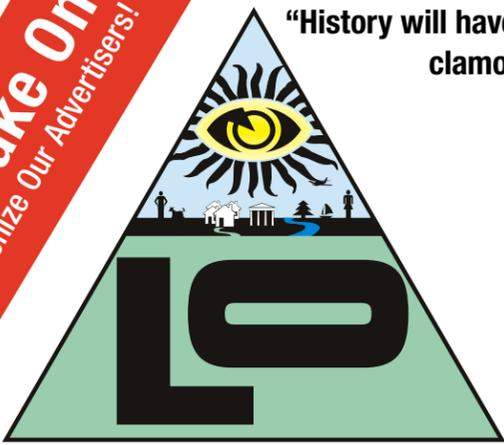


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## Observed 10 Years Ago

We are starting a new column this issue called "Observed 10 Years Ago," which will concentrate on what was being reported and talked about in Lakewood a decade ago.



### Volume 1 Issue 2

by Betsy Voinovich

The front page of our 2nd issue features Lakewood Hospital winning an award from the US Dept of Health.

A large photo (still in black and white) celebrates the July 4 fireworks display and promises a photo spread in the center of the brand new paper.

We hear about the Farmers Market opening the following week adjacent to Kauffman Park, which boasts of having 87 farmers, meanwhile there is talk of moving "beyond the farmer's market" with a new concept called

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## LakewoodAlive Celebrates 10th Anniversary

by Ian Andrews

Ex. Director, LakewoodAlive

LakewoodAlive, a non-profit economic development organization, is celebrating its 10 year anniversary and the partnership with the City of Lakewood at a fundraising celebration, "Loving Lakewood – Alive & Thriving." The event

will be held on Saturday, February 8 from 7:30-11 pm at Lakewood Center North, Second Floor, 14600 Detroit Avenue. Individual patron tickets are \$100; individual VIP tickets are \$150 and can be purchased online at lakewoodalive.com or by calling 216.521.0655.



"LakewoodAlive has been a significant partner with the City of Lakewood," said Lakewood Mayor Michael Summers. "This event celebrates a decade of collaboration to help make Lakewood one of the region's most vibrant places to live, work and play. This partnership has led to millions of dollars being invested in downtown Lakewood and the community's historic housing stock, sustaining Lakewood into its second century. The community's support for LakewoodAlive is critical to our continued success."

"More than 200 Lakewood residents, business owners,

event sponsors and community supporters will gather to celebrate the collective success of organizations and individuals who have contributed to the renaissance in downtown Lakewood and the community's neighborhoods," said Ian Andrews, executive director of LakewoodAlive.

The evening includes a festive Lakewood street party, with décor that highlights areas that are uniquely Lakewood. Entertainment will be provided by Chris Vance of Vance Studios. The event also includes an auction featuring unique local and regional

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## The Lakewood Project Celebrates The Beatles

by Stephanie Reed

In February of 1964, The Beatles arrived for the first time in The United States and performed on the widely popular Ed Sullivan Show. 2014 marks the 50th anniversary of this legendary performance, which was viewed by 73 million people. This Saturday January 25th, The Lakewood Project high school rock

orchestra and Beatles tribute band Hard Day's Night (HDN) will be celebrating the Fab Four's introduction to America by performing a wide selection of Beatles hits in the Lakewood Civic Auditorium, as well as many fun classics by other artists from the 1960s.

Rolling Stone called The Beatles' first appearance on

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## Local Musicians Take On The Beatles In Support Of Hunger Relief In Lakewood

by Jason Weiner

On Saturday, January 25 at 7:00 p.m., dozens of area musicians and community leaders will take the stage at Lakewood's Masonic Temple for the Third Annual All You Need Is Love (and food), a community celebration of the music of The Beatles and a way to raise awareness about hunger in Lakewood as well as funds for one of Lakewood's most dynamic and fastest-growing hunger relief organizations, Trinity Lakewood Community Outreach (TLCO). The Lakewood Masonic Temple is located at

15300 Detroit Avenue.

Founded in 2009 as the volunteer community outreach arm of Trinity Lakewood Church, the mission of TLCO is fostering a healthier community through collaboration, education and meeting basic needs. TLCO accomplishes its mission by providing four community hot meals each month, two monthly pantry bag distributions, and a free monthly produce distribution between June and November, offering hunger relief to hundreds of individuals and

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## Lakewood Schools' Kindergarten Parent Info Night February 10

by Christine Gordillo

The Lakewood City Schools will be hosting a Kindergarten Parent Information night for parents of preschoolers interested in learning about the district's kindergarten program. The event will take place on Monday, February 10, at

6:30 p.m. at Grant Elementary School's Gym. Grant is located at 1470 Victoria Ave.

Roxann Ramsey-Case-rio, the district's Director of Teaching & Learning K-12, will host the evening and review what is addressed in the curriculum, how a typical

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## Community Diversity Potluck On Jan. 23rd

by Melissa Garrett

The Lakewood Community Relations Advisory Commission will hold a Community Diversity Potluck on Thursday, January 23, 2013 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Woman's Club Pavilion at Lakewood Park, 14532 Lake Avenue. The theme for the potluck is "The World Lives in Lakewood."

Attendees are asked to bring a dish (vegetarian or meat) to serve six that represents your family or cultural tradition(s). Beverages and tableware will be provided. This is a great opportunity to meet neighbors and make new friends. There will be fun activities for all ages.

## Liveable Lakewood Hopes To Make Others Wish They Were Here



The Lakewood Observer has joined with Human Tribe, Inc. on "Liveable Lakewood" to promote the city of Lakewood. Utilizing local views, locations, standouts, art history and events, as captured by Lakewood photographers, artists, poets, and others. The first project is a series of postcards that will be distributed for free through Lakewood businesses and non-profits.

# Lakewood Observer



While talking about ice flows Lakewoodite Craig Lovejoy stepped in and shared some of his low level aerial photography of the jam. Thanks Craig! No government money was used on this photo.



Always sad to hear of lay offs and redundancies, but Santa! In the trash!! This image was captured by Deb O'Bryan. Thread - IMAGE IN LAKEWOOD.



Maybe he could become a Statue of Liberty! These three Liberties hit the street to remind all of us of tax season and that Liberty Taxes has moved from Warren Road to Detroit in the old recruiting station offices. Thread - IMAGE IN LAKEWOOD

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## City News

# Council Gets Busy With Appointments

The first meeting of Council in the New Year began a little early so that the newly elected and re-elected council members could be sworn in. Judge Patrick Carroll was on hand to do the honors. Tom Bullock was sworn in first, supported by his wife Molly, then Cindy Marx, supported by her husband Jake, and finally Ryan Nowlin who was joined by his mother.

The Council meeting itself was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Councilwoman Mary Louise Madigan (Ward IV). Per the Charter, when there is no Council President the longest standing member of Council will serve as such until one is elected, giving Councilwoman Madigan this responsibility. The first order of business then was to elect a Council President. Councilman Ryan Nowlin (At-Large) nominated Councilwoman Madigan as President. With no other nomination Council voted and elected her President. Next Council had to choose a Vice-President and Councilman Tom Bullock (At-Large) nominated Councilman Nowlin for Vice-President. Council voted and elected Councilman Nowlin as Vice-President.

The next item on the agenda was the certification of election results, which is a procedural matter that is usually done without any fanfare. However, Councilman Bullock decided to take the moment to properly welcome Councilwoman Cindy Marx as their newest member of Council.

The next 13 items on the agenda were all appointments Council needs to make. The first one was for the Ward II Councilperson seat, for which Council had stopped accepting applications

by Christopher Bindel



photo by Jim O'Bryan

Newly appointed Ward II Councilman Sam O'Leary.

earlier in the day. The other appointments included two Councilmembers to the Lakewood Hospital Association Governing Board, a Councilmember as a non-voting member to the Animal Safety and Welfare Advisory Board,

two members to the Audit Committee, five members to the Charter Review Committee, a special trustee to the Lakewood Hospital Association Governing Board, and a community organization trustee to the Lakewood

Hospital Association Governing Board.

Council referred all appointments to the Committee of the Whole for consideration.

Councilwoman Madigan then announced her re-appointment of Chris Varano to the Citizens Advisory Committee.

Mayor Summers then announced a few appointees. To the Loan Approval Board he appointed Maureen Dostal and Carolyn Spath, to the Board of Zoning Appeals he re-appointed Kyle Krewson, and to the Civil Service Commission he appointed Kenneth Haber.

Coming to the end of the agenda items, Council President Madigan asked if there were any announcements or comments from members of Council. Councilwoman Marx said she would like to thank everyone for all their support during her election and that she looks forward to serving Lakewood over the next four years.

Councilman Nowlin then said he would like to also welcome Councilwoman Marx and that he is really looking forward to working with her, and all the members of Council, over the next four years.

Council President Madigan then announced that Council planned to hold interviews for the 12 people who applied for the Ward II Council seat on Monday, January 13, and that they hope to make a decision in time for their choice to be sworn in for the next Council meeting.

With no other business to be discussed, Council President Madigan adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

### Update

*Council interviewed all 12 Ward 2 Council candidates on Monday, January 13, 2014, at the end of their deliberations they appointed Sam O'Leary who will begin serving as the Ward II Councilman after being sworn in Tuesday, January 21, 2014 meeting of Council.*

**Congratulations Sam! Best of luck.**

## Are You Ready For The Next One?

by Tricia Granfors

Power outages, Superstorm Sandy, the Artic Vortex... "All disasters begin and end at the local level." (FEMA) Community preparedness starts with you. The Westshore Regional Community Emergency Response Team (WSC) is offering free classes on topics such as disaster preparedness, emergency medical considerations, search and rescue procedures, fire suppression, disaster psychology, and more. The 20-hour FEMA course is conducted by local safety professionals. Westshore residents who are over 18 years of age, successfully complete training, and pass a background check are eligible for team membership. Visit [www.westshorecert.org](http://www.westshorecert.org) for more program and team information.

Do your part to keep your family and our neighborhoods safe and prepared. To register or for more information contact WSC Coordinator Tricia Granfors at (440) 716-4135 or [granforst@north-olmsted.com](mailto:granforst@north-olmsted.com). Space is limited.

Training begins Saturday, February 15. The five consecutive Saturday morning classes will be held at St. John Medical Center and the City of West-

lake Service Center from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Westshore Regional CERT (WSC) is a (as of November 2013) 294 member nonprofit volunteer team under the Westshore Council of Governments. The national CERT program seeks to educate residents about disasters common or possible in their area through free 20-hour disaster pre-

paredness training. US citizens over 18 who pass a background check are eligible for team membership. The WSC supplements emergency responders when needs outweigh resources.

*Pictured at right: Search, rescue and triage training with Carrie Hebert, Scott Cameron and Scott's service canine, Sammi.*

(Photo by Doug Sacha)



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# Report: Westshore Council Of Governments (WCOG) Meeting, January 8, 2014

by Conda Boyd

*This report, which contains observations and selected highlights of a meeting of the WCOG, is not an official statement of the LWV. Official minutes are prepared by Mayor Patton's office.*

Present: Mayors Bobst (Rocky River), Patton (Fairview Park), Summers (Lakewood), Sutherland (Bay Village)

Absent: Mayors Kennedy (North Olmsted) and Clough (Westlake)

Also in attendance: Dave Greenspan, District 1 Representative, Cuyahoga County Council; Steve Presley

The meeting was called to order 9:40 in the Birch Room at the Gemini Center in Fairview Park. Mayor Patton of Fairview Park presided as Chair of the WCOG.

#### Commission Reports:

The formal reappointment of Mayor Sutherland to NOACA as representative from the Westshore was approved in principle, but NOACA rules require paper ballot submission, for which the deadline was December 31. The next meeting is Friday Jan. 10. All mayors present agreed to make prompt return of paper ballots a priority so Mayor Sutherland would be formally reappointed in time to attend

Friday's meeting. Mayor Summers enjoys a standing appointment. Mayor Summers expressed concern about the absence of representation from Cuyahoga County in NOACA's leadership. Mayor Sutherland recommended a conversation with Valerie McCall, President NOACA Board of Directors.

The mayors discussed the Land Bank's role in economic development. Mayor Bobst commended their participation in the recent demolition and remediation of a city-owned gas station. Mayor Summers discussed a joint project to demolish a school involving the City of Lakewood, the School Board and the Land Bank.

The opening of the Avon Cleveland Clinic facility has complicated Senior Transportation. In the past, Fairview Park received a grant for senior transportation that prevented them from going to the Avon facility because it crossed the county line. They decided to abandon the grant, and now charge a low fee for senior use of the service. None of the other cities receive grant support, and they also charge for use of senior transportation. Most charge extra to cross the county line and go to the Avon facility. The mayors felt that the provision of senior transportation was very important to their constitu-

ents, but that the existing model does not work very well. Mr. Greenspan promised to look into it at the county level.

The recent appointment of Craig Butler as interim leader of EPA was noted. Mr. Butler previously represented EPA in negotiations regarding water treatment plant issues.

#### Old Business:

William Denihan, head of Cuyahoga County Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services, followed up on his November 2013 presentation to WCOG with an invitation for a March 2014 joint crisis intervention training session for west shore police. Mayor Patton will follow up on the invitation, and will look into the possibility of including librarians and other city employees with extensive public contact.

#### New Business:

Mayor Patton also proposed autism awareness training through Akron Police Sergeant Mark Farrar. The proposal was well received and all mayors agreed to consult with their safety forces.

Mayor Patton was reappointed to the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission.

Mayor Patton expressed interest in a regional civil service examination. Fairview Park's most recent examination had very few applicants. Mayor Summers said that a recent study into civil service examinations found that regional entrance exami-

nations were possible, but regional promotion examinations were not feasible because of different requirements among the different cities. Furthermore, the cost savings from regional entrance examinations were minimal since applicants paid for the administration of the examination. Mayor Bobst added that strategic timing considerations also meant cities could find themselves working off stale lists. Mayor Patton felt the timing problems could be addressed by scheduling examinations at regular intervals, and that the cost savings from room rental and advertising justified regionalization. Joint administration also would create larger eligibility lists in more communities, to the benefit of both the municipal employers and the candidates.

Mayor Clough had not recommended changes to the WCOG dues allocation formula, so the mayors voted to continue the existing formula. The scheduled discussion of November's Westshore Fire Investigation Unit proposal was also continued.

It was decided to continue meeting monthly through 2014.

The Westshore Council of Governments was founded in 1971 "to foster cooperation between municipalities in all areas of municipal service." All meetings are open to the public. The next meeting will be February 12, 9:30-11:30 a.m., in the Fairview Park Gemini Center's Birch Room.

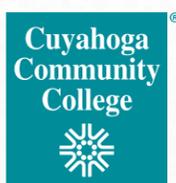
## Lakewood Schools' Kindergarten Parent Info Night February 10

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cal kindergartener's day unfolds, what resources are available to Lakewood City Schools students and what the kindergarten registration process is.

Following the formal presentation, parents will be welcome to ask questions about this important milestone

in a child and parent's life. Although the event is geared to parents who are unfamiliar with the District's kindergarten program, anyone is welcome to attend. For more information, visit the district web site at [www.lakewoodcityschools.org](http://www.lakewoodcityschools.org) or call 216-529-4203.



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# Lakewood Public Library

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## Tuesday, January 21

### 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, January 22

### 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, January 23

### Booked for Murder: Time for Crime:

#### “The No. 1 Ladies’ Detective Agency” by Alexander McCall Smith

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

## LPL Children/Youth Events

compiled by Eric Knapp

## Saturday, January 25

### Jungle Bob’s Educational Traveling Zoo

#### For the whole family

Jungle Bob will entertain and educate the audience with his live reptile show, which includes a variety of snakes, lizards, turtles, and tortoises. There is no need to register in advance.

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

## Sunday, February 2

### Lakewood Lego® League

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

Use LPL’s collection of Lego®Bricks and your own imagination to create fabulous new structures and designs each month. No registration, but numbered tickets will be given out first-come, first-served. One ticket per child. For more information, stop in or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 140.

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the Main Library Activity Room.

## 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.

Ongoing Monday—Friday, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Main and Madison branch 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

### Weekends With Wee Ones

#### For families with children under 2 years old

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

Madison Branch Children’s and Youth Services

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

## Saturday, January 25

### Lakewood Art House Cinema:

#### “The Ice Storm” (1997) Directed by Ang Lee

“When you think about it, it’s not easy to keep from just wandering out of life. It’s like someone’s always leaving the door open to the next world, and if you aren’t paying attention you could just walk through it...” As the early 70s grip suburban Connecticut, the bored and unsettled experiment with drinking, drugs and casual sex in lame attempts to either find themselves or finally send their privileged lives spinning out of control. Kevin Kline and Joan Allen play an unhappily married couple who can provide little guidance to their children as they take their first clumsy steps into adulthood. For all the chaos in their lives, nothing seems like it will ever change, but the storm of the century is quietly heading their way.

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

## Sunday, January 26

### Sunday with the Friends: The Hollywood Slim Band

A proud member of the Cleveland blues family, the Hollywood Slim Band has been entertaining crowds with their swing, jazz and blues for over thirty-five years and they’re still adding new arrangements to their repertoire. With tender three-part vocal harmonies and decades of playing together, they add their own touch to the music of Howlin’ Wolf, Little Walter Jacobs, Louis Jordan, Ray Charles and The Nat King Cole Trio.

A homegrown Cleveland spirit matched with loving instrumental mastery gives this band a vintage, rockin’ sound.

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

## Wednesday, January 29

### Guided Imagery and Dreamwork

Most people look at the subconscious as a mere curiosity, but make the same choices over and over again even when they know that things aren’t working. Do you feel stuck in your past? Do you see recurring patterns in your life? Do you feel powerless before your obsessions and addictions? Are you enjoying your life? Jonathan Davis will introduce you to the healing process of guided imagery and conscious dreamwork while exploring the journey into your own heart.

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

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

## Saturday, February 1

### Lakewood Public Cinema:

#### “Red Tails” (2012) Directed by Anthony Hemingway

Italy, 1944. As the war takes its toll on Allied forces in Europe, a squadron of black pilots known as the Tuskegee Airmen are finally given the chance to prove themselves in the sky. This is the film that George Lucas battled for over a quarter of a century to get made—against the racial preferences of Hollywood. In the end, he had to spend his own money to see his vision up on the big screen... Be warned. This is not a modern drama caught up with the probing of psychological nuances and juicy moral ambiguity. This is an old fashioned war movie with larger-than-life heroes taking out the bad guys in ways that make you want to stand up and cheer. It may not be strictly historically accurate either, but it’s a welcome chance for the Tuskegee Airmen to star in the kind of movie that should have been made for them back in 1944.

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

## Sunday, February 2

### Sunday with the Friends:

#### Frank Lloyd Wright and the Modern Home

In 1936, visionary architect Frank Lloyd Wright designed a family home that cost only \$5,000 and established his concept of the Usonian—new designs for the open, uncluttered landscape of America. Fred R. Unwin illustrates the humble genius of the man with an appreciation of the Wetzheimer Johnson house in Oberlin—one of the few Usonian homes open to the general public. Lovingly preserved, it stands as a brick and redwood testament to his affordable, middle-class genius. With environmentally-friendly natural lighting, passive solar heating and attention to landscape, it may still have much to teach us about designing and building modern homes in the 21st century.

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

## Tuesday, February 4

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## Thursday, February 6

### Documentary Film: “Flag Wars” (2003) Directed by Linda Goode Bryant and Laura Poitras

Shot over a four-year period, Linda Goode Bryant and Laura Poitras’ “Flag Wars” is a poignant and personal look at a community in Columbus, Ohio, undergoing gentrification. What happens when gay white homebuyers move into a working-class black neighborhood? As the new residents restore the beautiful but run-down homes, black homeowners must fight to hold on to their community and heritage. The inevitable clashes expose prejudice and self-interest on both sides, as well as the common dream to have a home to call your own. Winner of the Jury Award at the South by Southwest Film Festival, “Flag Wars” is a candid, unvarnished portrait of privilege, poverty and local politics taking place across America.

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# Lakewood Public Library



Frank Lloyd Wright's Usonian Marvel: The Weltzheimer/Johnson House.

## Frank Lloyd Wright's Usonian Marvel: The Weltzheimer/Johnson House

by Elaine Rosenberger

Innovative, charismatic and controversial, architect Frank Lloyd Wright designed buildings which are in harmony with their environment. Nowhere is this more evident than in the Usonian architecture of Wright's Weltzheimer/Johnson house. Designer Fred R. Unwin will profile the Weltzheimer/Johnson house in Lakewood Public Library's Main Auditorium on Sunday, February 2, 2014, at 2 p.m.

Coined by James Duff Law in 1903, the word Usonian means uniquely American. In the context

of architecture, Usonian refers to an American architectural style which is free from past conventions -- a new world of architecture. Usonian homes were designed by Wright to provide beautiful, yet affordable, houses for middle class Americans. The homes are modest and environmentally conscious; many contain solar heating and a multitude of windows for natural light.

Located in Oberlin, Ohio, the Weltzheimer/Johnson house was designed by Lloyd Wright in 1948 and completed in 1950. It was the first Usonian house built in Ohio and was donated to Oberlin College in 1992. It remains one of the few Usonian homes open to the public, and is the only Usonian home open in Ohio. Unusual features include clerestory panels and hundreds of stained croquet balls on the roof.

An interior designer and ardent enthusiast of Wright's Usonian philosophy, Unwin volunteers as a docent at the Weltzheimer/Johnson house and is intimately familiar with the house's many features. Unwin will profile the Weltzheimer/Johnson house at Lakewood Public Library's Main Auditorium located at 15425 Detroit Ave., Lakewood, Ohio, at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 2. Unwin's talk is free and open to all; no advance registration is required.

## Game On! Computer Fun For Kids

by Fran Storch

Children can enjoy playing computer games that are not only fun, but educational in the Computer Connections room at the Main Library. Computers are preloaded with a wide variety of games which are age appropriate. Kids select from over 35 educational computer games designed to encourage literacy and improve math and problem-solving skills.

At the Kid Kiosks preschoolers have fun learning while playing games which include popular characters like Dora the Explorer, Blue's Clues and Thomas & Friends. School-age kids, from kindergarten through eighth grade, enjoy playing Computer Connections games featuring favorites such as Barbie, I Spy, Pajama Sam, Putt Putt, and Tonka.

Computers are available daily from opening to 8:30 p.m. Each child may sign in for up to three sessions per day, with each session lasting up to one

hour, at the Children's and Youth Services desk. Children under six must be accompanied by an adult.

Kids can also access TumbleBooks in the Computer Connections room or remotely through the library's website. TumbleBooks is an interactive, read-aloud website that offers a wide variety of animated, talking picture books. The website is simple enough for young children to use independently. The TumbleBooks collection can be viewed in English, French or Spanish.

In addition to Computer Connections, the library also offers a large selection of CD-ROM computer games – including JumpStart, Lego, Roller Coaster Tycoon, and SIM City – which children may check out to play on their home computers. For more information about these computer programs and other learning opportunities at Lakewood Public Library, visit [www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/youth](http://www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/youth).



Come to the library for some computer fun.

## WordStage Presents "Callas On Callas"

by Amy Kloss

Controversial, exquisitely talented, dedicated to her art from a young age, Maria Callas was one of the twentieth century's most famous opera stars. On February 9 at 2 p.m., WordStage will bring to life this famous diva with a presentation in Lakewood's Main Library Auditorium.

Born in America in 1923, Callas left at the age of 13 to study opera in Greece. As a young girl, Callas clashed with her family and felt she was forced to give up her childhood to satisfy her mother's ambitions. Controversy, scandal and gossip followed her throughout her life. With a unique voice that was not always well-received, Callas was renowned for her vocal versatility, her theatrical performances and her interpretation of great operatic roles.

After her death in 1977 at the age of 53, videos of her live performances were released, and numerous

biographies and critical studies were published. In "Callas on Callas," 95 percent of the text is adapted from her interviews and 1971 Julliard master classes. WordStage's presentation will focus on Callas as the artist who revolutionized the world of opera and influenced generations of singers, conductors and stage directors. Samples of her live performances will be shown.

WordStage describes itself as Chamber Music Readers Theater. Their aim is to illuminate the lives of fascinating literary, historical, musical and artistic individuals. Drawing from diaries, letters and other documents, they combine the spoken word with chamber music to create performances both entertaining and informative. Join them on Sunday, February 9 at 2 p.m. in the Lakewood Public Library Auditorium for a celebration of opera diva Maria Callas. All performances are free and open to the public.

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# Schools



Lakewood High seniors (from left) Christina Sharkin, Chase Miller and Margaret Dever all earned scholarships to continue to compete in their respective sports next year.

## LHS Athletes Earn Scholarships To Continue Competing

by Christine Gordillo

Three Lakewood High School seniors have parlayed their athletic talent into scholarships that will allow them to compete in their sport at the collegiate level. Margaret Dever, Chase Miller and Christina Sharkin were honored during a seminar on January 8 at the Civic Auditorium on college sports recruiting for their outstanding accomplishments.

It was appropriate that a seminar educating parents and students on how to land athletic scholarships for college wrapped up with three such success stories.

Dever, who is a state champion speed skater with a national ranking, will be attending Rutgers University on a rowing scholarship that will cover more than half of her tuition. Dever only began competing in rowing her junior year but her years of speed skating training prepared her well for the transition and allowed her to excel quickly. Her team with the Cleveland Youth Rowing Association won the Midwest junior national championships last year. Outside of rowing, Dever is a National Honor Society member and participates in a variety of

community service activities such as H2O and helps with the Catholic Charities' Migration & Refugee Services program.

Miller has been a standout on the Ranger baseball team for the last two years. Last year he had a .390 batting average for the Rangers and was named to the All West Shore Conference second team. He will be attending Huntington University in Indiana with 80% of his tuition covered. Besides baseball, Miller is actively involved in LHS service clubs such as Key Club, Action Team and H2O.

Sharkin is a four-year varsity player and co-captain of the Ranger girls' soccer team and earned an All West Shore Conference Honorable Mention last season. She will play for Tiffin University next year with half of her tuition covered by her scholarship. Outside of soccer, Sharkin is a stellar student and is part of the National Honor Society, H2O, Action Team and she was selected to participate in the Look Up to Cleveland youth leadership program.

Good luck to all these student-athletes as they continue on with their education and sport at the post-secondary level.



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# Lakewood Schools

## High School Artists Earn Top Regional Award

by Christine Gordillo

The Lakewood High Art Department and West Shore Career-Tech's Interactive Media program always produce top award winners in the prestigious Scholastic Art & Writing Awards national competition and this year is no different. Seven LHS & West Shore students' works were honored with the top regional award, a Gold Key, and four students earned Silver Key awards.

90-year-old Scholastic competition. The process begins across the country as young artist and writers submit more than 100,000 creative works of art and writing in 28 categories to a network of regional affiliates that locally present the awards. Panelists of experts in their field look for works that best exemplify originality, technical skill and the emergence of a personal voice or vision.

the Art Gallery at the Cleveland Institute of Art from Jan. 13-31.

Congratulations to all of the dis-



Sarah Neff's "Meaty" painting was given a Gold Key award.



Madison Heasley's ceramic chess set earned a Gold Key award.

The Gold Key winners in the Cuyahoga County Region will have their artwork judged on the national level next month.

Each year more than 77,000 students in grades 7-12 participate in the

The most outstanding works of art and writing from each region are forwarded to New York City to be judged with the best in the nation. This year's Regional winners will be on display in

## District Unloading Unused Inventory In Online Auction

by Christine Gordillo

The Lakewood Board of Education is currently holding an online auction of used school building furniture, plumbing supplies, automotive materials and two vehicles. The auction began Wednesday, January 15 and will conclude on Thursday, February 13. To view the auction, go to [www.publicsurplus.com](http://www.publicsurplus.com); click on "select region" and choose "Ohio"; click on "Select Agency" and choose

"Ohio School Council"; click on "view all auctions." The Lakewood City Schools auction is coded by the letters, LW. To see a description, terms and location, click on the item. If interested in bidding on an item or items, go back to the home page and register and proceed to enter your bid on the item or items that you are interested in purchasing. For clarification or questions, contact Gerry Mayernik at 216-227-5302.

trict's 2014 Scholastic Art winners:

**Gold Key Winners: (approximately 7-10% of regional entries)**  
(IM indicates West Shore Interactive Media student)

Asia Atkinson, senior - Sculpture  
Madison Heasley, sophomore - Ceramic

Sarah Neff, senior - Painting  
Alex Sierputowski, senior (IM) - Animation

Hayden Bish, senior - Printmaking  
Dillon Morana, junior - Photography  
Madison Shelton, senior - Painting

**Silver Key Winners: (approximately 10-15% of regional entries)**

Jordan Ramm, junior (IM) - Photography

Emily Skeans, senior - Photography  
Nina Scavone, junior - Drawing  
Kathleen Turner, senior - Ceramics

**Honorable Mentions: (approximately 15-20% of regional entries)**

Franchesca Bodnar, junior - Photography

Dameyan Chambers, senior - Photography

Jacob Corder, junior (IM) (4 mentions) - Drawing & Photography

Fallon Horvath, junior (IM) - Photography

Madeline Listkowski, junior (IM) - Photography

Simone McClendon, junior - Drawing

Elizabeth McIlwee, senior - Painting  
Sarah Neff, senior - Photography

Kaitlin Stanaitis, junior (IM) - Photography

David Torrence, senior (IM) - Animation

Kaitlin Triesel, senior - Mixed Media  
Andrea Tsiros, senior - Painting

The Scholastic Awards were founded in 1923 to offer recognition and scholarships for talented students and have made available more than \$25 million in awards and scholarships since then.



This self-portrait by Dillon Morana also garnered a Gold Key.



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# Lakewood Is Art

## Beck Teen Theater Explores Serious Subject Matter With Classic Drama, "The Children's Hour" Continues To Educate Students In 65th Anniversary Season

by Pat Miller

Beck Center Teen Theater presents "The Children's Hour" in the Studio Theater February 21 – March 2, 2014. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays. A special student matinee performance is at 10 a.m. on Thursday, February 27. Seating in the Studio Theater is limited and tickets are on sale now.

"The Children's Hour" is a serious play about two women who run a school for girls. After a malicious student starts a rumor about them, it soon turns to scandal. As the young girl comes to understand the power she wields, she sticks to her story, which results in tragedy. It is later discovered that the gossip was pure invention, but irreparable damage has been done. This classic play is written by Lillian Hellman and directed by Beck Center's Associate Director of Theater Education Jonathan Kronenberger.

"There are many issues in the play that are still pertinent today," remarked Kronenberger. "The concept of bullying is prevalent in the



public eye and the play illustrates how this issue has always been a challenge in society." Kronenberger has cast 16 dedicated Beck Center students ages 12 to 17 who are up for the challenge

of presenting its important message to audiences. "This piece is keeping with our dedication to quality material for teens as well as mirroring some of the risk-taking modeled by our profes-

sional theater."

Beck Center's Youth Theater program, considered the longest continually-running youth theater program in the country, is celebrating its 65th season. "The Children's Hour," the third of four productions this season, will be followed by "The Wizard of Oz," May 9-18, 2014.

Tickets are \$10 for Children and \$12 for Adults and may be purchased online at [beckcenter.org](http://beckcenter.org) or by calling 216.521.2540 x10. Beck Center is located at 17801 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood. Free onsite parking is available. This production of "The Children's Hour" is made possible by the generous support of Cuyahoga County residents through Cuyahoga Arts and Culture and the Ohio Arts Council. "The Children's Hour" is presented by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc., New York.

To celebrate the Youth Theater's 65th Anniversary Mitchell's Ice Cream is supplying a "Here's the Scoop" voucher, valid for a free scoop of ice cream, with each Youth Theater ticket sold this season.

## Local Musicians Take On The Beatles In Support Of Hunger Relief In Lakewood

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families from Lakewood and all over Northeast Ohio each year.

Several area musicians will perform the music of The Beatles in support of TLCO at the event this year. Confirmed musicians include Andrej Cuturic, Matt Charboneau, Nick Cross, Avin Loki Baird, Rachel Shortt, Charlie Mosbrook, Beth Woysville, Tom Sayers, Danielle Cherry Krimer, Jason Weiner, Sheela Das, John McGrail, Mike Pereira, and "BW Beatles," a group of student musicians from the Music Conservatory at Baldwin Wallace University. Additionally, Lakewood community leaders are lending their time and voices to be a part of the "Lakewood Celebrity Chorus," which will come together as a part of the evening's final performance. Confirmed members of this year's "Celebrity Chorus" include Representative Nickie Antonio, Beck Center President and CEO Cindy Einhouse, Pastor Paula

Connor, H2O's Emmie Hutchison, Root Café owner Julie Hutchison, and members of TLCO's Advisory Committee. "I am so grateful," says Jason Weiner, event coordinator, "that, for a third year in a row, so many musicians and community leaders are taking the time to learn this timeless music and are lending their talents to support the efforts of an organization that is addressing an issue we all care deeply about."

Admission is a suggested \$10.00 donation plus a canned food item. While all donations are appreciated, preferred food donations include peanut butter, canned tuna, canned fruits/vegetables, cereal and beef stew. The Masonic Temple will be set up coffee-house-style for a casual, relaxed and family-friendly evening. Lakewood's own Root Café will provide coffee and hot chocolate as well as delicious home-baked sweet and savory treats at a donation-supported coffee bar. All

proceeds will support the hunger relief efforts of TLCO. This year, your admission the event will get you discounted admission to the after-party at Mahall's, where the celebration of the Beatles' music and hunger relief support will continue later into the night with The Lennon Orchestra. Mahall's will also be collecting food for TLCO. For more information, please contact Jason Weiner at 216-394-9695 or [jasonhweiner@yahoo.com](mailto:jasonhweiner@yahoo.com).

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## "My Best Friend's Bowl" Super Bowl Sunday Pet Food Drive

by Judy Towner

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This is our third annual food drive with the help of Laurie Sekeres and Ganley Subaru.

My Best Friend's Bowl is a pet food bank for pet owners having difficulty paying for food for their pets. Our mission is to prevent owners from having to surrender their pets due to the inability to purchase food. Visit our website or facebook page for more information on our organization. We have been in operation since February 2011 and we are an all volunteer group.

Donations of dry dog and cat food as well as 1 gallon ziplock freezer bags requested to continue keeping the bowls full. Most needed at this time is dry dog food. All donations are tax deductible. We will take your information at the time of the donation. Our volunteers will be there rain, shine or snow! See you then!

More information can be found by calling 216-482-0646 or visiting [www.mybestfriendsbowlakewood.com](http://www.mybestfriendsbowlakewood.com). My Best Friend's Bowl is a 501(c)(3) program of The Lakewood Foundation.

## Rotarians Contribute To ShelterBox For Philippines Relief Effort

by Lynn Donaldson

Since Super Typhoon Haiyan struck the Philippines Nov. 7, Rotarians and ShelterBox USA have been responding to the disaster providing funds and tangible relief to assist the thousands left homeless. Called the most powerful storm ever to make landfall, with winds of 195 mph and gusts up to 235 mph, Haiyan is reported to also be the largest storm ever recorded. The storm was over 300 miles wide, roughly equal to the distance between Boston and Philadelphia.

In response to the disaster, the Rotary Clubs of Lakewood and Rocky River donated nearly \$5,000 to purchase ShelterBoxes for those affected. Each box costs \$1,000 which includes materials and transport.

ShelterBox contents include a disaster relief tent (big enough for

an extended family) designed to withstand extreme temperatures, high winds and heavy rainfall, and water purification equipment that can provide a typical family up to three years worth of clean and safe water. Also included are a hammer, axe, saw, trenching shovel, hoe head, pliers and wire cutters. There's a wood burning or multi-fuel stove and pots, pans and utensils, and a children's pack containing drawing books, crayons and other supplies to help mend hearts.

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# Lakewood Cares

## Trials For Hope Increases Its Outreach To The Community

by Bill Fink

It's hard to believe that a year has passed already since the first article introducing Trials For Hope was published in The Lakewood Observer. So much has happened this past year, as "Trials" has been spending time focusing on those who live outside (homeless) as well as improving on our other outreach programs. We were introduced to the tent camps that are located throughout Cleveland, and our hearts have been captured by some really beautiful people that the mainstream of society can easily never see. We see people every day that are in need, and as our hearts have empathy it's easy to get distracted in our every day activities

Over the past 8 or 9 months we were introduced to another nonprofit organization that helps the outside camp communities, and in addition to helping them with weekly donations we now are visiting one of the



Holiday bags bring smiles!

camp communities weekly offering personal care, T.P., snacks, nutrition shakes, and other items that are donated to us. We recently collaborated with an organization that provides temporary shelter for the

homeless from Friday- Sunday, offering personal care items that are used in conjunction with their shower program.

Throughout the past year our Trials for Hope program has grown

as congregations from Our Lady Helps Christian Parish in Medina and Lakewood Christian Church have added energy and smiles to our program, as well as those we encounter daily. We post updates on our Facebook page thanking different donors of the day. We are looking forward to collaborating with Faith Church Lakewood to provide more outreach to school-age children and teens in need.

Our Holiday program was a success this year as we assembled 1,220 "holiday cheer stocking bags" with the help of many volunteers. These holiday bags were donated to homeless of all ages and to other programs including senior centers, transitional housing, alcohol and drug treatment centers and those attending community meals.

To find out how to get involved by volunteering, or contributing to our non-profit organization, check our website: <http://trialsforhope.webs.com/about-us>. If you know of a family or person in need that we may be able to help, please contact us!

We have a fundraiser, "A Taste of Italy" coming up January 24th at Lakewood Christian Church/Cove UMC at 12501 Lake Ave at 6 p.m. There will be good food, a raffle, door prizes and a brief presentation about our program. Tickets are \$20 and we'd love to see you there.

Bill Fink is a Lakewood High School Graduate ('72) who spent his childhood years in Lakewood. Currently living in West Park, he is looking for work, enjoying this volunteer opportunity that has presented itself and has rejoined Faith Church in Lakewood. His next move will be back to Lakewood.

## Straight From The Heart Raises More Than \$2 Million For Heart Care

by Margaret Brinich

In addition to offering 40 incredible prizes of \$100,000, car leases, cruises and trips to exotic locales, the annual Straight from the Heart Raffle and Gala have raised more than \$2 million for cardiovascular care in our community since 2004.

Proceeds have benefited cardiovascular services, technology and community outreach programs at Fairview, Lakewood and Lutheran Hospitals, with initiatives including:

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- \* A program to prevent hospital readmissions for heart failure patients
- \* An educational video for pre-surgery cardiac patients

With such a great cause and so many incredible prizes, why not purchase a raffle ticket at \$100 each or three for \$200? The raffle drawings take place at the Straight from the Heart red-tie gala on February 15, 2014.

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## Business News

# Holiday Online Auction Supports Chamber's Economic Development Efforts

by Valerie Mechenbier

Thanks to all who donated to and supported the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce's 5th Annual "Holiday Bid & Buy" online auction.

Although the auction was marketed to the region's holiday shoppers and the Bidding For Good community as a way to "avoid the slush and the rush – buy local from the comfort of your own home," the power and reach of our online auction resulted in winning bids from Willoughby Hills, Middleburg Heights, Chagrin Falls, Olmsted Falls – even from as far away as Burlingame, California! With a link to the donor's website from the auction site, shoppers had the opportunity to check out even more of our local businesses' products and services online. As the number and quality of items has grown each year, the Holiday Bid & Buy online auction has become a fun annual shopping destination while generating proceeds for the Chamber's economic development programs.

Special thanks to our auction sponsors. Silver: The Lakewood Observer, Grand Prize: Abode Modern Lifestyle Developers, and Friends of the Auction: First Federal Lakewood, Clock Electric, Sentry Protection Products, COSE | Council of Smaller Enterprises, Hospice of the Western

Reserve, and STEM Handmade Soap.

The auction was successful because of the following local businesses and friends of the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce who generously donated items, services, and unique experiences: Beck Center for the Arts, Fisher & Phillips LLP, Aladdin's Eatery, Jammy Buggars, Jim O'Bryan, Dewey's Pizza, Barrio Tremont + Lakewood, Italian Creations, Gatherings Kitchen, Buckeye Beer Engine, Transform Sport + Fitness, Paisley Monkey, Paula Reed, Ranger Café @ West Shore, Forbici Salon, LakewoodAlive, IceLand USA at Winterhurst, Lakewood Alumni

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### Chamber Member Spotlight:

## Connor Brostek, Link Smart Marketing

by Valerie Mechenbier

Google has killed the phonebook, Tivo has killed commercials, and internet radio has put tremendous pressure on commercial radio. Think back 5 years ago: no one had smart phones and only kids and teens were using social media. Most business owners have heard of what's possible with websites, social media, text, and email marketing but don't know where to start. And, they just

don't have the time.

Lakewood Chamber member Connor Brostek is President of Link Smart Marketing. He grew up in a family business called Pins & Needles that has three stores in the Cleveland area. Connor has been implementing digital marketing strategies in the family's business since he was 16 years old. Seeing the results, he knew he could help any business survive and thrive during

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## Upcoming Events

**Friday, February 21**  
**Lakewood Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Meeting**  
8th Annual WestShore Career-Tech Outstanding Work Ethic Awards  
**Brennan's Catering & Banquet Center**  
13000 Triskett Road, Cleveland, 7:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, March 5**  
**Lakewood Chamber of Commerce & Lakewood Public Library host: Chief David Oliver, Brimfield Police Department**  
Lakewood Public Library, 15425 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood, 7 p.m.

## LakewoodAlive Celebrates 10th Anniversary

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periences along with locally produced artwork for purchase. A committee of more than 25 dedicated volunteers has been working on the event for months, including Chairperson Julie Warren.

A limited number of event tickets are available and a portion of each ticket is tax-deductible. Sponsorships are also available for businesses and residents alike. For more information,

visit [lakewoodalive.com](http://lakewoodalive.com).

LakewoodAlive thanks Presenting Sponsor First Federal Lakewood, Platinum Sponsor Downtown Lakewood Business Alliance, and sponsors Beachwood Properties, Clark Financial Services, Printing Partners and St. Edward High School. Thanks to David Meeker for logo design.

**Ian Andrews is the Executive Director at LakewoodAlive.**

# Letters To The Editor

## Outgoing School Board President Comments

by Edward Favre

It was an honor and privilege to serve as Board President in 2013. My thanks to my fellow Board Members and to the people of Lakewood who re-elected Mrs. Shaughnessy and me.

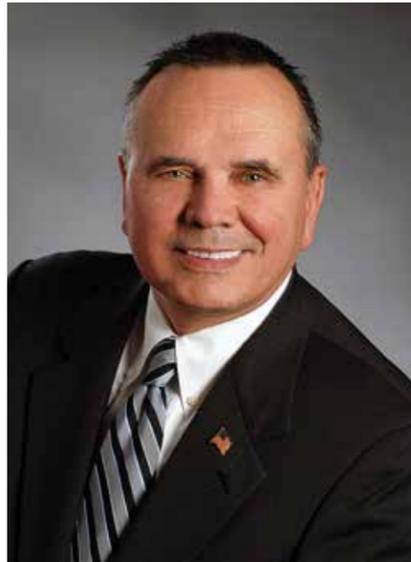
2013 was a very busy year. We started the year with an unplanned or expected financial situation created by State budget cuts. After having already made cuts and adjustments the previous couple years, the State cut funding for public education even more.

This put us in the unenviable position of needing to make further cuts into important programming. We were worried that more such cuts would be too severe, yet State funding cuts were decimating the operating funds of our last levy. We felt the community should have the opportunity to express their feelings. Superintendent Patterson led a series of community meetings and the feedback was that there was a desire to keep important programs. In order to do so, we placed a 3.9 mill operating levy on the May ballot. Unfortunately, we know that this situation is largely caused by the State of Ohio's practice of moving away from its funding responsibility and transferring the tax burden to the local taxpayer.

As this was unfolding, we learned our Treasurer, Tim Penton would be leaving unexpectedly. This put us in immediate need of an interim treasurer as well as a long term replacement. Neither being a small task.

Meanwhile, the levy campaign was on. Fortunately for Lakewood, in May our voters saw through the State's funding shell game. Despite the additional financial burden they would be shouldering, Lakewood voters stepped up and overwhelmingly approved the operating levy.

As the spring progressed and as we were dealing with the treasurer issue and operating levy, we were



Outgoing Board President Ed Favre

also hearing that Lakewood's call from the Ohio Schools Facility Commission to complete our project was likely. This likelihood became stronger with the passage of the operating levy. School districts that lost operating issues fell lower on the list, while districts like Lakewood rose. July was the month when The Ohio Facilities Construction Commission would make the call.

Still addressing the need for a treasurer, we were able to retain James Estle, a retired and accomplished school treasurer to act as our interim treasurer. Jim's temperament and talents were just what we needed and he stepped in and smoothly handled these important responsibilities. We are grateful for having found him at such an opportune time.

Meanwhile, July came and Lakewood got the nod to move forward with the long awaited completion of the facilities reconstruction. The formal, official word did not come until August. This gave us a small window of opportunity to pass a bond issue and begin the project. We knew the longer we waited, inflation was driving up the

cost. Fortunately, we had the same group of dedicated citizens to lead the bond issue committee and they were on it.

And as that was unfolding, we were fortunate to retain our new Treasurer, Kent Zeman. Filling this very important position in a school district is a big decision in itself. We are happy to have Mr. Zeman on the job and his talents are being put to good use.

Then, in November, and for the second time in a year, Lakewood voters confirmed their commitment to their schools and passed the bond issue by another significant margin. People all around Ohio are impressed with Lakewood's commitment and we could not be happier than to be a part of this great town. We immediately began working on the logistics of designing, planning, and completing the final and most complicated of the three stages that will result in the total rebuilding of the District.

And while all this was going on, the District was also working on implementing major academic initiatives such as Common Core and the Third Grade Reading Guarantee. Both of which are significant challenges for our students and staff. Administratively, the new system of teacher evaluations will need to be implemented.

Financially, the Lakewood voters have again risen to the occasion and

we are now on solid financial ground. However, we know the revenues are mostly flat and, in time, will be outpaced by expenses. Such is the nature of the unconstitutional school funding system in Ohio that not only have the governor and legislature failed to correct, but have made worse with the current budget.

In going over my tax bill, I counted Lakewood as number 6 from the top of the highest property-taxed communities in the county. It is no coincidence that those above us and immediately below us are also more urban, diverse districts, with a broader range of students, whose expenses, including implementation of the growing number of state mandates, are more complicated than districts with a narrower range of students. And we offer a greater range of programs and opportunities than most.

All of this makes managing our finances and controlling expenses more challenging. We must be frugal and thrifty. There can be no waste. We will be mindful of the additional weight our taxpayers have taken on this past year and their expectations.

The challenges are great, but so are the opportunities. There is more hard work ahead, but it is good work. This District and community are moving forward and the future holds great promise.

## Marcy Kaptur, Nickie Antonio And Tom Bullock To Speak At "We The People" Day

by Trudy Hutchinson

The Lakewood Move To Amend Committee is sponsoring "We The People" Day on Saturday, February 1, to host a community conversation about money in politics. A panel of public officials including Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur, State Representative Nickie Antonio and Lakewood City Council Member Tom Bullock will guide the discussion. Following prepared remarks from panel members, community members will be encouraged to offer observations and ask questions about the influence of large political contributions from nonhuman entities as wealthy donors to candidates for public office. Greg Coleridge of the American Friends Service Com-

mittee will give an overview of the national Move To Amend effort.

"We The People" Day will be held from 1-3 p.m. on February 1 at Mahall's Twenty Lanes, 13200 Madison in Lakewood. In addition to the panel discussion, "We The People" Day will allow the Lakewood community to learn more about the Move To Amend petition campaign that calls for an amendment to the United States Constitution that declares that:

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# Common Core Explained In 3 Parts

## Common Core Part 2

by Chuck Greanoff

Dear Lakewood students: The problem with letting you write narrative fiction, or something you care about is that “people don’t really give a shi\* about what you feel or what you think.” Sincerely, David Coleman, president, College Board, architect of Common Core Literacy Standards.

The myriad forces behind the federally imposed Common Core curriculum comprise a self-interested, interconnected group of business people and politicians. They are anxious to colonize local school districts for profit and power, and the latest and largest tool in this endeavor is the Common Core and its testing regimen. They have a plan and they know best—do what they say and pay no attention to the man behind the curtain. That means don’t follow the money.

Like David Coleman, the “reformers” don’t give a shi\* what “you” munchkin parents, students and teachers think. What they think about is marketing and sales, and they have an array of catchy terms in their arsenal, including “college and career ready” and “data driven.” They project the notion that their curriculum is grounded in extensive research and has broad support of child development professionals. The reality is the exact opposite of what their slick marketing would lead you to believe.

The Common Core standards are not themselves “data driven” nor supported by major educational and child psychology organizations. There is no research supporting them and they have not been field-tested. It’s a national sales pitch. The data will drive something, though: mining of your students test scores “data points” by inBloom and other education products corporations. Test test test...smear smear smear...sell sell sell. Repeat the process. Follow the money.

In a 2011 Harvard Business Review essay, Joanne Weiss, Secretary Arne Duncan’s then-chief of staff, stated that “the adoption of common standards and shared assessments means that education entrepreneurs will enjoy national markets where the best products can be taken to scale.” Any questions?

Common Core salesman David Coleman is the Rosetta stone of the school “reform” movement, connected with many of its privatization/profitteering schemers. He was treasurer of Michelle Rhee’s ironically named “Students First Organization,” a corporate funded school privatization organization. Before that, he co-founded Growth Network, a data analysis company, and then founded Student Achievement Partners, which used a 6.5 million dollar grant from the Gates Foundation to write Common Core standards.

His casual profanity smacks of

the dismissive arrogance of someone who has no classroom experience but knows he’s connected to money and power. Why worry about parents and teachers when Gates et al are behind you? But he’s not the only one that’s been on Gates payroll.

The following organizations represent a sample of those who received money from Bill Gates to promote the Common Core. When they weigh in on the issue, consider who’s paying them: American Enterprise Institute: \$1,068,788; American Federation of Teachers: \$5,400,000; Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development: \$3,269,428; Council of Great City Schools: \$5,010,988; Education Trust: \$2,039,526; National Congress of Parents and Teachers: \$499,962; National Education Association: \$3,982,597; Thomas B. Fordham Institute: \$1,961,116. Yes, the sad truth is that this leaves the impression that Gates purchased the support of union leadership.

Speaking of teachers, the biggest lie about the Common Core is that teachers played a significant role in creating it. They didn’t. Child psychologists weren’t involved either. The marketers behind it might understand that developmental rates vary widely among children, or that social-emotional development is the key to cognitive development, but they don’t care. Common Core is a business model, not an educational one. Remember, homogenized curricula means market-scale products. Follow the money.

People who have spent their lives dedicated to understanding child development are largely ignored in the process. It’s time for their voices to be heard.

Edward Miller, author of “Crisis in Kindergarten: Why Children Need Play in School” and Nancy-Carlson Page, author of “Taking Back Childhood” take the Common Core process to task for excluding child development experts from the K-3 writing standards. They cite the following statement by Early Childhood Health and Educational Professionals on the Common Core Standards

([http://www.edweek.org/media/joint\\_statement\\_on\\_core\\_standards.pdf](http://www.edweek.org/media/joint_statement_on_core_standards.pdf)):

“We have grave concerns about the core standards for young children.... The proposed standards conflict with compelling new research in cognitive science, neuroscience, child development, and early childhood education about how young children learn, what they need to learn, and how best to teach them in kindergarten and the early grades....”

In summary, the group has the following specific worries:

1. The K-3 standards will lead to long hours of direct instruction in literacy and math. This kind of “drill and grill” teaching has already pushed active, play-based learning out of many kindergartens.

2. The standards will intensify the push for more standardized testing, which is highly unreliable for children under age eight.

3. Didactic instruction and testing will crowd out other crucial areas of young children’s learning: active, hands-on exploration, and developing social, emotional, problem-solving, and self-regulation skills—all of which are difficult to standardize or measure but are the essential building blocks for academic and social accomplishment and responsible citizenship.

4. There is little evidence that standards for young children lead to later success. The research is inconclusive; many countries with top-performing high-school students provide rich play-based, nonacademic experiences—not standardized instruction—until age six or seven.

The National Association for the early Education of Young Children, the leading professional organization for early childhood education, had no role in the creation of the K-3 standards. Three of its past presidents (David Elkind, Ellen Galinsky and Lilian Katz) signed the statement opposing the standards. Does anyone wonder why their input was not sought?

To date, the most controversial aspect of the curriculum itself

is de-emphasis on fiction and other elements of the creative process, with emphasis instead on non-fiction. It’s doubtful that all aspects of the curriculum will be as bad as the anti-democratic process by which they were created. The rapid implementation without training and resources might be a problem, especially if you want students to do well on tests.

The goal is the opposite, however. Cut scores will be set high, and the crisis narrative will be blasted all over commercial media, NPR, also compromised by Gates Foundation money, will chime in. More money is to be made from student “failure.” The fix is in.

The use of test scores to discredit specific public schools is also very concerning, as many districts might be manipulated or coerced into privatizing their schools. (Note: privatization means for-profit charter schools, but the public still pays for them) Yet, increasingly, the public is on to the game, and will fight the well-funded smearing of their public schools. As they try to colonize our schools, they will try to colonize our minds. They will fail.

The greatest potential damage of the Common Core, however, lies in the way that it frames the discourse about our schools and how it coerces local districts to allocate public resources. We are to pay strict attention to their test scores and buy the shiny products they will market to our students and ignore/de-fund everything else—our music programs, counselors, elective classes, arts programs, etc. The potential opportunity costs are worrisome.

The impact is already being felt. Maryland will spend 100 million for computers for taking Common Core tests. Los Angeles has committed to spend 1 billion on I pads while class sizes are exploding. Everywhere, the curriculum is being squeezed in service of the purchasing of commodities, primarily high tech and or test/prep products.

This is not to advocate against technology per se, but rather to return the power to decide educational priorities to our democratically elected school board. They not only know better what we need than Gates and the Fordham Foundation, but they also aren’t compromised by boatloads of cash. They answer to us, not Gates and his benefactors.

Whoever frames the argument wins the argument. David Coleman doesn’t care what our students think, and he never will. He talks and you are supposed to listen. Just put your blinders on, follow the yellow computer chip road and all will be well. The third piece in this series will discuss how we, in Lakewood, can and, in fact, will transcend the school “reform” movement and remain the proud, un-colonized, independent community that we all love.

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## Pulse Of The City

# Our Civil War, 150 Years Ago... Son Of The Free State Of Nickajack?

Gary Rice

Like many of you, I have been a member of a number of social, fraternal, political, and religious groups of people over the years. Over those same years, some of those memberships have lapsed, or changed, as my personal opinions and experiences regarding this group or that one also changed. Life sort of does that to you. The opinions and beliefs of a sixty-something man are not always what they were, when that man was younger.

I've generally not been reluctant to let people know that I've been a member of an organization either. After all, had I not at least been able to live with most of its practices, I would not have affiliated with it. At the same time, I cannot remember EVER telling someone that I "belong" to an organization. See, for many people sharing my rather peculiar heritage, that word crosses a thin, but very real, line. You have to understand....a true son of "Nickajack" belongs to none but his own.

I've written one column about us Appalachian Hill People (both Southern and Northern) before, that you can look up online among my past Lakewood Observer columns, entitled "Ridge Runner Rice, A Hillbilly Story". Many, if not most hill people, have an independent streak that simply won't quit, and many of those same individuals simply defy categorization. Whether that would be with their political persuasions, (or lack thereof) religious affiliations, (or lack thereof) or with any of a hundred other demographic measurements, people from the hills and hollers generally have one simple wish; that being to be left in peace to tend to their own affairs in private... with the obvious corollary that others need to be doing the same with their own lives.

Now obviously, governments and religious leaders historically and generally have taken considerable offense at having a group of people in their midst who dared to think for themselves. The earth of every land has been soaked deeply by the blood of political and religious dissenters, not to mention those of other beliefs and races, who were exterminated simply so that the next group could come along and prevail.

In our country, we generally like to think that we have been "better" than all that. Still, "better" does not mean perfect, as many Native Americans will readily attest, and as religious dissenters in the American Colonies



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discovered in no uncertain terms. It was one thing to flee from religious persecution in Europe, but quite another to have to deal with dissenters on this side of the pond. Independent-minded religious leaders like Roger Williams even had to leave established settlements, and sometimes, even establish new settlements of their own. (In William's case, Rhode Island)

Still, by the early 1800's, there was a level of tolerance and civility in America that simply amazed the world. Sure, we had our differences, but on the whole, (and with the glaring exception of the Indian Wars) our society was getting along pretty well overall. Under that razor-thin veneer of tolerance and civility however, there was trouble brewing. Whether due to slavery, states rights, or a combination thereof, there was a true oil-and-water intolerance by differing deep-pocketed viewpoints (not unlike today?) that soon resulted in the American Civil War.

At the war's onset however, not everyone was convinced to go along with it, particularly in the South. In the hills and hollers of North Alabama, East Tennessee, and North Georgia, slavery was virtually unknown. Many people in those areas felt that the wealthy slave owners in those flatland large plantations south and east of the mountains were the ones spoiling for a fight. (And for a break from the Union) A number of those independent hill people could see no reason for all that fussin' and fightin', at least as it applied to them. Some indeed felt that the so-called Civil War was just a rich planters' war, and they had nothing to gain by joining the

rebellion. For awhile, it actually looked as if a significant part of the South would break away and form a free state called "Nickajack," but of course, they were too independent-minded to fully unify for that purpose, so that never happened. Still, many from the "Nickajack" area either refused to fight for the rebellion, or went up north to serve the U.S. There was even one Alabama county, Winston, that actually refused to join the Confederacy! They called themselves "The Free State of Winston" and gave the Confederacy such tremendous grief that the people of Winston themselves suffered heavily when the South tried to coerce them into supporting the "Lost Cause." After the war, people in Winston County erected a statue of a Civil War soldier, half Union and half Confederate; disillusioned by the realities of war.

Ironically, later in the war, the loosely defined area of "Nickajack" suffered horribly from savage fighting, as the Union drove south from Nashville and Chattanooga and on through Alabama and Georgia, to Atlanta and beyond. All of this only served to reinforce the attitudes of the independent-minded hill people regarding what so many of them felt to be the utter futil-

ity and stupidity of war. Many people in North Alabama (proudly and purposely so called, instead of "northern Alabama") still revere their ancestors, and often reflect on the horrible intrusion of that war into those hills and hollers. There was even a "Nickajack" regiment, the 1st Alabama Calvary, who fought bravely and well for the Union. The Civil War was indeed a war about brother against brother, and let's not forget those OTHER brave ones in "Nickajack" who did their level best to be left alone, and live in peace.

My dear late mom came straight out of "Nickajack" land, and she inculcated in her only child that same fierce sense of un-labeled personal independence that she had grown up with. Naturally, that sort of extreme "think-for-one's-self" personal declaration of independence comes at a price. For example, you will never encounter another person or group that you'll agree with, to the point that you are willing to compromise your principles. Things tend to be more either-or, or good-or-evil in your mind. There are fewer shades of gray, and virtually no room in your thoughts for mincing words, or irrelevant banter. You develop a mindset that truly under-

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## Notes From Afghanistan

# Dispatch 3.4: His First Patrol

by Eric Smith

2nd Lieutenant (2LT) Aaron Forrest was in fifth grade when Al Qaeda struck the United States. Our paths intersected a few months ago upon his arrival to my unit and I told him, “You probably will not deploy. We’re sending people home from Afghanistan. Someone has to be the first one to miss it and it looks like you’re that guy.”

Well, rosters change, missions are modified, and four months after that conversation, 2LT Forrest is not only in Afghanistan, but he’s an infantry platoon leader and last month he took his platoon out on his first patrol. I went with him.

When leaders exchange positions we conduct a “right-seat, left-seat ride.” The incoming leader spends a few days observing what the current leader does – he “rides in the right seat” watching the experienced guy “drive.” Then the incoming leader takes control, but the former leader doesn’t leave right away. He moves into the “right seat” so the new leader can still take advantage of his knowledge and experience.

2LT Forrest was in the Left Seat, he was the patrol leader. The former platoon leader was there to help. So was his platoon sergeant, the senior non-commissioned officer in the platoon (who wasn’t changing out). Because I was going along on this patrol, I was there (I’m 2LT Forrest’s commander’s commander), the squadron command sergeant-major, my headquarters platoon leader, and his platoon sergeant.

If this all sounds a bit overwhelming, then I’ll boil it down. 2LT Forrest had plenty of people there to help. More, in fact, than he probably wanted.

“We still think there’s an IED team operating south of the 79 grid line near Galnam village and we’ve had reporting of them setting up ambushes along Route Alberta. . .”

Prior to each patrol we give a “ramp brief.” This is a final briefing where the patrol leader discusses changes in the enemy situation or the friendly plan. We conduct rehearsals, check communications, and go.

When I walked up to the brief that morning I could see 2LT Forrest had a map posted with the latest infor-



Looking down the road from the top of a Stryker armored vehicle, some children were curious.

mation updated on it. Good. As he started talking, some drivers turned on their engines, forcing him to raise his voice. Not horrible, but not good. Then one of the diesel generators that power our base started to increase its volume, approaching a high-pitched scream. Not good. The mission brief was approaching barely audible status.

2LT Forrest plowed on, determined to get through it. The coup-de-grace was the appearance of a giant crane behind him that started moving concrete barriers amid a cacophony of worker calls and beeping reverse-alarms. The patrol brief couldn’t compete. 2LT Forrest had gone from talking to yelling to attempting to communicate in some unknown form of charades. He brought the whole thing to a hasty close and waived us into our vehicles.

“Wolfpack X-Ray, this is Iron 31. LD time 0745 request permission to conduct test fires.”

We set out on the first stage of our journey down the back roads and tracks in Kandahar Province, looking for a particular Afghan Army checkpoint that we were going to visit. It was a beautiful sunny day, farmers harvested wheat with long knives or sat and drank tea as we went by. Aside from a minor ambush caused by rock-throwing children, we found our destination without incident.

While we were sitting down to drink tea with the Afghan checkpoint commander, he pointed out that 2LT

Forest looked a lot younger than the platoon leader he was replacing. The interpreter mistranslated the compliment as, “You are far younger and more beautiful than him,” to the amusement of the rest of us.

“Wolfpack X-ray, this is Iron 31 departing ANA checkpoint Gard’e Gun, moving south on Route Inuit 400 meters north of phase line green. Con-



We posed for photos in front of an Afghan checkpoint with the police commander.

firm you’ve got my icons. . .”

The roads in our area are best suited for walking, herding sheep, riding small motorcycles, and the occasional tractor. They are not built for large armored vehicles. When the dirt track you are driving on that used to be a road completely disappears there is often no alternative but to back up until you can find a place to turn around amid the irrigation ditches, grape rows, and residential compounds.

Armored vehicles don’t have rear-view mirrors and the driver can’t see behind him. That means we have to put Soldiers on the ground to guide the driver. We assume every piece of ground that has not been deliberately cleared has an IED buried in it, so the ground-guides walk in the tire tracks like high-wire acrobats on an invisible trapeze, communicating with a complex set of hand and arm signals.

By the second time we had backed up the patrol over 500m, tempers were beginning to fray. My headquarters

platoon-sergeant was the first to break. “Hey, everyone needs to stop. How about we get a couple of senior NCOs up to the front to sort through this and get out of here,” he yelled over the radio.

He jumped out of the vehicle and stomped forward, walking carefully in the tracks.

“Iron 38 this is Bowler 25 on station with 8 rockets, 300 rounds of .50 cal and 90 minutes of playtime. Request task and purpose. . .”

We found an alternate route, wound through some old walls, and crept along slowly, alert for ambushes or the signs of IEDs buried in the road ahead of us. No American units had been in this area in quite some time and we got a lot of attention from the local farmers and children. Some waved, some stood sullen, some ran out of their houses to get a better look, some ran back in to keep us from looking at them.

We passed ruins and abandoned homes; listing concrete barriers and decaying Hesco baskets. This part of Kandahar has been the scene of some

of the fiercest fighting in Afghanistan and we were driving through a well-worn battlefield. Attack helicopters zipped over our heads, reconnoitering the route. 2LT Forest was getting more comfortable now and was able to synchronize the movement of vehicles on the ground with the aircraft overhead.

“All units this is Iron 31, we’re going to modify our route. We’ll go north on York and bypass Alberta. Once on Highway 1 we’ll RTB. . .”

Many of the IEDs in our area are “defensive” IEDs. Insurgents put them in roads and paths surrounding their caches and safe houses. They disarm them during the day so the villagers can move about and then arm them at night. None of us wanted to have a minefield between us and home after sunset, particularly as the patrol was running late. I was happy to see 2LT Forest understood this without me having to prompt him on the radio.

For a first patrol with a lot of people watching, my newest platoon leader

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Drinking tea with an Afghan police checkpoint commander.

# Lakewood Living

## Local Student Inspires Creation Of New Non-Profit

by Brian Ventura

You might recall local news stories a couple years ago about a young man, Nick Ventura, who at the age of 13 suffered a traumatic brain injury while on a snowboarding trip with friends in Elliptonville, NY on February 19, 2011. Nick was at the Women and Children's Hospital of Buffalo, NY until March 28, 2011 when he was discharged and transported to the Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital for Rehabilitation where he remained for 10 weeks until he was discharged on June 11, 2011. Nick had to relearn to walk, talk, and eat again and did so with the assistance of the therapy staff at the Cleveland Clinic, his family, and friends. As with any traumatic brain injury; all injuries are different and there is no long term prognosis.

Nick, now a sophomore at St. Ignatius High School, was the inspiration behind a new nonprofit organization, 11 Foundation, headquartered in Lakewood, Ohio. When Nick was a patient at the Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital for Rehabilitation,

Nick's father, Brian, thought about how fortunate he and his family were that they had a support system behind them that allowed his family to concentrate on Nick's rehabilitation. However, a year and half later, when Nick continued with his rehabilitation, Brian realized the cost of co-pays alone was becoming a struggle and he wondered what happened to the kids whose family could not afford to make those payments. On January 1, 2014 the 11 Foundation, Inc., a nonprofit organization, was incorporated in the state of Ohio to help these families with that expense and to ensure children with brain injuries would be able to continue with rehabilitation with the hopes of making a full recovery.

"Brain Injury Awareness Month honors the millions of people with a brain injury, who with proper acute care and therapeutic rehabilitation, are living with the successes and challenges that each day brings," said Brian Ventura, Founder and Executive Director of 11 Foundation. "Our goal this year is



to raise enough money to help families with the financial aspects of outpatient rehabilitation." The 11 Foundation is holding its first inaugural gala event, "The Journey Back," which will be held during Brain Injury Awareness month on Saturday, March 22, 2014. The Gala proceeds will provide financial assistance toward the families' share of the cost of medical services and incidentals during the rehabilitation phase of recovery. The mission of the 11 Foundation is to identify and support those families who are looking for resources, guidance, and financial assistance during the rehabilitation phase of recovery. In this way, they aim to help Traumatic

Brain Injury survivors reach their full potential.

Patients of Traumatic Brain Injury and their families face very complex financial issues. Life changes instantly when someone experiences a traumatic brain injury, and the first thoughts and actions are focused on the patient, their survival and recovery. But with treatment comes costs and the 11 Foundation would like to help make a difference.

If you would like information on tickets, becoming a sponsor, or learning more about Nick Ventura and the 11 Foundation please visit: [www.11Foundation.org](http://www.11Foundation.org).

## Youth Rowing In Cleveland With CYRA

by Anne Hribar

Cleveland Youth Rowing Association (CYRA), Cleveland's oldest existing rowing club for high school students, is currently preparing for the upcoming spring rowing season. Striving to be a premier competitive junior rowing program, CYRA's mission is to provide a competitive rowing experience to positively impact the mind, body, and spirit of young athletes in the Greater Cleveland community.

Our rowers are comprised of girls and boys from numerous high schools and communities throughout the Cleveland Metropolitan area. Rowers train for three to four regattas per season in Ohio and surrounding states in crews of four to eight as either a novice

or varsity member.

If you have an interest in being on the great Cuyahoga, please contact us to visit the boathouse and learn more about the unique sport of rowing and its scholarship opportunities. We even encourage you to try out the sport to get a feel for it before committing through registration. Join us now and be a part of our pre-season conditioning and train to row and race this spring. Not yet in high school? Please inquire about our Learn-to-Row programs designed for students in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades. These programs will be available in April. Further details can be found soon on our website at [www.cyrarowing.org](http://www.cyrarowing.org). Questions may be directed to: Anne Hribar at [hribaranne@gmail.com](mailto:hribaranne@gmail.com)

## Dispatch 3.4: His First Patrol

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did pretty well. There were some minor mistakes, but that's part of learning. We accomplished the mission and everyone made it back. Next time, he's on his own.

"Wolfpack X-Ray this is Iron 31, RTB 1835, slant 4/35/2, green 2 green, patrol debrief to follow. . ."

Eric Smith is a Lieutenant-Colonel in the US Army, currently stationed in Afghanistan. A lifelong resident of Lakewood, he went to Grant Elementary, Harding Middle, and graduated from Lakewood High School in 1990. He remains undecided as to whether sledding on Stinchcomb Hill or at Edgewater Park is best.

# Lakewood Living

## Mirrors Playing Once Again!

by John Kompier

Did you miss Mirrors when they played at Studio-A-Rama in September? Never fear! Mirrors will be playing again January 25 at the Beachland Ballroom, so go and see them!

For those who don't know, Mirrors are an early proto-punk band from Lakewood, among several Cleveland bands who predate the Sex Pistols, the Clash, and even the Ramones. The original line-up was Jamie Klimek (vocals and guitar), Jim Crook (guitar), Craig Bell (bass), and Michael Weldon

(drums). The line-up for the Beachland show is Jamie Klimek, Tom Fallon (guitar), Jim Crook, Craig Bell, Dave Franduto (guitar) and Tom Madej (drums).

Charles, owner of what has been called "the real rock and roll hall of fame," Lakewood's My Mind's Eye Records on Detroit, described Mirrors as: "One of the greatest bands to ever exist. They exemplify everything that is smart and stupid about rock and roll, which is smart and stupid. They're fun, great songs, great playing." He

said people should go see them because "they'll probably never get to see them again and will never see anything of that like or that quality again. They're lucky enough to have a chance to go see them, they should take that chance."

Craig Bell and Mike Weldon were students at Lakewood High, along with other early punk band members, John Morton, Brian McMahon and Dave E McManus of electric eels. Bell later joined another early Cleveland punk band, Rocket From The Tombs. Bell's advice for kids just starting out in bands from his old school: "Believe in yourself, believe in your dreams, live your life moving forward."

When asked why Mirrors were doing another show so soon (Klimek signed off after their Studio-A-Rama show saying, "See you in 38 years.") Bell explained, "Jamie was really energized by the show in September and wanted to do another, where we could expand the set and include songs we left off the list at WRUW due to time constraints."

When asked the same question, Klimek replied simply, "We got an offer." He commented that along with songs not performed at Studio-A-Rama, there will be a few surprises,

including the world premiere of "Symphony In E Major." They plan to come out full guns blazing, he said, adding that "Videographers are welcome!" and that dancing would be appreciated. "Come one, come all!"

*The Beachland Ballroom show is January 25th. Doors open at 8pm. Mirrors will play two 45-minute sets, from 9:45pm to 10:30, then 11pm to 11:45. The opening band is St. Jayne. Doors open at 8:00pm.*



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Community Supported Agriculture – CSA's--which offer "shares" from local farms.

City Hall Beat reporter Stan Austin describes Council Vice President FitzGerald calling a meeting to order and Council member Demro bringing up sound barriers along Lakewood Heights Blvd. Public Works Director Tony Beno points out that Lakewood might have to contribute \$1 million per mile of wall, then contest winner of "Mayor for the Day," Coletta Graham, thanks Mayor George for allowing her to take the day to examine the city's different departments.

In school news, the new dress code is spelled out: "Tops and bottoms must overlap at all times, including when arms are raised" and 13 more. Baggy, pierced, hooded and dyed are OUT.

Pet's General and Lakewood Dog Park celebrate their second birthdays.

Lakewood Library boasts about its air conditioning and promotes its upcoming oud performance.

Geoff Endress describes Lakewood's culinary landscape. Gordon Brumm lays out part one of the truth about Social Security as he sees it and Issue 2 ends with a report about how summertime insects--"midges"-- are our friends.



Jamie Klimek, Tom Madej, Jim Crook, and Craig Bell onstage at CWRU's Studio-A-Rama, in September.

### Hen Hopefuls:

## Omar And Colleen Zettler

by Annie Stahlheber

Happy New Year from the Hens in Lakewood Committee! We are highlighting two fine Lakewood residents who are also "hen hopefuls" so that Lakewood neighbors can learn about who wants hens and why. Meet Omar and Colleen Zettler and learn their point of view on the popular issue of responsible hen-keeping in Lakewood.

What street do you live on? Lakeland Ave.

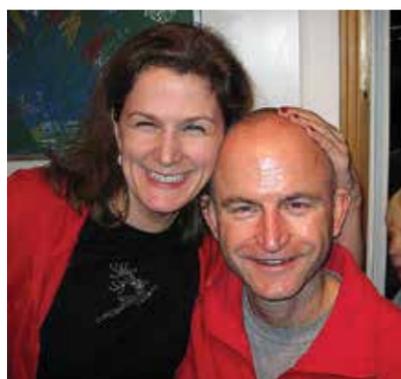
How long have you lived in Lakewood? Since 2007.

Why do you choose to live in Lakewood? We like the neighborhood, the city services, the proximity to Cleveland. Colleen: I grew up in Cleveland Heights, when

my husband and I moved to the west side, this was the closest I got to getting to the neighborhood feel I think of as home.

Why do you want to raise hens in Lakewood? We want to be able to eat natural eggs and we like the idea of having hens as pets. Win win!

Why do you think Lakewood is a community that should allow responsible hen-keeping? Omar: The citizens of Lakewood are responsible enough to raise hens cleanly and I feel hens will bring the neighborhoods together. Colleen: Because there really is no risk. All arguments against it are based on ignorance. There isn't a noise issue, and as long as they are not mistreated (I think the risk of which is small if someone goes to all the trou-



Lakeland Ave residents and Hen Hopefuls, Omar and Colleen Zettler (left of the setup).

Do you want to mention anything else? We voted in the past election based on who was pro-chicken. It matters to us and we talk to our friends and neighbors about it.



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# Lakewood Living

## 2013 Real Estate Review

by Chris Bergin

The results are in. So how did the sale of Lakewood Single Family Homes stack up as compared to 2012? Let's take a look at the details.

This past year there were 436 single family homes sold! That's a 10.66% increase over 2012, and the first time there have been over 400 sales in many years. The Median Sales Price in 2013 was 13.24% higher than the median in 2012, increasing from \$108,000 to \$122,250. In addition, the Average Days on Market (DOM) decreased from 67 days in 2012 to 44 days in 2013. The Total Dollar Volume increased in 2013 by \$12.6M, growing from \$50.3M in sales in 2012 to over \$62.9M last year!

Let's break down the sales and see which Price Points were hot in 2013, and where any major changes occurred over 2012.

### Our Civil War, 150 Years Ago....

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stands that an apology is the blackest of lies. If it was said, it was meant, and that was that. Bottom line? You simply treasure your ability to think for yourself, in the face of whatever external fads and pressures come along down the pike. In short, you become your own person, come what may.

Yes, I am a son of the "Free State of Nickajack." The Civil War left many residuals in its terrible wake, but the spirit of "Nickajack" is one virtue that I hope to personally treasure and practice, all of my days.

**Sales Under \$50,000--** In 2012 there were 72 sales under \$50,000 representing 18% of the market. In 2013 this number dropped to 42 sales, 9% of the market.

**Sales Between \$50-100,000--** In 2012 recorded 101 sales, representing 25.5% of the market. In 2013 this number increased slightly to 108 sales, but still represented 25% of the market.

**Sales Between \$100-200,000--** In 2012 there were 179 sales in this range, representing 45% of the market. Sales in 2013 jumped to 219 units, and taking half the market share at 50%. Of note, the days on market dropped from an average of about 100 to 64 days.

**Sales Between \$200-500,000--** Sales in 2012 totaled 32, representing 8% of the market. Sales in 2013 increased to 58 units, making up 13% of the market. DOM also improved in this range, from 112 days to an average of 71.

**Sales Over \$500,000--** In 2012 there were 11 sales, 2.8% of the market. 2013 dropped to 9 sales, and 2% of the market.

The hottest single price point in 2013 was between \$120,000 and \$140,000. There were 73 sales in this range and the average Days on Market was 48! This price point is the classic "First Time Buyer" range. Multiple Offers were common in this range, the average Sales Price to List Price ratio was nearly 98%! This is not surprising since Lakewood has been one of the hottest markets for young adults to call home in NE Ohio!

Possibly the best news in 2013 was that sales under \$50,000 dropped by half. 2014 should see a continued decline in this range as fewer and fewer foreclosures hit the market place.

So how did Lakewood do compared to other west side communities? North Olmsted saw the largest increase in units sold with a whopping 33% increase over 2012. Bay Village fared the worst, with total sales dropping by 5%. The West Park area saw the largest increase in Median Sales Price with a 16% increase over 2012. Fairview Park recorded the smallest, with a decrease of 4% compared to 2012. Remember, ALL real estate is local. You can track

your local neighborhood for free at [www.HomeValuesInLakewood.Info](http://www.HomeValuesInLakewood.Info).

The future is bright for Lakewood in 2014. Just like this time last year, inventory is very low. As of January 13th there are only 97 Single Family Homes for sale. This will change as home owners become more confident in the market and as the weather warms. Now is the perfect time to get your home ready to sell and enter the market before the spring rush. Buyers are looking, and options are slim. Expect competition for homes to

remain competitive until inventory increases to a level that keeps up with demand. Until then, get your home ready and get it on the market!

A full copy of the 2013 Real Estate Report is available by emailing [Chris@ChrisBergin.com](mailto:Chris@ChrisBergin.com) with the subject line "Lakewood 2013."

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### AARP Free Tax Aide Help

by Joan Miller

AARP free tax aide brings you free electronic filing of your tax returns. The IRS certified volunteers are ready to help income tax payers of all ages. You do not need to be an AARP member to receive this service. A photo ID and social security number are required at time of visit. Bring last year's tax return if possible.

AARP tax aide is available Monday and Tuesday noon to 3:30 p.m. starting February 3, 2014 at the Lakewood Senior Center West, 16024 Madison Ave. Lakewood. A handicap ramp and stairs are located on the Northland side of building.

No appointment necessary. Walk in's welcome.

### The Lakewood Project Celebrates The Beatles

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The Ed Sullivan Show an event that "blew wide open the doors of the 1960s and drew new borderlines of era and generation across the country." In the remarkably short time span of 1962 to 1969, The Beatles recorded 13 original albums, and their significant influence on music still reverberates to this day. Frank Muratore, the Paul McCartney of HDN, said, "The Beatles' popularity transcends all age groups. We find that all over the country Beatles music is popular over three and four generations." Many of the high school students in the Lakewood Project are die-hard Beatles fans, and those who are not have certainly found an appreciation for the brilliance of the compositions. Frank also expresses that this partnership is particularly special because of the talented students

and the rare ability to present Beatles music with live string arrangements to a diverse and engaged audience.

Attendees of the concert will be treated to lush and dynamic versions of Beatles favorites. HDN is an tribute act dedicated to executing The Beatles' music with authenticity and musical precision. The Lakewood Project is a 30+ member orchestra that combines traditional and electric orchestral stringed instruments with a full rock band, all comprised of Lakewood High students. Both groups are brimming with incredible musical talent and enthusiastic performance ability, ensuring a great night of entertainment.

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

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

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