Carl Lochard and Nancy Karabinus joined retired teachers and past PTA presidents in celebrating the school’s centennial. Another peek into history came in the form of a Women in History presentation by Mother Jones, who shared how things had changed for children and schooling over the past 100 years. Principal Sandy Kozelka read a proclamation from the State introduced by Rep. Nickie Antonio that recognized the school’s centennial and Excellent status on its State report card.

Each grade then gave a special salute with presentations such as a reading of the Gettysburg address and a rendition of the Beatles’ “Birthday” song (for the ‘60s decade, of course).

A public open house capped off the festivities on Wednesday evening where former students reconnected with teachers and those who were students many years ago (some from the 1940s & ‘50s) roamed the halls and classrooms rekindling old memories. In addition to the mementos and scrapbooks on display, there was also a 1919 Templar car, courtesy of Dave Buehler, who maintains a collection of Templar cars at the Screw Factory building in Lakewood.

Thursday, the school’s official 100-year birthday, saw the students playing vintage games from their decades and wrapping up one very special week.

Thanks to all the committee members who worked many hours to make it a special celebration for everyone: Julie Wang Warren, Com-

mittee Chair and past PTA President; Kelly Jablonowski, current PTA President; Sue Cernanec, Lincoln Media Specialist; Lisa Ellis; Sylvia Masek; Gemma Moran; Stacie Ross; Erin Wereb; Julie Ferrone, Lin-

coln teacher; Sean McGuan, Lincoln teacher; Maureen Marshall, retired teacher; Mary Sue Hongosh; retired teacher; and Sandy Kozelka, Lincoln Principal.



Students dressed as a famous person from the last 100 years or from a specific decade. Pictured are: back row - Owen Schiefferle (1930s), Audrey Warren (Rosie the Riveter); front row, from left - Edie Barcelona (Rosa Parks), Ryan Mackey (1980s) and Cameron Wereb (1960s).

Veterans Day Ceremony Monday, 11/11/13 -11a.m.

by Melissa Garrett

The City of Lakewood’s annual Veterans Day Ceremony will take place on Monday, November 11, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial in Lakewood Park, 14532 Lake Avenue. Lakewood’s annual Veterans Day observance is a tribute to the men and women who served our country in the armed forces.

Lakewood’s Veterans Day program will begin with the Presentation of Colors followed by the singing of the National Anthem by The Four Vet Quartet.

This year’s keynote speaker is Judge Michael E. Jackson. Judge Jackson served with the U.S. Marine Corps during the Viet Nam War. He

was a combat officer and commanded a Marine platoon as a 2nd Lt. and a Marine company as a 1st Lt. He was awarded the following decorations for valor in combat: the Bronze Star (2); the Navy Commendation Award; the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry (2); and the Purple Heart.

Judge Jackson was elected to the Common Pleas Court in 2012 and will serve one-term ending in 2019. While campaigning, he stated that one way to improve the court’s efficiency would be to establish a veteran’s court or docket.

A graduate of Ohio University, he received his J.D. with Honors from Chicago-Kent/ITT College of Law in

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Board Of Ed Offices Moving Temporarily

by Christine Gordillo

Beginning Monday, November 4, the Lakewood Board of Education offices at 1470 Warren Road will be temporarily closed for approximately one month and moved to the district’s former Franklin Elementary School building at 13465 Franklin Blvd. This move is necessary due to the discovery of pigeons nesting in

the attic of the Board of Education building.

In researching pigeons roosting in buildings, the district found that disturbed pigeon debris can result in airborne fungi that can be harmful to people. Presently, the debris has not been disturbed, however, to be on the safe side, the district brought

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Paul Dimmick (on the left, back row) with some of his Friends.

Paul Dimmick: A Friend Of The Library

by Ben Burdick

The Lakewood Public Library mourns the passing of Paul Dimmick, a highly-respected member of the Library’s Board of Trustees and a tireless volunteer for the Friends of Lakewood Public Library. He will be deeply missed by friends and family, by the Boy Scouts of Troop 81, by his fellow Kiwanians and Trustees, by the volunteers who followed his example and by the staff of the Library who regarded him as a permanent fixture around the place—always smiling and often

joking and constantly on the lookout for what challenge he could face next. He will not be soon forgotten.

We feel strongly that, as the years roll by, many more will come to miss him—those who never knew his name or had the chance to meet him in this life. He gave the Library and his community a level of service that we can only marvel at. The Library, of course, will carry on and even prosper, but Mr. Dimmick cannot be replaced. He did the work of twenty men—even into his

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Lakewood’s Tree Task Force



Planted trees at Lakewood Park Saturday. They were an American Beech, a Burr Oak, a White Pine, a Tuliptree, a Ginko, 3 Dogwoods, 2 Crabapples (by the Old Stone House), a Maple (turning some beautiful colors right now), and what many of us hope will be a signature tree specimen, a European Weeping Beech.

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Grant Community Voices Ideas

by Christina McCallum

Parents, staff, and community members from the Grant Elementary School neighborhood discussed the transition of Grant Elementary students during the final phase of school construction at a community meeting held Thursday, October 24. Superintendent Jeff Patterson facilitated the meeting; School Board President Ed Favre and Board Member Emma Petrie-Barcelona also were present.

Mr. Patterson first reviewed the best possible timeline for construction, assuming Issue 84 passes on Tuesday, November 5. He said that the meeting was a working meeting, during which attendees would help identify areas critical to creating the best transition plan possible.

Participants were seated at tables stocked with index cards and pencils. Mr. Patterson gave the crowd time to write down what individuals thought important to moving students to temporary classroom space successfully. Once individuals documented their

ideas on index cards, people at each table discussed the ideas and narrowed the concerns down to five. These index cards were taped to a larger piece of paper.

Each table then presented its concerns to the entire group. The large papers of index cards were taped to a wall of Grant's gym for reference and collection at the end of the meeting. Among concerns shared were proximity to the current school, student safety, access to technology, access to services, and keeping school communities together.

Mr. Patterson discussed some concerns further with the audience. He also answered questions.

Two other community meetings remain for people to express their thoughts. On Monday, October 28, people attended a session at Roosevelt Elementary School (14237 Athens Avenue) and on Wednesday, October 30, they can go to Lincoln Elementary School (15615 Clifton Boulevard). Each meeting takes place at 6:30 p.m.

Veterans Day Ceremony Monday, 11/11/13 -11a.m.

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Chicago, Illinois. Judge Jackson had a long career in private practice focusing primarily on corporate and labor law. He was a Law Partner at Arter & Hadden, now known as Tucker, Ellis & West, LLP. He served as Vice President of Administration and General Counsel at Towner Petroleum of NE Ohio. As an attorney at East Ohio Gas Company, he was a management labor lawyer assisting in negotiations, employee discipline and grievance processes. He represented management in arbitration cases.

In 2005, Judge Jackson signed on to lead the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Mortgage Fraud Unit. In addition to sorting through the housing crisis, he successfully investigated, indicted, convicted and participated in the sentencing of over 100 defendants. He also helped the major crimes team try murder cases.

Among the positions he has held are: President and Trustee of Shaker

Heights Democratic Club; Shaker Heights Democratic Precinct Committeeman; Executive Committee Cuyahoga County Democratic Party; Chairman, Veterans Memorial Project (renovate Mall A on Memorial Plaza in Downtown Cleveland); Trustee, Soldiers and Sailors Monument; Member of Parish Council, St. Peter Church; and Cuyahoga County Coordinator.

Judge Jackson is married to JoAnne Urban Jackson, who teaches Wills & Trusts and Family Law at Case Western Reserve Law School. They have two adult daughters.

Other highlights of this year's program include performances by the Lakewood High School Band, The Four Vet Quartet and a 21-gun salute by the Joint Veterans Honor Guard. The Veterans Day Ceremony is free and open to the public. Following the ceremony, coffee and doughnuts will be offered in the Woman's Club Pavilion at Lakewood Park.

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City News

Council Approves Purchase Of McKinley School

by Christopher Bindel

On the first truly chilly and damp night of the season, in a City Hall where water was out due to a busted pipe, Council President Brian Powers called the October 21, 2013 meeting of council to order at 7:30 P.M.

The first order of business was a proposed resolution recognizing the work of the Office of Migration and Refugee Services of the Catholic Charities. This year marks the 65th year of the Charities work with refugees. Starting in 1948, in the aftermath of World War II, the Office of Migration and Refugee Services has helped thousands find safe new homes by providing shelter, employment opportunities and education in Lakewood and other communities. Many of these refugees have faced violence, dangerous border crossings, and prolonged stays in refugee camps in search of aid and safe shelter only to be relocated to a strange country where they face the daunting challenges of an unfamiliar society with different rules and a new language. Despite these challenges many have been able to flourish.

Councilman Powers (At-Large) relayed the story of Dee Makorobondo who came from wartorn Congo to Lakewood in 2004. His parents bought a home here and he graduated from Lakewood High with an amazing athletic career. He later graduated from Denison University and walked away as a six-time All-American in cross country and track and field. After graduation he started a non-profit and raised enough money to build a library in his native Congo. He currently works as a case manager for Catholic Charities while he trains for the 2016 Olympics.

Councilman Powers also stated that economic studies have repeatedly shown that refugees bring far more economic benefit in comparison with the cost the cities that welcome them endure. In addition, with the help of the school, library and the city these refugees from across the world make valuable contributions to the cultural, economic and intellectual fabric of Lakewood.

Councilmen Tom Bullock (Ward II) and David Anderson (Ward I) both made supportive statements for the resolution and thanked Councilman Powers for bring it forward. They pointed out former Council President Michael Dever and his wife Stacey, in the audience who have both been very involved with the Office of Migration and Refugee Services.

Council passed the resolution and presented those present with a copy of it.

Next Councilwoman Mary Louise Madigan (Ward IV) read a report for the Finance Committee which, after much review and discussion with both all of Council and the School Board, decided to recommend adoption of the resolution which would approve the City's purchase of McKinley Elementary School. Council then proceeded with passing the resolution.

Director of Planning and Development, Dru Siley then asked Council to consider an ordinance that would change the zoning on a parcel of land. The former St. Hedwig's, which is now Lusso Cosmetics and the Museum of Divine Statues, has a piece of its parking lot which it does not use and has given an easement to the house at 2017 Halsted to use as their driveway as they do not have any other way to access their garage. After some discussion between the property owners they would like to move forward with the sale of the driveway to the residents. However, since the driveway is currently zoned commercial it cannot be combined with a residen-

tial parcel. Therefore they asked that the City rezone the small, 10 foot by 106 foot, piece of land to residential so the home owner can purchase it and merge it with their parcel.

Council referred the ordinance to the Planning Commission for consideration.

The last item on the agenda was from Public Works Director, Joseph Beno asking Council to approve a resolution that would allow the city to apply for funds from the Ohio Public Works Commission for projects to be done next year. The two projects that the City is seeking funding for are a sewer separation project on Edgewater at the cost of \$1,722,500 and water main replacements on Athens, Blossom Park, Cedarwood, St. Charles and Summit at a cost of \$2,265,000. Director Beno asked Council to pass the resolution on its first reading because the application deadline was October 25.

Councilwoman Monique Smith asked Director Beno how they decided which streets were going to be done. He said that several of those streets had had several breaks in recent years and really need to be done, and in terms of street surface quality, Blossom Park and St. Charles, tare probably two of the worst streets in the city.

After some further discussion, and clarification as to the tardiness for the resolution, Council decided to pass it.

Coming to the end of the agenda items, with no one from the public signed up to speak, Council President Powers adjourned the meeting at 8:17 P.M.

LakewoodAlive Presents A Community Forum Housing: Securing A Second Century

by Allison Urbanek

LakewoodAlive will host a community forum, "Housing: Securing a Second Century" on Wednesday, November 13, 2013 at 7 p.m. at Garfield Middle School, 13314 Detroit Avenue.

Lakewood, Ohio is known as the "City of Homes." The city's housing stock is not only vital to economic stability, but also deeply affects the quality of life for the city's residents. LakewoodAlive along with the City of Lakewood, is striving to help homeowners sustain and enhance the historic housing stock, work with homeowners and investors to abate code violations, and provide resources to help stabilize and strengthen the foundation of our community.

The forum will begin with presentations from Dru Siley, Director of Planning and Development, City of Lakewood; Allison Urbanek, Housing Outreach Director, LakewoodAlive; and Judge Patrick Carroll, Lakewood Municipal Court. These presentations

will highlight the beneficial programs that are available in the community and well as discussing the future of housing in Lakewood and reviewing the City's Housing Forward strategy.

Following the presentation there will be a panel discussion featuring the presenters as well as local housing experts, Chris Bergin, Realtor and Dana Paul, Contractor. The panel discussion will be open to audience participation and will focus on the value of a well-maintained home for both individuals as well as neighborhoods and will provide insight on ways to sustain and improve our homes.

The forum is free and open to the public. No advance registration is required.

Allison Urbanek is the Housing Outreach Director for LakewoodAlive. Allison is a housing advocate and enjoys working with homeowners to help make homeownership easier. She and her husband live in Lakewood and love being a part of the Lakewood community.

Fall Leaf Collection Schedule

by Melissa Garrett

The City of Lakewood will begin collecting loose leaves on Monday, November 4, 2013 and will continue until approximately Friday, December 13, 2013, weather permitting. Prior to November 4 and after December 13, leaves will be collected only when they are placed in paper yard/leaf bags and set out along with regular refuse and recycling.

Due to the excessive amount of leaves on Clifton Boulevard and Lake

Avenue, these streets will be collected separately. Collection crews will start working at the east end of Clifton Boulevard and Lake Avenue and work west until completed. Collection pick-up for these streets is scheduled to begin on November 4 with additional pick-ups beginning November 18 and December 2.

After crews have completed Clifton and Lake, they will collect leaves citywide starting from the west end and working east. The number of citywide collections will be weather dependent. Residents should place their leaves out as soon as possible to ensure collection. Signs will be posted on side streets to notify residents of upcoming collections.

For daily leaf collection schedule updates, visit www.onelakewood.com/leafcollection.

In order to make the leaf collection process as effective as possible, the City asks residents to please rake leaves onto tree lawns as close to the curb as possible. Raking leaves into the street will slow the collection process and may cause basement flooding.

There will be no leaf collection on November 28 and 29 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. If you have any questions, please call (216) 529-6810 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Upstanders: The Power Of One

by Barbara Schwartz, Abby McGinty and Katie Kurtz

Amidst the headlines of a government shutdown, chemical weapons in Syria, and Miley Cyrus, we can often weed out some positive news stories that are accounts of people doing some good in the world. Often we hear these good doers given accolades of being amazing, courageous heroes and heroines of our communities. But when we delve deeper, we often find that these individuals were faced with the common moral dilemma to act or be silent, and in those moments they chose to be upstanders. I often wonder what would happen if everyone made this life choice to be active rather than passive? If our communities had more upstanders, would empathy, integrity, and hope be more universal?

So, what exactly is an upstander? An organization called Facing History and Ourselves coined the term and defines it as, UPSTANDER: (up'stand'er) n. An individual, group, or institution that chooses to take a positive stand and act on behalf of themselves and others. Upstanders are not limited by a certain issue or belief. Some upstanders simply respond by demonstrating random acts of kindness or by paying it forward; others go a step further by speaking up and confronting harmful or hateful language. In some cases, upstanders are simply doing the right thing and in other cases, they are going out of their comfort zone and taking a stand that might not be popular. But are upstanders really the key to creating positive social change in our communities? When it comes to ending gender-based violence, we at Ranger 360 think so!

Ranger 360 is a collaborative program with the Lakewood school district and community to address and prevent sexual violence, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking. Ranger 360 is comprised of upstanders who recognize that these forms of violence are an epidemic in our society and that we have not only a responsibility but the capability to prevent and end violence. Ranger 360 has many ways of defining an upstander.

We define an UPSTANDER as: anyone who is willing to end a conversation that belittles another person and to start a conversation that promotes respect; someone who is willing to reject the traditional stereotypes of masculinity and begin to define themselves by who they are as an individual and not by the gender box society has placed them in; someone who steps up when another person is being bullied or harassed; someone who supports survivors rather than blames the victim; someone who interjects when hearing a racist or homophobic joke or comment; someone who intervenes when they see a peer being led into a situation in which they cannot give consent; someone who witnesses discrimination, injustice, and violence and finds a way to speak out and stand up in a nonviolent manner.

An upstander is anyone who recognizes that it is our duty as humans to model respect and compassion for all people in order to ensure we perpetuate a culture of empathy, equity, and respect. Upstanders do not need superpowers, capes, or fame; they do not need to be limited to social workers, advocates, or law enforcement. Upstanders are those who are unwilling to succumb to apathy and indifference. Upstanders challenge the internal dialogue of remaining silent and the “yeah, but...” mentality.

Upstanders are the students, teachers, coaches, and principals who pledge to create a safe and nonviolent school environment. Upstanders are business owners, healthcare professionals, faith-based leaders, and politicians who stand united to promote a safe and healthy community. These upstanders are our friends, family, and neighbors who recognize that injustices occur but that social change is possible. By shifting our internal lens, we can begin to open up and focus on the true meaning of humanity which is centered on empathy, integrity, relationships, and the innate need to leave behind a positive, individual legacy.

Ranger 360 is one example of a group of individuals who are demon-

strating how to be upstanders in our schools and community. These forms of violence can end when we start to have conversations about why they exist. Ranger 360 is committed to supporting survivors and promoting prevention to create social change in Lakewood that has a ripple effect throughout our region. The City of Lakewood along with Ranger 360 wants to open the community dialogue to discuss what it means to be an upstander and how each person has the capability to be an agent of social change.

On Tuesday, November 19th from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the main branch auditorium of Lakewood Public Library, 15425 Detroit Avenue, the Lakewood Community Relations Advisory Commission (LCRAC) will partner with Ranger 360 for its annual Community Conversation. Come and learn what an upstander is and hear from a group of Lakewood UPSTANDERS – a coach, a counselor, a community member and a student – about how they have taken steps to create social change.

LCRAC's Community Conversations seek ways to promote and support important work being done to improve our community. This year's choice of collaborating with Ranger 360 was not a hard one. Lakewood has a very unique opportunity to better prepare the school district and the community to address and prevent sexual violence, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking. Ranger 360 is working within the school district and community to

promote and empower individuals to be upstanders when encountering discrimination, injustice, and violence. We believe in the power of each person to make Lakewood a safe and caring community where we can raise the next generation to have respect for equality and diversity. Upstanding individuals are what create an upstanding community. Use your head, use your heart, use your voice. Learn that you can be an UPSTANDER, too.

The Ranger 360 program is a project supported by a grant awarded by the US Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women to Lakewood City Schools to work collaboratively to develop a comprehensive school and community based response to different forms of power-based personal violence in our schools and community. The project is partnered with the Domestic Violence and Child Advocacy Center, Cleveland Rape Crisis Center and the Lakewood Police Department.

The Lakewood Community Relations Advisory Commission's mission is to advise, educate and promote community relations, foster participation in the community; to be proactive to promote respectful conversations and collaborative efforts among and between residents and city officials; and to promote equity, respect and diversity within the city.

Abby McGinty, employed by the Domestic Violence & Child Advocacy Center and Katie Kurtz, employed by the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center are the Coordinators of the Ranger 360 Program.

Screw Factory Artists Open Studios November 2

by Lori Paximadis

Screw Factory Artists will hold their semiannual Open Studio event on Saturday, November 2, from noon to 6 p.m. Visit working artists' studios on the second and third floors of the Lake Erie Building and get a jump on your holiday shopping. Grab a bite to eat from our food vendors, and visit the Templar Motor Car Factory Display.

Participating resident artists are Danielle Andes, Bomb Factory Furniture, Burning River Candle Co./Terra Verde Handmade, Ann Caywood Brown, Gina DeSantis, Robb Durr, Forest City Portage, Megan Frankenfield, Grand River Beads, Katie Hanrahan, Lauren Herzak-Bauman, Humble Bee Vineyards, Karen Jewell-Kett, Phyllis Kohring Fannin, The Movement Factory, Michelle Mowery, M. C. Nagel, Kathy Patton, Lori Paximadis, Daniel Pruitt Studios, Martin E. O'Connor, Ursula Ryan, Ryu no Sakebi, Richard Schneider, Karen St. John-Vincent, Jennifer Szalkowski, Achala Wali, and Yours Truly Vintage.

Visiting artists will be Amy Budzar Sebold, Cleveland National, Lauren Howie, Jenay Martin, Sergio Mendez Photography, Brian Sarama, Christine Shearer, Rust Belt Chic Press, Ruth Sholtis-Furys, N. & M. Spotts, John Sweeney, and the Traveling Trunk Show.

Food vendors will be Jibaro Food Truck, the Beet Jar, Rosy Girl Baked Goods, the Sweet Spot, and Gypsy Bean.

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Free Concert With Jazz Great Ernie Krivda At Lakewood Public Library

by Lisa Calfee

You may think you know Ernie Krivda from the Fat Tuesday Big Band, but Ernie Krivda has a past... and (ahem) a reputation. People have been talking ever since he hit the stage in 1963 that he's been hanging around with some of the biggest names in jazz. And his reputation? It's come to the point that many consider him one of the world's great tenor saxophonists.

Okay, we'll admit it. Everybody knows Ernie Krivda is a celebrated musician and that's why Lakewood Public Library is so excited to welcome him back to our stage for a solo saxophone performance as part of our Sunday with the Friends series on Sunday, November 3. The concert starts at 2 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium.

Krivda's long career is studied with stars and accomplishments. While leading the band at the legendary Smiling Dog Saloon, he moved in the same circles as Miles Davis and



Quincy Jones, joining Quincy Jones's last touring band in 1976. In the house band at Leo's Casino he supported The Temptations, The Supremes, Smokey Robinson and the Four Tops, to name a few. He has also recorded sessions with

Inner City, North Coast Jazz, Cadence and Koch.

Having recorded over 20 albums, this award winning, Carnegie Hall performing musician has played his saxophone from sea to shining sea, but the Cleveland jazz scene on our dear Lake Erie's shore has always claimed him as its own, and according to Krivda, that's just the way he likes

it. He said, "It might be better for my career to live somewhere else, but it's better for my art to live in Cleveland."

Please join us at the Lakewood Public Library for an afternoon of world class jazz with Ernie Krivda and his tenor sax on Sunday, November 3 at 2 p.m. This free concert is brought to you by the Friends of Lakewood Public Library.

Steampunk Jewelry For Teens

by Philistine Ayad

Steampunk is coming to Lakewood Public Library! What is Steampunk? It is a type of subculture that mixes the styles of past generations (such as the Victorian era) with modern conveniences, creating inventions that look as if they could have been created generations ago.

Basically, a design aesthetic filled with detail for the sake of design, where romance meets technology—steam-powered technology. Think of a world where (instead of silicone, microchips, and electricity) everything was powered by steam and looked fabulous. The main components to this aesthetic are gears, locks, keys, lace, and metals in coppers, bronze, and brass tones. Our program will focus on steampunk,



but we will also incorporate hardware jewelry designs.

This program will take place Friday, November 15, from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in the Main Library Activity Room.

For teens 6th-12th grade. Registration is required.

Register at www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/youth or call the Children's Desk at (216) 226-8275, ext. 140.

Paul Dimmick:

A Friend Of The Library

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eighties—and he did it with a twinkle in his eye that let you know nothing could stop him. He volunteered with his own two hands and, with the Friends, raised tens of thousands of dollars for children's programs, Sunday concerts, Saturday night movies and countless other things that libraries need to get through the day.

Mr. Dimmick's second term on the Lakewood Public Library's Board had not yet expired when he passed away on October 1. Whoever steps up to serve in his place will have big shoes to fill—but it can be done. Those interested in serving should direct a letter of interest and qualifications to the Superintendent of Schools by November 15, 2013. Visit lakewoodpubliclibrary.org for more details.

Mary Louise Nixon, Mr. Dimmick's longtime colleague on the Board of Trustees said, "Paul had a wonderful sense of what a library needed. During the renovation of Main Library, he paid careful attention to the plans and asked question after question. 'Can we move this here? Can we move that there?' He created new spaces out of nothing and gave the Library extra room to grow.



photo by Jim O'Bryan

He had a vision to maintain the traditional while keeping us moving into the future."

Thank you, Lakewood. Your continued enjoyment of the Library is a most fitting legacy for our friend.

LPL Children/Youth Events

compiled by Eric Knapp

Lakewood Lego® Block Party

For youth in kindergarten through fifth grade

Build your Lego® masterpiece at home and bring it to the Children's desk at either Main or Madison branches between Saturday, November 9th and Monday, November 11th to be put on display for all to see! Children can pick them up and take them home after Monday, November 25th.

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, November 9, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
in the Main Library Multipurpose Room.

Homework Help

For students in kindergarten through eighth grade

Need a little extra help with homework or just a cool place to study? Come to the Homework ER room for help and resources. No registration. Homework ER closed for school holidays and vacations.

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Family Weekend Wonders

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

Main Library Activity Room and Madison Branch Auditorium

Weekends With Wee Ones

For families with children under 2 years old

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

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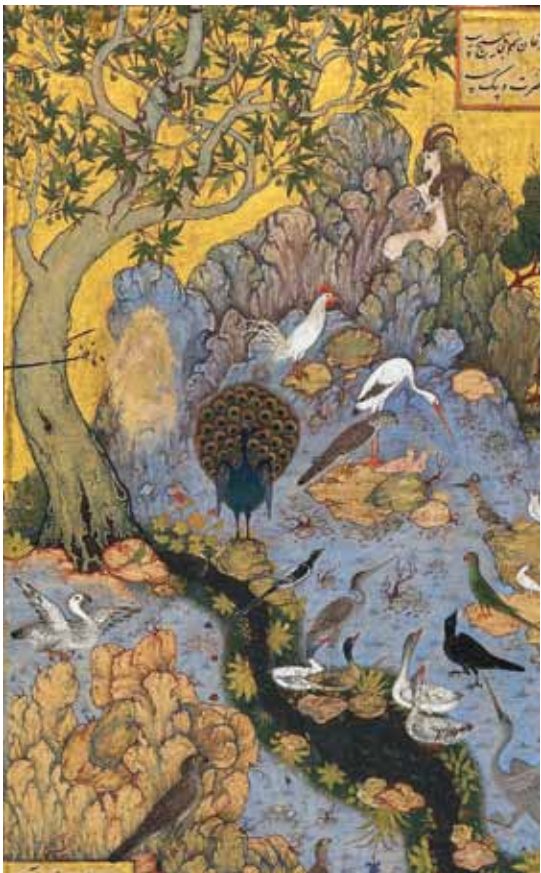
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The Journey Continues

by Susan Dunn

Ninety minutes doesn't seem that long. It's the time it takes to watch two, one hour TV shows (minus the commercials) or go out for a nice dinner. But ninety minutes for an epic adventure that covers 1,400 years of history and spans nine countries doesn't seem possible. Add to that seeing some of the world's most beautiful art and you have "Islamic Art: Mirror of the Invisible World." Directed by Robert



Gardner and narrated by Susan Sarandon, this documentary explores the richness of the Islamic world, from the great ornamental palaces and monumental mosques to the exquisite beauty of ceramics, carved boxes, paintings and metal work. Along the way you will discover the variety and diversity of Islamic art and get a glimpse into Islamic culture. Dr. Kara Morrow,

Associate Professor of Art History at The College of Wooster, will be your tour guide providing an introduction to the movie and a post-film discussion on Thursday, November 7 at 6 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium.

The next leg of the journey takes us to the world of poetry and music. Composed in the twelfth century in northeastern Iran, Farid ud-Din Attar's great mystical poem, "The Conference of the Birds" is among the most significant of all works of Persian literature. This allegorical rendering of Sufi belief takes the reader on an epic journey as the birds of the world search for their perfect king. Thirty birds reach their goal, but only after traveling through seven arduous valleys and mastering their own personal faults. Putting their own spin on it, WordStage will perform selections of this mystical text accompanied by an original score derived from Middle Eastern musical traditions. We hope you will join us for Selections from "The Conference of the Birds" by Farid ud-Din Attar, Poetry and Music performed by WordStage on Thursday, November 14 at 7 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium.

These programs are part of the Muslim Journeys series at the Library and are free and open to the public. They are made possible through the National Endowment for the Humanities' Bridging Cultures initiative and the support of our friends at the Turkish American Society of Ohio. For more information please visit <http://www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/muslimjourneys/> and www.tasocleveland.org.



The 2nd to 4th grade winners. From left to right are second place winner Max Page, first place winner Noah Eisel, and the third place winner Maggie Dineen.



The 5th to 8th grade winners. From left to right are first place winner Zearatus Perry Jr., second place winner Noah Persinger, and third place winner Amanda Li.

Lakewood Public Library Spelling Bee Winners!

by Kathryn Tatnall

We are so proud of our Spelling Bee winners this year. On Friday, October 18th, all of our spellers competed in two separate bees to determine the winners. The second to fourth grade group graced the stage first in a half hour spell-off that determined three winners. Noah Eisel took first place, Max Page was named second, and Maggie Dineen won third place.

All three students are in the fourth grade. The second competition was held directly after with a just three participants. Zearatus Perry Jr.; a seventh grader, won first place, Noah Persinger; a sixth grader, came in second, and fifth grader; Amanda Li won third place in the fifth to eighth grade competition. All of the spellers did a fabulous job! We hope to see all of you back next year.

Nick Shamhart On Authorship And Autism

by Amy Kloss

The idea of writing a book from the perspective of an autistic narrator did not just appear to Nick Shamhart out of nowhere. He imagines every day what life is like for his severely autistic daughter. Olmsted Falls author Shamhart will discuss his experience as a novelist and father when he appears at the Lakewood Public Library on November 13 in the Main Library Auditorium.



Lost in a fog. That is how Shamhart describes the reality of his daughter Paige's life. Paige is autistic and at 8 years old, completely non-verbal. "The Fog Within," however, is not the story of her life. Shamhart never wanted to write a standard memoir about life as a caregiver for an autistic daughter.

"I live with autism every day, and writing, well that has been my refuge from autism," he states in the book's dedication. His desire to retreat into a world of his own making, where he could make sense of his life, led to the writing of this Young Adult novel. It is the story of Megan and the fog that clouds her thoughts and interactions, the autism that keeps her from interacting with the world in a way that

most of us can understand. "The Fog Within" follows Megan from the age of 11 through her teen years.

Shamhart is also the author of the "Balance" series, a collection of paranormal thrillers dealing with the afterlife. A full time writer for the last three years, Shamhart is the primary caregiver to his two daughters and has worked as a janitor, grave digger, personal trainer, EMT, carpenter, model and more. During his Lakewood Library visit, he plans to discuss a variety of topics: his books, the writing process, the publishing industry, autism and anything else the audience brings up. This Lakewood Public Library event on November 13 at 7 p.m. is free and open to the public.

Read And Grow: 1000 Books Before Kindergarten!

by Julie Strunk

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Online Book Clubs At Lakewood Public Library

by Julie Strunk

For Grades K-12: Post Book Reviews Online

Are you too busy to attend a book club? Tell everyone about the great book you just read on the Web! Share comments, questions, and read about books other students are reading. Agree or disagree with the book reviews of others! Rate the book you just read with one to five stars and let others know your thoughts. To get started, visit www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/youth.

For students in grades K-5 click on the Miss Spider's Book Club link and sign up!

For students in grades 6-12 click on the Name That Book! Link and sign up!

Lakewood Schools

LHS Students Hear Eyewitness Holocaust Accounts

by Christine Gordillo

A Holocaust survivor and a WW II Army veteran came together recently and shared a powerful history lesson with a group of LHS students that the teenagers will likely never forget.

Joe Klein, a survivor of Auschwitz, Buchenwald and other concentration camps, and Richard Dutro, an Army veteran and former Lakewood Schools administrator, each told their story of the horrors of war they endured. Although they had two very different perspectives, their purpose in telling their stories was the same:

“Eyewitness accounts must be told and retold before time runs out,” said Klein, referring to the advanced age of the two men. “You, my friend, must tell and retell to the next generation our experiences, which must not be forgot-

ten.”

Klein and Dutro met several years ago when Dutro, who lives in Lakewood, came to hear Klein speak at the high school as one of a dwindling number of local Holocaust survivors. The two became fast friends and have spoken together around Northeast Ohio many times since then.

Klein was the first to speak, recounting his story from the days of being torn from his hometown in Czechoslovakia (now the Czech Republic) at the age of 15 along with his family and sent to Auschwitz to his liberation from another camp a year and a half later. What happened to him in between that time, was as engrossing to hear as it was horrifying and sad.

He shared with blunt honesty the atrocities he saw and endured: the train ride to the camp where he felt “we were like cattle in a car;” the killing of fellow Jews – “murdered in cold blood, for no reason at all;” and waving goodbye to his mother and two sisters on the first day in Auschwitz, not knowing that he would never see them again as they unknowingly headed off to the gas chamber while Klein headed to the slave laborers group.

He told of sleeping on wooden plank bunks shared with as many as five people at a time, eating next to nothing, watching fellow prisoners get shot between the eyes. And when the



Former Lakewood Schools administrator Dr. Richard Dutro, speaks of his experiences helping to liberate Dachau concentration camp.

war was over and prisoners were freed in May 1945, Klein’s trials were not as he suffered greatly from typhoid fever, and to this day feels lucky to have survived when many liberated prisoners succumbed to the scourge.

At about the same time in 1945, Dr. Richard Dutro, then an Infantryman in the U.S. Army, and his unit

were marching in Germany and came across another concentration camp, Dachau. He told of smelling it before he saw it – “it had a particular odor, like a slaughterhouse.” Dutro and his fellow soldiers were unaware of the existence of concentration camps as they marched across Europe until they stumbled upon Dachau.

What he and his unit saw has been seared in his mind ever since. “It is something that never leaves your mind,” he told the students. The tears in his eyes as he recounted what he found at Dachau confirmed that nearly 70 years later, the memories are fresh and painful. It took him 25 years to be able to even speak aloud about them.

“I saw skeletons with a little bit of skin hanging on their bones, but they were still alive,” he said. Photos he shared with the students depicted the horrendous crimes against humanity he witnessed close up. Images that will now never be forgotten by those stu-



Holocaust survivor Joe Klein is surrounded by students fascinated by his story following Klein’s presentation.

Little Rangers, Big Potential

by Mike Coleman

Evan Hampton (2) races across the goal line for a 53-yard, punt-return touchdown to help lead the Lakewood Purple Rangers to a 13-7 win over Avon in Avon on October 19. The 5th/6th Grade Purple



Rangers, coached by Joe Barto, improved to 5-1 on the season with the win. Lakewood competes in the Little Southwest Conference along with teams from communities including Rocky River, Bay Village, Fairview

Park, Avon and Avon Lake. The Purple Rangers are one of three teams from Lakewood to compete in the league, which focuses on fundamentals and sportsmanship. The season concludes November 2.

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Fifth-graders and Student Council officers Annabelle Sorge (left) and Sydney Binion collect bags of clothes from some of Grant's classrooms.

Grant Clothing Drive: A Ton Of Success

by Christine Gordillo

Grant Elementary's Student Council and Environmental Club teamed up for a clothing drive that brought in more than a ton in used clothing and textiles. The clothing the school collected will be sent to Simply Recycling, which will recycle the clothes into other useful materials. Grant will be paid for every pound of clothing the school collects and the money will go toward student activities during the school year.

The students not only collected clothes, but they made a math lesson out of it by graphing the progress each week of how many pounds each classroom collected. The charts were displayed in the school's front hall for all to see and to create a little competition among classrooms. The classrooms of Mrs. Bucci and Mrs. Lewis will be treated to an ice cream party for collecting the most – 480 pounds!

Board Of Ed Offices Moving Temporarily continued from page 1

in Emerald Environmental to perform air quality tests. The building has been cleared as safe for district employees and members of the public doing business at the Board office. However, at the advice of Emerald, evacuation and remediation plans are being instituted.

Emerald has been hired to put together a plan for removal of the pigeons, a complete cleaning of the area, and repair to the roof where the pigeons were able to enter the attic. For health and operational efficiencies, district officials have determined that all employees will move to the temporary location.

Beginning November 4, the Board offices will be completely closed until the pigeon removal work is completed. This has been estimated to take anywhere from 2-6 weeks. Anyone needing to do business after November 4 with departments located at the Board of Education must go to Franklin.

"The safety of our employees and our public is of paramount concern to us and is every bit as important as the welfare of our students. This temporary inconvenience is a small price to pay to ensure a safe and healthy working and business environment," said Superintendent Jeff Patterson.

Fun Fundraiser For Classical School In Lakewood

by Jeanette Flood

Padre Pio Academy, an independent K-8 school offering a curriculum built on the great works of Western civilization, has actually been a Lakewood institution for over 10 years now.

Being an independent school that (A) receives no government, parish, or diocesan subsidies of any kind and (B) offers such reasonable tuition and sizable sibling discounts means that (C) additional funding has to be raised by other means. Hence the annual auction.

This fundraising event features a buffet dinner catered by Italian Creations, along with a cash bar and complimentary valet parking. There will be a Chinese Raffle and Silent Auction, with the chance to win:

- 12 VIP Indians Group Tickets,
- Catered Dinner for 50 in the Padre Pio Hall,
- Custom Christmas Cards designed for your family or business,
- Browns Tickets, and more.

These are just some of the prizes. Auction coordinator Joan Andrews says, "The great thing about our auction is that items available are really fun—and good for families. They run the gamut from toys (Legos, American Girl dolls, handmade Barbie clothes, beach buckets and more), to practical (blender, cake decorations, and piano, voice, and guitar lessons,) to pure fun

(customized Christmas cards, a party for 50, front-row Indians seats). Plus we offer lots of little items like Ohio honey, beautiful statues, and inspiring books which make for great gifts."

The auction/dinner will be held on Friday, November 8, 2013, at 6:30 pm, at the school (12920 Madison Ave., on the corner of Cohasset). To join in the fun and purchase tickets, or to learn more about this unique school, visit the Padre Pio website at www.pioacademy.org or call (216) 571-0174.

Jeanette Flood writes from Lakewood; four of her children have attended Padre Pio Academy.

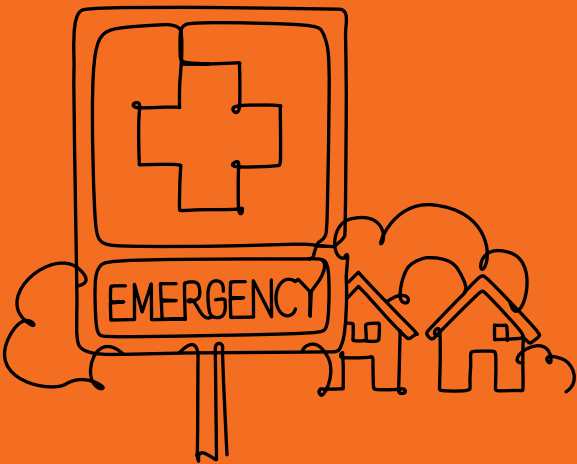
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Living With Dentures

by Dr. Jeffrey Laubmeier

The loss of your teeth can be a very difficult transition. Whether due to trauma or disease, the loss of even one tooth can effect your ability to eat and/or communicate and can significantly effect your confidence and happiness. Fortunately, there are options to replace missing teeth. From fixed bridges to implants to removable partial and full dentures; the restoration and replacement of missing teeth can help to restore function and improve your quality of life.

Approximately 36 million people wear dentures. For many years, before technological advances in techniques and

materials, dentures were the only option for tooth replacement. Also, not everyone is a candidate for fixed bridges or implants, leaving removable dentures as the only tooth replacement option.

Living with dentures can be challenging but there are things that you can do to make things easier! First, dentures are not and never will be able to function just like natural teeth. The vast majority of denture wearers will notice a significant change in their ability to eat certain foods.

After receiving a new denture it can take time before eating, speaking, and making facial expressions becomes easy and natural. This is very common and normal. For many people, the use of a denture adhesive like Fixodent can help provide a feeling of a secure fit. And practicing to talk by reading aloud and eating simple soft foods in the beginning can help you become accustomed to the denture.

Second, dentures are not meant to be in the mouth 24 hours a day and should

be removed while sleeping in order to give the tissues in your mouth a rest, a period of relief from contact with the denture, in order to help keep them healthy. Dentures should also be removed and cleaned daily.

Avoid using harsh and abrasive chemicals like peroxide, bleach, and baking soda to clean your denture. Even some toothpastes can be too abrasive so clean regularly with **continued on page 15**

Is NOW The Right Time??

by Chris Bergin

Rising rents, low inventory, and higher sales prices...is now the right time to consider downsizing?

The National Association of Realtor's Commercial Real Estate Outlook predicts the multifamily vacancy rate will not change over the next year, with rents increasing 4% this year and another 4% next year. This is pushing renters to consider home ownership as a viable financial option now.

Although interest rates remain at historically low levels, available inventory remains soft at best. First-time buyers coming out of rent are faced with very few options in most west side neighborhoods.

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Charity Navigator Awards NCHM With 4-Star Rating

by Elizabeth O'Brien

Charity Navigator, America's largest and most-utilized independent evaluator of charities, has awarded North Coast Health Ministry its prestigious 4-star rating for good governance, sound fiscal management and commitment to accountability and transparency. North Coast Health Ministry (NCHM) is currently the only free clinic in Ohio with such a high rating and is one of only 12 out of 1,200 free and charitable clinics across the county to earn four stars.

"We are honored to receive Charity Navigator's highest rating," said NCHM Executive Director Lee Elmore. "We work hard to be good stewards of the resources entrusted to us. This designation is demonstration of our commitment to transparency and accountability to our many supporters, donors and partners."

Charity Navigator works to help charitable givers make intelligent giving decisions by providing information on more than five thousand charities nationwide and by evaluating their financial health. It calculates each charity's score based upon several broad criteria, including how much is spent

per dollar raised, what percentage of funds goes to programs vs. administrative and fund-raising expenses, and the organization's long-term financial health. It then assigns a rating from one to four, with four being the best rating.

Ninety-five percent of all funds raised by North Coast Health Ministry

are used directly for patient care.

About North Coast Health Ministry

NCHM is a faith-based charitable clinic that provides and optimizes access to health care for the medically underserved. A vital part of Greater Cleveland's health care safety net for the past 27 years, NCHM provides primary care, prescrip-

tion assistance, specialty referrals and health education to low-income individuals and families. With the support of over 150 volunteer physicians, nurses and other caregivers, NCHM is the medical home for its patients, providing preventive care and chronic disease management as well as care for acute illnesses and injuries.

Plan For Holiday Flowers Now

by Julie Derrick

Plan today for your holiday flowers so that they will arrive fresh and in plenty of time for enjoyment all through the holidays. The Lakewood Council of PTAs is offering everyone a chance to have attractive, quality poinsettias, amaryllis, cyclamen and white hydrangeas for the holiday season and beyond. Those interested can choose from several sizes and colors of poinsettias. The poinsettias are available in red, white, pink, burgundy and marble. Glitter can be added to any color poinsettia for an additional fee. If choosing an amaryllis you can choose between red, white or pink, and you have the option of either red or white if choosing a cyclamen. The white hydrangeas speak for themselves. They are only available in white but are a beautiful addition for

the holidays! Can't decide which one will look the best at your house or that of the friend or relative you plan to give the plant to? Order several. You'll have flowers for yourself and for your friends and relatives or maybe keep an extra on hand for that last minute unplanned gift. They also make great hostess gifts!

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Is NOW The Right Time??

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may be worth more than you think. As the market continues to recover single family homes will recover at a faster rate than condos and townhomes. This may create the perfect storm for owners considering downsizing. Sellers will be able to command top dollar for the sale of their single family home while taking advantage of soft pricing for condos and townhomes.

Currently there are only 129 single family homes for sale in Lakewood.

River has only 78. Fairview has 56. In Westlake there are 102. Bay, just 73. Inventory will remain soft heading into the Spring 2014 selling season.

On the other hand there are many condos and townhomes to choose from at reasonable prices. The median list price in Lakewood is \$68,000. Rocky River's median list price is only \$57,000. In Fairview it is \$77,000. Westlake's is \$109,000.

So is now the right time to downsize? No two situations are the same. Circumstances may be right for one and not the other. The first step is to know the market for your current home and know how it stacks up against the competition. A great place to start is at www.HomeValuesInLakewood.info. After you complete the brief questionnaire you will be sent a monthly or quarterly report for your home and activity in

your neighborhood. This will give you a very detailed overview of what homes are selling for in your neighborhood.

If you think the time is right take the next step and ask a Realtor for a Highest Price Analysis. A professional Realtor will be able to provide firsthand knowledge of how your home actually compares to the home that sold down the street, what repairs you may need to do, and a specific range your home should sell for. You'll also want to take a look at you your purchasing options. Make sure that there are enough options for your downsizing needs. Otherwise, why sell?

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Lakewood Is Art

As One Visual Arts Session Comes To A Close, Another Begins At Beck Center

by Pat Miller

The first 8-week period of visual arts classes at Beck Center is wrapping up, but the second session is just getting started. A variety of visual arts classes and workshops are offered through Beck Center's Visual Arts Education program including drawing, painting, pottery, and multi-media classes. Many professionally-recognized artists are on staff to share their artistic knowledge and talents with students. Classes are designed to allow students to acquire the skills they need to fully realize their potential and create beautiful art.

The second session, beginning November 11, has new offerings along with a wide spectrum of classes and lessons. The Beginner/Advanced Watercolor class with popular instructor Bernie Dettorre is new this fall, and teaches students clarity in design when creating paintings. Also, the new Clay & Glass Mosaics for adults, provides

students with the opportunity to create original stained glass designs through mosaic technique.

Cartooning classes are also very popular and are offered at introductory and advanced levels for ages 8 through 18. Beck Center's Life Drawing class teaches artists how to shade and create dimension by using human form subjects (ages 18 and up). These class offerings, along with our Drawing from Observation, Drawing Principles & Practice, and Drawing: Advanced Practice for children and adults, round out the program from the drawing section.

The mixed media classes and family-oriented classes are offered to provide individuals an introduction to different kinds of materials and the use of color and line in creating art. The Artjournal/Creative Sketchbook class (ages 16 and up) provides a no rules, anything goes, creative way of self-expression for participants. Other classes range from Family Clay (ages

5 to 11), Kids-in-Art (ages 3 to 5), and Art Discovery Studio (ages 6 to 9). Students have the chance to try out different ways of art making, find out what they love, and then move on to concentrate on a specific art form.

Beck Center's Pottery Studio is a lively place where "Throwing On The Wheel" for ages 18 and up, provides a fun learning experience that enables students to create wonderful, functional and sculptural clay art. Other classes include Pottery Beginner Stoneware (ages 18 and up) and Pottery Beginner/Intermediate (ages 10 to 14.) Teachers work with students at their own level, which leads to successful art making. Both adult and children's classes are available throughout the week, including Saturday.

Create your own art experiences at Beck Center by registering for Session II today. Choose from one-day and 4-week workshops as well as classes in this 8-week session. Classes

run from November 11, 2013 through January 25, 2014. The complete Visual Arts catalog with full descriptions and easy online registration is available at beckcenter.org, or call Customer Service at 216.521.2540 x10. Beck Center is located at 17801 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood.

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Wellness Watch

LCC/Ranger 360 To Boost Parent Awareness Of Dating Violence At Community Forum

by Robin Suttell

Sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence and stalking (SAD-DVS) aren't easy topics to discuss among adults, let alone between parents and children. But thanks to growing awareness of Lakewood's innovative Ranger 360 program, designed to educate students about these issues, the often taboo topics are coming out into the open, not only in the schools but the community at large.

To this end, Lakewood Congregational Church (LCC) is partnering with Ranger 360 to offer a free Community Forum, "Let's Talk: Starting the Conversation About Healthy Relationships With Your Youth," for parents and guardians of teens.

The forum, set for Wednesday, November 13, at 7 p.m. in the LCC Social Hall, will help parents learn how to talk to kids about dating violence, how to recognize if it is happening to their own children and where to go for help. Consider these statistics, provided by Ranger 360:

One in three adolescent girls is a victim of abuse from a dating partner.

Kids ages 12-19 experience the highest rates of rape and sexual assault.

Kids ages 18-19 experience the highest rate of stalking.

Ranger 360 Program Coordinators Abby McGinty and Katie Kurtz will lead the evening's discussion, which will kick off with a viewing of the short film, "Speechless," which debuted this past spring at the Cleveland International Film Festival.

Written by Roxane Lasker-Hall when she was a junior at the Cleveland School of the Arts and directed by Karen Kusama ("Girlfriend" and "Jennifer's Body"), the film follows a fictional teen boy, Desmond, who struggles with a secret – sexual assault and abuse – and

addresses his recovery once he shares his plight with those he trusts.

Following the movie, the Ranger 360 program coordinators will start a dialogue with parents about their role in SADDVS awareness and prevention.

The goal of the Ranger 360 program, a collaborative program headed by the Lakewood City School District, Domestic Violence & Child Advocacy Center (DVCAC), Cleveland Rape Crisis

Center (CRCC) and the Lakewood Police Department, is to design and implement a comprehensive, school-based response to sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence and stalking. Lakewood is one of nine districts in the nation and the only one in Ohio to receive federal funding to support a program of this nature and is in the position to create a state and even national model as a result.

According to the Ranger 360 pro-

gram information, research suggests that community involvement and insight on these issues play key roles in successful SADDVS intervention and awareness among youth. Parental involvement also is important, a determining factor in why LCC stepped up to host this crucial forum, giving parents a way to learn how they can be active upstanders for their children and their children's friends.

For more information on this important community forum, contact the LCC office at 216.221.9555 or lcc-staff@lcc-church.org.

Beyond The Bird Preparing A Healthier Thanksgiving Dinner

by Paula Reed

Thanksgiving is an occasion for festive family gatherings, for giving thanks for the bounty before us. And who doesn't love the savory smell of turkey roasting, the spicy scent of pies baking, and the steamy warmth of the kitchen that are the hallmark of a traditional Thanksgiving dinner?

Thanksgiving is also a time for overindulgence—the turkey isn't the only gobbler at the table. If you're not careful, you can consume more than a day's worth of calories in that one meal. A typical dinner can easily tally over 2500 calories:

- 5 oz. of turkey with skin: 360 calories
 - 1 cup of mashed potatoes: 210 calories
 - 1 cup of stuffing: 300 calories
 - ½ cup of gravy: 100 calories
 - ½ cup of cranberry sauce: 220 calories
 - ¾ c. green bean casserole: 142 calories
 - 1 cup of sweet potato casserole: 236 calories
 - 1 yeast roll with 1 teaspoon of butter: 175
 - 5 ounce glass of white wine: 122
 - 1/6 of pumpkin pie: 265 calories
 - 1/6 of pecan pie: 500 calories
- A 150-pound person would have

to walk 33 miles to burn off the calories in that dinner!

Live Well Lakewood wants your Thanksgiving to be a healthier experience, so we're presenting a special program to help you make better selections when choosing your menu. Chef Wendy LaCerva of Gatherings Kitchen will let us in on some secrets about retaining the deliciousness of the meal

without risking a food coma after! Join us for her presentation (and some tasty samples of her work) on November 13th at 7 p.m. in the Lakewood High School Ranger Catering demo room (enter the high school's main entrance.)

The cost is \$5, and because seating is limited, pre-paid registration is required. You can register and pay online at livewelllakewood.org, or by calling 216-529-7695.

The Movement Factory Pilates Studio Grand Opening

by Alyssa Wilmot

Transform Your Body at The Movement Factory's Newest Pilates Studio

Fitness enthusiasts will love Lakewood's newest Pilates Studio. Studio owner, Alyssa Lee Wilmot will celebrate the grand opening of The Movement Factory's Pilates Upstairs Studio on Saturday November 2, 2013 from 4 - 7 p.m.

The public is invited to visit the brand new expanded Pilates studio; meet the owner and instructors; enjoy light vegan treats and healthy drinks; sign up for door prizes; receive coupons for discounts; and tour the dance and fitness studio. This event is also held in conjunction with the Screw Factory Artists' Holiday open studios, showcasing resident and visiting artists of the Lake Erie building.

Owner Alyssa Lee Wilmot says: "We are delighted to introduce our latest accomplishments to the Lakewood community. Our goal is to ensure a healthier lifestyle as we look to help individuals increase flexibility, improve posture, gain more mobility and range of motion, and improve overall quality of life."

The Movement Factory's Pilates studio focuses on helping individuals to increase core strength and build long lean muscles. Pilates equipment offered at The Movement Factory include the Reformer, Cadillac, Tower, Springboards, Ladder Barrel and more. Pilates can be performed by people

of all ages; ranges of flexibility, and experience levels; and is particularly helpful for rehabilitation exercises and improving balance.

The Movement Factory offers private, semi-private Pilates sessions and group classes, along with a host of dance and fitness class offerings. Please call 216.712.4622 or visit the website www.themovementfactory.com for new client specials and session pricing.

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degenerates into a haze of drugs, booze, tobacco, and even more DePalma sightings. He seeks help through his wife's psychologist brother (with an outstanding performance in that role by another local, Jim Smith) Surprise and suspense both begin to build into a totally shocking climax.

As I said, this really is a very good (and perhaps, even an educational message) movie, and yet, Bob told me that he did not want it to have profanity, blood, or gore, and it does not. While perhaps not a film for the whole family, this as-yet unrated film is available on Bob's pulp cinema website, www.milroypictures.com. for only \$9.95. Bob hopes to see it being played at local libraries and in area theaters before long.

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Business News

Coming Soon To Lakewood:

Campbell's Sweets Factory

by Andrew Harant

In the very near future, if you cross the intersection of Warren and Detroit too quickly, you might not catch the wonderful new aromas in the air, but you won't be able to miss the new eight-foot tall sign and yellow awnings that signal the arrival of Campbell's Sweets Factory to Lakewood.

Customers have enjoyed popcorn from the Campbell family since 1975, when Amos began Karmelkorn kiosks in local malls. Jeff, son of Amos, opened his first popcorn shop with his wife

Lynn in the West Side Market in 2004. After expanding to multiple stands and broadening into other treats, such as cupcakes, Jeff and his family opened their first Campbell's Sweets Factory on West 25th in Ohio City.

For the second location Campbell chose Lakewood, in the storefronts which formerly housed Normile Insurance and Landfall Travel. Renovating and joining these two old storefronts is more costly than moving into a ready-to-move-in space in a strip mall, and some tasks, such as how to move 50-pound bags of pop-

corn kernels in and out of the basement, will prove tricky, but Campbell is glad to be moving into Lakewood. He estimates that he would have saved about \$100,000 by moving into a plaza somewhere, but currently "there's not a more prime spot than the corner of Warren and Detroit."

Popcorn, the treat for which Campbell's is most known, will be featured prominently in the store's window displays. Passersby can peer in to see the large industrial popper popping a locally-grown corn—a variety of "mushroom flake" that is non-GMO and grown in

Norton, Ohio—using heat lamps instead of hot oil. The window will also feature a large tumbler and other devices to add coatings and flavorings, such as caramel and beer-cheddar, to make the many sweet and savory varieties. A bagging station will seal the popcorn in cellophane. "The enemy of popcorn is moisture," explained Campbell.

Other products will be displayed quite uniquely. Old doors have been refurbished and repurposed as popcorn ball dispensers. Cotton candy will hang like multi-colored puffy leaves in plastic bags from a wooden tree. Cupcakes and chocolates will also be prominently displayed.

People will certainly want to hang out in the store for a while. Not only can they enjoy the treats, but Campbell's will offer cappuccino, espresso and coffee. Music will permeate the air in the store, thanks to a virtual reality audio system that's being installed by Dennis Althar, a Slavic Village native who invented this new top-of-the-line speaker system. Some of that music will even be performed live.

Campbell is excited to join the downtown Lakewood business community. "Everyone here works together. That's why I love Lakewood." The family is hoping to open the Lakewood version of Campbell's Sweets Factory on November 4.

Living With Dentures

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water, soft dish soap and a soft bristle brush. Occasionally use a cleaning tablet like Efferdent to help break down protein buildup. Always store your denture in a case to avoid loss or damage by children or pets.

Finally, even if you have full dentures you still should see a dentist regularly. A visit to the dentist once each year is recommended to professionally clean your denture as well as to examine the rest of the mouth. The tongue, cheeks, gums, and bone all still need to be evaluated regularly as well as the fit of the denture.

Occasional x-rays are still necessary and important, even if no teeth are present, to evaluate the health of the jawbone.

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immediately with a secure, implanted supported denture.

Keeping your mouth and bones healthy as well as evaluating your dentures regularly can help keep them functioning well for many years.

Visit your dentist if you have any questions or concerns regarding your dentures or to see if you are a candidate for an implant supported denture. For more information you can also visit the American Dental Association at www.ADA.org.

Jeffrey Laubmeier is a general dentist practicing in a solo practice on Madison Avenue in Lakewood.

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Lakewood Survey Finds Support For County Levies And School Bond Issue

by Shawn Salamone

A phone survey conducted by a political science research methods course at Baldwin Wallace University in Berea found strong support among adult Lakewood residents for Issue 84, the Lakewood City Schools bond issue and levy, as well as for the three county levies. Students in the "Introduction to Political Analysis" course, taught by Professor Tom Sutton, engaged in "learning by doing," as they designed the survey questions, conducted the phone survey, and analyzed the results.

Highlights of survey findings include:

* Steady support for Lakewood City Schools Issue 84: 82% were very or somewhat aware of the issue; 63% strongly or somewhat support Issue 84; 63% said they voted for the first facility bond issue in 2004, the same percentage as said they voted in favor of the second bond issue in 2007. According to the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections, 54.23% voted in favor of the 2004 bond issue, while 68% voted in favor of the 2007 bond issue.

* Respondents support schools despite not currently having children in the schools: only 13% of respondents currently have children in the Lakewood City Schools; 20% of respondents attended the Lakewood City Schools; 60% of respondents have visited one or more of the school buildings in the last three years.

* Strong support for three County

levies: 71% support Issue 1, the Cuyahoga County Health and Human Services levy (2.9 mill renewal and 1 mill new tax); 80% support Issue 80, the Metroparks levy (1.8 mill renewal and 0.9 mill new tax); 62% support Issue 82, the Port Authority levy (0.13 mill renewal). 58% of respondents have visited the Metroparks at least once/month during the past year.

* Lakewood City Council incumbents recognized: Incumbents running for Council-at-Large seats had the highest name recognition. 63% of respondents know incumbent Tom Bullock, as do 31% for incumbent Ryan Nowlin. New candidate Sam O'Leary had 23% name recognition, followed by 19% for Cindy Marx, and 15% for Anthony Davis.

* 67% of respondents are 'very or somewhat satisfied' with Lakewood City Council; 39% have attended a City Council meeting during the past year.

The survey had limitations – only 7,700 residential landline phone numbers were available to call, out of a population of 25,274 households (2010 U.S. Census). All numbers were called, and 415 completed all or part of the survey, for a 5% margin of error at the 95% confidence level. Calling occurred from September 25 – October 8, during the hours of 1 -9 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, and 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., on Saturdays. The survey design did not include questions about respondent gender, or whether they were registered to vote.

Letter To The Editor

We Must Vote Yes On Issue 84

To The Editor:

I am so PROUD to be voting YES on Issue 84! The special and unique way this community rallies together, I am encouraged that voters will agree. All of you probably have heard the facts. Completely rebuilding 3 schools and finish the high school, lower operating costs, improve technology, energy efficiency, better and safer learning environment and the best part, \$50 million free from the state of Ohio. The facts are indisputable and undeniable.

Here is the message from my heart. 13 years ago, my husband and I moved to Lakewood as first time homeowners. We moved here specifically for the size home for the money and the schools. It was obvious that Lakewood prided themselves with the high ranks of the school system. I have been a part of the Grant School community for 7 years. I see firsthand the financial struggles our community faces. I chose to be a stay at home mom when my daughter was born. With that decision came many sacrifices. My husband and I, at times, are the definition of struggling homeowners, but we prioritize, we are involved and know the importance of our schools. For many years, Lakewood's track record is to pass levies and school issues. The support has always been there, all leading up to this November 5th. We need to rally once again and finish what

we, as the citizens, have started. WE CANNOT STOP NOW! If we did, everything to this point would be in vain. We must continue to nurture and enrich our schools, our children and community. The only answer is to finish the job and vote YES on issue 84!

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Pulse of the City

A Lakewood-Friendly Director? A Lakewood-Friendly Movie? The “Hitchcock” Story...

As a child of the 1950’s, I remember seeing all kinds of movies. You had your mainstream films at the local cinema, and then, there were those offbeat, unusual, or sometimes, just plain strange low-budget films that, as teenagers, we usually watched on those late evening TV shows; hosted by local luminaries like Ghoulardi, the Ghoul, or Big Chuck and Hoolihan (later, with Little John)

Movies were an absolutely essential part of 20th Century culture. Socially, they were generally enjoyed together, and were part of workplace water cooler discussions on the following day, much as sports always has been. It was the same thing with those off-beat black and white movies shown on late-night TV. Some of those were arguably so bad that they were actually good, or at least as they were remembered by many of us.

Believe it or not, there are those who not only still appreciate the power of those late night-type low budget films, but actually seek to perpetuate an art-form known as “cinéma vérité”, that is, creating a credible-looking movie, focusing more on the story and the action, rather than on the lighting, pin-perfect sound, or by using the particularly expensive and sophisticated backgrounds and multi-camera scene work available to the major movie production people. Cinéma vérité -type people will sometimes even go to great lengths to even artificially “age” a film,

or perhaps, produce it in a timeless black and white format; anything to lose the “pretense” of a camera to more directly involve the audience in the action in an effort to achieve ever-greater truth and an illusion of reality in the film itself.. Indeed, this form of movie still thrives in limited-run theaters. The words “cult following” could well apply for those who continue to enjoy this special art form.

I have a friend from church, Bob Swanson, who has produced a number of low-budget pulp cinema-type indie films that he refers to as being “psychotronic”, a term used by Michael J. Weldon, an LHS Graduate, in his Psychotronic Video magazine. These sorts of films (sometimes called “cult films”) could be action-oriented, horror-themed, sometimes historical, sometimes hysterical, or even science-fiction themed.

In Bob’s case, he actually has a website (www.milroypictures.com) where he offers his creations to the public.

Anyway, Bob’s been after me to do a movie review for his film “Hitchcock,” and I’ve been seriously trying to avoid doing so. See, for one thing, I am generally no longer much of a TV or movie guy. For another, I’m certainly NOT a movie lover, much less a critic. I sit on my can entirely too much with this doggone computer, let alone spending a couple of

hours of my life that I’ll never get back again, watching another person’s conception of how others are living their lives. Nonetheless, Bob finally cornered me at church the other day and shoved a copy of “Hitchcock” into my hands. Bob did get my attention however, when he said that the movie had been filmed in Lakewood and the Cleveland area, and that the actors were 80% from Lakewood; even having a number of our aspiring thespian church members in the cast! Reluctantly, and with a sad smile, I agreed to at least watch the movie. Bob told me that he made the movie for a “handful of change, compared to Hollywood”, and with a single camera, (although with scenes re-shot from different angles) so I was certainly not expecting too much more than a bad home movie.

I was wrong.

After watching the 87 minute movie, both Dad and I agreed that it was a very good one indeed. There is an abundance of talent here in a well-produced, locally-made film that is difficult to categorize. Bob informed me that the film’s title “Hitchcock” was “my homage to (Alfred) Hitchcock, with a twist ending.” The film indeed reminded me of Alfred Hitchcock’s films, as well as a couple of episodes from “The Twilight Zone.” A “single camera movie” can sometimes be a real drag

to watch, but not this one. It moved along rapidly, and the scene-to-scene action was readily understandable, fluid, and focused, thanks to some fantastic editing by Bob’s Executive Producer and Editor, Manny Scimienti. This was one good scary film, and particularly appropriate around this Halloween time of year. The fact that I happened to know many of the film’s actors and actresses was a pleasant surprise too. There is apparently a lot of talent in Lakewood, and this is not the first film that Bob shot in this town either. Fact is, Bob tells me at that ALL of his six films have used settings in Lakewood and the Cleveland area, including, I was told, his and Manny’s just-completed movie, “Funeral Arrangements.”

The story of “Hitchcock” begins as a couple (a Mr. and Mrs. Hitchcock, portrayed expertly by locals, William Obbagy and Suzy Milano) comes into some inheritance money and decides to purchase a beautiful home that is being sold, complete with furnishings, for a giveaway price. At the signing, they are informed that the home’s previous occupants had come to a tragic end in a love triangle killing; when the former owner-husband, Alan DePalma, (very well-played by local, James Boyle) allegedly killed the wife and her lover in the home’s master bedroom, and then drove off a cliff, killing himself. Immediately, Mr. Hitchcock begins to see an apparent ghost of DePalma, looking at him through the window of the house. He then starts to see the guy all over town. Over the next few months, Hitchcock

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Wreath Sale - Lakewood Historical Society

by Annette Millisor

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ety's holiday wreath. The 24" fresh fir wreath will be accented with blue berries, juniper, cedar cuttings, pine cones and red ornaments and arriving right

Calvary Holiday Arts And Crafts Market

by Shari Page

The holidays are fast approaching. Many of you are thinking about them already and all the fun festivities! Calvary United Methodist Church is hosting their annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Market. It is Saturday November 2, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.



We will be showcasing a unique variety of local artists and crafters who will have their work on display and for sale. Whether you're looking for a special gift for a birthday or maybe something wonderful for Thanksgiving, Hanukah, Christmas or Kwanzaa, there is no doubt you will have a distinctive selection to choose from.

purchase in addition to our bake sale. The proceeds will help us continue our many local ministries and bless our great community! So come out and have fun with family and friends! Inspire your creative side and help support our local artists and crafters. We really look forward to seeing you!

This event is free and open to everyone. We will have lunch available for

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after Thanksgiving. Proceeds benefit the programs and projects of the Lakewood Historical Society and support the operation of the Oldest Stone House Museum and The Nicholson House.

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to 4 p.m. and Thursday, December 5, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Skate House behind the Oldest Stone House, 14710 Lake Avenue, Lakewood.

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Spooky Pooch Parade Was Wet And Still A Huge Success



West End Halloween Window Painting Contest Winners Announced

by Valerie Mechenbier
The judges have spoken! The Lakewood Chamber and Commerce and Beck Center for the Arts announced the "Best In Show" winners of the 9th Annual West End Halloween Window Walk painting contest on Saturday, October 26th at the Beck Center. To view all 91 entries in this year's contest and to cast your vote in the "People's Choice" contest sponsored by Around The Corner, Georgetown, and Vosh, visit woo-box.com/n7eq76. Online voting ends on November 1st.





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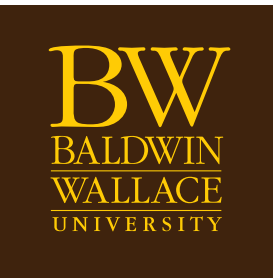


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