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## We Will Finish - Way To Go, Lakewood!

by Edward Favre  
President, Lakewood  
Board of Education

You have to love this town. Our informed and thoughtful community has once again demonstrated its commitment to our youth. Unofficial results show that by a resounding 70% vote, Lakewood voters approved the bond and permanent improvement levy that will allow us to move forward and complete the rebuilding of our school district. Lakewood's kids will benefit from teaching and learning in facilities second to none for many years to come.

And Lakewood did this despite suffering state budget cuts and responding to that challenge by passing an additional operating levy with a similar margin earlier this

year. People around Ohio take notice of and respect Lakewood's energy.

This success did not come without the hard work of many volunteers. It is difficult to adequately express our gratitude to folks, too numerous to name here, who have repeatedly stepped up. To our dedicated bond levy committee, chaired by Christina McCallum, Thank You! Thanks also to our employees, teachers, and staff and all who gave so much of their own in these campaigns.

The Board of Education, the Superintendent, and the Administration recognize the financial commitment Lakewoodites have made. We understand and accept that Lakewood is entitled to our best efforts and are committed

to completing this project in a timely and fiscally responsible manner. Lakewood rose to the occasion and we will execute. Grant, Lincoln, and Roosevelt Elementary school buildings will be completed as early as the fall of 2016 and Lakewood High School as early as the

winter of 2017. We will work hard with our community at designing these buildings and relocating our students to temporary facilities. Then we will demolish and build, respecting our neighbors and neighborhoods as we go.

The final product will be

educational facilities of the highest quality and efficiency, where outstanding teachers and staff provide all our students the best possible opportunities for success. This is what Lakewood deserves and to what we are obligated.

*Thank you, Lakewood!*

## Lakewood Honors Our Veterans



Monday, November 11, 2013 Lakewood celebrated Veterans Day, as we always do, with a well-attended ceremony at Lakewood Park at the Veterans Memorial directly in front of the Woman's Pavilion. This year's remembrance featured The Four Vet Quartet, Maynard "Doc" Unger, Father Joe Piskura, Lakewood High Marching Band, Jim Kilbane, Judge Michael Jackson as Keynote Speaker, Bill Knittel, Matt Wirfel and Patrick Walton. Left, Councilman-At-Large Elect Tom Bullock, with Dan Tobin and Mrs. Magealen Lampman in front of the tree planted to honor her husband who was in the 90th Bomb Squadron in WWII.

More photos on page 18.

## Baby Bargain Bonanza Set For November 16th

by Julie Derrick

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

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

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

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

All this sounds great, right? But what if you are thinking, "I already have a closet full of kids' clothes and don't have room for any more!"? Well, maybe it is time to consider being a seller at the BBB. Everyone is welcome to sell children's items that are no longer needed. The items must be clean, free from recall and in good condition with all parts and pieces. If you are interested in becoming a seller, please visit [www.lecpta.com](http://www.lecpta.com) for more information or email BBB.LECPTA@gmail.com. Whether you choose to buy or sell, LECPTA looks forward to meeting you on November 16th!

## HealthSpan To Offer Free Healthcare Reform Seminar At LPL November 20

by Leana Donofrio-Milovan

The Affordable Care Act, or healthcare reform, is a set of health insurance reforms that started in 2010 and will continue to roll out in 2014 and beyond. The law's goal is to ensure that all Americans have access to quality, affordable health care.

Join HealthSpan at the Lakewood Public Library (15425 Detroit Ave.) on Wednesday, November 20 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. to learn more about the Affordable Care Act (healthcare reform) and how it might affect you and your family.

Representatives from HealthSpan will be available to explain how healthcare reform affects you, help you gain the peace of mind to make a smart choice in a short time and discover ways to get financial help

if you qualify.

### 10 Frequently Asked Questions About HealthCare Reform

#### What is health care reform?

The term "health care reform" refers to the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA), as well as any state laws passed to

put it in place. These laws are intended to help more people get affordable health care coverage and receive better medical care.

#### What do I need to do now?

You may want to learn all you can about health care

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## Ryan Nowlin, Tom Bullock, And Cindy Marx--Lakewood's Council-At-Large Members



Ryan Nowlin Re-Elected, 4021 votes



Tom Bullock 4403 votes



Cindy Marx 3717 votes



# Lakewood Observer



photo by Jim O'Bryan

## Thank You, Voters

by Jim O'Bryan  
Publisher, Lakewood Observer, Inc.

Once again I would take this opportunity to thank Lakewood voters, and Lakewood residents for their continued support of Lakewood Public Schools and Education in Lakewood. I believe the first time I wrote a thank-you like this was for the resolution to build the new Lakewood Public Library, another brash bold statement of our collective belief that Education, and Educational Institutions not only have a place in Lakewood, and more importantly, have the support of the community.

So what does that mean? It is simple. Not only do we benefit from smarter kids for a long time to come, we also get to further define and build our brand, and our brand always needs defining and building. And it is my thought that this builds the brand in the right direction, towards smart, towards youth, and towards new families, and that is where any community's future lies.

What do I mean? As I travel Ohio talking with various groups, school boards, city councils, mayors and residents, two of the things that always are brought up are our new \$12 million dollars library, designed by Robert A.M. Stern\* with 2 Richard Haas\*\* murals, and that we, an inner ring suburb of the cash/resident troubled region we call Cuyahoga County, pass Levy and Bond issues so easily for educational projects. This tells others outside of our community that even in tough times, and even when the future is a little uncertain, we choose smart people. This is extremely important right now, as Lakewood has become known for our bars and nightlife which does not always attract families,

as much as young people and drunks. While great for the occasional DUI or ticket, this rarely adds to the bottom line budget in running a community. Generally a heavy nightlife area costs more to "manage" than they bring in.

However, well-funded schools and libraries generally help bring in more educated residents, and generally they have school-age children, and that all adds up, which is proven in many studies. Educated residents are more likely to vote, get involved in the community and organizations like PTA, LakewoodAlive, the Historical Society, Keep Lakewood Beautiful, etc. They also add much more to the tax base than older singles or retired couples. They go out more often, they spend more at stores, they are more likely to keep their property up and reinvest in other businesses in their community.

It seems only a proper corrective measure that as City Hall works harder and harder to push commercial developments like CVS, Family Dollar, and McDonald's into our residential areas, with a near carte blanche attitude on low-income makers like bars and restaurants, that the residents have decided that we like our family community and smart kids on the streets. And that having friends and neighbors is a good thing. Passing school levies and bond issues again and again gives our community something to amplify and shout to others, that when it comes time to compete for the real heart and soul of this city, we choose residents and families, not drunks.

This is the brand that will add to our property values, our stability, and our future. For all of that, thank you.

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City News

# Council Extends Tree Task Force Service

Council President Brian Powers called the November 4, 2013 Council meeting to order at 7:32 P.M. He then introduced the first order of new business on the agenda regarding the Tree Task Force.

On November 6, 2012 Council passed an ordinance creating the Lakewood Tree Task Force with the understanding that they would submit a report within 9 months and disband at the end of one year. However, due to some confusion regarding whether that was a year from the passage of the ordinance or of the first meeting, and likewise, for knowing when that report was due, Councilman Powers (At-Large) asked Council to pass a resolution extending the Task Force. The resolution clearly spells out that the report from the Tree Task Force should be delivered to Council by January 31, 2014 and that they should be disbanded by February 28, 2014.

Before voting, Councilman Tom Bullock (Ward II) who is the Council representative on the Tree Task Force thanked all the members of the group for their hard work and dedication. He said that they have put in an incredible amount of time and offered up their particular expertise to the effort, which Councilman Bullock said is another prime example of the caring and talented citizens we have in Lakewood.

Councilman Powers then said he wanted to make it clear that any confusion there may have been was not on the side of the Task Force, but just that there had been a lapse of communication from Council clarifying the deadline, which he hoped to correct with his ordinance.

Chair of the Tree Task Force, David Sangree, was present and gave Council a brief update of their work. He started by reciting the mission statement they created for the Task Force, which is to "Study and advise municipal officials and the public and recommend action on issues involving public and private trees in the city by generating a broad multifaceted and forward-thinking sustainable plan to preserve, manage, maintain, and perpetuate a healthy growing and mature urban forest." He continued saying that the

by Christopher Bindel

City currently has 12,118 trees on tree lawns in the city, and an additional 521 trees in parks. However he said there were 2,567 tree lawns that currently remain treeless; which is 17.5% of the total space. At the start of 2013 the city had a total of 12,483 trees and at this point in the year now has 12,639. This difference includes the planting of 275 trees this year, but also the removal of 119 trees, which include old trees that needed to be removed, storm damaged trees, and Ash trees.

In a recent study done by the County, it was discovered that Lakewood has a tree canopy of about 30%. The Task Force looked at other communities around the country and found that cities with extensive tree canopies tend to aim for 50% coverage, such cities include Pittsburgh. The Task Force decided that this was a reasonable goal that the City should aim for. He added that he thought it was important for the city to maintain the Tree Task Force, rather than having one every 10-15 years, to maintain such a canopy, trees will continue to die and such a program needs to be fostered.

Mr. Sangree also mentioned some of their accomplishments and outreach with the people of the city. They created and distributed a flyer informing citizens of their right to have a tree on their tree lawn as well as informed people that they could purchase a tree through a program put together by the Task Force through the City and Bruno's Landscaping at a discounted price. They also helped get information about the gift a tree program put on the website so people could easily access it. Coming up they are having meetings with Planning and Development Director Dru Siley and with the Board of Education to discuss trees on commercial properties and the school properties and ways they can

be improved.

With no more comments on the topic Council passed the resolution.

Next Director of Human Resources, Jean Yousefi, asked Council to pass an ordinance creating a new position of IS Project Manager, which was requested by the administration. The position is required to fill a gap in skills in the Information Systems Division. The Division has gone from 8 employees to 3 in recent years and the new position will complement the current workforce and will allow more projects to be completed in house. The

creation of this position was approved by the civil service commission.

Council referred the ordinance to the Finance Committee for consideration

Director of Human Services, Antoinette Gelsomino, then notified Council of a donation made to the City by the Latham Family Fund in support of the H2O (Help to Others) program. No matching funds from the City were required to accept the gift.

Coming to the end of the agenda items and with no members of the public signed up to speak, Council President Powers adjourned the meeting at 8:16 P.M.

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# Lakewood Public Library

compiled by Leana Donofrio-Milovan

## Wednesday, November 13

### Meet the Author: "The Fog Within" by Nick Shamhart

The word Autism has been used so frequently to describe so many conditions over the last few years that it is in danger of becoming utterly meaningless. But for Megan Cooper, it is not meaningless. It is the fog—the intangible force that intrudes every moment of her life. The Fog Within is her story, told through her eyes—as seen through a fog. Author Nick Shamhart will discuss the impact of this intensely personal book, inspired by the life and the wonder of his own child. Shamhart, who is the author of the supernatural science fiction Balance series, will also discuss his approach to writing, the publishing industry and whatever tangent the audience can provide him. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

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

## Thursday, November 14

### Muslim Journeys: Selections from “The Conference of the Birds” by Farid ud-Din Attar

#### An Epic Masterpiece of Persian Literature Poetry and Music performed by Wordstage

Composed in the twelfth century in north-eastern 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. It is a marvelous, allegorical rendering of the Islamic doctrine of Sufism—an esoteric system concerned with the search for truth through God. In the poem, the birds of the world, each representing a human fault which prevents man from attaining enlightenment, gather to decide who is to be their king, as they have none. Over the course of the poem, the hoopoe, wisest of all birds, leads the group of thirty to the dwelling place of the legendary Simorgh, a mythical Persian bird roughly equivalent to the Western phoenix, but all they find there is a lake in which they see their own reflection. By turns witty and profound, "The Conference of the Birds" transforms deep belief into magnificent poetry. WordStage’s performance of this mystical work will use selections from the poem as the text, accompanied by an original score derived from Middle Eastern musical traditions.

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

## Saturday, November 16

### Learning Lab Classes: Basic Software Skills

Take this simple overview of the three most popular and useful programs around. Word processing skills come in handy almost everywhere. Spreadsheets help you get organized and powerful presentations get your ideas across with style.

3:00 p.m. in the Main Library Learning Lab

### Five Star Films: "The Petrified Forest" (1936) Directed by Archie Mayo

Bette Davis is a waitress at her father's diner in tumbleweed country and is desperate for a new life. In walks world-weary, charming and penniless Leslie Howard. She falls for him like the proverbial ton of bricks. Little do they know that ruthless killer Humphrey Bogart and his gang are about to come knocking. When the thugs take over the premises, everyone inside is held hostage.

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

## Sunday, November 17

### Sunday with the Friends: Windsong

Singing is the breath of life—and a choir of women singing together whips up a mighty wind. This proud feminist chorus has been enchanting Cleveland audiences for thirty-two years—as many revolutions of the Earth as it has members. Led by Artistic Director Karen Weaver, Windsong performs a diverse repertoire of pop, swing and Broadway tunes, light classics and songs from around-the-world folk traditions, united by the theme of fire and frost. This special program will take place in the Main Library’s First Floor Multipurpose Room.

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

## Tuesday, November 19

### Knit and Lit Bookclub: "The Sun Also Rises" by Ernest Hemingway

Come share your passion for great literature and show off your knitting, crocheting, counted cross-stitch, embroidery and quilting works-in-progress. For full book descriptions, visit [www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/bookclubs](http://www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/bookclubs).

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

### Learning Lab Classes: One-on-One Job Search

Spend thirty minutes with a staff member polishing your resume, brushing up on computer skills and exploring employment websites. Whether you need a new job or just want to

explore your options, we want to get you started with personal attention.  
Appointments are available between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

## Wednesday, November 20

### Learning Lab Classes: Learning Lab Classes: Introduction to Ancestry: Library Edition

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

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

## Thursday, November 21

### School in the Cinema: "Hold Me Tight, Let Me Go" (2007) Directed by Kim Longinotto

As Variety put it, this film, "mixing ferocity with tenderness, delicacy with tenacity," strikes a tone as unusual as the school it documents. The staff of the Mulberry Bush School for Emotionally Disturbed Children greet extreme and sometimes violent behavior on a daily basis with nothing more than consolation and gentle restraint. Longinotto's unblinking camera walks us down the troubled halls in a vérité style that's enough to make most viewers begin to feel a little claustrophobic. But just around every corner, there are moving stories of survival and small moments of hope that make Mulberry's clear-eyed staff seem truly heroic.

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

### Booked for Murder: Time for Crime: "Mystic River" by Dennis Lehane

Lakewood’s premier puzzle-solvers tackle a selection of recent mysteries in this friendly, law-abiding book group. Come share your thoughts and air your accusations. For full book descriptions, visit [www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/bookclubs](http://www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/bookclubs).

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

## Saturday, November 23

### Lakewood Art House Cinema: "Sid and Nancy" (1986)

#### Directed by Alex Cox

The great moments in rock’n’roll history are almost never pretty. When Nancy Spungen was found dead of a single stab wound in a drug-filled New York City hotel room, the obvious suspect was her infamous boyfriend, Sid Vicious of the Sex Pistols. Tracing back over the twisted path that lead to that fateful night, director Alex Cox reveals a romance for the ages, forged in spit and blood. Gary Oldman stars with an electric performance that made his career and, if you don't blink, you can see Courtney Love as a punk rock groupie.

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

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# Lakewood Public Library

## Polka With Attitude:

# The Chardon Polka Band

by Leana Donofrio-Milovan

Polka and punk are two words not commonly used in the same breath, unless you are familiar with the Chardon Polka Band. From traditional polka standards to Lady Gaga, this local group is anything but the average oom-pah band.

The Chardon Polka Band is known for being innovative and adaptive with the ability to please almost any audience; whether at a college hang-out or a local senior center. In their nine years together, the band has made a name for itself by adding a colorful twist to the traditional genre of the polka. Don't miss your chance to see them perform live for Sunday with the Friends at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 24 in the Main

Library Auditorium.

Despite their extensive catalog of traditional favorites, this fresh young group out of Chardon is not your average polka band. They still love bringing new life and energy to the traditional music of their forbears, but they are not afraid to write new songs for Cleveland today. And everybody has fun when they add polka-pop reinterpretations of artists like Justin Bieber to the mix—whatever it takes to keep everybody dancing! Catch them while you can. The Chardon Polka Band is in demand—here and across the country.

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Windsong, Cleveland's premier feminist chorus, returns to Lakewood Public Library's First Floor Multipurpose Room on Sunday, November 17.

## Be Swept Away By Windsong At Lakewood Public Library

by Elaine Rosenberger

Windsong, Cleveland's premier feminist chorus, returns to Lakewood Public Library's First Floor Multipurpose Room on Sunday, November 17 at 2:00 p.m. Led by Artistic Director Karen Weaver and accompanied by pianist Karin Tooley, the chorus was founded in 1979 and adopted the name Windsong in 1992. Unlike many area choirs, Windsong is a non-audition chorus, looking for members who desire "to sing, to be heard, and to have a good time doing it."

In its mission statement, the chorus expresses its desire to empower

women through their participation in the performance of music, to effect social change, and to build community. In pursuit of these goals, Windsong has performed at the Montreal International GALA festival and at Sisters Singers Network festivals in Chicago and San Diego. Their concerts have raised money for breast cancer research and have paid tribute to Rosa Parks.

Windsong has recently released its first CD, "Season of Light." CDs will be available for sale and signing at the concert, which will be held in Main Library's First Floor Multipurpose Room on Sunday, November 17 at 2:00 p.m.

## Strokes Of Genius Concludes With Art Show

by Marge Foley

The seven week fall session of Strokes of Genius at the Lakewood Public Library came to a close in November as participating second, third, and fourth graders proudly showcased their talent at an Art Show for family and friends. Each week students learned about the life and work of a different artist and then completed an art project motivated by the style of that artist.

Artwork created by Paul Klee, Alexander Calder, Marcel Duchamp, Wassily Kandinsky, and M. C. Escher provided the inspiration for the students' creative efforts. Oil pastels, wire

and paper, markers, clay, and cut paper were some of the mediums used. One project involved painting with string. A mixture of white glue, water, and powdered tempera was used. The young artists dipped long pieces of string into the colorful concoctions and placed the coated string on paper. This resulted in beautiful works of art! In addition, public art and sculptures in Cleveland and Lakewood were studied. Each participant took home their creative work, a certificate, and a purple ribbon.

Look for information about our spring session of Strokes of Genius in the Lakewood Public Library's Spring/Summer mailer!

## LPL Children/Youth Events

compiled by Eric Knapp

### Friday, November 15

#### Steampunk Jewelry Making - For teens in sixth through twelfth grade

Steampunk is industrial but artistic; edgy but romantic... Come create your own steampunk-styled jewelry using beads, chain, hardware and lace.

4:00 p.m. in the Main Library Activity Room.

### Monday - Friday, September 2 - May 23

#### 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.

3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Main and Madison -Children's and Youth Services.

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

#### Family Weekend Wonders

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

Main Library Activity Room and Madison Branch Auditorium

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

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

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

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## HealthSpan To Offer Free Healthcare Reform Seminar At LPL November 20

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reform, and how it might affect your health coverage. If you are a HealthSpan member, there's nothing you need to do right now. We'll be in touch with you to let you know of anything that affects you and your coverage.

### What are the Health Insurance Marketplaces?

Marketplaces, sometimes called "exchanges," are state- or federal places where people can buy health care coverage. They include websites, call centers, and physical locations, so you can get coverage online, over the phone, or in person. You can compare and choose health plans offered by private companies, get answers to questions, and find out if they are eligible for financial assistance or special programs.

### Do I have to buy from the Marketplace?

No. A Marketplace is just one of the ways people can shop for health coverage. However, you can only get financial assistance from the government if you buy coverage through a Marketplace.

### Who has to buy health insurance?

Beginning January 1, 2014, the Affordable Care Act requires most U.S. citizens and legal residents in the U.S. to have minimum essential health coverage.

Some people will have coverage through their employer or through Medicaid or Medicare. If not, most will be required to purchase coverage from a health plan or through the Marketplace unless they are not required by the ACA to buy coverage.

### What if I can't afford to buy health care coverage?

There are two types of federal financial help from the government that may be available to you. One kind helps pay your monthly health insurance premium. The other helps with your out-of-pocket expenses for care. You may qualify for one or both, and the federal government can pay your health plan directly. Or, the ACA may not require that you buy coverage.

You will be able to find out if you qualify for reduced premiums and reduced cost-sharing when the Health Insurance Marketplaces launch in

October. But here are some general income guidelines that might be used by the government to see if you qualify and how much help you would receive.

### What if I don't buy health care coverage in 2014?

If you're required to have coverage, you may have to pay a tax penalty if you go without insurance for 3 months or longer. You won't owe a tax penalty if you are uninsured for less than 3 months (or one month or longer if you already had a coverage gap during the year).

### Can anyone get health care coverage?

Insurance companies can no longer deny coverage because you have a medical condition, and you don't have to pass

a medical exam to qualify for coverage.

### What services will be covered?

In general, for individual and small-group insured health plans, 10 broad categories of medically necessary services will be covered. This includes preventive care visits, immunizations, and screenings (such as mammograms and other cancer screenings). Maternity, newborn, and pediatric care will be covered, as well as emergency and hospital care. Laboratory services, prescriptions, and mental health (including substance abuse) services will also be covered. Some large-employer plans that were in effect before the Affordable Care Act was passed in March 2010 may not

be required to cover all these services. Specific services and supplies, terms of coverage, and exclusions vary by state.

### What does a "grandfathered" plan mean?

A group health plan that's had at least one person enrolled in it at all times since March 23, 2010, or that a subscriber had purchased on or before March 23, 2010, and meets other regulatory requirements. Grandfathered plans are subject to some ACA requirements and exempt from others. The plan's issuer may make changes to the coverage as long as they are within certain limits.

Learn more about HealthSpan at [HealthSpan.org](http://HealthSpan.org).

## Helping Ensure Cuyahoga County's Returning Troops Find Work

by US Senator Sherrod Brown

Cuyahoga County heroes who fought for our country shouldn't have to fight for a job when they return home. Unfortunately, many do. And it's not right.

After spending a week traveling throughout Ohio, I met with veterans who spent months—and in some cases years—looking for work after returning home to their communities. In Ohio, the unemployment rate among Iraq-Afghanistan era veterans is 13.9 percent, almost twice Ohio's unemployment rate. And the number of veterans across the country receiving unemployment benefits has more than doubled since 2002.

This shouldn't be the case. Iraq-Afghanistan era veterans combine technical mastery with proven leadership skills that are extremely valuable to the workforce. And while the economy is beginning to show signs of recovery, many industries are facing a shortage of qualified workers.

That's why I'm fighting to pass the Troop Talent Act of 2013. This bill would ensure service members are updated throughout their military careers about how their specialized military training can lead to a credentialed or licensed job back home. Our

service members would get a headstart on their careers, easing their transition from military service back to civilian life. The Troop Talent Act would also expand government programs that match veterans with credentialed positions in high-growth occupations.

Finally, it's important to reward the businesses who put our unemployed veterans back to work. That's why I support more funding for programs through the VOW to Hire Heroes Act -- which gives businesses a

tax break when they hire veterans.

Our service members deserve our nation's full support. And they deserve elected officials who are willing to put partisan battles aside to ensure that returning veterans have jobs to ease their transition into civilian life. That is because putting veterans to work will create the stronger economy and better communities that we all want in Lakewood, Cuyahoga County, and Ohio.

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### Ask the right questions when choosing a rehabilitation facility.



Dan Shamir, MD

Finding the right rehab facility can seem challenging. "There are many factors to consider when choosing a facility," says Dan Shamir, MD, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation specialist and Medical Director at Cleveland Clinic Rehabilitation Hospital at Lakewood Hospital. "It is important to be prepared with specific questions, so you can help ensure the best possible outcome for your loved one."

The Cleveland Clinic Rehabilitation Hospital at Lakewood Hospital provides rehabilitation services for individuals who have suffered a stroke, a worsening of a neurological disease such as Parkinson's disease, traumatic injury or severe illness. See how it measures up on crucial issues:

**Is the rehab facility a freestanding building or is it hospital-based?** Cleveland Clinic Rehabilitation Hospital at Lakewood Hospital is a hospital within a hospital. As a result, patients receive hospital level care, and have access to medical physicians, therapists, specialists and nursing staff trained in physical medicine and rehabilitation.

**Does it offer programs specific to your needs?** Our rehabilitation physicians work closely with our unit-based nurse practitioners, psychologist, nursing staff and therapists to tailor a program specific to the needs of our patients. More than 25 percent of our patients are treated for stroke. We provide care for other conditions including Multiple Sclerosis, Lou Gehrig's disease, Parkinson's disease and traumatic brain injuries.

**Is 24-hour care provided? How qualified is the staff?** Because we are a hospital within a hospital, physician coverage is provided 24 hours a day. Our staff of professionals includes physicians who specialize in physical medicine and rehabilitation. In addition, we have nurses who are certified in rehabilitation nursing, and therapists who specialize in the treatment of stroke, traumatic brain injury and other neurological diseases, as well as general rehabilitation techniques.

**How are the treatment plans developed?** The rehabilitation physicians and nurse practitioners work with the subspecialty physicians, nursing staff, therapists, psychologists, dietitians and social workers to create an individualized, multidisciplinary plan of care.

**How often is therapy provided?** Patients participate in therapy a minimum of three hours a day for five days per week or fifteen hours per week total, depending on the patient's medical condition.

**What other supplemental services are offered?** Programming in art, music, relaxation, cooking, balance/coordination and pet therapy is available. Support groups are also offered.

**Do you assist with discharge and insurance questions?** Your social worker will assist you in coordinating insurance benefits and the services you will need at home including equipment needs, therapy, follow-up medical appointments and transportation to make the transition back to home as smooth as possible. In addition, patients can return to us after discharge for follow-up care in our Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation outpatient clinic.

**Is family participation encouraged?** Family members are welcomed and encouraged to observe and participate in therapy sessions. We provide family education prior to returning home as well as the opportunity to practice community reintegration when appropriate.

**Do patients have onsite access to other specialists?** Located within Lakewood Hospital, Cleveland Clinic Rehabilitation Hospital provides patients access to a full range of medical and surgical subspecialties, including specialty care from Cleveland Clinic Neurological Institute, as well as radiology and laboratory services. Having these services under one roof means that, in most cases, patients will not require ambulatory transport should they need additional treatment during their stay.

For more information about Cleveland Clinic Rehabilitation Hospital at Lakewood Hospital, call 216.529.7759. To learn about Cleveland Clinic Rehabilitation Hospitals – at main campus, Lakewood and Euclid hospitals – go to [clevelandclinic.org/rehab](http://clevelandclinic.org/rehab).



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# Lakewood Schools

## Parents Give Input On District Transition Plans

by Christine Gordillo

With the bond issue passage for the final phase of construction for the Master Facilities Plan in the books, the district can now focus on the big job of mapping out a transition plan for Grant, Lincoln and Roosevelt elementaries and the high school.

At the end of October, Superintendent Jeff Patterson held meetings at the three affected elementaries to gather input from parents, staff and the community as to what their priorities are for the transition. Meeting attendees were broken down into small groups and asked to discuss with each other what criteria they would like to see addressed during the transition. The group was then asked to rank those priorities and then share them with the larger group.

Many of the same themes came up across all three meetings. At the top of the list is the safety of the students, from the condition of the building they will be housed in to the drop-off and pick-up procedures that will be implemented. Also near the

top of the list for all three school communities was keeping the students all together if possible. Superintendent Patterson reassured attendees at the Grant meeting on Oct. 24 that the district will try its best not to split schools up.

Other common criteria echoed among all groups include: making the new site a reasonable distance from the old school; ensuring that technology remains equal to what students had or even better, maintaining the quality of instruction, including providing adequate space for gym, art and music and maintaining reasonable class sizes; and providing after-school care at the transition site if possible.

Once transition plans are finalized, they will be clearly communicated to parents, staff and the neighboring communities well before the transition occurs. Superintendent Patterson expects to announce the transition plans, which will take effect with the 2014-15 school year, by the end of January.

## Help A Child To Read! Schools Seek Volunteers

by Christine Gordillo

Do you want to make a difference in your community? Would you like to help a student feel more confident about reading? Do you want to be a positive role model? If so, Lakewood City Schools could use you.

The district's elementary schools are participating in a program called Project MORE, a reading mentoring program that aims to boost literacy among students with disabilities and students at risk for reading failure, and they need adult volunteers to make it work. Our schools are looking for adults who can give 30 minutes of their time, three or four times a week to read with students. Pre-made lessons and materials are

used for each session.

More than 240 districts in the state are currently using Project MORE with great success. The program is affordable for districts while offering the one-on-one support these students need to be successful readers. If you are interested in being a reading mentor, please contact your neighborhood school office and ask for the Parent Resource Coordinator. You can find a listing of school phone numbers on the district web site at [www.lakewoodcityschools.org](http://www.lakewoodcityschools.org). You can learn more about Project MORE at [www.ohioprotectmore.org](http://www.ohioprotectmore.org).

You can make a difference in the life of a child!



Nick will continue his cross country season as a member of Team Ohio, an elite selection of only 12 senior cross country runners from the State of Ohio.

## Boatman Continues Stellar Cross Country Season

by Stephanie Toole

LHS Senior Nick Boatman capped off a stellar 2013 cross country season finishing 28th with a time of 16:08 at the OHSAA Division 1 State Cross Country Meet. In a race that saw 52 runners break 5:00 for the first mile, Nick ran his second fastest 5K and represented Lakewood High School proudly as the second finisher from Northeast Ohio.

Nick will continue his cross country season a couple more weeks as a member of Team Ohio, an elite selection of only 12 senior cross country runners from the State of Ohio from all three divisions, selected by the Ohio Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches to represent Ohio in the Mid-East Cross Country Meet of Champions. The 2013 running of the Mid East Cross Country Championships will take place on Saturday November 16, at Indian Riffle Park, Kettering, Ohio. The Men's Race will start at 11:30 am.

It is sponsored by the members of the Greater Dayton Track and Cross Country Officials Association and the Ohio Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches. The Mid-East Cross Country Championships presents the best high school men & women senior runners from Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, and other area states. In past years Pennsylvania, Kentucky and West Virginia have participated.

## Upstanders: The Power Of One

by Katie Kurtz

Join us on Tuesday, November 19th from 7:00pm-8:30pm in the main branch auditorium of the Lakewood Public Library, 15425 Detroit Avenue when 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.

Ranger 360 is a collaborative program with the Lakewood school district and community to address and prevent sexual assault, 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.

LCRAC's Community Conversations seek ways to promote and support important work being done to improve our community.

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# Lakewood Schools

## Pumpkin Palooza -Thanks For Another Great Year!

by Emmie Hutchison

Pumpkin Palooza 2013 has come and gone, and we're left with nothing but fun memories and hearts full of gratitude! Thanks to the generous contributions of dozens of sponsors and community groups, and countless individuals, the event was able to raise close to \$3,800 for Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corporation and Lakewood Community Services Center. The youth volunteers in H2O "Help to Others" were able to participate in a great fundraiser and Lakewood tradition, all while hosting a popular event for young kids.

Pumpkin Palooza's generous sponsors make it possible to raise this money for hunger relief. This year, our Major Event Sponsors were Paisley Monkey, Hinkley Lighting, Dr. Greg DeVor, and Erie deSign. Golden Goblin Sponsors included Norris Family Chiropractic and Lakewood Firestone Tire & Auto. Silver Scarecrow Sponsors were Garfield PTSA, Lion & Blue, West End Pediatrics, and Lakewood Chamber of Commerce; and the Bronze Pumpkin Sponsors were Lincoln PTA, Haynes Nursery School, and the Campbell-Gordillo Family. The event would not have been complete without the delicious pizza we are able to sell, thanks to our donors Roman Fountain and Hungry Howie's, who served their food the whole day. Baked goods were provided, courtesy of Elmwood Bakery and volunteers from the Division of Aging and Early Childhood, and Root Café donated their awesome coffee.

The Pumpkin Patch was overflowing with creatively decorated pumpkins (106 total!), all of which were raffled and were part of the event proceeds. Thank so much to this year's pumpkin artists, Lakewood Community Care Center's School-Age Child Care, St. Peter's Child-care, Haynes Nursery School, Larsen Architects, Georgetown Restaurant, Around the Corner, Lakewood Public Library, Slife Heating and Cooling, Russell Chiropractic, Lion & Blue, Cottage of

Flowers, Lakewood Alive, Beck Center for the Arts, and various Lakewood clubs and classes, including the Ranger 360 Program, Cisco Networking, Key Club, Medical Office Management, Business Management, and Interactive Media.

Over 150 guests enjoyed the stories provided by Lakewood Public Library's Children and Youth Services. Their librarian read for over 3 straight hours! The other entertainment offered was a performance by the Horace Mann Elementary School choir. They sang with beautiful voices and taught the audi-



Fun at Pumpkin-Palooza

ence to dance along with them. Thank you to all these individuals and to the Lakewood City Schools and Lakewood Public Library for supporting and encouraging their participation.

Finally, Pumpkin Palooza is a celebration of volunteerism. Over 90 kids volunteered on October 26th, with dozens more supporting the event by painting signs, making games, picking up pumpkins, and transporting equipment. Thank you also to the adult volunteers who offered guidance and support to the youth volunteers. Together, you were part of this special community-supported "Make a Difference Day" tradition!

H2O is sponsored by the City of Lakewood's Division of Youth Office. H2O receives tremendous support from the Lakewood City Schools, generous donors, and a dedicated group of adult volunteers

## Lakewood Catholic Academy Open House November 17th

by Mike Hudock


Lakewood Catholic Academy welcomes current and prospective early childhood and kindergarten students

and their parents to a special Open House event on Sunday, November 17, from 2pm to 4pm.

Guests in attendance are invited to explore the school's beautiful lakefront campus and learn about its innovative Early Childhood and Kindergarten programs.

According to Paul Nickels, Director of Enrollment, there is much more to LCA than academics alone. "When you see how faith and family are emphasized here, you will see that LCA is truly a special place for your children. It's something you can only experience from a campus visit."

Applications for the 2014-15 school year will be available to those who are interested. To learn more about the November 17th Open House, contact Mr. Nickels at 216-521-0559 ext. 3028.



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# Lakewood Cares

## Santa Paws To Return For Pet Portraits

by Karen Karp

It's true: a ranking member of the Santa Paws Public Appearance Preparedness Committee sent a tweet confirming @Santa\_Paws will arrive in the nick of time for his Noon to 4:00 pm appearance at Photos with Santa Paws, scheduled for Sunday, November 24, 2013 at Pet's General Store, 16821 Madison Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio. The fundraising event is, again this year, presented by Friends of the Lakewood Dog Park, Inc.

Ms. Ima Elf, senior advisor to Santa Paws on supply side economics as it relates to peppermint candy manufacturing, and long-time North Pole insider, has been on-site for more than a week, busy scouting out the perfect event venue. She excitedly told this reporter that "Santa Paws will be posing for pictures" with area pets, at none other than the highly regarded Pet's General Store.

Elf went on to explain that store owner, Mr. Greg Schnupp, was proving to be a most gracious host and had been very easy to work with. Schnupp, in turn, complimented Elf's professionalism and said he was "pleased with the project" up to this point. Elf emphasized that in order to accommodate SP's hectic schedule of "constant world-wide travel and innumerable appearances at the most wonderful time of the year," Pet's General Store, which is ordinarily closed on Sunday, will be open from Noon to 4:00 pm on Sunday, November 24, 2013 for this special event.

Friends of the Lakewood Dog Park (FLDP) suggest that interested owners book and pay for their photo session as soon as possible on the Santa Paws

webpage <http://lakewooddogpark.com/santa-paws-is-coming-to-town>. If pre-paid, the cost of the portrait with Santa Paws is \$10. Walk-ins will be charged \$15. Please remember that the number of same-day appointments is limited.

Now that they've been given the go-ahead, FLDP volunteers have jumped into action, securing accommodations for Santa Paws and his sizable entourage of pointy-eared associates and the predominately four-footed members of the logistics division who are tasked with keeping Santa Paws on time during his extensive travels.

During a brief Skype interview with logistics division director Rudy – who, it must be noted, has a very shiny nose – this reporter learned about the intricacies of coordinating travel for the large group. "No so bad nowadays," Rudy told me, "we only use the sleigh on ceremonial occasions and if it's cloudy we've got the GPS." He explained that everybody travels together on an enormous corporate jet. When asked about luggage restrictions or long delays in the TSA line, Rudy smiled and replied, "no comment." NetJets™ declined to confirm or deny that Santa Paws is a client.

"Photos with Santa Paws" is a fundraiser for Friends of the Lakewood Dog Park, Inc. FLDP is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) non-profit, tax-exempt organization that partners with the City of Lakewood to care for the park. The group holds fundraisers throughout the year to pay for park amenities and to fund dog park improvements.

**Karen Karp is president of Friends of the Lakewood Dog Park.**

## Tax Aides Needed

by Joan Miller

The AARP Tax Aide program needs volunteers to participate in this community service program for the upcoming income tax season. There are openings available for tax preparation sites in Lakewood, on Cleveland's West Side and in Rocky River.

Positions available include tax counselors, computer operators and greeters. No experience is needed and training will be provided.

For more information, contact Doug Pace at [dhpace@yahoo.com](mailto:dhpace@yahoo.com).

## Thanksgiving Food Drive Underway ... Volunteers Needed!

by Chris Crawford

Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corp. (LCAC) provides Holiday Food Baskets for 600 needy Lakewood families and seniors each year. Currently, the annual Thanksgiving food drive to fill those baskets is underway at St. Edward High School and several Lakewood City schools.

Non-perishable cans and boxes can be donated at Grant Elementary, Horace Mann Elementary, Lincoln Elementary, Garfield Middle schools and St. Edward High School now through November 21st. Lakewood High School is conducting their annual Hope for the Holidays campaign through November 15th to raise money to pay for perishable food items needed such as turkeys, potatoes, pumpkin pies, and more.

**How can you help?**

Food donations will be accepted at the schools through Thursday, November 21st. Monetary donations can be made directly to LCAC through the website at [www.lcac.info](http://www.lcac.info) or mailed directly to: LCAC, P.O. Box 771421, Lakewood OH, 44107.

Once the food is collected, it will all need to be sorted so the "human chain" can systematically place food in bags and get them ready for delivery. Many helping hands are greatly needed to sort, assemble and deliver the 300 Thanksgiving Food Baskets.

**Volunteers are needed!!!**

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For over 25 years, LCAC has been brightening the lives of Lakewood families and seniors in need. Each basket provides all the makings for a holiday meal and about a week's worth of food staples. This could not be done without the hundreds of generous volunteers



LCAC Thanksgiving Food Drive through November 21--Grant, Lincoln, Horace Mann, Garfield schools, and St. Edward High School.

who help at every step along the way. Please join us so that LCAC can count 2011 as another great success.

LCAC is a non-profit all-volunteer organization dedicated to improving the quality of life of Lakewood's families in need. For more information or to find our Christmas Food Drive schedule, visit us at [www.LCAC.info](http://www.LCAC.info), check out our Facebook page.

The Christmas Food Drive will start in early December. Sorting, bagging and delivery of an additional 300 holiday baskets will take place on December 20th and 21st. Watch for more details!



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# Lakewood Cares

## Lakewood United Methodist Church Announces Shannon Smoot As Our New Director Of Children's Ministry

by Laura Jaissle

Lakewood United Methodist Church is excited to announce that Shannon Smoot has accepted our offer to serve the Lakewood United Methodist Church as our Director of Children's Ministry!

Realizing this is a pivotal time in the lives of families in Lakewood it was felt we needed a person with knowledge of the community and a passion for families, to help us reach out to continue to be a church where families feel welcomed and supported. We believe Shannon is the perfect person for this position.

Shannon is a community person who has served many roles volunteering for her children's activities. She has a marketing background and is highly organized. As the mother of five children currently participating in the children's ministries at LUMC,



Shannon and Jay Smoot with their 5 children, Addeline, Sam, James, Max and Quinn.

she brings a unique perspective that will help us continue to grow our children's programming. Shannon shares, "Thanks to the dedicated team of lead-

ers such as Reverend Bruce Hartley, Pastor Laura Jaissle and Deacon Bruce Becker, I have been blessed with the opportunity to serve my church as the

Director of Children's Ministry. I hope to bring enthusiasm, excitement and a sense of being part of something bigger to the children who join us for our Sunday morning program. I look forward to this exciting opportunity!"

As many know, Lakewood is a great place to raise a family and we want others to experience that LUMC is a great place for children and families to grow closer to God and learn Christian values.

We invite you to join us for our children's ministry programs and worship. We have Children's ministry and a nursery available during our 9:45 a.m. Traditional Worship service in our Sanctuary as well as during our Modern Worship Service- IMPact at 11:05 a.m. in our fellowship hall space. Check us out at [www.facebook.com/lkwdumc](http://www.facebook.com/lkwdumc) or [www.lkwdumc.org](http://www.lkwdumc.org).

## Sunrise Rotary Welcomes Third Family Member From Brazil

by Larry Faulhaber

In August, The Lakewood Rocky River Sunrise Rotary welcomed its latest Rotary Youth Exchange Student, Leonardo Borges Jacinto from Canarana, Mato-Groiso, Brazil. He is one of three cousins from the same family who have been exchange students with the Lakewood Rocky Rive Rotary Clubs. Leonardo's cousin, Felipe Jacinto Drummond, from Goiania- Golas, Brazil, was hosted by the Sunrise Club in 2007/2008. Another cousin, Ana Diaz, from Sao Paulo, Brazil, was hosted by the Monday lunch Club in 1998/1999. The three cousins came here as part of the Rotary Student Exchange Program of Rotary International which each year, provides over 8,000 students from about 80 countries, the opportunity to go to school, live in a home with a host family, and learn more about Rotary and other countries by attending Club meetings. They join with other exchange students in their school, and the area, to participate in local club service projects as well as their school.

Lakewood High School provides the educational, social, and sports opportunities for the exchange students. Leonardo has joined, and is practicing with the Rugby Club Team, which will begin its season next March.

Leonardo's home city of Canarana is a small rural city of about 22,000. His father is rancher with about 1,500 head of cattle. His mother teaches swimming in a local club. He just celebrated his 18th birthday, and has completed high school in his home city. He has one younger brother and one younger sister. When he returns home next August, he will begin studying for the exam which if he passes will give him the opportunity to attend a university, where he would like to earn a degree in Agro Engineering.

His first host family is the Dave and Marjorie Corrigan family of Westlake. The Corrigan's have two daughters and



Leonardo with former exchange student, Katie Meehan and Natasha and Rodrigo Corrigan.

one son. Both of the girls have participated in Rotary Exchange. Christina went to Jaca, Spain 2012-2013 for her junior year, now she is a senior at Magnificat. Natasha went to Belgium in 2011-2012 after she graduated from Magnificat, now she is a sophomore in John Carroll. Rodrigo is planning to go to Germany next year. He is a sophomore at St Edward High School.

Most of the 1,200,000 Rotary members in over 200 countries around the world provide financial support of the Rotary International Foundation through programs like "Every Rotarian Every Year" with members committing to annual donations. Polio Eradication is one of the major projects of Rotary International. It began in 1985, and with the help the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation there are only two countries in the world with polio cases this year.

You can learn more about Rotary and its many community and international services programs by visiting one of the Lakewood Rocky River Club meetings. One club meets at noon on Mondays, and a second at 7:15am on Wednesdays. Both meet in the Umerley Hall of the Rocky River Civic Center behind Rocky River City Hall at Wagar Avenue and Hilliard Boulevard.

Larry Faulhaber is PR Committee Chair for Sunrise Lakewood Rocky River Rotary Club.

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# Wellness Watch

## A Healing Journey With Acupressure

by Cathie Drumm

Acupressure is the practice of applying hand or finger pressure to specific energetic or conductive points on the body. It is based upon the same ancient principles as the art of acupuncture, except that it uses the softer form of curved finger pressure on the points.

For centuries acupuncturists have been using these specific points on the surface of the skin to access energy that flows in predictable pathways throughout the human body. In many parts of the world acupuncture has been the primary system of health care for generations. The theoretical background of this work rests in the 2000-4000 year old tradition of Chinese therapeutic practice, still active today in China as well as the West.

The gentle practice of acupressure utilizes the same therapeutic principles as acupuncture. The formulas we use in Acupressure are used to release, balance, and strengthen all parts of the body. There are also formulas to assist the body's natural healing powers for certain common unbalanced conditions. The formulas should never replace, delay, or interfere with medical attention. Rather, they will facilitate conventional treatment by diminishing congestion within the body, boosting its organic recuperative abilities, and enhancing and balancing the free flow of vital energy within it.

In Acupressure the body is seen as having Meridians. Each Meridian has two distinct pathways. The superficial,

or outer pathway is near the body's surface and is accessible through touch on acupoints. An internal pathway runs deep within the body, through a related organ and has no outer acupoint entry. It must be contacted through other means. In acupressure we work with both the outer and internal pathways. The objective is to open the whole meridian pathway; the meridian will then regulate itself. Therefore, we encourage energy to flow wherever it is obstructed, facilitate fresh energy in wherever there is weakness, and encourage new awareness into the Meridian, its part of the body, and its organ. Each of the internal organs is energetically fed by its Meridian. The organ work we do is not physical correction, although it is amazing what can happen when new awareness is brought into it.

How does one know if they are a candidate for Acupressure sessions? Well, a general observation of a person's basic vitality level is helpful. A healthy and balanced person looks, sounds, moves and feels energetic. There is a sparkle in the eyes and an aura of positive engagement in life. One's system may be overly weak (Yin) or overly stressed with excess tension (Yang). When one's in an overly Yin condition there is weakness, coldness, pallor, lack of vitality--even to depletion; or with overly Yang conditions there is hyperactivity, heat, hardness, tension and rigidity.

Whenever we move or free energy

anyplace in the body, we affect the flow of energy and facilitate freedom everywhere else. We do this with a method of touching in Acupressure which contacts both the structure and energy of the body simultaneously. It elicits the client's own energy for balance and healing.

So, are you a candidate for Acupressure?


Well, a regular client of mine told me yesterday that she "comes to stay well not just after she is feeling depleted." She says this is what keeps her balanced in her hectic life of managing a local bank branch, raising three active boys, taking care of aging parents, and generally being the super mom (or dad) that is more and more a part of our lives today.

Cathie Drumm, of The Mind Body Sanctuary in Lakewood, practices Clinical Acupressure. She also teaches classes in this modality on an ongoing basis called The Seva Stress Release which was developed after 9-11 as a gentle practice to assist the first responders at ground zero in NY.

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CPT/Y-Haven Bring Free Play, Created & Acted By Homeless Men, To Lakewood Congregational Church On Nov. 23

by Robin Suttell

The arduous journey to reclaiming one’s life back from addiction and homelessness is not one most people can even envision in their imaginations, let alone travel for real. For residents of Y-Haven, a branch of the Greater Cleveland YMCA, recovery has meant bringing their stories to life for the public through a special program with the Cleveland Public Theatre (CPT) -- the CPT/Y-Haven Theatre Project.

A 14-year partnership between the two organizations, the project introduces theatre arts to homeless men recovering from substance abuse and mental health challenges. Each year, residents work with CPT artists to create an original performance based on the participants’ personal experiences. The process assists in their recovery by developing skills fostering their transition to sobriety, employment, housing and independence.

“Our work with the men through journaling and improvisational exercises leads us to the theme of each year’s play,” explains CPT Director of Education, Chris Seibert. “Every year, these original works are presented to enthusiastic full houses at CPT and in select locations throughout the greater Cleveland community.”

This year’s result? "A Life Without," a play created and performed by Y-Haven residents and developed under the guidance of CPT Teaching Artists Adam Seeholzer, Darius Stubbs and Seibert as part of the CPT/Y-Haven Theatre Project. CPT offers free public performances throughout the month of November.

On Nov. 23, the free performance comes to Lakewood Congregational Church (LCC),1375 West Clifton Blvd. The play starts at 7 p.m. and is co-sponsored by LCC and St. Peter’s Episcopal Church. A free-will offering will be accepted.

In "A Life Without," three men are propelled into a world of random coincidences and shifting perspectives as they search for facts behind a tragic car crash. What went wrong? Why did it happen? Who is to blame? Seeking answers from small-town locals, public servants and high-powered lawmen, each encounter bring the men closer to something, but is it the truth of the accident or the truth of the greater conflicts that reside within? At once both moving and humorous, this story highlights the challenge of making meaning out the difficult and seemingly random events in our lives.

A 15-minute, moderated discussion with the men will follow the one-hour performance. Refreshments also will be served.



Cleveland Public Theatre's Y-Haven Theatre Project Comes to Lakewood Congregational Church on Nov. 23. Photo by Steve Wagner.

The YMCA of Greater Cleveland’s Y-Haven Program assists homeless men, 18 years and older, to become self-sufficient and free from drugs and alcohol. Y-Haven provides transitional housing, recovery services, treatment for mental illness, educational training and vocational services. Y-Haven serves 133 homeless men.

For more information on the Nov. 23 performance at Lakewood Congregational Church, contact the church office at 216.221.955 or lccstaff@lcc-church.org.

For more information about CPT’s Y-Haven Theatre Project, contact CPT’s Director of Education Chris Seibert at 216.631.2727, x201.

Instant's In Upheavals: A Photo Show & Gallery Talk

by Julie Hutchison

From November 4 to December 15, Instant's in Upheavals, an extraordinary collection of these and scores of similar photographs will be on display at The Root Café in Lakewood. The images were captured over the past thirty years by a former New York Times, Rolling Stone, and Mother Jones reporter, Chuck Sudetic, a Cleveland-area native. “These are personal mementos I took with a camera for idiots set on AUTO so my kids might see and feel and reflect on our world and its transience,” Sudetic said. “Some pictures are personal in the extreme, including images of a pretty chancy search a friend and I undertook for the remains of a young Bosnian killed at Srebrenica in 1995.”

“The goal of the exhibit is to show concretely how close seemingly distant places in the world are to America and Cleveland and Lakewood and how



interconnected all 7.1 billion of us have become,” Sudetic said. “These are images of death, mourning, joy, folly, illness, exhaustion, defiance, violence, reconciliation, insult, and child’s play. They are intended to provoke discussion, because they provide insight into personal narratives interwoven with radical historical changes that have, over the past three decades, altered decades-old patterns of life, thought, and emotion even in Lakewood.”

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# Lakewood Living

## Light Up Lakewood Returns Saturday December 7

by Ken Brand

Lakewood's holiday season will officially kick off on Saturday, Dec. 7 during Light Up Lakewood – the city's annual holiday festival and lighting ceremony hosted by LakewoodAlive.

The event, one of Northeast Ohio's largest public lighting ceremonies, will take place in Downtown Lakewood (Detroit Avenue between Marlowe Avenue and Arthur Avenue) from 4-8 p.m. LakewoodAlive expects to draw thousands of visitors from Lakewood and surrounding communities, building on last year's record-setting crowd.

In addition to the lighting ceremony, which will primarily take place at the festival's main stage in front of Lakewood Hospital at 6 p.m., a festive holiday parade will kick off the festival and march down Detroit Avenue. The parade, which begins at 5pm, will feature special guests of honor including Santa Claus and the Light Up Lakewood King and Queen, two high school students who live in Lakewood or attend a high school within Lakewood. To participate in the parade, please contact the festival's parade chair at [teresacostaborick@sbc-global.net](mailto:teresacostaborick@sbc-global.net).

Other attractions include photos with Santa, three stages that will host live performances of holiday music and dozens of activities, attractions,

games, crafts and seasonal treats will be available both indoors and outside. The Barnstormers will be back, live reindeer, pedi-cabs, huskies, ice carvings and so much more will dazzle your senses as you walk around in Downtown Lakewood.

Light Up Lakewood is free and open to the public. New this year is Breakfast with Santa at Eddie Cerino's Casual Italian, Brunch with Buddy the Elf at Jammy Buggars, and Lunch with Santa at Dewey's Pizza. [LightUpLakewood.com](http://LightUpLakewood.com) will have all of the information for these special meals on its website very soon so interested participants can sign up to attend.

Event sponsors include Lakewood Hospital, University of Akron Lakewood, Quaker Steak & Lube, Discount Drug Mart, Geiger's Clothing and Sports, City of Lakewood, First Federal of Lakewood, Plantation Home, Campbell's Sweets, Lakewood Library Foundation, The Coral Company, Precision Security, Renewal by Andersen and Downtown Lakewood.

Up-to-the-minute festival information can be accessed by visiting [www.lightuplakewood.com](http://www.lightuplakewood.com), [facebook.com/lightuplakewood](https://www.facebook.com/lightuplakewood) and by following @DowntownLakewood and #LightUpLakewood on Twitter.

## Lakewood's Newest Boutique: Indigo Perfumery

by Ann Onusko

Indigo Perfumery, Cleveland's first and only niche perfume shop, opened in Lakewood, OH, on Tuesday, October 16th. Life-long Clevelander Ann Onusko brings her extensive knowledge of flowers and a passion for fragrances to a gallery space where the perfumes are made by smaller, artisanal companies who concentrate on the art of the scent rather than mass production.

"It is such a pleasure to help people finally discover a scent that they love," Onusko revealed. "The customer's experience in the store is about the discovery and appreciation, where one can quietly interact with fragrances in order to find the scent that moves them most," said Onusko. "Indigo Perfumery is a space where visitors seek out unique brands that have integrity, complexity and personality."

Onusko explained how smell is the most powerful of the senses and the least understood. Scents are processed directly by areas of the brain that are also responsible for emotions and learning- one of the reasons why smells trigger memories of something, or someone.

She describes her boutique as a destination experience where people find fragrances with an element of exclusivity. Indigo Perfumery carries Ambre

Blends, Ann Gerard Parfum, Jardin D'Ecrivains, Jul et Mad, Magnetic Scent, Maria Candida Gentile, Phoenixia Perfumes, PK Perfumes, Providence Perfume Co., Sarah Horowitz, Tommi Sooni, Viktoria Minya, Undergreen and Yates Apothecary (a Cleveland company). "We're also excited to be carrying five 'natural' lines," said Onusko. Exquisite scented candles and natural soaps are also featured.

Indigo Perfumery hosts Guys' Night Out, on Thursday, December 12th from 7-9 p.m.-- the chance for men to not only find their own signature cologne, but to find gifts for their loved ones as well. Indigo will also host Très Chic, cohosted by Jewelry Stylist Ginger Burnett, which combines Chloe + Isabel jewelry and perfume for an evening of Parisian-inspired fun on Thursday, December 5th from 7-9 p.m.

Coming in January are various events celebrating the art of fragrance, such as fragrance workshops, wedding consultations and "meet the perfumer" evenings. The shop is also available for private events, including mix-your-own scent parties. For more information about the new scents at Indigo Perfumery or to place an order, please visit [www.indigoperfumery.com](http://www.indigoperfumery.com) or call 216-767-5563. The shop is located at 12011 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood, Ohio.

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# Business News

## How To Navigate Through The Legal Aspects Of Starting A New Business

by Mike Belsito

In my role with Startup Lakewood, I often encounter individuals who are interested in starting some really interesting businesses – but they simply don’t know where to start. For some, it’s the legal issues and complexities that turn their bright idea into a non-starter. It’s understandable that laws related to starting a new business can seem complex and downright scary. After all, it takes professionals at least 7 years of schooling and passing a rigorous set of Board exams before they can receive a license and call themselves a true attorney. For those of us that don’t have that sort of training – how are we supposed to know what to do?

However, legal complexities should never be the reason for not starting a business. Individuals that have true, burning passion for bringing their ideas to life will not let a few legal issues get in their way. That said, if you have a desire to start a business but find yourself lacking when it comes to startup law – you might find the following recommendations to be helpful:

1) Do some research.

No, you likely aren’t going to be willing to spend several years of your life putting yourself through law school just so you can feel comfortable navigating legal complexities of starting a business. However, you can take some time and invest it in learning about the areas that matter most.

Interested in understanding the basics? The U.S. Small Business Administration has a host of

resources available online at <http://bit.ly/SBALegal>.

Are you starting a small business? Free local resources such as Startup Lakewood and SCORE exist for the sole purpose of helping you throughout the process. They can help with locating the right kind of resources you need for the type of business that you’re starting.

Are you going bigger and need to raise venture capital? Websites like VentureHacks.com and books like Venture Deals, by Brad Feld and Jason Mendelson will be very helpful to you. Notable Silicon Valley law firm, Fenwick and West, even made several standard “seed funding” documents available online at SeriesSeed.com (although, it’s still recommended to have a venture attorney review these on your behalf.)

2) Find the right attorney (or two).

Yes, eventually you will need to find a good attorney – or perhaps several good attorneys. Turning to “Uncle Frank,” who is a personal injury attorney, to help you with starting your business might not be any more helpful than if you tried to do everything yourself. After all, you might have done more research on starting a business than Uncle Frank. It’s important to find attorneys that specialize in the type of law that’s important to you.

Are you starting a restaurant franchise? Finding an attorney who has helped other franchisees in the past is essential. Are you inventing a new product? Attorneys who specialize in Intellectual Property should be

on your short-list.

While it’s true that attorneys can be expensive, this doesn’t have to be the case. Many attorneys who work with small businesses will offer you the ability to defer their fees until the business reaches a certain stage – or, at minimum, you can ask them to provide you with a “fixed fee” quote to ensure that they don’t charge over a pre-specified amount for a specific service you request.

There are also programs available that can give you access to attorneys and law students that specialize in starting businesses for little-to-no cost. The University of Akron, for instance, houses a Seed Legal Clinic that helps entrepreneurs with all sorts of legal startup tasks – such as incorporating, drafting Operating Agreements, and more. Gary Spring, Director of the clinic, can be reached at [gspring@uakron.edu](mailto:gspring@uakron.edu).

If you have specific questions

about laws related to starting a new business, Startup Lakewood is offering a free event on November 19th that is open to the public. “Startup U: Keeping it Legal” will feature Jake Derenthal, an experienced Attorney from Frantz Ward LLP, one of the area’s leading business law practices. Mr. Derenthal will discuss answers to the most commonly asked startup law questions he receives – and will turn to the audience for additional Q&A. This event will be the last Startup Lakewood event of 2013 and will take place at 6:30pm at the University of Akron’s Lakewood Campus at 14725 Detroit Avenue. To register online for this free event, visit: [Tackk.com/StartupUNovember13](http://Tackk.com/StartupUNovember13).

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Opinion

# Honor Our Veterans By Securing A Stable Economic Future

by Nickie Antonio

November 11th marks 94 years since President Woodrow Wilson declared Armistice Day in 1919. Though the day of remembrance has been expanded to include all veterans, not just those who made the ultimate sacrifice, and has been celebrated for decades, this year feels different.

The country is embroiled in a seemingly endless and acrimonious debate about the federal budget and Congress alternates between sitting on its collective hands and playing political chicken with the Affordable Care Act. This sort of political brinkmanship is putting at risk the programs that help returning veterans train to re-enter the job market and help military families pay for food and education costs for their children. In addition, this behavior puts the entire United States economy at risk. The military and their families, who volunteered to protect America and the ideals we stand for, deserve an economy which serves them at least as well as they serve us. Jeopardizing economic security is no way to honor these brave men and women.

This past August in a round table meeting with Senator Sherrod Brown, veterans reported a backlog of paper-work and processing between them and



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needed benefits for everything from PTSD to sleep disorders and hearing loss. Ohio was reported to have 17,180 claims in backlog out of a total 23,789 claim reported by the VA. At that time the Senator called on the VA to train more people to process the claims backlog and to be available to reach out to returning veterans to make them aware of benefits they could be eligible to claim. Certainly processing needed supports and resources for our returning veterans should be of the highest

priority.

However, the Pentagon continues to invest in outdated and expensive weapons systems, such as the Cold War era nuclear arsenal as well as bloated and unneeded new programs, like the F-35 Strike Fighter Jet. Regrettably taxpayer dollars are being wasted as well on fraud, abuse, and contractor greed. We need instead to be looking towards the future, addressing the needs of modern servicemen, servicewomen, military families, and veterans. Reshaping the Pentagon's budget would prepare America for real 21st threats and secure economic competitiveness, as well as ensure the funding of services that our nation's veterans deserve.

Pentagon spending has skyrocketed to \$640 billion a year, almost doubling since 2001. Committees in both the House and Senate voted to increase this budget in Fiscal Year 2014, a move that could necessitate additional cuts to other needed programs in order to keep overall spending within mandated spending caps dictated by the Budget Control Act of 2011.

As a state legislator, I know too well the challenge of budgeting in these difficult economic times. The kind of political brinkmanship seen in Congress of late only makes state budget-writing more difficult. Rather than focusing on political gain, Congress should put the livelihoods and needs of our constituents first, ahead of political posturing.

This Veterans Day, Congress needs to decide if it is fighting for economic security, American strength, and the ability to support our returning veterans and their families or siding with special interests and continuing to spend billions on wasteful, outdated and unnecessary programs that don't make a real contribution to our security and that, in many cases, the Pentagon itself would like to see eliminated.

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# Letter To The Editor

## Letter To The Editor: Gender Equality Does Not Require Emasculating Men

by Ted Nagel

**Upstanders: The Power Of One.**

I wanted to take the opportunity to respond to something that I've seen in a couple of articles and messages with the term "Upstander" and Lakewood 360. The specific section of the article that concerned me was about the definition of an "Upstander." Specifically: "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." I support a person's right to be whomever they like. Why does current society not allow me the same right? I like to be masculine. I enjoy being a man and that is essentially the definition of masculinity. Frankly, I find it very insulting that, in an article about trying to reduce sexual assaults, that "masculinity" is indirectly suggested as a cause of sexual assault.

The way I was raised to be a man is to be a defender of those who are weaker than me. Who that group of people is may have changed over the years, but the message is essentially the same. I raise my son to be strong and aggressive, two characteristics

associated with masculinity. But, I raise my daughter the same way. She is going to be strong and aggressive just as my son will be. Both will use their intelligence to decide when it is appropriate and when inappropriate. My daughter is also learning to be feminine and beautiful, because that is what she chose and I support her choices. If masculine stereotypes are bad, are feminine? Gender roles are changing, but will they ever go away? My guess is that they won't nor does the majority of the population want them to. I've cried at a beautiful song and well-acted play. (Yes, I tried to hide it.) I shop for clothes with my wife and daughter. I enjoy decorating. None of those things make me any less masculine.

It does not take the emasculation of the male gender to allow the rest of the population to live free and do whatever they like. Does no one else see the irony in that objective?

**Ted Nagel**


*Ted Nagel is a Lakewood resident who moved here with his wife (who grew up in Lakewood) and family after retiring from the Army. He volunteers in the community primarily with sports but also through the Lakewood Congregational Church.*

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# Lakewood's Veterans

One of the many Veterans who work on the Lakewood Observer and post on the Deck, Peter Grossetti was down at Lakewood's Veterans Day Remembrance. Peter has called it one of his favorite days of the year, a chance to remember and reminisce with other Veterans, and a chance to talk with those who might not have served but have some family members who served. Here are some of his photos. Stop by the Observation Deck and check out the forty plus photos from the event taken by some of the LO's best photographers. Isn't it time you shared some of your photos, images, stories and thoughts? The Lakewood Observer is there for all of us. Also check out Gary Rice's salute to our Veterans online on the Lakewood Observer's front page.



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Left, clockwise from top left: State Senator Mike Skindell, Lakewood Municipal Court Judge Patrick Carroll, and sitting, State Representative Nickie Antonio and her father listen to the keynote speaker.



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Lakewood Living

You Can Help Reduce Algae Blooms In Lake Erie

by John Palmer

In the past year I had the opportunity to attend seminars and symposiums to help advance my knowledge and understanding as it relates to my career. This summer I spent some time listening to Charles Darrah, Ph.D. a Consulting Landscape Agronomist discuss run-off and how it may affect algae blooms in Lake Erie. I know this is an issue for a lot of lake-shore communities, and the EPA has already expressed their "concern." I was surprised at something that was said that indicated we could influence the blooms. It wasn't what I expected.

Now I may not make myself real popular with the city refuse guys, but NOT leaving your leaves piled on your tree lawn until the City leaf collection truck gets them will reduce the amount of nutrients flowing directly

into the lake where they provide a food source for the algae.

Leaves and grass clippings flowing into the sewers add to algae blooms. If you bag your leaves (you could take them to the recycling center if you want to make nice with the collection guys), you cut down on nutrients the algae will feed on as the organic matter decays. Even if the wind and rain don't wash them down the storm sewers, the rain washes decaying run-off into them.

You can see this at times by looking at the color of the runoff from piles of decaying leaves.

If a few hundred (or thousands!) of citizens were to do this each Fall, we could do our part in making Lake Erie a healthier body of water for all of us who use it or live in it.

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Player Game Mat

Card Counting Card Game

by Edward Nolan

Lakewood resident Edward Nolan entered the gaming market with a fast playing, strategic card game that is sure to be a hit. "The game I built is in the Casino genre, where you're basically betting against other players, not the house," says Edward. "It's a cross between betting on horses and Roulette."

Differences between this new game and others in the genre are significant. First, players bet as if they are betting on a horse, or picking a number at the Roulette table. Next, a card is turned over revealing the face value of the card. Finally, the pot is awarded to whomever bet on the face value of the card that was revealed.

"Essentially I pulled cool features from other games and put them together to make what is called a parimutual game. Parimutual is player vs. player, like Texas Hold-em," explains Edward. Another dramatic difference is counting the cards. Unlike other games, card counting is encouraged and is what sets the odds for the cards. Players betting choices are a reflection of what cards they see that are in play, much like what a handicapper would see in a field of horses getting ready to race. The result is incredible strategic betting, thrills and excitement.

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In addition to being the game's creator, Edward Nolan designed the game board, poker chips and website, <http://cardcounting.moonfruit.com>. "I've always loved digital design, and creating Card Counting enabled me to log over 16 hours of creativity, as well as a website for the game. I think I've submitted more videos to YouTube then ever, but if that's what I need to do to show people how the game plays, then I'm all for putting my face out there. Recently I was approved by Kickstarter.com, so I created a funding page simply to get the game out to the public faster than I would be able to if I had to rely on marketing the game website by itself. Anyone is FREE to download and print a paper player game board from the website to try it out. But I hope they eventually purchase the pvc tear proof player mat after they see how well the game really plays." This new table top card game, Edward Nolan's first game, is set to start shipping in September, just in time for Christmas.

Meet the maker

Edward Nolan is essentially jumping feet-first into games. He has everything needed in the game for it to be a hit and seems to be doing everything he can to get the word out. Being the sole proprietor he plans on making smart decisions to employ people as needed to fill orders, but knows things might turn quickly, forcing him to play a new hand!

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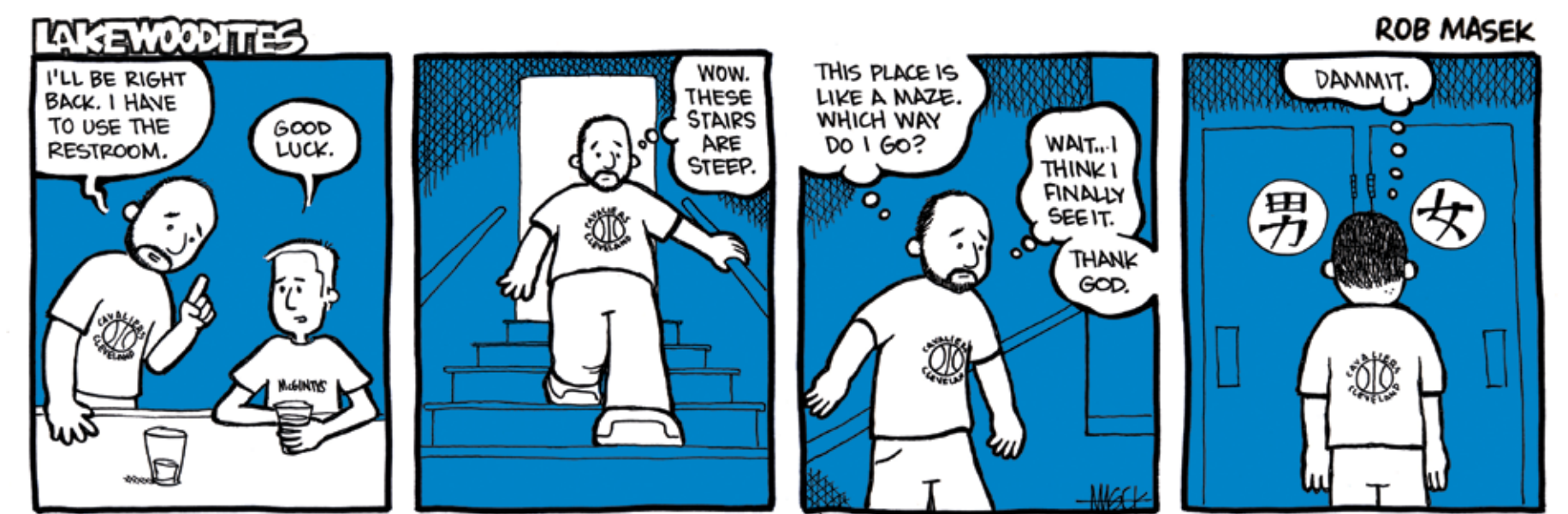
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