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## Get Ready To Race At The 13th Annual Lakewood Hospital Ambulance Chase

by Emily Speer

Join friends, family, neighbors and the West Side community at the 13th annual Lakewood Hospital Ambulance Chase on Sunday, May 4 at

Lakewood Park. Proceeds from the race will benefit Lakewood Hospital's Rehabilitation Services and patient care programs.

Presented by long-time supporter Donald Martens &

Sons, the Ambulance Chase is for everyone - from the youngest among us to the serious runner to the leisurely walker - and includes a 5K Run, 1 Mile Walk, and Children's Chase. The registration fee for the 5K Run and 1 Mile Walk is \$20 through April 21 and \$25 from April 22 through race day. Teams of 10 or more receive a 10 percent discount (\$18/participant) if team member names and fees are submitted together by April 21. Only pre-registered walk and run participants are guaranteed to receive a race shirt - so register online today at lakewoodhos-

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### Ambulance Chase Schedule of Events:

**Race packet pick up - May 2:** 5-7 pm,  
Lakewood Hospital Professional Building Lobby (14601 Detroit Ave., Lakewood)

**Race Day - May 4:** Lakewood Park (14532 Lake Ave.)

**7:30 am:** Packet Pick Up and Late Registration

**8:30 am:** 1 Mile Walk

**9:00 am:** 5K Run & Walk (B-tag timed)

**9:45 am:** Children's Chase

**5K Awards:** top male/female overall; top 3 finishers in age groups 11 & under, 12-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60 & over

## Hoops Teams Recognized By City Council

by Mike Deneen

Lakewood High School basketball had a year to remember this past season, as both the boys' and girls' teams won their conference titles. Council members Tom Bullock and Shawn Juris drafted resolutions to recognize the programs at the April 21 City Council meeting. Both teams attended the meeting and had the chance to meet council members and Mayor Mike Summers. Head

coaches Phil Argento (boys) and Mike Harper (girls) each briefly addressed council and the audience.

This was an incredible year for the teams. The Ranger girls won their second straight conference title, compiling a 13-1 league record in the West Shore Conference. They went on to win a pair of games in the OHSAA tournament, defeating both Rocky River and Brunswick. The boys team enjoyed an undefeated

conference season, winning all 14 games. They also had a memorable tournament run, defeating Brecksville-Broadview Heights and a heavily-favored North Royalton team.

Shawn McDonald, a senior on the boys team, was glad to see the teams recognized. "It feels good because it's been a great four years and there's a sense of accomplishment," he said. Boys' assistant coach Alex Kammock shared the opinion. "It's exciting, it's cool, it's a nice wrap-up to our season."

Girls' head coach Mike

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The LHS Girls' (above) and Boys' (below) basketball teams are presented with resolutions at the April 21 Council Meeting.

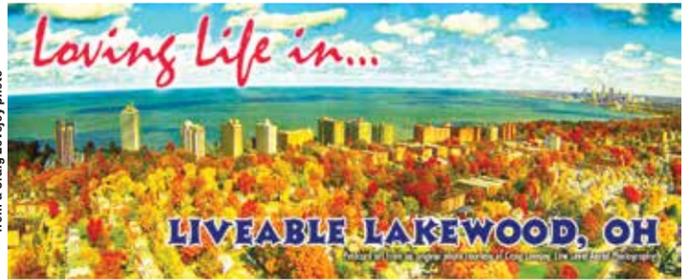


## Wall Collapse Shuts Down Shore

Around 5pm 04.26.2014 a large part of the facade of the building the Shore Restaurant is in fell off nearly hurting a passerby who was rescued by good Samaritan monsters that were at the Five O'Clock Bar.



Tina and Angelo, owners of the building and the historic Shore Restaurant at 12009 Detroit Ave., in front of the building moments after the wall collapsed. Tina asked that customers call to see when they are reopening. Inset is one of the monsters from the Five O'Clock Bar, right, the heavy facade on the walk.



## The Scene Ranks Lakewood Best Suburb/Neighborhood And Best School District

## Sale On The Nicholson House Grounds

by Paula Reed

Is it an antiques and collectibles shop? A vintage clothing and jewelry store? An estate sale? An art gallery? A garage sale? Lakewood Historical Society's 26th annual Sale on the Grounds is all of these!

Where else can you find kitchen & barware, everyday dishes, utensils and cookware, and probably the

largest accumulation of Pyrex and Corningware in Lakewood alongside vintage toys, games, decorative items, fine linens and dainty handkerchiefs, crystal, silver, china, depression glass, all at bargain prices? Only at the historic Nicholson House, 13335 Detroit Avenue, during the first weekend in May.

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## Bandanas For Banned Breeds

by Danika Migliore

On May 3rd at 10 a.m., Bandanas for Banned Breeds will be hosting a Pittie Parade. We are an organization dedicated to peacefully and logically examining the necessity of Breed Specific Legislation in various cities, starting with Lakewood, OH. We will begin at W. 117th and Detroit and walk across the city towards the Rocky River MetroPark.

Each of us has our own

reasons for choosing to walk and represent these lovable breeds. I'd like to share mine with you.

While in college, I ended up getting very sick. I had some serious adrenal issues. I couldn't sleep, I was exhausted all the time, anxious and alone. I was determined to get through college without taking any time off though.

My junior year, my roommate brought a Staffordshire

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# Lakewood Observer

## A quick note from the publisher About the Bar Business In Lakewood

Last weekend I got many calls and people coming up to me saying, "you are right about needing a moratorium on bars and restaurants in Lakewood, this is out of control..."

I told each, and now tell you. The fight outside The Foundry is not an indictment on the bar and restaurant scene in Lakewood. It is not an indictment on The Foundry or Now That's Class just over the border. I am not even sure it is an indictment on the "hardcore music" scene.

This was an act of planned violence acted out by two groups from outside of Lakewood in a parking lot. This could and does happen anywhere. This is a random act of violence by a group referred to as domestic terrorists by the FBI. We were merely a target on their dart board, and the new place to bring their form of violent hate against violent hate.

To everyone that told me or posted, "That is it, I am moving." Two things, this had nothing to do with Lakewood, nor even the bars involved. Both bars are extremely popular, drive by either at 1am and see the massive crowds out front, smoking, talking, and enjoying Lakewood for being the quiet safe friendly city we are. What are you moving from, why are you running from misguided people from Boston and Youngstown?

The most amazing part of this incredible adventure is just how good the Lakewood Police is. Imagine arriving at a battle scene a couple minutes after it happened, a war zone, where the perps had scattered to the four winds other cities, and their cars. Yet while taking care of the injured, the scared, the witnesses they were able to corral 18 suspects, get 5 people to the hospital, and secure a 6 block crime scene! They were amazing.

Also amazing as always was the Lakewood Fire Department, that arrived, helped block off the streets, and got people to the hospital.

If anything this should make people run to Lakewood, a great safe city, where we are dedicated to good safe living, raising families, education, and yes fun.

I will get back to talking about the moratorium on restaurants and bars soon, enough, but not because of the terrible night we had Saturday at the hands of outsiders.

I love this city, because of the residents! Party on.

*Sincerely*  
*Jim O'Bryan*  
*Publisher, Lakewood Observer, Inc.*



One of the many things we have been following on the Observation Deck is the story of the Emerald Canyon Eagles. The first photo of the baby taken on Easter Day! Weekly updates and videos posted. Isn't it time you stopped by and joined?



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# City News

## City Receives Donation In Support Of Lakewood Park Renovation

by Christopher Bindel

On the night of March 21, 2014, the Lakewood City Hall auditorium was filled to capacity with young athletes, their parents, and their coaches, who were there to be recognized by Lakewood City Council. The meeting began at 7:34 P.M. when it was called to order by Council President, and Ward I Councilwoman, Mary Louise Madigan.

Councilman Tom Bullock (At-Large) read a communication from himself and Councilman Shawn Juris (Ward III) recognizing the achievements of the Lakewood High School men's and women's basketball teams in the 2013-14 season. Both teams had exceptional years with the men's team finishing with a 17-3 record and won their first conference title in 40 years. The women's team ended their season with a record of 19-5 and won their second straight West Shore Conference title, with only one conference loss.

The Councilmen also recognized the coaches, boys' varsity Phil Argento and girls' varsity Mike Harper, who were both named West Shore Conference Coaches of the Year.

The coaches and captains of each team got up to speak. They told Council about their season and thanked Council for the honor. Council then passed the resolutions and presented each team with a copy of theirs while taking a picture with them.

Next on the agenda was a resolution presented by Council President Madigan and Mayor Summers asking Council to adjust the agreement that was passed on December 16, 2013 creating a Recreation Task Force. When the agreement was passed in December it was agreed that both the City and the Board of Education would appoint members to the task force. However,

since then the Board has declined to appoint members. Still needing to fill those positions, the presented resolution would split them between the Mayor and City Council.

**Council passed the resolution.**  
Councilman Bullock then asked Council, in light of some recent, particularly offensive, graffiti, to revisit the issue on how to handle the problem of graffiti. He said that in 2010 the Director of the Building Department and himself introduced a resolution proposing a pilot graffiti prevention program that would reward tips to police that resulted in a citation or arrest. Although the topic of graffiti was discussed several times that year in detail, he said they failed to produce a comprehensive plan to address the issue. After saying it was time to revisit the issue, he invited Council and the Administration to "consider [the issue], and get input from business owners and residents on potential ways to strengthen our graffiti prevention and response measures."

Council referred Councilman Bullock's communication to the Public Works Committee to be considered.

Mayor Summers told Council the city had received a donation of \$10,000 from the Pete Ranney's Next Generation Foundation, a donor-directed fund of the Community West Foundation. Pete Ranney is a long-time Lakewood resident who was greatly excited when he saw the proposed plans for the solstice steps at Lakewood Park.

Council thanked the Mayor for letting them know of the wonderful support, and thanked Mr. Ranney for his donation.

Next Mayor Summers asked Council

to pass a resolution that would allow the City to enter into a sub grant agreement with Cuyahoga County to receive funding through the US EPA Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund. The money will be used to abate asbestos at McKinley Elementary so that it can be demolished. Lakewood has been approved for \$100,000 for this project and the goal is to have a contractor begin by May 15th. The contractor will have 120 days to remove asbestos, demolish the school, and prep the ground for construction.

Due to time sensitivity the Mayor asked that Council pass the resolution that night. With no objections from anyone on Council they agreed to do so, and passed the resolution.

The final item on the docket was a resolution presented by Public Works Director, Joe Beno, asking Council to consider allowing the City to enter into a new contract changing their supplier of asphalt. The current contract was

approved in February, however it has since come to light that the company's closest plant that was to supply the City with asphalt, has yet to open, making it a 45 minute to an hour drive to the next closest plant. Due to this inconvenience, while the City has waited for the new plant to open, they have been using a different supplier. However, they are only allowed to purchase a set amount from another supplier other than the agreed, contracted, supplier; a limit the city is about to reach. Therefore Director Beno asked Council to allow them to change their supplier so they can continue to make street repairs without wasting time and fuel to go to the currently contracted supplier.

Council referred the matter to the Public Works Committee with understanding that it should be acted upon at the next Council meeting to keep from delaying street repairs.

Council President Madigan adjourned the meeting at 8:34 P.M.

## Sale On The Nicholson House Grounds

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The weekend's festivities begin at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 2nd with the Preview Party. Cost to attend is \$20, which gets you the opportunity to beat the crowds and shop early while enjoying beer & wine poured by Rozi's and appetizers courtesy of Al Hopf and Granny's Attic Estate Sales. Reservations are required for the Preview Party; you may make them online at lakewoodhistory.org, or by mailing a check to The Lakewood Historical Society, 14710 Lake Avenue, Lakewood 44107. For questions or more information, call 216-221-7343.

The public sale opens at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 3, and ends at 3 p.m. Sunday hours are noon to 3 p.m., when everything except the Antiques Room is half-price. Even gamblers don't wait till Sunday, though—they'd know the full price is such a deal they're not willing to risk losing their treasures. Set aside plenty of time to shop, as not only is the Nicholson House filled, so are the grounds via a 20' x 70' tent and several smaller tents. This is the perfect place to outfit a new house or apartment or to find a special vintage piece to add to your collection-

-whatever that might be.

This year's sale has a particularly interesting array of mid-century modern items. If you're a fan of Mad Men, you'll love this selection.

If you've shopped this sale before, no doubt it's already on your calendar. If you've never been, make it a point to come. This is one event you don't want to miss!

## Fashion At The Phantasy



Marian Zipay from Curves Appeal at 15612 Detroit Ave. had their latest fashion show experience at the Phantasy Club, and it was packed!

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Harper was very moved. "It's a huge honor to be recognized at any time," he said. "To be called upon by our city leaders is a great thing." Harper, on crutches due to a leg injury he suffered while playing basketball, was called to the podium to address the audience. He thanked his players, his staff, the players' parents and the boys team. He cited the boys team's success as a motivating factor for the girls. After the

girls were recognized, Coach Argento was called to represent the boys team. He thanked his players and coaches. He also pointed to the girls program as a tough act to keep up with.

The teams enjoyed the recognition, but are already looking ahead. Mikayla Harper, a junior on the girls' team, summarized the opinion of her teammates. "I'm very excited for next year," she said with a smile.

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## News From The Right Side Of Town

# 50 Scary White Guys Running With Machetes Attack...

by Nadhal Eadeh,

Betsy Voinovich, and Jim O'Bryan

It is odd how some things happen, and no matter what, the unintended consequences outweigh the intended consequences, and that is when the collateral damage flows in and hurts innocent bystanders. Saturday April 19th at Fire Fest, two crews in support of their bands descended on Lakewood,



photos by Jim O'Bryan

Rayshawn Williams and Alexandria Wagner, standing where they witnessed the attack. She described a crowd of approximately "50 crazy white guys wearing all black running with machetes, baseball bats, batons, and guns." They came from Cleveland, I don't know what their reasoning was but they seemed very upset"

Ohio to act out violence. One crew, "Swing On Sight Family" (SOSF) out of Youngstown was there supporting their band(s) which included "RacexRiot 59," against a crew from Boston that was supposed to be there in support of their band, FSU-backed, "Death Before Dishonor." Both were playing at The Foundry.

Fire Fest 2014 was supposed to be a Hardcore/Metal/Punk music festival bringing in some of the names from all over the country and world. "Relentless" from Sydney, Australia, was there, another legendary punk band "Ruin" from Philadelphia had

come in honored to play in the home of punk music, Lakewood, Ohio. Also involved in the festival in the earliest stages was the legendary club, The Phantasy, but the owners bailed on the idea early, preferring to stick with the show they had already booked. Also a well-known extreme, punk/metal club, "Now That's Class," in Cleveland was supposed to get three bands, but backed out. Sticking with the show that had been booked for over two months before, one-time Lakewood resident, DJ Parker to play classic golden era hip hop hits for a 4/20 dance party: "Taking the edge off Straight Edge."

So the die was cast maybe weeks before as the various crews got their "acts" together and planned their strategy to meet up at Fire Fest. Unless you were immersed in the culture, you would not have known that a potentially bad combination was being put together. It is doubtful that even the lighthearted laugh-at-ourselves form of DJ'ing from DJ Parker would have kept the crews gathering outside of Now That's Class interested; they were not there for entertainment, they were there to rumble, to represent, and to act out violence on the quiet streets of Lakewood.

They started to assemble around 11am Saturday morning up in the back of Aldi's on Highland Avenue. Hours later, friends and fellow crew members were still coming into Burger King at 2:30pm. One bystander noted, "It was strange seeing so many people in black standing around cars for hours in the parking lot." Around 6:00pm some



Lakewood Police worked late into the night processing reports and cataloging evidence. Here bar workers wait for their cars to be released.



photos by Jim O'Bryan

While leaving Value World, eyewitness Toyia Malaieb described the chaotic scene that led to the bloody attack: "There was three guys beating up one guy on the street and then another group of guys wearing all black pulled one of the guys out of the car and they began to beat him bad."

of them headed down to "Now That's Class" to get straight on what was going on. They met up with fellow crew members in the parking lot of Brother's Lounge/Pizza Hut on W117, and then they made their second mistake, they crossed over Highland Avenue into Lakewood on a run down the alley between McDonald's and Walgreen's Drive-thru, and immediately the calls started to come into the police 911 lines. "Hello, Lakewood Police." "Yeah a large group of white guys..." "Hello, Lakewood Police..." "Shots fired at club on W117..." "Hello Lakewood Police..." And so the police went to Coutant, Highland Avenue and Detroit and started to round up everyone in black, or anyone who was running. The

ror, which is what many groups have tried, and have been imprisoned for over the decades. The crew comes in, breaks up the bar, then offers protection in exchange for working the door and booking the bands, and then the clubs and the bands pay the crews. The same plan as The Blood and The Crips in Rap, and various mobs have done over the years. Most, sooner or later fall under the RICO (Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations) Act for organized crime. What began as group of friends, slowly morphs into an illegal machine to seize power and money.

Elgin James, founder of FSU, (originally "Fuck Shit Up" was formed in the 80s in Boston, to attack and purge Metal and Punk bands and fans that dealt drugs, preached violence against minorities, the LGBT Community and others. It soon splintered into the violent FSU, the Outlaws motorcycle club, with the leader forming the Foundation Fund, which chose education over violence by offering scholarships to various Boston Universities in the names of the dead and fallen crew members. Elgin is currently serving 5 years in jail for extortion during the early days of FSU.

So there they are, a couple crew members from Boston's FSU, and a bunch of crew members from their rival Swing On Sight Family, on the run through the streets and out again. It was about 8:00pm when DJ Parker walked into "Now That's Class" to relax prior to his show that would go on at 9:30pm to fill the space by the canceled Fire Fest acts. Neither Parker, nor anyone at the club even knew what happened until the police and FBI entered

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crews had run through the parking lot next to the Foundry, clubbing, hitting, stabbing, and swatting at everything in their way. Then back across Highland Avenue via Detroit and the Alley.

Immediately Lakewood Police started to round up and attend to the perps and those injured. "Man stabbed walking down Coutant." "Two people down behind CVS with injuries." "Looking for help, I have a group over by Pizza Hut." "Ambulance needed on Detroit..." "Calling Cleveland for backup..." What sounded like utter chaos to the casual Observer was Lakewood police closing off the area and cracking down. What many some might describe as a street fight was something the FBI calls domestic ter-

# News From The Right Side Of Town

## Nothing to see here, move along...

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the club and started questioning people. "I showed up with my friend Alex and we were wondering why there was an ambulance outside. The authorities asked rhetorical questions to which I didn't know the answers." Parker still went on and did his best, but the evening had been ruined, and the usual bevy of fun loving girls and guys that normally show up for DJ Parker were also absent, obviously not wanting to cross the crime scene tape all over Detroit Avenue.

Meanwhile back at the epicenter of the attack, the parking lot outside the club, the police had everything buttoned down. 23 arrests, later reduced to 17, Most from out of the Cleveland area, though some were Clevelanders, and Northern Ohioans. Most arrested were from Southern or rural Ohio which makes one think, probably members of Youngstown's Swing On Sight Family, well-known foes of FSU.



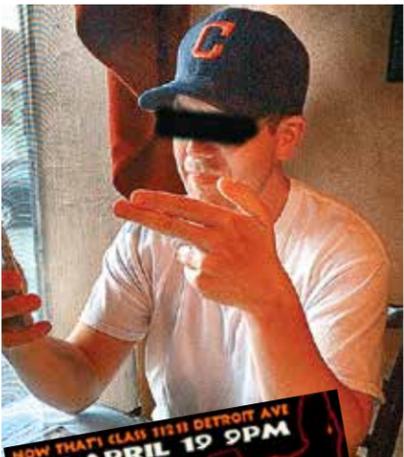
One of 5 groups held for questioning and/or arrest.

As I spoke to the first two witnesses, Alexandria Wagner, a young women with a friend at the bus stop said, "It was crazy! Fifty scary white guys dressed in black with machetes came running around the corner and just beat this guy so bad, some guy with a beard pulled out a gun and fired into the crowd of people, then they took off." This story was backed up by a guy near the alley who wanted to remain anonymous and said, "About 50 crazy-looking white guys came running out of the alley and headed towards Detroit and that club." A woman caught at the light because of the crowd and the fight had a front row seat. "These guys, none of them black, came running down to Detroit, it was terrible, I was at the light. They chased a guy into the street where they were beating him, and kicking him, and stabbing at him. Hitting him with a bottle that cut his head bad. The light changed but I couldn't move, they were all over my car, and I was screaming. They beat that poor man so bad." She was so shaken she called her husband to come up and be with her. As I looked down Detroit about an hour after it happened, the scene had changed. Instead of two police cars there were at least 10 in sight, two ambulances had returned to the scene, two firetrucks blocking crime scene areas from the public and helping with keeping things moving and safe.

In the end, a bad night for all. Some things that have been said need to be corrected so that those without blame can get back to their lives.

Lakewood Police and Fire, you guys rock. It always reminds me of the George Orwell quote.. "One can only abjure violence because others are prepared to endure violence on their behalf."

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Probably most harmed in the whole thing was DJ Parker, a young hip funny DJ that mixes great tunes from the golden days of funk and rap. Top: Over Lamb Curry at India Garden "The Infamous DJ Parker" gets angry over the bullshit all of these "cool bloggers/news people" are spewing, then a trip to the AMS for help. JOKE!

1) "Lakewood is going to hell." - This had nothing to do with Lakewood, it could and does happen everywhere.

2) **Now That's Class was at fault.** - Not a single punch was thrown there, nor were any arrests made.

3) **The Foundry was at fault** - Not a single punch thrown, or arrest. "No one even knew anything until someone came in and yelled, 'Someone just got shot outside.' Then they went out," said one man in the bar who did not want to be identified. He added, "If these guys drove in from Boston and Youngstown to do this, I really do not need them looking for me."

4) **The bands threw punches.** No one in any of the bands threw punches, and none were arrested.

5) **This was caused by local people.** - No one from Lakewood was arrested, and only a few from the Cleveland area were arrested, and let's be honest, many were not arrested.

6) **No one from Lakewood, would be true except for...** DJ Parker, now "The Infamous DJ Parker" who is from Lakewood, but had nothing to do with any of it. The crews were not coming to see him, they were coming to see Fire Fest Bands, Not a small time local who plays the hits of Master P, 2Pac, Mobb Deep and Bone Thugs N Harmony... "I just don't understand it. This has impacted my DJ revenue and secondary source of income while the media has nailed me to the cross. It drove the girls away. After 2pac was shot 5 times, the first time he was shot in NYC, he gave the middle finger to the media while being pushed on a stretcher to the hospital. I know how he felt. I don't like the local media, but will talk to the Observer because they are the trusted voice of the people," said the young DJ over a plate of lamb curry at India Garden.



1) Cars gather in back of Burger King around 10:30am. 2) They continue to gather throughout the day also in Aldi's Parking lot. 3) Around 6pm a few gather outside of "Now That's Class" 4) around 6:45pm they walk down and meet up with friends walking north and south on the side streets. 5) Around 7pm they walk to the Pizza Hut parking lot, then take off running through the alley behind Walgreen's, McDonald's, and American Ambulance. 6) They head north on Coutant swinging and punching at what they can. In the parking lot on the corner of Coutant and Detroit, next to the Foundry, "They were battling like the Sharks and the Jets." 8) After the fight, witnesses are gathered in front of American Ambulance. 9) Two people wounded sitting in the alley. 10) A man bleeding from the head is stopped (see police video on The Deck). 11) White male leaves hammer in doorway. 12) Group of 8 males in black detained. 13) Man bleeding severely from being hit with bottle placed in ambulance. 14) Final group detained. A) Witness 1, Alexandria Wagner waiting for bus. B) Witness 2 Toyia Malaieb in car at intersection coming from Value World.

# Lakewood Public Library

compiled by Leana Donofrio-Milovan

**Wednesday, April 30**

**Poetry Month: "Weather" by Dave Lucas**

In this debut collection, named winner of the Ohioana Book Prize in 2012, Dave Lucas turns and returns to Cleveland. The weather he writes about arises from the lush light of the natural world and the hard rain of industry. Poem by poem, Lucas surveys the majesty and ruin of landscape and lakefront, paying tribute to the shifting seasons of a city, of a terrain, and of those who dwell there. "I love our weather. There's always a moment in the winter when I'm sick of it and a moment sooner in the summer. But I love the steel look to the sky in winter. It makes our few days of crystal blue in spring and fall all the more worthwhile. I use the word "weather" as a verb. This city is weathering the storm. The town has been beaten down, but many Clevelanders take that as a point of pride. Like the coffee mugs say, 'Cleveland: You gotta be tough.'" Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

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

**Thursday, May 1, 8, 15**

**A Lyrical Life: Reflections on Life-Journeys through Poetry and Song Presented by Rabbi Enid Lader**

Explore your own life journey through poetry in this four-week program presented by Case Western Reserve University. The roads upon which you've traveled are marked by steps still to be taken. Rabbi Enid Lader will lead a discussion of poetry and song that beckons us to reflect on what it means to think of our lives as a journey and how the text of our lives reflects our values. We will explore the questions of what we want to pass on to the next generation and what is in store for us in the future. Rabbi Enid C. Lader has served the Beth Israel -The West Temple congregation since August, 2012. Active in the Educational Directors Network, Enid also served in various capacities on the regional board for the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (now the Union for Reform Judaism) and has taught the west side Taste of Judaism and Feast of Judaism classes for the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland for over twelve years.

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

**Saturday, May 3**

**Lakewood Public Cinema: "F for Fake" (1973)**

**Directed by Orson Welles**

Trickery. Deceit. Magic. In Orson Welles' free-form documentary, the legendary filmmaker (and self-described charlatan) gleefully engages the central preoccupation of his career—the tenuous line between truth and illusion, art and lies. Beginning with portraits of world-renowned art forger Elmyr de Hory and his equally devious biographer, Clifford Irving, Welles goes on a dizzying cinematic journey that simultaneously exposes and revels in fakery and fakers of all stripes—not the least of which is Welles himself. Charming and poignant, "F for Fake" is an inspired prank and a searching examination of the essential duplicity of cinema.

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

**Sunday, May 4**

**Sunday with the Friends: Samba Joia**

After five hundred years of carnival, Brazil has produced a number of musical genres marked by intense layers of complicated and liberating rhythm. This Cleveland-based bateria, or drum group, is on a mission to build community through the sharing of vibrant Brazilian music and culture, wherever they are called. Many players have come and gone and come back for more over the years. One thing they all share in common is the Brazilian ability to check their egos at the door, let loose and have fun.

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

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**Wednesday, May 7**

**Meet the Author: "Alternative Movie Posters:**

**Film Art from the Underground" by Matthew Chojnacki**

Poster art is back with a vengeance. In an era of bland studio efforts that rely on enhanced head shots of actors, this look at the art of underground film posters spotlights designers reinventing the form and bringing dynamic aesthetic sensibilities back to the one-sheet. These illustrators have not only reinvigorated the public's interest in film artwork, but in the films themselves by crafting stunning pieces for classic and cult flicks. Chojnacki presents an eclectic cross-section of this new movement with more than two hundred posters from over a hundred groundbreaking artists. Celebrate classics like "Star Wars," "A Clockwork Orange," "The Godfather" and "The Shining" as well as cult favorites including "The Big Lebowski," "Blade Runner," "Fight Club" and "Pink Flamingos." Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

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

**Thursday, May 8, 15**

**A Lyrical Life: Reflections on Life-Journeys through Poetry and Song -- See May 1 listing**

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

**May 10**

**Lakewood Public Cinema: "The Big Country" (1958)**

**Directed by William Wyler**

**Part of The Golden Age of Westerns Discussion Series**

**Presented by Terry Meehan**

Gregory Peck plays a former sea captain who arrives in California to marry Carroll Baker, the daughter of wealthy cattle baron James Bickford. Peck finds himself in the middle of a bitter feud over water rights between his future father-in-law and a rival clan headed by Burl Ives. He spends much of the movie trying to convince both sides to give peace a chance—but this is a western. No one is about to hang up his gun belt just yet. Even Charlton Heston, Peck's ally in the water dispute, rejects the sailor's olive branch and offers a pair of fists instead. Professor Terry Meehan continues his series of classic westerns, introducing each film with rare clips and original documentaries, followed by audience reaction and a lively discussion.

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

**Sunday, May 11**

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**Tuesday, May 13**

**Meet the Author: "Love and Do What You Will" by M. Michelle Dwyer**

He was a married man—a thirty-two year old pastor in a Lutheran church. She was only seventeen. At the end of her life, wealthy widow Kate Danville looks back at a sixty year love affair that became her prison of secrecy. He bound her with the gift of a ruby ring, but she married another man anyway—a successful New York lawyer who was supposed to make her happy. Settling into married life brought a measure of peace—at least at first—but secrets don't stay hidden. Before long her husband's political career and the lives of her children were threatened by a blackmailer. Kate was forced to confront her Puritanical upbringing to discover how far she would go for love... and which of God's laws she would break in the process. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

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

**Wednesday, May 14**

**Meet the Author: "Islam's Jesus" by Zeki Saritoprak, Ph.D.**

In the West, it is not well known that Jesus is an important figure in the history of Islam. Perhaps it's time to change that. Dr. Saritoprak's groundbreaking new book examines Islam's theological engagement with the Nazarene and explores his role in the future of Islam itself. It begins by examining the Muslim world's understanding of Jesus in the Qu'ran and Hadith. In these key religious texts Jesus is not just a historical figure, but an Islamic messiah. One of the key roles the Son of Man plays today and in the future is as a bridge between Christianity and Islam. The final chapter surveys his place in Christian-Muslim dialogue. As more than half of the world's people are either Muslim or Christian, through dialogue Jesus can be a bringer of world peace. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

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

**Thursday, May 15**

**A Lyrical Life: Reflections on Life-Journeys through Poetry and Song-- See May 1 listing**

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

**Booked for Murder:**

**Laugh Out Loud Mysteries: "Bad Monkey" by Carl Hiaasen**

## LPL Children/Youth Events

compiled by Eric Knapp

**Thursdays, May 1 through May 22**

**Vine & Viral Video Club - For students sixth through twelfth grade**

Watch the best (and worst) viral videos and vines on our glorious big screen. Each week will have a different theme filled with hilarious, amazing, cringeworthy video goodness. Submit your suggestions to teens@lakewoodpubliclibrary.org. To register, please stop in or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 140.

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

**Sunday, May 4**

**Origami Go - For students sixth through twelfth grade**

Origami Go is for everyone! Each session begins with basic fold techniques and transitions to a group project. After that, it's origami free-time. Supplies and project books provided. To register, please stop in or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 140.

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

**Tuesday, May 6**

**Practical Poetry: A Nonstandard Approach to Meeting Content-Area Standards - A program for teachers**

Authors Sara Holbrook and Michael Salinger work with teachers and students to instill a love of words and unlock the power of poetry.

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

**Saturday, May 10**

**Tail Waggin' Tutors - For school-age children**

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

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

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

**Homework Help**

**For students in kindergarten through eighth grade**

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## Forbidden Passion Leads To Blackmail When M. Michelle Dwyer Visits LPL

by Elaine Rosenberger

M. Michelle Dwyer's second novel, "Love and Do What You Will," tells the story of a forbidden love affair and its unforeseen consequences. Kate Danville is a vulnerable seventeen year-old when she embarks on an affair with the thirty-two year old married pastor of her church. Although Kate marries someone else, her affair with Pastor Northington is not forgotten and leads

both to remorse and to blackmail. Dwyer describes Kate as "[a] woman misled by love who refuses to see the truth behind her mishaps."

Dwyer has been writing since the age of fourteen. Her title, Love and Do What You Will, was taken from the words of St. Augustine of Hippo, who stated: "Love, and do what you will. If you keep silence, do it out of love. If you cry out, do it out of love. If you refrain

from punishing, do it out of love." We were privileged to ask Ms. Dwyer a few questions.

LPL: How long have you lived in Lakewood? What do you like most about living here?

MMD: I lived in Lakewood from 1998 to 2003, and I have lived here again since August, 2013. I love the changes I've noticed to Downtown Lakewood -- new restaurants, the updated library,

and new infrastructure. I also enjoy the closeness of the people, Lakewood Park, the view of Lake Erie, and the ability to stroll through town on a Sunday afternoon and just enjoy the sights.

LPL: When/how did you first decide to be a writer?

MMD: As a child I enjoyed reading other authors' stories, which led to me creating my own poetry, followed by short stories. As an adult, I began to write novels.

LPL: What inspires your creativity?

MMD: I am inspired by everyday events and people -- anything that leaves a lasting impression on my mind, a tale told by someone with an unusual ending, meeting with people and listening to their life experiences.

LPL: You love to travel; where have you been recently, where do you hope to go?

MMD: In the past 15 years, I have traveled to Mexico, Hawaii, Texas, California, Arizona, Florida, most of the Northeast, the Bahamas, Italy, Greece, and Romania. I would like to visit Paris and London as well as return to Romania, the home of many of my ancestors.

LPL: If you could dine with any author living or dead, who would it be and why?

MMD: I would have liked to have met Sidney Sheldon. I enjoy the pace of his narratives as well as his writing style and plots.

LPL: What are your current projects?

MMD: I am working on another novel called "The Truth...or Something Like It."

Dwyer's talk will take place on Tuesday, May 13, at 7 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium. Copies of "Love and Do What You Will" will be available for sale and signing at the event.

## Meet Authors Sara Holbrook And Michael Salinger At Lakewood Public Library

by Kathryn Tatnall

Lakewood Public Library will be hosting authors Sarah Holbrook and Michael Salinger on Tuesday, May 6th. After spending the morning and afternoon with many of the students in Lakewood, the writing duo will present

an evening program called "Practical Poetry: A Nonstandard Approach to Meeting Content-Area Standards."

The program will focus on how teachers can use poetry in the classroom to meet the Common Core Standards. We know that poetry is a

wonderful way to stimulate a child's imagination and open up their senses to the world around them, but how do we use it to tie into the other areas of standards like math, science and social studies? Join us to find out. This presentation is geared to teachers but is open to the public and all are welcome.

Sara is the author of several books of poetry including "Zombies! Evacuate the School" and "Which Way to the Dragons?" Her husband, Michael, is the author of "Well Defined: Vocabulary in Rhyme." They travel together visiting students and teachers all over the world, working with them to build their love of words and their writing skills, and teaching them to use poetry in all areas of learning.

Mac's Backs Books of Cleveland Heights will have a selection of their books available for purchase, and the authors will be available for booksigning after the program. The program will be held in the Main Library Auditorium at 7 o'clock on Tuesday, May 6th. There is no need to register, the program is free and open to the public.

## Meet The Author: Author Of "Islam's Jesus" Leads Discussion At LPL

by Lisa Calfee

Many people are surprised to learn that Jesus is an important figure in Islam. Muslims believe Jesus was a prophet, a messenger of God, and that he will return again in the Last Days. Although both Christianity and Islam view him differently on many essential levels, Dr. Zeki Saritoprak, author of Islam's Jesus sees Jesus as a path to peace between the two faiths, an opportunity for mutual good will. Come meet the good doctor as he discusses his fascinating new book as part of our Meet The Author series on Wednesday, May 14 at 7 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium.

Islam's Jesus examines the various interpretations of Jesus within

the passages of the Qur'an and Hadith where Isa, the Islamic name for Jesus, is mentioned. Dr. Saritoprak has created a compelling study of the many complexities of Islamic theology and makes them fully accessible to the reader.

It is the author's hope that Islam's Jesus opens up the opportunity for an interfaith dialogue between Muslims and Christians based on respect and some common ground. Perhaps the dialogue will bring understanding, and with understanding, peace. Come join Dr. Saritoprak at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 14 in the Main Library Auditorium for this illuminating discussion. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

## Weekend With Wee Ones

by Nicole Born-Crow

Are you looking for a fun, family activity for your children under 2? Then join us for Weekend with Wee Ones! We'll help your little ones gain some early literacy skills through songs, movement, nursery rhymes, and most importantly, through books! Reading with children from an early age is a very important part of childhood development, and at Lakewood Public Library, we make it fun.

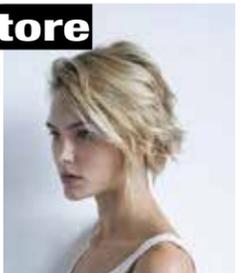
Each Wee Ones session includes reading 2-3 board books, nursery rhymes with movements, singing songs, dancing, playing with shakers, popping bubbles, and culminates

with wheeling a wagon full of board books out at the end for the families to choose from. We provide ideas for families wishing to continue the fun at home.

Wee Ones is offered every weekend throughout the year, and there is no need to register in advance. All children must have a parent, caregiver, or other adult with them at all times who are expected to participate along with their child in the program. Wee Ones is a free program held in the Madison Branch auditorium every Saturday at 11:30 a.m. and every Sunday at 3:30 p.m. Runs approximately 30 minutes. Call (216) 226-8275 ext. 140 for more information.

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## Lakewood Schools

# Concerts Fill May Calendar

by Christine Gordillo

The school year is in its final countdown to summer and that means May spring concerts are just around the corner. Performing arts groups will be giving their final concerts and stag-

ing their final productions during May at the Civic Auditorium.

The full slate of entertainment begins the first weekend in May when the Lakewood High Barnstormers put on three shows of Rodgers & Hammer-

stein's "Cinderella." Show times are 7:30 p.m. May 1-3 and tickets are \$10 at the door. The Barnstormers' spring musical is always a must-see show!

The following week the middle school groups take over with the 7th

Grade Spring Concert on May 5, the 8th Grade Band Spring Concert on May 6 and the 6th Grade Spring Concert on May 7, all beginning at 7:30 p.m. A concert by the LHS Chamber Choir, Vive L'Four and Fourtes quartets wrap up the week on May 9 with a 7 p.m. show in the Tryout Theater.

The middle of the month brings the LHS Band Spring Concert on May 13, the 5th Grade Instrumental Concert on May 14, and the LHS Orchestras Spring Concert on May 16. These performances all begin at 7 p.m.

An annual highlight for many is The Lakewood Project Spring Concert, which will be May 17 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the concert are \$5 and can be purchased from Lakewood Project members or at the door.

The school year wraps up with the LHS Choral Spring Concert on May 20 (7 p.m.) and the LHS Jazz Band Spring Concert on May 28 (7:30 p.m.)

High school concert ticket prices are \$3 adults, \$2 seniors and \$1 students and middle school prices \$2 adults and \$1 for seniors and students. Great entertainment at bargain prices!

## Sign Up For PORCHestra!

by Kathy Pah

Make music Lakewood! PORCHestra, an afternoon of music on Lakewood's front porches sponsored by Charter One, takes place on Sunday, May 18, beginning at 4 p.m. The Cleveland Orchestra encourages you to join with family, friends and neighbors, by playing or singing on your front porch in this community-wide, free "jam session."

The afternoon of music making will culminate with an outdoor concert on the front porch of the downtown Lakewood Public Library at 5:15 p.m. with performances by The Cleveland Orchestra Youth Chorus Chamber Ensemble followed by members of The Cleveland Orchestra performing double-bass quartets and violin/viola duets.

Register your porch at [www.clevelandorchestra.com/PORCHestra](http://www.clevelandorchestra.com/PORCHestra). Each



participating registrant will receive two free tickets to a Cleveland Orchestra Blossom concert this summer. Participating porches will be part of a Google map indicating the "musical" porches and neighborhood performances. Regardless of your age or talent level,

join the fun and make Lakewood come alive with the sound of music!

Of special note: In early May, volunteers from the Orchestra and Charter One will repair and paint two front porches in partnership with LakewoodAlive.

## LHS Academic Challenge Team Heading To Nationals

by Christine Gordillo

On the heels of its second straight West Shore Conference regular-season championship, the Lakewood High School Academic Challenge Team has been invited to Washington D.C. again for the National Invitational High School Championships. The team went to its first national-level competition last year and finished in the middle third of a 64-team roster, comprised of most states east of the Mississippi River. The team will be in Washington from May 31 through June 2.

Throughout the season, the team was able to showcase their knowledge in history, literature, science, mathematics, astronomy, art, geography, politics, current events, and the arts. The cap-

tain, Hugh Campbell, had consistent support from all members of the varsity. It was evident throughout the season, that all members of the varsity team bring varied strengths, which complemented each other. The regular-season record for this year was 6-1, tying with Avon and Rocky River who had identical records, but because of tie-breakers based on points, Lakewood was awarded the championship. The combined two-year record is now 13-1.

Competing Varsity members are senior Hugh Campbell (captain), juniors Laert Fezjuralli, Ben McKinsey and Maggio Pizzo, sophomores Robbie Fehrenbach, Jon Pizzo and Fox Milenski and freshman Ian Bell. This year the

junior varsity competed all season long against the conference with equal success. Junior varsity members competing this year are junior Andrew Miller, sophomore Alex Grunder and freshmen Lucy Kress and Steve Popovich.

Fundraising over the next month will help the team defray the costs of registration, lodging, meals and travel for the trip to Washington. Generous donors last year helped to pay in excess of 90% of the 2013 trip to the national competition. Those who wish to contribute toward this year's trip can send a check made out to: Lakewood Academic Challenge Team, c/o Robert Sedlak, Lakewood High School, Mathematics Dept., 14100 Franklin Blvd., Lakewood, Ohio, 44107.

## Stiff Competition At Ranger And Comet Relays

by Stephanie Toole

This year's Annual Kiwanis Ranger Relays not only had beautiful weather, but lots of stiff competition from the seven visiting teams to First Federal of Lakewood Stadium on Friday, April 18th. St. Joseph Academy won the Team Championship with 92 pts, followed by North Royalton 86, Rocky River 80, Westlake 70, Lakewood 59, Bay 54, Valley Forge 18 and Parma 6.

It was a night of distance PR's for the Rangers. Scoring for the Rangers were:

Distance Medley: Megan Barrett(400), Maeve Christie(800), Alyssa Hasman(1200), Mallory Shaw(1600)- 1st Place 3200m- Grace Latham- 2nd Place 4x1600m- Mallory Shaw, Grace Latham, Maeve

Christie, Alyssa Hasman- 2nd Place 4x800m- Cate Schleckman, Halle Krebs, Juliet Belardo, Anna Riddle- 3rd Place 100m Ryann Greenfield- 3rd Place Pole Vault Relay- Clare Toole, Liz McIlwee, Claire Black- 4th Place Discus Relay- Megan Hogle, Madison Kessler, Alyssa Hasman- 4th Place Shot Put Relay- Megan Hogle, Trinity Nall, Tori Milicevic- 4th Place 4x400- Megan Barrett, Halle Krebs, Caitlin Conner, Jenny Byczek- 4th Place High Jump Relay- Hannah Marek, Claire Black, Olivia Berger- 5th Place 400m- Jenny Byczek- 6th Place 4x200 Halle Krebs, Ryann Greenfield, Jenny Byczek, Clare Toole- 6th Place Long Jump Relay- Clare Toole, Caitlin Conner, Megan Barrett- 6th Place.

A strong competitive 23 team field,

blue skies, temperatures in the high 50's and a stiff northwesterly wind greeted the Rangers at the 59th Annual Comet Relays on Saturday, April 26th.

The Lady Rangers finished 13th overall as a team. Scoring for the Rangers were:

3rd Place 4x800m - Maeve Christie, Megan Barrett, Juliet Belardo, Alyssa Hasman 6th Place

4x1600m- Alyssa Hasman, Cate Schleckman, Olivia Rodriguez, Anna Riddle

6th Place Pole Vault Relay - Clare Toole and Liz McIlwee

7th place 3200m - Mallory Shaw

The Rangers will travel to the Berea/Midpark Kiwanis Titan Relays on Friday, May 2 at BW's George Finnie Stadium.

## Transition Expo Scheduled For All Cleveland Area High School Students With Disabilities

by Lula Holt Robertson

Students from all school districts in the Greater Cleveland area Ohio who have disabilities, ages 14-22, and their parents are invited to the 3rd Annual Countywide Transition Expo Saturday, May 3, 2014, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Cleveland State University's Student Center (corner of E. 22nd Street and Euclid Avenue). This is an opportunity for them to visit with more than 80 service providers and gather valuable info at meaningful break-out sessions as they plan for their lives after high school.

Parking is free in the CSU Central Garage close to the Student Center off East 21st Street, between Chester and Euclid avenues, and the event is free! Register at [www.esc-cc.org](http://www.esc-cc.org). Click on '3rd Annual Transition Expo' under News & Updates. Or call Ed Flegel at (216) 446-3819.



## Lakewood Schools

# Board OKs New 4-Year Teachers Contract

by Christine Gordillo

The Lakewood Board of Education at a special meeting on April 22 approved a new contract with the Lakewood Teachers Association (LTA) that will run through the 2017-2018 school year. The new contract becomes effective August 1, 2014 and includes a 2.5% base pay increase each of the four years as well as new health care coverage terms that will bring significant savings to the district.

"This was a collaborative effort between the teachers and representatives from the Board of Education to reach a successful settlement and

accomplish one of our main district goals of having a collective bargaining outcome that was fair to our taxpayers and employees and enables our district to compete in the market to attract quality teaching candidates," Superintendent Jeff Patterson said.

"I am grateful to work in a community that values the programs and opportunities that the schools provide for their children. I believe that all employees of the Lakewood City Schools work diligently to balance providing the best educational experience with fiscal responsibility, and I believe we do so in a manner unlike anywhere

else: with collaboration and respect for all stakeholders," said Colleen Corrigan, president of the Lakewood Teachers Association.

The pay increases come on the heels of base pay freezes taken in three of the last four years under previous contracts. A new longevity benchmark is included in the contract that gives teachers with 30 or more years with the district additional pay. The longevity levels previously stopped at 25 years.

Health care premium contributions remain the same, however, new in this contract is language that requires employee spouses to use their

employer's health coverage if available. The district will pay up to \$175 of the spouse's premium. Previously, only new employees were required to have their spouses covered under the spouse's employer.

"This will result in a significant decrease in our projected insurance costs," Patterson said. "Treasurer Kent Zeman predicts it will result in insurance increases of 5% vs. a previously projected 10% increase."

The district will now also include domestic partner coverage in its benefit offerings.

The Board and LTA also agreed on changes to the academic calendar. The new contract eliminates the Early Release Days that were put in place in the 2012-13 school year to allow more time for professional development. The removal of the early dismissals was in response to parent feedback on the difficulty of arranging childcare.

Superintendent Patterson plans on convening a committee comprised of community members, parents and staff members to assess amending the school year calendar to incorporate more instructional time for students with longer, but fewer school days.

The contract formalizes teacher evaluation procedures that are in compliance with new state mandates that incorporate student performance measures as part of the evaluation process and no longer requires seniority to be the sole criteria for potential job losses.

Staff development and support continue to be a high priority for the district and the new contract reinforces that support. The district's Resident Educator Program provides new teachers a peer mentor for the new employee's first four years of teaching. In addition, the district has restructured existing programming and reallocated funds to allow for more enhanced support for our instructional staff through the assistance of new curriculum and technology teachers.

The district next moves on to renegotiating contracts with its two other labor unions, OAPSE 129 and OAPSE 134, which represent the district's support staff.

## Construction Process Explained, Input Gathered At Community Meetings

by Christine Gordillo

Superintendent Patterson has wrapped up the first round of community engagement meetings regarding the third and final phase of the district's construction program. Meetings were held in April at Grant, Lincoln and Roosevelt elementary schools as well as at Lakewood High School.

Those attending the elementary meetings were introduced to GPD Group's Rodwell King, who will be the lead architect for the elementary schools. The high school meeting included representatives from URS Corp., the architectural firm chosen to design the east end of Lakewood High, and Robert P. Madison International, which will be part of the high school project as well.

The first half of the meetings were dedicated to the architects laying out the construction process, which includes gathering input from district staff and administrators on building space and program requirements, producing designs and gathering community input on those designs, putting out bids for construction, abatement and demolition of the buildings, and finally, construction.

Most of the abatement will come later in the summer after summer camp programs have ended at the buildings, followed by demolition sometime in the fall and construction beginning in spring 2015. The elementary buildings are expected to be open in August 2016 and the high school in August 2017.

The second halves of the meetings were devoted to questions and suggestions from the audience. Many of the concerns centered around aesthetics of the buildings and their relation to respective neighborhoods. Safety both in and around the buildings, especially traffic patterns, was also a major concern. Other questions and comments ranged from concerns about appropriate landscaping to preserving historically significant ele-

ments of the buildings to minimizing the disruption of the surrounding neighborhoods during construction.

The high school audience had many specific questions related to transition spaces, such as where students would eat lunch with the cafeteria torn down, how athletic events and practices would be affected, and where the music programs would be located during construction. While the answers to these questions are still being worked out, LHS Principal Keith Ahearn assured the audience that the architects and administrators will develop creative solutions to the issues that will ensure that students will continue to have "the LHS experience they deserve." Ahearn also added that the goal is to keep the school as "vibrant and alive" as it currently is during the three years of transition and construction.

Once preliminary designs of the buildings have been developed, more community meetings will be scheduled, some as early as this summer. It is important that the community provide continuing input so that the finished buildings are ones of which we can all be proud.

## Toole Sets New Pole Vault School Record



by Stephanie Toole

Having tied the LHS Girls Track & Field Pole Vault School Record of 9' several times this season, LHS Sophomore Clare Toole set a new personal record jump of 9'6" to establish a new LHS Track & Field Record for the Girls Pole Vault on Wednesday April 23 at a dual meet at Elyria Catholic.

## Lincoln Captures 2014 D.A.R.E. Title



Congratulations to Lincoln Elementary, which won the 2014 Lakewood Police Department's D.A.R.E. Basketball Tournament championship! The team, coached by physical education teacher Nicole Anderson, edged out runner-up and defending champion Emerson Elementary in a tough title game. Good job to all involved in this great Lakewood tradition!

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# Home & Garden

## Celebrate Spring With Keep Lakewood Beautiful's Annual Earth Day And Great American Cleanup

by Marianne Quasebarth Usiak

Spring has finally sprung here in Lakewood, Ohio, and Keep Lakewood Beautiful is celebrating this time of year with its Annual Earth Day and a Great American Cleanup on May 3 from 9-11 a.m., all at the Detroit Ave. entrance to Kauffman Park. Give your spring cleaning a jump start by participating in any or all of these great events!

**Household Recycling Roundup:** This one-time-only Household Recycling Roundup at the Kauffman Park entrance will be an easy way to swing by and clear your home of items you may have been wanting to get rid of responsibly by recycling them for free! We will be collecting computers, old phones, and any small electronics like vacuum cleaners and small kitchen appliances.

We are helping to get the word out about what's new in recycling too! Lakewood is now recycling milk cartons and aseptic cartons like juice boxes and unsoiled freezer boxes. Bring any of these recycling items on May 3 and help us see how many times we can fill the blue recycling bin. The special recycling truck with the "arm" that lifts the blue bin will be there so kids can see it in action. Recycling

items reduces landfill costs, helps conserve natural resources, and also saves tax dollars.

Lakewood has a great regular curbside recycling program that allows residents to place any of the following items either in your blue recycle cart or blue bags for curbside pickup on trash day: glass bottles, aluminum and steel cans, plastics with numbers 1-7, paper, **continued on page 12**



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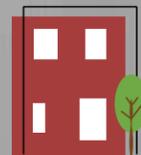
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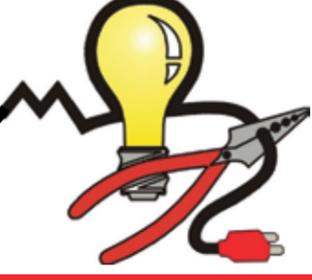


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## Lakewood Cares

# LCAC Lends A Hand With Spring Cleaning Baskets, Volunteers Needed Saturday, May 10th

by Chris Crawford

Need a new roll of paper towels, or tube of toothpaste? You just go to the cupboard or store, right? For many Lakewood families and seniors it's not that simple.

Recipients of food stamps, or SNAP and WIC programs, as they are

more currently known are unable to use their program benefits to purchase essential non-food items. These items much be purchased with the limited cash income they receive. This is where organizations such as Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corp (LCAC) come into play. Each Spring LCAC and their

volunteers assemble Spring Cleaning Baskets to distribute to Lakewood families and seniors in need. These baskets contain a variety of paper products, cleaning supplies and toiletries.

Saturday May 10, LCAC needs volunteers to help pack reusable grocery bags with Spring cleaning items and

then deliver them to 200 Lakewood families and seniors in need. We will be gathering in the parking lot at Lakewood Masonic Temple (15300 Detroit Ave, corner of Detroit and Andrews Ave.) at 9 a.m. to pack the bags and should finishing up deliveries by 11 a.m.

How can you help? Just lend a hand! Bring a friend, or make a new one. Join us for as little or as much as you can. There is no need to register, just show up at the Masonic Temple, Saturday May 10 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

For more information contact [www.lcac.info](http://www.lcac.info) or on Facebook at Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corp.

# Lakewood Congregational To Host Ranger 360 Program- "Stalking: A Misunderstood Crime" On May 7

by Scott Suttell

The statistics are frightening: One in six women and one in 19 men experience stalking victimization at some point in their life. And between the ages of 11 and 17, those numbers are even more pronounced: one in five for girls and one in 14 for boys, according to the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey.

To help parents and teens recognize the danger signs of stalking behaviors within a relationship and to direct them to available support resources, the acclaimed Ranger 360 project is presenting "Stalking: A Misunderstood Crime" on Wednesday, May 7 in the social hall of Lakewood Congregational Church, 1375 W. Clifton Blvd. from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

The program will feature a presentation by Lakewood resident Debbie Riddle, a freelance graphic designer who became a national speaker on stalking when her youngest sister, Peggy Klinke, was murdered by a stalker in 2003. Riddle's activism in the wake of her sister's murder led to a congressional briefing, and ultimately to the declaration of National Stalking Awareness month each January.

An officer from the Lakewood Police Department will also be on hand to discuss stalking as it relates to teens.

Research data show that teen stalk-

ing victims experience a wide variety of negative consequences, including sleep disturbance, increased fear and anxiety, depression and withdrawal from family and friends. But studies show that teens are reluctant to discuss stalking or relationship problems they are experiencing with parents, and parents have a significant knowledge gap on the issues.

For instance, a 2007 study on technology-based harassment in teen relationships found that 78% of teens harassed on a social networking site do not tell their parents. Similarly, 72% of teens who have been checked on 10 or more times in an hour via text or email do not share that information.

The cycle of harassment and stalking can be broken, though, and the May 7 program at Lakewood Congregational Church will point teens and their parents to organizations that offer guidance and assistance.

The program is the latest community engagement effort of the Ranger 360 project, which is a Lakewood City Schools partnership with the Domestic Violence and Child Advocacy Center and the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center. Its goal is to work with students, parents, teachers, administrators and the Lakewood community at-large to develop a school and community-based response to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating

violence and stalking.

For information about the May 7 program, call the Lakewood Congregational Church office at 216-221-9555 or email [lccstaff@lcc-church.org](mailto:lccstaff@lcc-church.org).



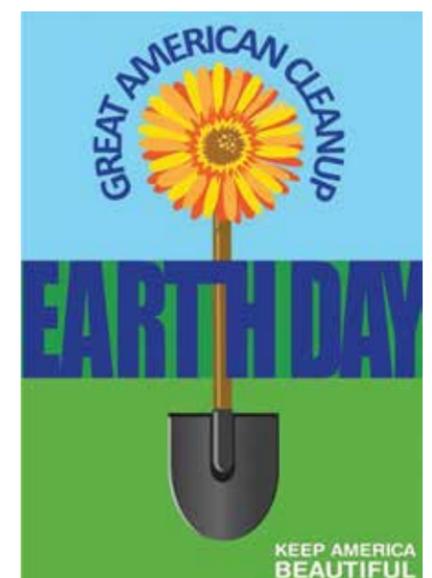
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# Camp Guide

## Episcopal Youth Gathering: Keep Lakewood Beautiful Day Of Service And Christian Rock

by Rita Rozell

More than 50 youth in grades 7-12 will spend the morning on Saturday, May 3, helping the Lakewood community through the Keep Lakewood Beautiful organization. As part of the Spring Youth Gathering, an annual event for teens sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio. The kids will lend a hand with clean-up and Earth Day activities, including cleaning city sidewalks, and downtown parks, litter pick-up, collecting household waste for recycling, and planting flowers and trees.

This year's Spring Youth Gathering is hosted by the Church of the Ascension in Lakewood, and will commence with program activities on Friday evening, the Keep Lakewood Beautiful project on Saturday morning, followed by a concert by notable Christian rock band, The LivingStones. Having released their first full-length album, "Glow," in 2011, the band has been a part of worship services and youth gatherings in the US and Mexico, and performed at The Big Ticket Festival, a three-day Christian music festival which hosts more than 10,000 people per day.

The community is invited to this concert, which will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Church of the Ascension located at 13216 Detroit Avenue. Parking is available at the church.

There is no cost to attend. The LivingStones will also lead in the church's worship service at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday morning.

An open and affirming community of faith, Church of the Ascension welcomes all who would like to attend. To find out more, contact the Rev. Vincent Black, Priest in Charge, 216.521.8727.

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## It Is Litter Too!

by Melissa Meehan

Help Keep Lakewood Beautiful get the word out: Cigarette Butts are Litter Too! KLB is joining with Keep America Beautiful to reduce the cigarette butt litter in our city and begin a, It is Litter Too! Cigarette Litter Awareness Campaign. KAB reports that the overall littering rate for cigarette butts is 65%. KLB's chief complaint from our annual Spring Clean-Up volunteers is the "prevalence of cigarette butt litter." On May 3, KLB is sponsoring a sidewalk "sweep" through-out our downtown and night life districts. Volunteers are picking up litter

and cigarette butts and helping to raise awareness that cigarette butts are not biodegradable and need to be properly discarded. KLB is also sharing information about cigarette litter with area businesses and providing them with information about ash receptacles and pocket ashtrays. Cigarette litter prevention programs have been effective in communities. Join us May 3 or contact Keep Lakewood Beautiful through our facebook page or by calling city hall at 529 -6601 for more information or to volunteer. We can all agree, it ain't pretty.

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# Lakewood Healthcare

## Lakewood Families “Walk To Remember”

by Laurie Henrichsen

Lakewood residents are encouraged to gather family and friends and register for the third annual Walk to Remember at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. Honorary Chair for this year's event is Monica Robins, Senior Health Correspondent, WKYC TV Channel 3. Sponsored by FirstMerit Foundation, the event will be held Sunday, June 8, 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Over 2,000 participants are expected to enjoy the leisurely walk through the zoo celebrating the memory of their loved ones.

The event benefits patients and families cared for by Hospice of the Western Reserve, including Lakewood residents receiving care at home and in our community's assisted living and nursing facilities. Registration is \$20 for an individual and \$60 for a family. Children's admission is \$10. Registration includes all-day admission at the Zoo and Rainforest, T-shirts, snacks and live musical entertainment. To register, visit <http://www.hospicewr.org/walk>.

“We have many local families participating in the Walk each year,” said Lisa Tomm, Community Facility Coordinator for the nonprofit agency's Lakewood Office. “In fact, we often have multiple generations of families and



The Burning River Roller Girls are ready to serve as “rolling ambassadors” at Walk to Remember.

their friends walking together to honor their loved ones. Many of us from the Lakewood hospice team walk each year to pay tribute to those we have cared for in our community. It is especially moving to see how many teams create and wear custom T-shirts with pictures and the names of their loved ones on the front,” Tomm added. The event is open to anyone wishing to honor and celebrate the memory of a loved one; no hospice connection is necessary.

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Ohio to help seriously ill patients and their families by helping to fund compassionate services not fully covered by Medicare or private insurance such

as grief counseling, pediatric hospice care, music and art therapy and the school crisis grief support program.

Among those participating for the third year will be the Burning River Roller Girls, Cleveland's first all-female, skater-owned, flat-track derby league, who will help kick off the Walk and add to the celebratory mood of the day. “We had such a great time and were honored to be a part of something so special,” said Daniela Reagan, Vice President of Public Relations for the group. “I am happy to help because hospice took such great care of several of my family members in their last days.”

For more information or assistance with the online registration process, email Walk to Remember Coordinator Bridget Murphy, Hospice of the Western Reserve at [bmurphy@hospicewr.org](mailto:bmurphy@hospicewr.org), or call her at 216.383.3715.

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# Alternative Movie Posters: Film Art From The Underground

by Genevieve Jaskulski

Have you ever found yourself looking at a poster and wonder what attracts you to it? Why it persuades you, one way or another to watch the movie it represents? The posters we see when we go to the pictures on Friday night are a still life embodiment of a living feature. For them to be a success the artist must conceptualize the entire film to create a snapshot of what he or she believes will capture and observer's attention and in essence encapsulate all the movie stands for. It is in this development that something called underground film art surfaced, a group of artists dedicated to bringing a truly artistic and unique element to the posters they create. If you find yourself enjoy-

ing the art aspect of films as much as the storyline, you will undoubtedly enjoy attending out meet and greet the author event here at the Lakewood Public Library, featuring the book *Alternative Movie Posters: Film Art from the Underground* by Matthew Chojnacki on Wednesday, May 7 at 7 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium.

This book has received absolutely amazing reviews in such prominent newspapers and magazines such as: LA Times, New York Times, Chicago Tribune, Spin, Fangoria and Mental Floss. It showcases two hundred posters, from one hundred artists each bringing to life one of the cult classics or best loved movie favorites of all time. A few of these artists are even residents of the

Cleveland area! Mr. Chojnacki, whose enthusiasm for his subject matter is undeniable, will share his knowledge as well as autograph books. There is so much in this book for the avid film watcher to appreciate and it covers a large group of movies to appeal to all genres, this book is truly something to be enjoyed. For more information on Mr. Chojnacki please visit his website, [MatthewChojnacki.com](http://MatthewChojnacki.com).

We are proud to be hosting this free and open to the public event and hope you will join us in supporting such a fascinating local author.

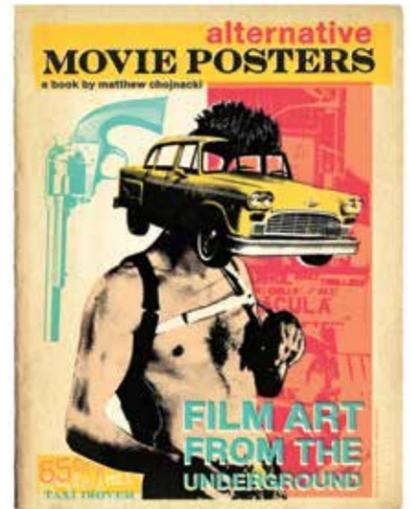


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## Clay Classes At The Screw Factory Expand

by Marianne Crawford

Last year, Gina DeSantis expanded her studio in the Screw Factory to include clay classes. After one year classes are going strong with the expansion of offerings for children, teens and adults and new instructors. The studio offers all levels of courses for teens and adults on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. and Tuesday mornings from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Instructors Gina DeSantis and Brian Sarama instruct all of the adult courses. Both have their MFAs from Kent State University and have taught at many local art centers and colleges.

Children's classes were recently added in April. They are back with a four-week class taught by Hope Zusy in May. This Saturday morning class will allow children ages 7-12 to get their hands muddy and try both hand building and the potter's wheel. Week long summer camps dates will be posted by late April.

The studio also hopes to expand the open studio program. Currently students can work independently on Tuesday evenings from 6:30pm-9:30pm and Saturday afternoons from 12:00pm-4:00pm. Open studio is perfect for students looking to

improve their clay skills. Open studio is an unsupervised time where adults may work on their own projects. The studio has much to offer with ten potter's wheel, a slab roller and three electric kilns.

The classroom hopes to continue expanding by offering one-day workshops. In the meantime, the classes aim to provide valuable education in the ceramic arts at an affordable price. The studio can also be booked for one time clay parties including a crash course in wheel throwing for adults and hand building workshops for kids. Please email Gina at [artyz\\_grl@yahoo.com](mailto:artyz_grl@yahoo.com) to inquire about booking a one-time workshop. Online registration for classes can be found at [ginadesantisceramics.bigcartel.com](http://ginadesantisceramics.bigcartel.com). More information about classes and Gina's studio and work can be found at [www.ginadesantisceramics.com](http://www.ginadesantisceramics.com).

New classes begin in mid April and the beginning of May. Classes fill quickly. Please register soon! Open studio times are ongoing and students may also register online.

*Gina DeSantis Ceramics, LLC is located at 13000 Athens Ave, Ste C323 & C328 inside the Lake Erie Building (more commonly known as the Screw Factory).*

## Lakewood Choir In Local Radio Contest

by Geary Hughes

The Trinity Lutheran Church choir has advanced to the finals of the WCLV Choir Jubilation Festival. Festival hopefuls from the WCLV listening area submitted recordings in March of this year. Choir recordings were required to include two pieces with one being a cappella. The Trinity choir recorded a Bach piece for the a cappella selection and a traditional African American spiritual.

Choir director Judy Fesko was very pleased with the news saying that

it was, "one of the greatest thrills of my musical life." She also stated that she is happy for the "many talented choir members who share their joy of singing for the Lord on Sunday."

Each choir will perform a twenty minute program in a variety of musical styles. Judging will be based on technical ability, musicality, and the level of the ensemble work. The performance of the final four choirs will take place at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in Cleveland on Thursday, May 8th at 8 p.m.



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## Cleaning Up Lakewood One Bar At A Time

by Steve Meka

STEM Handmade Soap opened its retail location in Birdtown 6 months ago and has now sold a ton of soap--literally! Proof that Lakewood has a lot of bars--of soap that is! It's not that Lakewood citizens are any less clean than folks in other cities, so why this affinity for handmade 100% natural artisan soap? It creates an invigorating lather in the shower, cleans your skin really well and smells amazing, but it is good for you too!

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## Pulse Of The City

### The Civil War...150 Years Ago

## The Civil War's First Conflict? The 1858 Oberlin-Wellington Rescue Story..

by Gary Rice

For some people, history is a dull and dreary topic, while for others it is a subject of endless fascination. Textbooks necessarily cover topics quickly for the sake of compressing complex time periods into a few paragraphs. Occasionally, textbook publishers were also motivated by the regions where they sold books. This was particularly true in the northern and southern United States, where there was a wide difference of opinion as to the causes and nature of the 1861-65 Civil War.

Even the term "Civil War" was controversial in the South. "The War For States' Rights," "The War of Northern Aggression," and "The Lost Cause" were alternative names used to identify the war from the South's perspective. Even battles were known by different names. Southerners referred to the first and second "Battles of Bull Run" as the "Battles of Manassas." "The Battle of Shiloh," from the South's point of view, was "The Battle of Pittsburg Landing," and "The Battle of Antietam" was considered "The Battle of Sharpsburg" to Southern eyes. Even the famous battle of ironclad ships, well known in the North as "The Monitor vs. the Merrimack," was known as "The Monitor vs. the Virginia" in the South. This was because the USS Merrimack was a captured Union ship that had been rebuilt as an ironclad and re-christened CSS Virginia by the Confederates. The Union never recognized the southern name of the vessel.

Even the beginning date of the Civil War is a topic of discussion among those who love studying that time period. If ever two regions of the country saw things differently, it was in those years leading up to the Civil War. Most historians probably feel the struggle began with the South's opening cannonade on Fort Sumter in 1861. Ironically, however, many history lovers believe that the first great rebellion against federal authority happened not in the South but less than 50 miles from Lakewood, and it was not the South rebelling against federal authority at that time, but rather Northerners doing so over the issue of forcing a slave to return to his owner.

It was a time when powerful forces began to flex their muscles. For many in the North, the issue of slavery was just plain wrong. From the South's perspective, however, the heavy weight of Northern industrial muscle, combined with a strong Northern belief about increasing the powers of the Federal Government over the states, produced an intolerable toxic mix of circumstances that threatened the very fiber of Southern existence. To many wealthy Southerners, slaves were, after all, private property, and that settled the issue of slavery once and for all. If a government (they reasoned) could take away some of a citizen's personal property, then they could also take the rest of it, and freedom would no longer exist for anyone. At that point, everyone would become slaves to the government. Some

Southerners argued that there were indeed many free Blacks in the South already, and many felt that the day was soon coming when they would all be free anyway, if for no other reason than slavery was getting less economically feasible. It was fast becoming cheaper to pay someone for a day's work than have to feed, clothe, and house them.

For many, if not most, Americans, the above arguments were of little more than idle interest, at least until they affected their personal lives. Here in Ohio, that started to happen when the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850 took effect. That law forced anyone living in a free state to either return a slave to their owner or face federal prosecution. For years, Ohio had been an important part of the "Underground Railroad," the system of loosely connected "stations" where slaves could escape to freedom. Many former slaves had found homes in our state after escaping from the South. After the Fugitive Slave Act was passed, however, neither Ohio nor any other Northern state was considered safe for an escaped slave. Rewards were offered, even more slave catchers invaded Ohio, and escaped slaves already living here were forced to high-tail it to Canada.

Lakewood's part of the Underground Railroad has been documented by several sources, although much of the evidence is admittedly murky and inconclusive at best. That there were numerous tunnels from homes along Detroit down to the lake is well known. That some prominent local residents (reportedly including Philander Winchester and Dr. Jared Potter Kirtland) participated in helping escaped slaves at some point in their lives is also well known. That the Rocky River Valley was one such avenue of escape for slaves has also been well-documented, as are the various slave-holes found in the basements of properties in some of the antebellum homes around here (including Strongsville's famous Pomeroy House). These points being made, few were willing to openly discuss their part in helping slaves to escape, so until more information comes to light there remains much to be told.

Perhaps the best example of what could happen around here when people were caught protecting an escaped slave would be the case of John Price in 1859. Price had been an escaped Kentucky slave who was working in the Oberlin area when someone reported his whereabouts to his former master. A federal marshal and slave catchers soon caught up with Price and spirited him off to Wellington, nine miles south of Oberlin. They locked Price up in Wadsworth's Hotel until their train could arrive. Before it did, a mob of about 600 people from both Wellington and Oberlin, many of them armed, surrounded the hotel and secured the release of the prisoner, taking him first back to Oberlin, then through the

Underground Railroad system and on to Canada. There being no particular secret as to who had been involved in the liberation of Price, thirty-seven men were subsequently arrested, taken to Cleveland, and charged with violating the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850. Those rescuers collectively chose to voluntarily remain in jail rather than be released on bond. They became local celebrities and heroes. Eventually, two were finally tried, found guilty and received astonishingly light sentences. As time went by, and the war clouds gathered, charges against the remainder of the defendants were finally dismissed. This case received national attention and arguably produced a domino effect: The newly formed Republican Party decided to officially and firmly oppose the Fugitive Slave Act, angering many Southern Democrats, thereby helping to split their own party into two factions and enabling the national election of Republican President Abraham Lincoln. With Lincoln elected, many in the South started preparing to split off from the Union.

Perhaps it would be an oversimplification to say that the Oberlin-Wellington rescue and its subsequent trials were a direct cause of the Civil War. That said, the situation ignited a righteous flame in our nation-sending the message that laws had to be fair to everyone, even if they had once been slaves. The political benefit for the Republican Party was incalculable.

## Bandanas For Banned Breeds

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Bull-Terrier into my life. I didn't know it at the time, but that little diva would change it forever.

We named her Vesta. Goddess of the Home. And boy did she fit that. She was a typical bully breed: hilarious and a goof-ball, with her own spice of attitude. She loved to cuddle. And she loved me.

She was my shadow and my partner in crime. We went everywhere together. The park, the library, farmers markets, everywhere I could take her she went.

She slept with me every night, and you'd be amazed at how much room a 35 lb dog can take up. Yet somehow her snores were so soothing. I couldn't help but finally be able to sleep again. She never asked more of me than what I could give. She could always tell when I wasn't feeling great and was the best snuggle partner I could ask for. She motivated me to get out and do things even when I felt I was too tired. She made me feel better and lowered my anxiety. She was a therapy dog without knowing it.

We lived in an older community. And there were lots of smaller dogs on our street. Many of our neighbors would make comments about how "dangerous" she looked. Meanwhile, their 3 pound dog wanted nothing more than to rip both of our throats out. It was unfortunate that Vesta got

labeled. People who had once casually sat on the sidelines of politics became enraged, engaged, and involved in the process of seeking equal rights and freedom for all, regardless of their skin color. How ironic it was that the Oberlin/Wellington rescuers' defiance of federal authority likely inspired (and was not altogether unlike) the South's later decision to also defy the federal government, the only principal difference being the motivations of the two groups.

In any case, Ohioans, including a number of those from our own Rockport Township area, continued to support the Underground Railroad with renewed vigor and a passionate dedication, until the time came when state-sanctioned slavery was finally washed from our land by the bloodshed of war and... the arrival of the 13th amendment to our Constitution. It's likely that very few people are aware that the Underground Railroad probably continued, even after the Civil War...but why?

Well, here's a little known fact for those who think that the Civil War's sole purpose was to abolish slavery: American slavery DID NOT end with the Civil War! Lincoln's 1863 Emancipation Proclamation ONLY banned slavery in the states in rebellion. Two loyal Union states, Kentucky and Delaware, actually continued to allow slavery AFTER the Civil War for many months, at least until the 13th Amendment was finally ratified in December of 1865.

labeled because of what she looked like, and not by the fact that she would sit calmly by me and wait for me to make the first move. She changed a few minds while I lived there. Not enough in my opinion, but it was a step forward.

They day I moved out was hard. She followed me around the condo as usual, but I could tell she knew what was going on. On my final sweep through my room I felt a little nose at my leg and then paws. She was crawling up my leg one last time to say goodbye. I bent down and she gave me a gentle kiss on the nose. I walked downstairs and on my way out the door I went to say goodbye one more time, but in true Vesta fashion, she wouldn't look at me. She was a Diva after all, and well, she had already said her sweetest goodbye.

I miss that dog every day. She built a place for herself in my heart that is Bully shaped. I get updates about her every once in a while and with each picture I am so thankful and heartbroken at the same time. And that's why I'm walking. I'm walking because a Bully changed my life. A Bully that had 4 legs, a cold nose, a big heart and a pit-tie face. This is for you Vesta.

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## Lakewood Living History

# Did President McKinley Hatch Panama Canal Plan In Lakewood?

by Thomas George

Sounds farfetched? Although improbable, the ingredients for such a scenario clearly exist.

Lakewood Park was, prior to being sold to the City of Lakewood in 1918, the lakefront estate of prominent residents Robert and Kate Castle Rhodes.

According to Lakewood historian Margaret Manor Butler, the Rhodes home, known as "the Hickories," was "a rendezvous of a celebrated company where gathered on many occasions all the members of the Rhodes and Hanna families and close friends, among them the McKinleys and the Garfields."

Robert Rhodes' family consisted of a brother and two sisters. His brother, James Ford Rhodes won the Pulitzer Prize for Literature in 1920. A Cleveland High School is named in his honor. One of Rhodes' sisters married Marcus A. Hanna, who joined the family mining business which eventually took his name and became M.A. Hanna Mining Co. of today. In addition to his duties with the family international mining and shipping business, Mark Hanna was also deeply involved in Republican politics.

Hanna, a high school classmate of John D. Rockefeller, was appointed to the U.S. Senate in 1897 and was known as "the kingmaker" and the man behind the political ascending of fellow Ohioan President William McKinley.

McKinley, like many others, originally supported a Central American canal through Nicaragua rather than through Panama. But Hanna, with the assistance of fellow Clevelander, Secretary of State John Hay, convinced

President McKinley the Panama route was superior.

John M. Hay had a long and distinguished career as a public official and as a journalist. As a young man, Hay's political involvement began in 1860 as one of two staff members hired onto the presidential campaign of Abraham Lincoln. President-elect Lincoln then hired Hay and fellow staff member, John Nicolay, as live-in White House aides, positions held by both men for the entire five years of the Lincoln presidency. Later Nicolay and Hay would write the definitive ten volume biography of Lincoln's life, "Abraham Lincoln, a History."

Following Lincoln's assassination in 1865, Hay served the U.S. government in several overseas diplomatic positions. During his European tenure Hay, who is described by the Lincoln institute as "cheerful and convivial, cosmopolitan and debonair" met Clevelander Clara Stone, daughter of wealthy industrialist Amasa Stone. The two wed in Cleveland on Feb. 4, 1874.

According to the recent Hay biography, "All the Great Prizes" by John Taliferriano, Hay then went on to serve as Editor-in-Chief of The New York Tribune and as a key political advisor to Ohio Presidents Rutherford B. Hayes, James A. Garfield and William McKinley, Jr.

Hay, a strong Panama canal advocate, moved easily among the rich and famous of the age. Hay's circle of friends included Mark Twain, Bret Harte, Henry James, Henry Adams, William Dean Howells, Whitelaw Reid and Robert Lincoln. He was a frequent and welcome visitor to the royal courts of Europe and was a favorite of Queen Victoria of England.

As McKinley's Secretary of State, Hay navigated the perilous international waters of the time including the Spanish-American War, the Boxer Rebellion in China, and the Japanese-Russian War. Among Hay's chief

achievements was the authorization and construction of the Panama Canal.

According to Hay's biographer Taliaferro, "a French company was the first to try building a canal in Panama for seven years from 1882-1889 before going broke."

Despite failure, the attempts by the French had caught the eye of many who recognized the value of a shortcut around the Americas. Among them was Mark Hanna. Taliaferro explains that Hanna "made a fortune in shipping before masterminding the ascendance of William McKinley, had recognized the virtues of Panama."

McKinley, originally non-committal regarding the canal, became a canal convert a short time after he ran into financial difficulties in 1893. At that time, following a series of bad loans, presidential hopeful McKinley was assisted by a group of interested businessmen assembled by Mark Hanna. Among those enlisted by Hanna to rescue McKinley from bankruptcy were John Hay's brother-in-law Samuel Mather and Hay himself.

According to Taliaferro, McKinley's debts "exceeded \$100,000, more than he (McKinley) could ever hope to reconcile. McKinley too would be obligated to declare bankruptcy. Moreover the embarrassing enormity of his gaffe would surely derail his campaign for re-election as (Ohio) governor in November and snuff any hope he had of running for president in 1896. That is unless...."

"Immediately a group of McKinley's most powerful supporters stepped in to make him whole again, led and cajoled by the governor's chief political booster, strategist and fund raiser, Mark Hanna. One of the people Hanna called upon in Cleveland was John Hay's brother-in-law, Samuel Mather. Mather promised \$5,000 to the fund and he wrote Hay, asking if he would help share the load. Hay needed no prompting. By the time he received Mather's request, he had already sent McKinley \$1,000 directly, unsolicited. He now volunteered to pay \$2,000 of Mather's commitment and mentioned that he might be good for more. Other big industrialists wound up giving as much or more than Hay---Henry Clay Frick \$2,000; George Pullman \$5,000; Philip Armour \$5,000-- but

Hay's checks were two of the first and his touch was more personal, a kindness that McKinley never forgot," writes Taliaferro.

With his financial problems resolved, McKinley went on to re-election as Ohio governor and with Hanna masterminding the 1896 election, and with help from Rockefeller, Carnegie and J.P. Morgan, as President in 1896.

By 1898 McKinley had joined Hanna and Hay as a Panama Canal supporter and according to Taliaferro "urged Congress to act without delay." Sen. Mark Hanna and Secretary of State John Hay lobbied in unison to convert skeptical legislators as to the potential of the canal. When the two had garnered sufficient votes, Sen. Mark Hanna sponsored the Senate amendment to create the canal.

Sen. Hanna, according to Taliaferro, "undertook the passage of the Spooner Amendment to the Senate canal bill (which allowed for the Panama route) as the hallmark of his political career."

After McKinley's assassination in 1901, Hay was retained as Secretary of State by new President Theodore Roosevelt. Hay negotiated the Hay-Banau-Varilla Treaty of 1903 which permitted United State control of the Canal Zone and allowed construction of the waterway to proceed.

Hanna died in 1904 before he could see the completion of his Panama Canal dream, but his Lakewood connections remained strong. In addition to his wife's family, his daughter, Mabel Hanna Parsons lived in Clifton Park for many years. Her home located near the present day Clifton Club, was demolished shortly after construction of the Clifton/Lake Rd. extension in 1964.

Where and when the conversations regarding the future canal took place, we will never know precisely. The wealthy and powerful of the day were very private and avoided publicity. Undoubtedly the discussions took place at numerous venues.

However, considering the interwoven relationships between and among the Hays, McKinleys, Hannas and Rhodes families and that they were frequent visitors to the Hickories, it is quite plausible to believe the canal was a topic of discussion and maybe even hatched here in Lakewood.

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# Lakewood Living

## Rite Aid Cleveland Marathon Coming To Lakewood

by Jennifer Kolasky

The 37th Annual Rite Aid Cleveland Marathon will be taking 20,000 runners on a “tour” of the best and brightest parts of the City on Sunday, May 18. And-- we are excited that Lakewood will be a part of this tradition. We encourage all residents, spectators, and family members to come out and cheer on the runners as they pass through Lakewood. Check out the course map and see where the “best spots” to watch are!

Also, please be aware that access to certain streets and driveways may be limited or shut down during the event. The event will affect traffic

from 6:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and there will be no parking on Lake Ave. from 5 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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The map above includes the portion that runs through Lakewood. Please visit [www.clevelandmarathon.com](http://www.clevelandmarathon.com) for a full course map.

## LEAF Presents Dehydration With Maggie's Farm

by Heather Ramsey

Join the Lakewood Earth & Food (LEAF) Community on Wednesday, May 28th at 7 p.m. in the basement kitchen of Trinity Lutheran Church (16400 Detroit Avenue) for a workshop on dehydration with Diane from Maggie's Farm. Diane will discuss reasons to dehydrate food, what to dehydrate, how to store dehydrated items, and how to have fun with dehydration, including making nutritious fruit rolls. The workshop will include a hands-on segment.

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As always, this LEAF educational event is free and open to the public.



## 13th Annual Lakewood Hospital Ambulance Chase

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The Children's Chase (ages 8 and under) includes a ¾ mile course around Lakewood Park. There is no fee to participate, but pre-registration is required and all participants receive a medal.

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dollars raised are invested into programs, services and equipment that enhance the patient experience at Lakewood Hospital.

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We hope to see you there!

## Coffee With The Subconscious... Subconscious Resolve...

by Betty Rozakis

Life's about relationships... the resolved and unresolved.

The summer of 1985 I attended four weddings. Only one marriage lasted more than a few years. The atmosphere of the other three weddings didn't feel right. Close friends and family felt it too. Their worried faces struggled to find joy for the newly married couples. Why did these three couples decide to marry when it was obvious they lacked a subconscious connection? Was it something they thought they should do?

I recently met up with an old friend. Was it a coincidence that we both chose to live our adult lives in Lakewood? Every so often we noticed each other walking around the neighborhood, but never formally got together until recently. Growing up I remember feeling comfortable around Sarah. She felt the same way about me. Sarah had something on her mind... she wanted to talk. She had read my Coffee with the Subconscious Column in the Lakewood Observer, but wasn't sure about the process.

Sarah panicked at the thought of expressing her thoughts in a hand-

writing sample... 'What do I write?' "Write about anything," I said. She tensed. "Write a letter to someone you feel comfortable with." Sarah relaxed. "Remember to sign your name. Then... on the back of this 8 1/2 x 11 unlined sheet of paper draw a tree." Sarah asked whether she could use pencils...crayons... I told her to begin by choosing her favorite pen to do her handwriting sample. She didn't have a favorite... she would pick whatever.

The first Subconscious Connection Study submission arrived in the mail. I didn't recognize the name. It was a referral from a psychologist friend. Samantha's handwriting depicts an elegant warm personality, but she closes her self off from relating to others. Samantha sees herself as unworthy. An unresolved relationship still lingers in her subconscious that happened over twenty years ago. Gotta take a look at the handwriting of those early relationships that continue to affect Samantha's subconscious. She's searching through old boxes to find samples of her early handwriting along with the others.

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