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Jeff Patterson, Superintendent Of The Year

by Christine Gordillo

Lakewood City Schools Superintendent Jeffrey W. Patterson has been selected as the 2015 Ohio Superintendent of the Year by the Buckeye Association of School Administrators for his leadership of the 5,500-student district.

"I am honored and humbled. This award speaks volumes about the accomplishments of our students, the quality of our staff and the commitment from the Lakewood community and our Board of Education," Patterson said.

Patterson became Superintendent in 2011 after serving five years as Lakewood's Assistant Superintendent. Prior to coming to Lakewood, he served as Superintendent of the Orrville City School District for six years.

Patterson has provided effective leadership as the district passed both a bond and an operating levy in the same year with overwhelming support; increased student achievement, particularly for the district's most at-risk students; landed in the top 2% of pub-



Jeffrey W. Patterson, Ohio Superintendent of the Year 2015

lic school districts for yearly academic growth; and oversaw negotiations with the district's professional unions that have helped put the district on strong financial footing.

Patterson has continued the Lakewood Schools' legacy of engaging the community in major decisions that affect the district. He has earned a reputation of being forthright and transparent through his many community meetings. He is a member of the Lakewood community and is involved in a number of commu-

nity organizations including the economic development group LakewoodAlive, the Lakewood Council of PTAs and Lakewood Rangers Education Foundation.

Patterson's outreach to the community was crucial in the passage of a bond issue in 2013 that has allowed the district to move forward with its final phase of its Master Facilities Plan, which will include building three new elementary schools and completing a rebuild of the eastern half of Lakewood High School.

Lakewood Board of Education President Linda Beebe, who nominated Patterson, said of the Superintendent: "Mr. Patterson has orchestrated a well-organized effort to raise academic standards; he has committed to preserving Lakewood's reputation for excellence, educational innovation, and high-quality, widely diverse curriculum, especially in arts and music. He has also led the effort to incorporate technology and the Common Core standards in the district and inspires

staff to believe that they and their students can successfully make this transition. The Lakewood Board of Education celebrates and welcomes this great recognition of an exceptional leader."

On selecting Patterson for the award, BASA Executive Director Kirk Hamilton said: "Jeff Patterson is an exceptional school superintendent and leader. His selection as Ohio's 2015 Superintendent of the Year reflects not only his success as a leader, but also all of the wonderful things that have been achieved in the Lakewood City Schools."

"It takes a community, but it also takes an effective leader and Jeff Patterson is that leader," Hamilton continued. "He has spent a career making a difference for students without ever seeking recognition for himself. It is fitting that his work, along with the work of the Lakewood community, is spotlighted with this award."

With the state award, Patterson is now eligible for National Superintendent of the Year. This award will be decided at the AASA School Superintendents Association national conference in February.

Mayor Summers Shares Concerns Over Train Traffic

by Colin McEwen

Mayor Michael Summers has reached out to the Ohio Rail Development Commission, Norfolk Southern and neighboring communities to voice his concerns about the railroad's plan to triple train traffic through Lakewood and other Westshore communities.

Residents should expect a rise in rail traffic soon, and some may have already noticed an increase. Norfolk Southern has informed Lakewood that "increased rail traffic and congestion" will result in four more trains coming through Lakewood each day.

Three Westshore communities — Lakewood, Rocky River and Bay Village — reached an agreement with

Norfolk Southern in 1998 to cap train traffic at no more than an average of 14 daily.

Mayor Summers is urging the railroad, as well as state and federal governments, to help implement "quiet zones," created when double gates are placed on each side of certain crossings to prevent someone from driving around the gate. The gates can also eliminate the federal requirement for train operators to sound the trains' horns.

With the city's 26.5 railroad crossings, it would cost approximately \$13 million to install quiet zones. "It may be time to figure out how to implement that," Summers

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Lakewood Public Library Receives Top Honor

by Ben Burdick

The Lakewood Public Library has once again been ranked among the best libraries in the nation with a perfect five-star rating from Library Journal. Congratulations are due to the people of Lakewood who have made the Library the center of their community by erecting beautiful facilities, participating in its public forums, attending free classes and entertainments, engaging in early literacy programs, reading scores of books, listening to thousands of songs, watching countless films and making good use of its public computers, wi-fi and online resources. The staff of the Library thank the people of Lakewood for their continued support.

Library Journal's annual index is based on four key statistics, expressed in terms of population: library visits, circulation of materials,



Members of the Cleveland Orchestra perform in front of the 5 Star Library's main building last spring.

use of public computers and attendance of programs. The Library excelled in all four areas and was then compared to other public libraries with a similar annual budget. Qualities that were not counted towards Lakewood's top honor include its exceptionally low costs for circulating each item (among the lowest in the

county), its extended hours of operation (the highest in the state), the wealth of its collections (which reflects not only the tastes, but the ambitions of its dynamic community), the loving care that goes into its efforts to welcome children to the world of ideas, and the

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Firefighters Raise Funds To Help Cancer Patients



Lakewood Firefighters raised \$7,200 selling t-shirts for the Josette Beddell Foundation. From left to right, Ryan Birth, Mary Beddell, Mike Tripodi, Christian Flores, and Seth Andregg. Good work Lakewood Firefighters.

LO Calendar

Wednesday, Nov. 12
Foster Care/Adoption Community Information Sessions
 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Interested in learning more about becoming a foster or adoptive parent? Check out one of our Community Information Sessions! There will be a session held 11/12 at the City of Lakewood

Division of Youth office, from 6:00pm until 7:30pm. Staff from the Lakewood Collaborative Family to Family program will be on-site to answer questions, provide support and guidance, and offer materials related to becoming a foster or adoptive parent. Please call 216-529-6108 for more information.

The Lakewood Collaborative Family to Family program is part of the City of Lakewood's Department of Human Services Division of Youth office. We work in partnership with Cuyahoga County Division of Children and Family Services to recruit foster and adoptive families for children in need of stable, safe, and loving homes.

Location: City of Lakewood, Division of Youth office, 12900 Madison Avenue, Lakewood, OH 44107

Saturday, November 15
Community Appreciation Day Canned Food Drive

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

We would like to thank you and the community for your support by extending an invitation to our office for our Food Drive and Community Appreciation Day. This will be a day where all of our Quality Service is offered at no charge. What you will receive for No charge: Initial Examination & X-rays (if necessary) for all New Patients. Chiropractic Adjustment Scoliosis & Spinal Screening

All that we ask from you is a contribution of non-perishable food items which will be donated to St. Coleman's Food Room: Peanut Butter & Jelly Canned Soup Canned Meals Cereal

Location: Gentner Chiropractic & Wellness, 13708 Madison Ave, Lakewood, OH 44107

Barton Center Holiday Fair

9:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Christmas items and crafts will be featured along with food and entertainment. Live music will be provided by the Frank Cardone Duo. A Raffle will include a doll house and lottery ticket Christmas tree. The Snack Bar will serve pulled pork sandwiches and hot dogs. A Bake Sale will carry delicious homemade bakery and deserts.

Proceeds will fund the many activities and classes offered by the nonprofit Barton Center.

Location: Barton Center is located on the Ground Floor of Westerly Apartments at 14300 Detroit Avenue. Phone 216-221-3400

Thursday, Nov. 20
An Evening with Artist David Deming

5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Internationally renowned sculptor David Deming is opening up his gallery and studio to the public. Doors open at 5:30 pm. A gallery talk with David begins at 6 pm.

Tickets for this rare opportunity are \$25 each. Refreshments will be served. All proceeds benefit the Lakewood City Schools and the Lakewood Rangers Education Foundation.

Location: Lake Erie Building at Templar Industrial Park, 13000 Athens Avenue, Lakewood

Saturday, Nov. 22
Red Cross Blood Drive

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

It's almost Thanksgiving! Thank God you're alive, and help 3 other people thank God for being alive! Please come and donate 1 pint of blood. A light snack will be available to donors, in addition to the Red Cross canteen. You can schedule an appointment on line at redcrossblood.org, or call 1-800-RED-CROSS. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Location: Lakewood Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 1382 Arthur Avenue (behind Taco Bell), Lakewood, Ohio 44107

Yappy Hour at West Park Station

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Lakewood Dog Park Yappy Hour! All you can eat, pizza and wings. All you can drink, beer, wine and pop. The band "Fed Up" will be performing. Tickets are \$20.00 in advance and \$25.00 per person at the door. Join the fun and support the Lakewood Dog Park!

Location: West Park Station, 17015 Lorain Ave. Cleveland, OH 44111

Sunday, November 23
A Journey with Cara to the Land of the Sweets

1:00 PM

The classic story of "The Nutcracker" comes to life for young children (ideal ages 4-8) as they journey to the Land of the Sweets. Students listen to the story, watch portions unfold in dance, then learn simple movements and dance steps from the characters. Session includes photos with their favorite characters. Space is limited. \$15 per student

Location: Beck Center's Music & Dance Building, behind the main building at 17801 Detroit Avenue

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Using Ted Nagel's story in the last edition of the Lakewood Observer, "City of..." we go out and count the signs on Clifton and compare them with other cities and streets. See, "Sold To Lakewood By Our Leaders As A Good Thing, Really?"

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City News

Council Clashes Over Hens

by Christopher Bindel

Council President, and Ward IV Councilwoman, Mary Louise Madigan called the November 3, 2014 Council meeting to order at 7:32 P.M. For a civic meeting that tends to have little to no audience, the City Hall Auditorium was quite full of people. The topic of interest that brought them all there and was sure to be the main topic of the meeting? Chickens.

The meeting started off simply enough with a report from the Committee of the Whole presented by Councilwoman Madigan. Three topics were discussed in the meeting. First an update from the Planning and Development Department was presented by Director Dru Siley. The second item was discussion on the report from the Civil Service Commission that was received over the summer regarding mayoral and council salaries - a topic that was discussed in great length in the August 21 issue of this column. Based on the recommendation by the Commission, Councilwoman Madigan submitted a draft ordinance that would increase Council's salary for consideration. The last item discussed was the proposed third amended charter. All members of Council had reviewed the document and they discussed the next steps. There will be a number of ordinances coming forth from the process and lots of public education that will take place before it is placed on the ballot in November of 2015.

Council filed the report.

The next topic on the agenda was the reason everyone was there. Councilman David Anderson (Ward I) delivered a report from the Housing Committee on a resolution that would create a pilot program for domestic hen-keeping in Lakewood. He began his report by summarizing the process. The Housing Committee met four times to discuss this topic. All members of the Committee attended all the meetings and all the members of Council attended most of them. Several members of the community attended the meetings and offered their thoughts on the topic in both verbal and written statements, all of which

have all been placed into the public record.

Councilman Anderson said that after much deliberation and serious consideration the Housing Committee unanimously recommended that Council pass the resolution approving the 18-month pilot program. However, he also did something he said he had never seen done in his time on Council. Councilman Anderson included in his report a list of caveats for the administration to consider when administering the pilot program. There were about 30 points split into three main topics: criteria for participant selection, criteria for evaluation, and a report-out of participants and community group inspections. Some of the points included having participants receive approval from the Hens in Lakewood group, making sure their house is rated a 2 or above by the City, having all taxes and fees paid with both the City and the County, the orientation of the coop placement in relation to neighbors, spreading participants throughout the city, performing regular inspections by the Hens in Lakewood group, and that all participants submit a report at the end of the program with their thoughts on the program.

Council filed Councilman Anderson's report and then Councilman Tom Bullock (At-Large) made a motion to substitute the version of the resolution they created in the Housing Committee, with all changes, for the original.

Before acting on the motion Council provided the chance for members of the audience to make statements and let Council know what they thought of the pilot program. Over an hour and 10 minutes, 22 residents gave their opinions. There was an even split of 11 in support and 11 against the pilot program.

For full details of the public comments made at Council, check out the LO online.

After the members of the public were done speaking, each member

of Council was given time to explain their view points. First was Councilman Anderson.

Councilman Anderson said he only had a couple points he wanted to make. First, he wanted to make it clear that there was a stipulation stating that the coop had to be a minimum of 20 feet from the main structure on the property. This alone would eliminate several properties. Next, he said any time someone said the word coop he kept thinking "dog house." There are no restrictions as to where someone can put a dog house on a property, and, he said in jest, he has a few neighbors that if they were to replace their dog house with a coop with a couple hens, he would be thrilled. He ended by saying that this would be a change for Lakewood, but he doesn't think it is a change that Lakewood and its residents can't handle. He believes they created a good resolution and it will help the program work.

Next, Councilman Bullock started off by saying despite what some might think this topic has been around for quite a while, which has allowed the proponents of it to do their homework. They started discussing the idea about five years ago and the ordinance that is currently being considered was put together over six months ago. He says he has personally visited several urban hen sites, looked at a lot of coops, and done a lot of reading on the topic.

In regards to property values, he said it is hard for anyone to tell if hens will cause them to go up or down, just as it is hard to say if someone who owns a dog or a bunch of cats will cause a change in value.

Councilman Bullock went on to list some of the standards used to help make this successful and tolerable for everyone. He started by mentioning that the permit for hen keepers is revocable, and depending on the seriousness of the violation can be revoked for a first time offense. Other restrictions include no roosters, a fence requirement to shield from neighbors, quality and humane space for the hens, no outstanding housing citations, and training for all owners.

He highlighted the importance of the pilot program to first see if it can work in Lakewood and second to gather further information on how the program can be improved for both participants and community members.

Councilman Sam O'Leary (Ward II) began his statement by saying when the topic of hens in Lakewood was first brought to his attention a few years ago he didn't believe it was a well thought out idea. However, he said he now has the exact opposite position. He thinks the pilot program is a well thought out, reasoned, and rational approach to the issue. He echoed the sentiments made by his Council colleagues and many of those in the audience in favor of the program. He believes that they have reached the point where they have learned as much as they can from just research

and now have to move into a practical experiment to see if the idea will work in our community or not - that is what the pilot program is for he explained.

Councilwoman Cindy Marx (At-Large) began by saying to all the people who felt blindsided by the topic that they should really check the Council and committee meeting agendas, which are posted on the website, to keep up to date on what is being considered in the City. She said she also does not take her decision on this topic lightly. She has been considering it for a few years now and has spoken to many people in Lakewood. She said the people who support it are not just the small group who organized it, but there are people across the community. The majority of the issues she heard when discussing the topic with people were about people not keeping up their property. She pointed out that people who are already breaking Lakewood codes and ordinances are being handled in the appropriate way in the resolution. These are not people who would have hens, as all violations need to be corrected before one can participate. In terms of the property values, she cited that values in Tremont and Ohio City have gone up in recent years even though they started allowing backyard hens. She also reiterated that the bacteria issue can be handled by regular hand washing. In addition, the County Board of Health has reported that cases of salmonella have actually gone down in recent years in communities that allow hens.

Upon the completion of Councilwoman Marx's remarks, Councilman Shawn Juris (Ward III) made a motion to refer the substituted resolution to the Committee of Health and Human services.* This is the Committee Councilwomen Madigan and Councilman Juris originally tried to get the topic moved to when it was first introduced, but they were overridden by their fellow Council members. Councilman Bullock tried to object because there was a motion to substitute already on the floor, but it was confirmed by Law Director Kevin Butler to be a proper motion.

Councilman Juris began his statement with an allegory of a man stating it is his right in a free country to swing his arms about, but it is pointed out to the man that in a civil society his right to swing his arms ends when his arms collide with another person. Juris used this to illustrate his point that a 20 foot set back from a neighbor's house and a three foot setback from the property line is not enough space to prevent the neighbor from being hit by the smell, the noise, and other possible issues that could permeate from a coop. He continued to say that he does not agree that the resolution is well crafted, citing that it conflicts with at least seven chapters of the Codified Ordinances. He says that there are an estimated 25,000 cities in the country and that it is not a good idea to try and do something just because

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City News

City Selects Developer For McKinley School Site

by Colin McEwen

The city of Lakewood has chosen Liberty Development Company of Cleveland to build an expected 40 town home units at the site of the former McKinley Elementary School in one of the city's largest land redevelopment projects of the year.

The selection comes after a comprehensive search during the request for qualifications process announced in June.

The proposed for-sale housing units will be designed for energy efficiency and will include elements such as first-floor bedrooms, bathrooms and attached garages.

"This exciting news means that Lakewood will continue to further strengthen our already diverse housing stock," said Lakewood Mayor Michael Summers, who attended elementary school at McKinley.

The project is expected to be completed in the Fall 2017 and be valued at more than \$10 million.

"This is the second major new residential development in Lakewood in recent history and a nice complement to the \$90 million in private commercial investments



The McKinley School site plan selected by the City of Lakewood.

during the past five years," Summers said.

Liberty Development President Tom Kuluris, a resident of the neighborhood and also a former

McKinley student, said he is looking forward to working with the mayor and the administration.

"We believe McKinley Place is the exact type of new residential

community Lakewood needs with a combination of first-floor living and townhouse-style homes," Kuluris said. "It will be a great place to live for both empty nesters and for young professionals who flock to Lakewood looking for convenient, high-quality housing."

The 2.9-acre site was cleared over the summer to make way for development after the city purchased the property from the Lakewood Board of Education back in October 2013.

"With the proposed first-floor amenities, this development will encourage older residents to stay in town," said Linda Beebe, president of the Lakewood School Board. "It will certainly benefit the school district in the form of a new tax base and I think it will also be a great addition to the neighborhood."

City council will have final approval on the sale of the property to Liberty Development. The project also still needs approval from the city's planning commission and architectural board of review.

Liberty Development hopes to break ground on McKinley Place in the summer of 2015.

A public meeting to present the design concepts recently occurred at Horace Mann Elementary School on Tuesday, November 11.

Lakewood Wins Community Health Challenge

by Colin McEwen

Cuyahoga County recently named Lakewood as the overall winner of the inaugural Community Health Challenge.

The city scored the highest overall point total amongst participating communities. A total of 9 communities participated in the Community Health Challenge, in addition to taking advantage of resources provided by challenge partners.

"The community of Lakewood has taken on the challenge of getting off the couch, start moving, and improving our eating habits," said Lakewood Mayor Michael Summers. "Our unique city design of 180 miles of sidewalks with plenty of interesting and convenient destinations takes away any excuses

we my conjure up."

The Community Health Challenge is a countywide competition to drive improvements to health and well being across Cuyahoga County, which ranked 65th out of Ohio's 88 counties in the 2014 County Health Rankings.

"We are excited that communities are valuing the importance of health and wellness and have taken advantage of the Community Health Challenge and the resources that it provides," said Ed FitzGerald, a Lakewood resident and County Executive. "The participation from the communities is essential as they can now educate their municipal employees and residents to ensure that we continue to grow together as a healthy region."

In addition to the overall winner for the challenge, Lakewood won in the category of active living, and tied with Cleveland for the healthy eating category. Awards are also being presented to Euclid for the highest points in the tobacco-free and most-improved categories.

Each of the participating municipalities had the opportunity to answer questions on a Challenge Checklist that indicated whether they have implemented various policies, guidelines, or activities in their municipal workplace or local community. Communities also had the opportunity to improve their scores by working with the county on implementing new health and wellness policies.

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Lakewood Public Library

compiled by **Leana Donofrio-Milovan**

Thursday, November 13

Meet the Author: "WildFlowers: A Memoir Of An Inner City High School Teacher" by Judy Fitch

Judy Fitch spent thirty storied years as a teacher in the Cleveland Public School System and at the Cuyahoga Juvenile Detention Center. Over the years, as she shared her experiences with friends, family and colleagues, people have been urging her to write a book. Now enjoying a well-deserved retirement, she has finally found the time to do just that. Her memoir does double-duty, exploring issues pertinent to at risk students in inner-city schools and serving as a survival manual for teachers who find themselves facing the same struggles she faced. Through vignettes devoted to individual students who crossed her path over the years, what is revealed is a mutual search for hope in sometimes hopeless situations. "As a senior high school teacher, I fell in love with my students every single year. These wildflowers were born into this world just as sweet and innocent as every other child. Their surroundings dictated and directed their futures. For years, I went to bed worrying about them and I awoke wondering what would happen each and every day to my wildflowers. They loved me because I loved them. If reading my book helps just one teacher to make a difference in one wildflower's life, my promise to my father to write this book will have made it all worthwhile." Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

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

Saturday, November 15

Lakewood Public Cinema: "Lifeboat" (1944)

Directed by Alfred Hitchcock

After an Allied ship and a German U-boat sink each other in the North Atlantic, a hodge-podge of Brits, Americans and one German find themselves adrift in a lifeboat. The passengers begin their experience in a cooperative mood, hoping they will soon be rescued—even Tallulah Bankhead. As time goes by, however, differences in race, nationality and class begin to break down their fragile social system. If this sounds like a Steinbeck

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Lakewood Public Library is seeking an energetic, organized individual to perform maintenance routines including dusting; floor care; collecting trash; cleaning restrooms; shoveling snow; basic electrical and plumbing; must be able to lift 75 lbs. Valid Ohio driver's license required. Evening and weekend work. 40 hours per week. Salary is \$12.00 per hour. Application deadline is Friday, November 28, 2014. Qualified and interested applicants may call Jody Wilkerson at (216)226-8275 ext. 104 to arrange for an application.

LPL Children/Youth Events

compiled by **Eric Knapp**

Saturday, November 15

The Mad Mountain Juggler

For the whole family

Bring the whole family for this funny interactive juggling showcase.

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

Thursday November 16

Duct Tape Craft

For students in sixth through twelfth grade

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

Family Weekend Wonders

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Main Library Activity Room and Madison Branch Auditorium

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

Madison Branch Children's and Youth Services

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

story, it's because it is. The American literary giant was nominated for an Academy Award, making him one of only a handful of Nobel laureates to have also been in the running for an Oscar. Professor Terry Meehan continues his series Hitchcock Goes to War, 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, November 16

Sunday with the Friends: ELEGANCE

Soprano Kathleen Bosl is the organizing force behind this outstanding local ensemble, performing classical repertoire by the composers Bizet, Delibes, Faure, Mozart, Copland, Vaughan Williams and Giulio Benedict. Bosl will be accompanied by pianist, Rosalima Valdez Pham on most of the afternoon's selections, and flautist, Rachel Kim will join her on four select pieces. As professionally trained musicians, their influences are, "first and foremost correct, classical technique such as is taught in music conservatories to those desiring to perform the highest grade of music."

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

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Tuesday, November 18

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

November 18, January 27 and February 17

Knit and Lit Book Club: "A Walk in the Woods: R

ediscovering America on the Appalachian Trail" by Bill Bryson

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

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

Wednesday, November 19

Lakewood Historical Society: The Museum of Divine Statues

Restoration artist Lou McClung's passion for creating a reflective and reverential place for the display of historic ecclesiastical statues led to the opening of a very special museum in the former home of St. Hedwig's Church. His mission to rescue and restore religious statues, many of which come from parishes recently decommissioned by the Cleveland Catholic Diocese, will help preserve the legacy of those churches, as well as traditional Catholic art. Come and learn about his restoration process as he guides you through it step by step and tour the museum at your leisure after the show.

7:00 p.m. at the Museum of Divine Statues 12905 Madison Ave. Lakewood

Thursday, November 20

Booked for Murder: Southern Style Noir: "Ghosts of Havana"

by Mike Dennis

This season, the intrepid investigators of this book club will switch back and forth between noir murder mysteries and southern intrigue. But which one is which? For full book descriptions, visit www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/bookclubs.

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

Saturday, November 22

Lakewood Public Cinema: "Pumpkin" (2002)

Directed by Anthony Abrams

Pumpkin is a dark, quirky comedy in the disguise of a sunny day, but viewers are warned that what one assumes to be offensive material may turn out perfectly sweetly in the end. A perky blonde Christina Ricci and her Alpha Omega Pi sisters plan to win Sorority of the Year with a killer charity—coaching mentally challenged athletes. Glorious Ricci is less than enthused, but agrees that it is the perfect manipulative stunt. She's frankly terrified when she first meets Pumpkin, but soon finds herself deeply touched by his honest clarity and gentle humanity. To the horror of her friends and Pumpkin's protective mother, they fall in love. Ricci abandons her perfect life and becomes an outcast. But they'll live happily ever after, right? This brave film raises questions that none of us can answer and puts a confused smile on our faces.

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

Sunday, November 23

Hands-On Help with eReaders

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November 27

Holiday: Thanksgiving –Closed all Day

Saturday, November 29

Lakewood Public Cinema: "A River Runs Through It" (1992)

Directed by Robert Redford

Here's a movie for fathers and sons and the women who love them. In this true story, based on the memoir by Norman Maclean, two brothers grow up in the majesty of the Montana wilderness under the stern watchful eye of their minister father, played by Tom Skerritt. While Norman, played by Craig Sheffer, learns to channel his natural rebellion into writing and a career as a newspaperman, Brad Pitt's Paul is an irresistible daredevil that no one can say no to—whose appetites tend to lead him down a slippery path of self-destruction. The one thing that all three men have in common is a committed love of fly-fishing. No matter what conflicts may arise between them, once they wade into the river, they find peace and calm and that all-important sense of belonging. Director Robert Redford paints an inspiring portrait of the strength of the American family—even as he reminds us that its strengths are not limitless. Bring your dad.

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

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Teaching Wildflowers

by Genevieve Jaskulski

If you have ever found yourself contemplating the effects of our education system on today's upcoming generation, and furthermore considered the role that empathy and compassion play in our school systems and those that run them, don't miss the libraries next meet the author program. Thursday, November 13 at 7 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium Author Judy Fitch will be presenting our program featuring her celebrated book, "WildFlowers: a memoir of an inner city high school teacher."

In her book Wildflowers, Judy Fitch delivers a rare memoir of hope and empathy in the most captivating way. The words she has put down on each page come to life and make her readers understand the very real hardships not only of those struggling in an inner city, but also the undertaking of a teacher learning the ropes and doing so under circumstances that were often less than ideal and sometimes frightening.

It is clear even at a cursory glance at "Wildflowers" that often a true understanding was formed between Fitch and her students, the book is full of stories

that bring a smile to your face, and some that evoke much deeper thoughts on the way education is structured, capturing the imperative role each teacher plays in a student's life. In particular, her chapters involving time spent working in youth correctional centers open your eyes to certain aspects of life many of us have never experienced. Her writing enables the average person to take into account the many troubled young people residing within the walls of inner city schools while allowing a fresh perspective. A perspective presented to you by someone with undoubtedly transcendental compassion.

Come and experience this truly selfless woman, speak about her time among these precarious classrooms, and should you like to pick up one of her enlightening books, look no farther than our circulation desk, one of our ever friendly librarians would love to assist you in borrowing a copy. No one is ever too old to understand the uncertainty and excitement of youth and this book is definitely a medium for both aspects, as it explores our wildflowers' culture. Any further questions on programs, please visit our website, at www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org.

Sticking Together

by Nicka Petruccio

Hey teens! Do you find yourself gazing longingly at the many unique prints and patterns of duct tape on display at every store you walk into, wondering how you can work some of that delightful sticky stuff into your life?

Well, consider your sleepless nights over: duct tape Crafting has come to Lakewood Public Library.

Young people in grades 6 through

12 can join us on Sunday, November 16th at 6:30 p.m. for a simple duct tape crafting session where we'll look at materials and techniques, some cool duct tape projects others have done, then we'll jump in feet first and make our own cool duct tape craft to take home.

All materials provided, but space is limited so sign up today by calling 216-226-8275 ext. 140 or logging on to www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.com.

Rare Behind-The-Scenes Look At The Museum Of Divine Statues

by Elaine Rosenberger

What happens to statues and other religious artifacts when a church closes its doors? Luckily, many formerly unwanted statues have found a new home with Lou McClung at the Museum of Divine Statues, located at 12905 Madison Avenue. On Wednesday, November 19 at 7 p.m., Lou McClung offers a rare look behind the scenes at the Museum as he gives a step-by-step tour of the restoration process.

A professional make-up artist, cosmetics manufacturer, and owner of the cosmetics company Lusso, McClung discovered his first statue, St. Clare of Assisi, in an antiques store in 2009. What began as a hobby became a calling as McClung bought and restored over sixty statues including St. Stephen, St. Anthony of Padua, and St. Thérèse of Lisieux. In addition to the statues, McClung has also salvaged stained glass windows, relics, architectural features, and other sacred objects. Now each statue, beautifully and meticulously restored, stands in



its own pool of light. The museum also includes a meditation garden.

Located in the former St. Hedwig's Church, the Museum of Divine Statues is generally open to the public on Sunday afternoons and other times by appointment.

Sponsored by the Lakewood Historical Society and the Lakewood Public Library, McClung's talk offers the rare opportunity to view the restoration process up close. McClung's presentation will take place on Wednesday, November 19 at 7 p.m. at the Museum of Divine Statues, 12905 Madison Avenue. You can tour the museum at your leisure following McClung's talk.

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Lakewood Schools

Ask Roxann Ramsey

by Roxann Ramsey,
Assistant Superintendent
Lakewood City Schools

LO: Here is something that has been a hot topic amongst us Lakewood parents since it hit Facebook about two months ago. <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/answer-sheet/wp/2012/11/26/homework-an-unnecessary-evil-surprising-findings-from-new-research/>.

The reason I bring it up now is that the amount of homework that EVERY grade level has is so much that it adds on average, two more hours to their day, making anything else-- music lessons, sports, time with family, having any kind of life outside schoolwork and sleeping, difficult. (And here I am paraphrasing a discussion with three 6th grade girls.)

I'm sure parents call you about this all of the time. Has the District read this report from the Washington Post? Is there a District policy on homework? Are they aware that there is no correlation between homework and good grades? Do they know what kind of stress they are putting on kids and families? Do they know that homework has increased a lot since the introduction of the CORE?

Roxann Replies: In this day and age, everyone has an opinion about how to improve education in our country so that we, as a nation, are more competitive within the global community. There are contrarian authors and researchers who are now questioning the benefits of homework. This month, I wanted to take some time to weigh in on the topic and share not only my views, but also the views of our Lakewood City Schools Department of Teaching and Learning.

First of all, in Lakewood City Schools, we discourage busy work, drill and kill, and superficial activities that aren't geared to take students to the higher levels of thinking. We encourage both classroom and homework activities that challenge students to analyze, synthesize, evaluate and create. We believe that if done properly, homework can have huge benefits for students. In fact, years ago, education guru Madeline Hunter actually authored books on guided practice within the classroom and independent practice outside the classroom. Hunter extolled the virtues of using homework as independent practice to reinforce new skills learned that day with the teacher providing guided practice within the classroom. Of course, these types of practices better prepare students to attend to and engage in the higher level thinking skills.

Beyond this, effective homework teaches high quality life skills while simultaneously helping students gain knowledge. Such life skills are intangibles beyond simply looking at correlations between test scores and



homework or grades and homework. They include time management, taking ownership, assuming responsibility and following through. Author and lifetime educator, Phil Schlechty, speaks of the benefits of challenging, rigorous and relevant schoolwork. Work that interests each individual student and is meaningful to him or her allows the person to pursue research-based papers, presentations and projects and want to persevere and follow through with them to completion beyond the normal six hour school day.

In Lakewood, we hope to strike a balance and have students involved in a reasonable amount of homework that combines these two philosophies of Hunter and Schlechty; sufficient practice to lay a foundation in awareness and application in preparation for the rigor of individualized projects involving analysis, synthesis, evaluation and innovation.

What is reasonable? On average, we strive for an increase of ten minutes per grade beginning with first grade. First grade, ten minutes, second grade twenty minutes and so on. All of this time is not necessarily work to be accomplished at home. Some work can be done independently at the end of class periods or in study halls.

I have my own children now and I understand the value of quality family time, as well as not wanting to create undue stress or pressures within the home. We also don't want to swing with the contrarian pendulum so far that we totally eliminate homework at a time when we in education are being asked to be more accountable and above all, to more adequately prepare our students to be productive members of society and competitive with others in the world community.

As with all aspects of our school operation, as the assistant superintendent of Lakewood City Schools, I welcome your thoughts as parents to accomplish the homework balance that we constantly strive to attain.

To send questions or responses to "Ask Roxann," go to www.lakewoodobserver.com, click on Member Center in the left-hand menu, sign up with your email, put "Ask Roxann" in the space for the title, hit continue, and type or cut and paste your questions and comments.

LHS Model UN Club Claims Top Awards

by Christine Gordillo

The Lakewood High Model United Nations Club did outstanding at the Cleveland Council on World Affairs Conference Fall Conference held October 30 & 31, finishing third out of 12 teams participating. Leading the way were seniors Charlotte Hisel and Laert Fezjullari who each won the Gavel — the highest possible award — in their respective committees.

Fezjullari and senior Devon Chodzin won a Superior Delegation

Award, while senior Renee Klann and the delegations including juniors Tess Marjanovic and Kate McHugh and junior Alex Figueroa and sophomore Evan Suttell won Excellent Awards. Sophomores Ian Bell and Zach Dudzik won Honorable Mention Awards, as did seniors Sean Weddell and Jamie Fesko.

Club adviser Dr. Chuck Greanoff commends all Model UN students who did research, practiced debate skills and represented Lakewood High School at the conference.

District Survey Seeks Input On School Calendar

by Christine Gordillo

During this school year, a Lakewood City Schools committee is studying the concept of a longer school day and/or a modified school calendar to provide opportunities to reach the goal of becoming one of the Top 20 school districts in

Ohio. The committee's charge is to gather input from all stakeholders in the community. Please take the following survey to help the committee focus its work and gauge reactions to a variety of calendar ideas: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7R56SCS>.

Pink Out Pay Out



Lakewood High Student Council recently presented the Favre Family a check for \$2,000 made out to the Bright Pink Foundation in Chicago, where the Favres' daughter Stephany is battling breast cancer. Pictured are Gladys Favre, Leslie Favre Krogman (in pink shirts) and Leslie's son James. They are joined by Student Council officers (from left) Caroline Jarrous, Elliot Jarrous, Tess Jones, Samia Shaheen and Abe Fattah.

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LEAF Grant To Help Emerson Students Dig Into Composting

by Christine Gordillo

Lakewood Earth and Food Community (LEAF) has awarded Emerson Elementary teacher Christine Karabinus a \$500 grant that will

allow Karabinus and her fourth grade classroom to learn about sustainable agriculture through composting. The grant will enable Karabinus to purchase a composting tumbler, a

worm composter, worms, trowels and other supplies needed for the year-long project.

Karabinus' students will learn about sustainable agriculture by creating and using compost as optimal fertilizer for plants in their school courtyard. Students will study the science of composting and evaluate the process through the data collected and will teach others what they have learned through presentations and writings.

Karabinus plans to have her students collect lunchroom waste to add to both the tumbler and the worm bin. Schoolyard waste will also be used. After creating soil through their composting, in spring the students will plant seeds in two

plots, one with our compost and one without.

Students will gather data; they will measure the amount of waste saved from landfill, the amount of free, rich soil made and the plant growth in the composted soil vs. plain soil. They will then use that data to display the benefits of composting.

"After this hands-on learning opportunity, the goal is for my students to spread the word about composting to the greater community," Karabinus said. "The kids will create learning documents and presentations of their findings for both the Emerson students and families at home. I'm excited to use this grant to demonstrate to the students how nature recycles!"

Final Tour Of 1917 LHS Building



by Missy Toms

The 1917 Lakewood High School Building will be open for one last tour and Open House on Saturday, December 6. Tours begin at 10am outside the L Room. The Open House will conclude at 3 p.m. The Ranger Shop will be open.

Pieces of the East Gym floor and Tryout Theatre seats will be for sale in the East Gym that day only. Multiple sizes of the floor range from \$10 to \$30. We also will be taking bids on the two "Lakewood" sections and the Rangerman at center court. Theatre seats are \$25 each. All proceeds from the sale will benefit enrichment programs for students in the Lakewood City Schools.

Bricks from the high school and Grant, Lincoln, and Roosevelt Elementary Schools will be available for purchase in the spring.

For more information, visit www.lakewoodrangers.org.

Since 1984, the Lakewood Rangers Education Foundation has distributed more than \$3 million in funding for classroom grants, student scholarships, and school initiatives. The Foundation is guided by its mission to provide resources to enrich the educational experiences of the Lakewood City Schools' 5,400+ students. To learn more about the Lakewood Rangers Education Foundation, visit www.lakewoodrangers.org or email foundation@lakewoodcityschools.org.

LHS' Dr. G. Authors Chapter In Book On Teaching

by Christine Gordillo

Lakewood High School Social Studies teacher Chuck Greanoff has written a chapter that is included in the recently published book, "Why We Teach Now." The book is edited by Sonia Nieto, published by Teachers College Press of Columbia University and features 22 teachers from across the nation that "dare to challenge current notions of what it means to be a highly qualified teacher a la No Child Left behind, and demonstrates the depth of commitment and care teachers bring to their work with students, families and communities."



Dr. Greanoff's chapter is entitled, "Teaching in Invisible Spaces." The book is available at www.tcpress.com.

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Sports

Fall Sports Participants Honored At Football Senior Night; Rangers Fall To Midview

by Mike Deneen

Senior members of Lakewood High School's fall sports teams were honored on October 24 at First Federal Lakewood Stadium in a ceremony held before the final home football game of the season. Seniors from the golf, soccer (boys and girls), volleyball, girls tennis, cross country (boys and girls), and football teams were introduced and took the field with family members. Senior cheerleaders and marching band members were also recognized for their years of commitment to the program.

The football game featured the Rangers versus the undefeated Midview Middies. The Middies, ranked in the top 10 by The Plain Dealer, had dominated six of their previous eight opponents. Midview entered the game as the top team in the West Shore Conference, and looked to complete a sweep of its conference schedule with a victory that night.

Midview took the opening kickoff and marched down the field. They covered 71 yards on seven plays, reaching the Ranger three

yard line. However, on the next play, Ranger Senior Andrew Lesko intercepted a Middie pass in the endzone, snuffing out the potential scoring drive. After an exchange of punts, Lakewood got the ball back at its own 4 yard line with 4:36 left in the scoreless first quarter. They managed to put together a 12 play drive that took the ball to midfield, but were forced to punt early in the second quarter.

Midview started its next drive at its own 30 yard line. They threw a series of short passes, moving the ball into Ranger territory. With 5:19 left in the second quarter, they broke the scoreless tie with a 19 yard touchdown pass to Dmitri Redwood. That made the score 7-0 Midview. The Rangers punted after a short drive, and Midview punched in another touchdown with less than two minutes remaining in the half. The Rangers trailed 14-0 at the intermission. However, considering the fact that Midview is a local juggernaut, the Rangers played a very solid first half, particularly on defense.

The Rangers received the

opening kickoff of the second half, which led to a critical play in the game. Faced with a 4th and 1 at their own 34 yard line, the Rangers decided to go for the first down rather than punt. Midview stopped the Rangers running play, and took possession on Lakewood's end of the field. They quickly scored their third touchdown of the game, creating a 21-0 lead. They dominated most of the remaining game, taking 34-0 lead late in the third quarter. The 30-point margin kicked in the new Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) "running clock" rule, which hastened the end of the game.

Senior running back Michael Johnston had the offensive highlight of the night for the Rangers, scoring a 12 yard touchdown early in the

fourth quarter. Johnston, who has been a workhorse back for the Rangers all season, finished the game with 55 yards rushing on ten carries. The Rangers had a strong night running the ball, with a total of over 200 yards. Junior Michael Goolsby had 86 yards on the night, and sophomore Quentin Palmer had 65 yards.

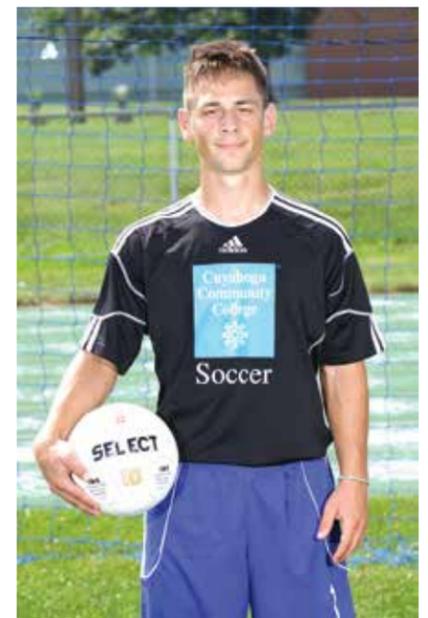
The Lakewood Rangers, who fell to 2-7 with the loss, have one final game left this season. They travel to North Ridgeville Friday night for a matchup with the "other" Rangers, who have a record of 4-5. It will be Lakewood's final football game in the West Shore Conference, of which it has been a member for three seasons. Next year Lakewood is moving to the Southwest Conference.

Lakewood High School Grad Honored For Soccer Play At Tri-C

by John Horton

Lakewood High School graduate, Andrei Plop earned second-team all-conference honors this fall while playing soccer for Cuyahoga Community College. The Ohio Community College Athletic Conference recently recognized Plop for his performance during his second season with Tri-C, where he played midfielder and defender while serving as team captain. Plop scored four goals and added two assists for the Challengers.

Pictured on the right: LHS graduate Andrei Plop, who played an outstanding season for Cuyahoga Community College, received statewide recognition for his skilled performance.



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Sports

LHS Basketball News

by Mike Deneen

Harding To Serve As Home Court For 2014-15 Season

Both of Lakewood's basketball programs will be displaced for the next two or three years by the renovations occurring at Lakewood High School. After months of deliberation, Harding

Middle School gym was chosen to be the home court for the Lakewood High School boys and girls basketball teams for the 2014-2015 season. "We weighed all our options and listened to all the people that had a vested interest in the program," says Athletic Director Sean Jackson. Harding was chosen over

Garfield Middle School due to parking concerns and the fact that Harding's gym configuration allows for more additional seating to be added.

Despite the additional seating, there are concerns that Harding's capacity will be insufficient for some games. Larger facilities, including the

St. Edward High School Gymnasium, were also considered. However, moving games outside of Lakewood School District facilities would mean the loss of concession revenue for the Athletic Boosters. These revenues are a large portion of the Boosters' income, and are key to funding numerous Lakewood High School sports. Jackson also thinks that Harding will offer a sense of normalcy for the students in both programs. "In short, the programs, students and the budgets of the Athletic Department and Boosters would be negatively impacted by playing all of our games at another site," says Jackson.

This year's boys basketball schedule, which includes numerous Tuesday night games, should help to alleviate the capacity issue. Tuesday games tend to draw smaller crowds than Friday games. In addition, the athletic department is taking steps to accommodate players' parents. The school is selling pre-sale adult tickets to the players' parents and opponents are being allotted 100 tickets for players' families.

Midnight Madness Event Scheduled For November 14

The Lakewood High School boys and girls basketball programs are each coming off conference championships last season. Both teams will kick off the 2014-2015 season with a "Midnight Madness" event on Friday, November 14 at 8pm at the Harding Middle School Gym. The event, which is free, is an opportunity to meet players and coaches of both teams.

Numerous activities are planned, including the presentation of last year's championships. There will also be a co-ed three point shooting contest, and comments from the head coaches. In addition, there will be a pair of scrimmages: one featuring the freshman boys vs. sophomores, the other with the freshman girls vs. sophomores. A 50/50 raffle will be held, where winners will have a chance to make a half court shot for the cash prize. A "special guest" might also stop by to fire up the teams and fans.

Lakewood Rangers 14-Under Softball Team Wins Tournament

by Randy Owens

The Lakewood Rangers Gold 14-under travel softball team recently won their Fall Tournament which was held at Independence Softball fields.

The Lakewood Rangers had an 8-0 record going into the tournament, beating out the Independence Gold Team, the Parma Blue Diamonds and last the North Royalton Bears to win the Championship.

Outstanding pitching by Emily Morabeto, a Saint Joseph Academy sophomore, along with a home run hit by Hailey Owens, a Lakewood High sophomore. Ryann Greenfield, catcher, was able to make 4 outs on Run Downs from 3rd plate to home.

"We had a bunch of great girls this year to be able to achieve this level of success." - Frank Zingale Head Coach for the Lakewood Rangers 14-U team



The victorious Lakewood Rangers 14-under softball team.

Council Clashes Over Hens

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a hand-full of them have done it. He said they should evaluate it for how it will work in Lakewood, not how it has worked elsewhere.

Councilman Juris' main points of concern for hen keeping were in regards to the health and safety of it. First and foremost, were his concerns over children and salmonella. He also commented that urban backyards may be contaminated with lead and that by allowing chickens to graze on that land, he believes this could cause eggs to be contaminated with lead. At the very least, he said, a soil test should be done; however, that stipu-

lation is not included.

To all the statements from Council members and the community saying that it is time to see if it can work, Councilman Juris said he is not comfortable using real people, and more importantly their neighbors, as guinea pigs to see if it can work. He is also afraid the enforcement of the program will be very difficult for the City to do properly.

Finishing his statement, Councilman Juris said that he would withdraw his motion to send the resolution to the Health and Human Services Committee for the time being.

Councilwoman Madigan began

her statement by thanking Councilman Anderson for running organized and thoughtful meetings, and she thanked all those from the community who attended the meeting. She then applauded the Hens in Lakewood group for all their hard work and patience with the process; however, she told them, she does not agree with them. She said, "This is not personal. This [decision] is not based on fear. This is not a litmus test. This is not a test to determine who's good, who's bad, who's progressive, who's the greenest. It's an

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Lakewood Cares

An Evening With Artist David Deming

by Missy Toms

Internationally renowned sculptor David Deming is opening up his gallery and studio on Thursday, November 20 at the Lake Erie Building at Templar Industrial Park, 13000 Athens Avenue, Lakewood. Doors open at 5:30 pm. A gallery talk begins at 6 p.m. Enjoy refreshments while viewing David's eclectic and extensive collection and learning about his accomplished life.

Deming is a 1962 graduate of Lakewood High School. His commissioned works include a statute of Al Lerner and Jim Brown for the Cleveland Browns, a bust of Peter B. Lewis for the ACLU in Washington, D.C., memorial statutes of Jane Scott and Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones, and numerous medals and permanent installations. His most recent sculpture of former Cleveland Indians' player Jim Thome was dedicated at Progressive Field this



Deming is well known for his skill as a sculptor.

past August. He has participated in several competitive shows, including the 50th Annual Cleveland Museum of Art May Show.

An educator since 1968, David taught sculpture at Boston University and was dean of the College of Fine Arts at the University of Texas. He

returned to Cleveland in 1998 to become president of the Cleveland Institute of Art, where he served until his retirement in 2010.

Tickets for this rare opportunity are \$25 each. To purchase, visit www.lakewoodrangers.org or call 216.529.4033. All proceeds benefit the Lakewood City Schools and the Lakewood Rangers Education Foundation.

Since 1984, the Lakewood Rangers Education Foundation has distributed more than \$3 million in funding for classroom grants, student scholarships, and school initiatives. The Foundation is guided by its mission to provide resources to enrich the educational experiences of the Lakewood City Schools' 5,400+ students. To learn more about the Lakewood Rangers Education Foundation, visit www.lakewoodrangers.org or email foundation@lakewoodcityschools.org.

Westshore Career & Technical School Students Get Hands On Experience At O'Neill Healthcare Lakewood

by Sarah Pechaitis

Two mornings a week, O'Neill Healthcare Lakewood is a sea of purple scrubs as high school students with their State Tested Nursing Assistants licenses

visit our facility and implement the skills they have learned during the school year. About 20 high school seniors from the cities of Bay Village, Lakewood, Rocky River, and Westlake shadow and help

State Tested Nursing Aides (STNAs) at O'Neill Healthcare Lakewood as part of their Health Career Technology Program. Instructor, Jacqueline Smith, RN, MSN has been bringing her students from Westshore Career and Technical School to O'Neill Healthcare Lakewood for over nine years. Her students are able to apply proficiencies learned in the classroom to practical experience in a health care setting.

The Health Career Program places an emphasis on developing each student's skills, community service projects, and fundraising. Their time in the classroom has a strong concentration on anatomy & physiology, medical ethics, medical language, and human diseases. During their practicum at O'Neill Healthcare Lakewood, students are assigned to an STNA. This allows them to shadow, assist

and demonstrate their learned practice. In conjunction to their field study they are also provided with Emergency Responder training. Student Kerry Dezszy shares, "I enjoy the volunteer opportunities the program has to offer, as well how it is helping me prepare for a nursing career." Students stated they enjoy getting to learn and experience different careers within the health field. They also appreciate the college credits they are able to earn through the program.

Residents at O'Neill Healthcare Lakewood enjoy having the students with their education and training visit and assist with their daily care. The Westshore Career and Technical School students will be able to apply the memories and experience with the resident for what ever type of career they chose.

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Lakewood Cares

Free Performance On November 16

CPT/Y-Haven To Showcase Theatre Talents Of Homeless Men In Transition At Lakewood Congregational

by Robin Suttell

When Cleveland Public Theatre (CPT)'s Education Department and the homeless men served by Y-Haven collaborate on a dramatic project, the results are nothing short of awe-inspiring.

This 15-year partnership between the two organizations each year introduces theatre arts to homeless men recovering from substance abuse and mental health challenges. The men work with CPT artists to create and perform an original, one-hour play. In getting involved in this program, participants develop skills and capacities that support their sobriety and transition to employment, permanent housing and independent living.

On November 16, join these creative minds for a free performance of "What Is Inside," at Lakewood Congregational Church (LCC), 1375 West Clifton Blvd. The play starts at 3 p.m. and is co-sponsored by LCC, Faith Lutheran Church and St. Peter's Episcopal Church. A 15-minute, moderated discussion with the Y-Haven performers follows the show. A free-will offering to benefit Y-Haven will be accepted.

"What Is Inside" was developed under the guidance of CPT Education



Cleveland Public Theatre and Y-Haven present, "What Is Inside," created and performed by the residents of Y-Haven, a branch of the Greater Cleveland YMCA at Lakewood Congregational Church on November 16 at 3 p.m.

Coordinator Adam Seeholzer and CPT Education Director Chris Seibert, with set, props and costumes by Inda Blatch-Geib.

In the play, which the Y-Haven participants brainstormed and wrote based on their own experiences, the main character, Vincent, is finally on his way. He has cleaned himself up, found good work, and even has

generated enough savings to buy a house – his grandfather's house, the home in which he was raised. But when he discovers something he cannot explain in Granddad's personal effects, Vincent is sent into a tailspin that threatens everything he has achieved. Pulled by family members, friends, strangers, and a world of internal voices, Vincent struggles to find the truth about his relationship with the

man - and all the men - who raised and shaped him.

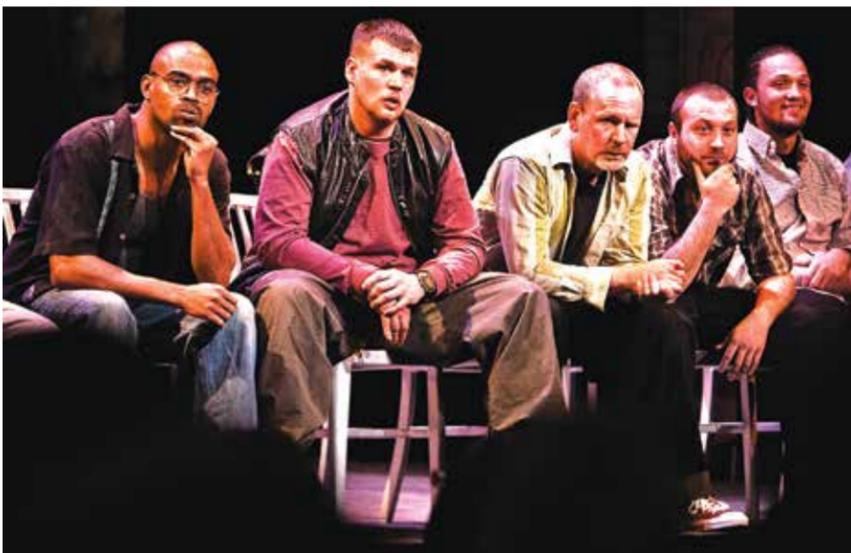
"What is Inside" delivers a powerful story of family history, legacy and the harrowing experience of answering life's occasional call to "open up."

A powerful collaboration, the CPT/Y-Haven Theatre Project has grown to become a favorite with Northeast Ohio audiences, offering candid insight into important societal issues and giving real hope for growth and change through moving, poignant stories, based on real life.

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

For more information on the November 16 performance at Lakewood Congregational Church, contact the church office at 216.221.955 or lccstaff@lcc-church.org.

For more information about CPT's Y-Haven Theatre Project, contact CPT's Director of Education Chris Seibert at 216.631.2727, x 201.



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Lakewood Is Art

Festive Opportunities With Beck Center Dance Education This Season

by Pat Miller

Beck Center Dance Education brings in the holiday season as they present "A Journey with Clara to the Land of Sweets" and their popular bi-annual Holiday Tea Party. With several dates and times to choose from, you can find what is right for you and your family below.

"A Journey with Clara to the Land of the Sweets" takes place on Sunday, November 23 in the Recital Hall of Beck Center's Music & Dance Building. This dance workshop offers 90 magical minutes of fantasy fun for children ages 4 to 8 years. Students may select from two class times at 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 per student. Class size is limited, so enroll today!

The young students will join Clara on a magical journey through the Land of the Sweets. They will listen to the story, watch portions of the story unfold, and learn simple dance steps from Beck Center dancers. The workshop concludes with an opportunity to take photos with their favorite characters from The Nutcracker. "A Journey with Clara" is a fundraiser supporting Beck Center dancers who are taking their own journey to the Youth American

Grand Prix competition in Chicago in February 2015.

The Dance Alliance of Beck Center is inviting children and their families to a Holiday Tea Party on December 6 and 7, 2014 in the Recital Hall of the Music & Dance Building at Beck Center. Guests will enjoy entertainment by Beck Center Dance Workshop and select dancers as they perform excerpts from Tchaikovsky's classic ballet, "The Nutcracker." "The Holiday Tea is especially appealing to families with young children as they watch the story come alive right before their eyes," said Associate Director of Dance Melanie Szucs, who is also choreographing the piece.

There are two performances on Saturday, December 6 at 4 and 7 p.m. which include complimentary beverages and desserts. High tea will be served at two performances on Sunday, December 7 at 1 and 4 p.m. including sandwiches, fresh vegetables, desserts and beverages. Tickets for the Saturday performances are \$10 per person, and the Sunday performances are \$12 per person. Children 11 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Reserved seating is limited and tickets are selling fast.

Finally, as is tradition for the Holiday Tea, the 70 performers will take "The Nutcracker" on the road to three area

nursing homes on Saturday, December 13. "Our dancers will share the holiday production with residents at Lutheran Home Concord Reserve, Our Lady of the Woods and Eliza Jennings," said Szucs.

Tickets may be purchased online at beckcenter.org or by calling Customer Services at 216.521.2540 x10. Beck Center is located at 17801 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood. Free onsite parking is available.



Dance Alliance Of Beck Center To Host Afternoon Reception & Acoustic Concert

by Pat Miller

The Dance Alliance of Beck Center invites you to Afternoon Reception & Acoustic Concert

with Dolinar Spahija on Sunday, November 23. This social event will take place at 3 p.m. in the intimate Studio Theater at Beck Center. Tickets, which include one drink ticket, are \$25. Appetizers and beverages will be served as a concert featuring the internationally and classically trained Spahija takes place. All proceeds benefit the Dance Alliance of Beck Center.

The Dance Alliance was founded to support the Dance Education program at Beck Center through fundraising and volunteerism. DABC members are primarily parents of dance students and adult dance students, but also include unaffiliated friends of the program. All are welcome to join this volunteer organization. Dues are \$5 per year (starting in September). To join DABC, contact Melanie Szucs, associate director of Dance Education at mszucs@beckcenter.org.

Tickets for the Afternoon Reception & Acoustic Concert may be purchased online at bit.ly/DolinarDABC or by calling Customer Services at 216.521.2540 x10. Beck Center is located at 17801 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood. Free onsite parking is available.

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Lakewood Is Art

Dancing In Lakewood

by Stephanie Reed

Have you noticed that after months of construction there's new life and light in the old Teen Health Center on the corner of Westwood and Madison? Silhouette School of Dance recently reopened there as Dance Lakewood. The fresh new logo, look, and completely renovated location represent the studio's updated curriculum and offerings.

The studio is expanding the teaching staff, offering master classes, social events (what an adorable group of preschoolers attended Princess Day!) and more opportunities for the students to get a well-rounded dance education. A ballet master class with Linda Jackson, former principal dancer with Cleveland Ballet, will be held for Advanced Ballet I and II students on November 23, 2014. The studio is very proud to be able to offer this fantastic opportunity for its ballet students.

Dance Lakewood's program encourages children to strive for their personal best, and have fun while



Dancing in Lakewood.

working hard to master new skills. The arts show them that they are filled with a power to express their

feelings and the studio's philosophy is that the arts should be part of every child's education. They benefit from

the participation in group activities and public appearances, developing poise and self-confidence along with their dance skills.

"I really enjoy the new location because I think it attracts more students and it's so nice to add new members to our dance family. I couldn't imagine spending my time anywhere other than Dance Lakewood because of the amazing teachers and the friends that become family." - Jenn Lachendro, junior at Magnificat, who started dancing with us at age 8.

Dance Lakewood's offerings aren't limited to children. There are very active adult classes that help participants maintain strength and flexibility, and provide an opportunity to be social with a new group of people.

What hasn't changed is the studio's commitment to the community and to serving the needs of the students—both children and adults. Dance Lakewood is there for you—try it out!

Mayor Summers Shares Concerns

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added.

Prior to the 1998 agreement, dozens of trains were scheduled to pass through the line each day. Norfolk Southern then diverted much of that traffic to its Chicago line, located at the south of Lakewood.

"These tracks have been here since Lakewood got started as a community," said Summers. "Trains make sense. They're environmentally friendly; they're more cost-effective;

they put fewer demands on our road-and-bridge infrastructure and they're more economically competitive."

Summers is slated to meet with other Westshore leaders — as well as U.S. Rep Marcy Kaptur — in the coming weeks, to discuss the options.

"If we take the long view here, railroad traffic isn't likely to go away," he added. "We need to rethink how Lakewood manages that traffic more effectively. Our first 100 years, we just accepted it. We need to start thinking about our second 100 years."

LPL Receives Top Honor

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ambition of its cultural programs.

At the national level, Ohio ranked second among the states with twenty-seven starred libraries, twelve of which earned five stars. New York came in first with thirty-seven and Illinois came in third with twenty. The next six states boast between ten and thirteen and many states had none at all. Congratulations are also due to the Cuyahoga

County Public Library System and Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library, which also earned five stars, Cleveland Public Library with four stars and the Rocky River Public Library and Shaker Heights Public Library, which earned a commendable three stars.

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Wellness Watch

Mature Massage

by Anthony Lima, LMT

Among the many unique business offerings in downtown Lakewood is a studio that specializes in massage for senior citizens.

The therapists at Gold-In-Touch are licensed by the State Medical Board of Ohio and specially certified in geriatric massage by the renowned Daybreak Geriatric Institute. Massage therapy is especially beneficial for seniors because more than 80 percent of persons beyond the age of 65 are experiencing some type of health issue related to aging.

Included among the more common health challenges are diabetes, hypertension, arthritis, osteoporosis, edema, coronary artery disease, dementia and Alzheimer's disease, along with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). Special considerations and techniques are used by the therapists when working with clients exhibiting any of these concerns and conditions.

We take into consideration that many people have age-appropriate condition, yet some are more frail and others are more robust and active. Just as there is no typical teenager, there is no typical senior. That's why we tailor each massage session to the condition of each individual.

In addition, massage tables at the Gold-In-Touch studio recline for those persons who are not comfortable lying flat on their backs or stomachs. The most important consideration is accommodating each person's circumstances and individual needs.

Therapists go through a brief consultation and postural analysis with each client to determine which type of massage will be most beneficial. There are some instances in which a client is required to get approval from his or her physician before receiving massage treatment.

For some, massages must be limited to 30 minutes. Other seniors can handle a one-hour full body massage. We have senior clients who need assistance getting on and off a massage table and yet we have others that are as fit and active as persons 30

years younger than their actual age.

Gold-In-Touch was the official massage therapy company of the 2013 National Senior Games and that was very inspiring for us. There were many people in their 80s and 90s – even a few more than 100 years old – competing in events.

Even the most active seniors benefit greatly from massage. The major benefits include increasing circulation, softening hardened muscle and tissue, stimulating the nervous system and relaxing the anxious mind. In addition to warmth and neural stimulation, massage creates a physiological feeling of well-being. That's very important for those who are increasingly feeling lonely and having difficulty sleeping – no matter how healthy or unhealthy they feel physically.

Remember, aging is not an illness

but a process we are all going through. That process becomes frustrating as people experience a decrease in their mobility and muscle strength. Thinner and drier skin, loss of bone mass, chronic stress and anxiety, inactivity, and a less efficient immune system are all effects of aging. Keeping the mind and body functioning optimally is the key benefit of geriatric massage.

Gold-In-Touch will hold an informational discussion on these and many more "Benefits of Massage for the Senior Citizen" at 2 p.m. Tuesday, November 25 in the lower level conference room of the I.N.A. Building at 14701 Detroit Ave. in Lakewood. The event is free but seating is limited so reservations are requested. Call the studio at 216-704-0794 or e-mail GITmassage@hotmail.com to reserve a seat.

So You Think You're Fast? Prove It!

by Elizabeth O'Brien

If you have never seen speedskating in person, it's time to make a jaunt over to Winterhurst Arena in Lakewood and watch adults and kids - as young as five - race around the oval, dipping deep into the corners and pushing for the finish line. But even better would be to give it a try yourself.

Depending on your age, you may be better acquainted with Bonnie Blair than Apolo Anton Ohno, but don't let that stop you from strapping on a pair of skates. Speedskating is a great workout, combining strength training and cardiovascular endurance.

Young and old, beginners and accomplished skaters alike, all come together to practice and compete for Lakewood Speedskating Club. Our skaters include children, teens, and adults from as far away as Chagrin Falls and as close as Lakewood, as well as several families who have passed the love of the sport on to their children and grandchildren. Many join in order to compete, but others join simply for the exercise and personal and physical growth that speedskating promotes.



See you on the ice!

The Lakewood Speedskating Club was formed in the 1940's and has a long history of providing supervised training, producing National Champions and World and Olympic Team members. Supported by a trio of talented and accomplished coaches, Lakewood Club skaters benefit from their knowledge and experience. Dennis Marquard is Level 2 Certified Coach and U.S.

Speedskating Hall of Fame inductee. Katie Class Marquard was a member of the 1984 Sarajevo and 1988 Calgary Olympic Teams and served as Executive Director of U.S. Speedskating for 16 years. Joe Balbo has been coaching for more than 20 years, is a speedskating referee and certified personal trainer.

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Wellness Watch

Lakewood Child Care Center Earns 5-Star Step Up To Quality Rating

by Patrick Mayock

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services has awarded the Lakewood Child Care Center with a 5-star Step Up To Quality rating, which recognizes learning and development programs that exceed licensing health and safety standards.

The LCCC is the first among more than 800 registered daycares in Cuyahoga County to earn 5 stars.

"We are delighted to have earned the prestigious 5-star rating under Ohio's Step Up To Quality program," said Holle Brambick, LCCC's director

and 2013 top program administrator as named by the Ohio Association for the Education of Young Children. "The rating reflects not only a thorough evaluation process conducted by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services but also the continued efforts of our excellent staff and engaged families. "We are committed to providing exceptional childcare to all of our families and maintaining a 5-star rating for years to come," she added.

Awarded every three years, Step Up To Quality measures licensed learning

and development programs across four domains: learning and development; administrative leadership; staff qualifications and professional; and family and community partnerships.

For more information regarding the program's rating system, please visit: <http://jfs.ohio.gov/cdc/docs/ProgramStandards.stm>

Contact: Holle Brambick, Director 216-228-5437, hbrambrick@lkwdchildcare.org.

About the Lakewood Child Care Center

Lakewood Child Care Center

provides exceptional, age-appropriate child care in a nurturing, stable and secure environment. We foster a child's social, emotional, physical and cognitive development. LCCC is licensed by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. To learn more, visit <http://www.lkwdchildcare.org>.



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Enhance Your Thanksgiving Season With These Two Free Wellness Workshops

by Selina Almodovar

The holiday season is supposed to be full of joy, giving, and merry attitudes. Instead, the stress levels are reaching an all-time high! With all the shopping, cooking, baking, traveling, decorating, and shoveling through tons of stores (and snow!), it can be very easy to forget to stay healthy and take care of yourself. As a result, many are left with decreased immune systems, increased stress levels, and a few overcooked cookies! Don't lose your sanity this season!

This year, take back your November and holiday season by attending these

two free wellness workshops.

"Self Love Essentials and Practices" is a workshop where you will learn how to apply affordable, natural, and daily self-care practices so that your physical, emotional, and mental health is in tip-top shape! The following workshop, "Practicing Healthy Thanksgiving Habits" will give you healthier approaches to your recipes and relationships so that you can experience a true evening of gratitude.

Be sure to attend "Self Love Essentials and Practices" on Wednesday, November 12th, and "Practicing Healthy Thanksgiving

Habits" on Wednesday, November 19th. Both workshops will begin at 7 p.m., at the Root Café. Holiday themed food samples, recipes, and essential oils will be offered to those in attendance.

These talks are the fourth and fifth talks of a 7-part wellness series, called "Rooted in Wellness" offered by Coach Selina M. Almodovar of Well Said Living and the Root Café. All talks are free and open to the public.

So You Think You're Fast? Prove It!

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The Lakewood Speedskating Club is a member of the Ohio Speedskating Association and U.S. Speedskating. Practices are held Sunday and Wednesday evenings at Winterhurst Ice Arena in Lakewood. Skaters can elect to skate one or both nights. To participate, skaters need to be able to skate independently. They are required to wear a helmet,

gloves, knee pads, and a neck guard. The club offers speedskate rental on a yearly basis. All ages and abilities are welcome. New skaters are welcome at any time!

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Business News

Mahall's Celebrating 90 Years In Business

by Colin McEwen

Perhaps no place can host a birthday party quite like Mahall's. Now, we're throwing one for ourselves.

When Mahall's opened in 1924, its two-story brick building at 13200 Madison Avenue housed six bowling lanes, a poolroom, candy store, barbershop and a dance hall and party center upstairs.

The décor, the number of lanes, menu offerings, and the ownership has all changed over the years, but not much else. Mahall's is still the go-to spot for community gathering, live entertainment, bowling, and top-notch food and drinks.

One of the oldest family-owned businesses in Lakewood — and the oldest bowling alley in the state of Ohio — Mahall's has come a long way since John K. Mahall opened the doors in 1924.

"Three years ago, this business changed hands, going from one great family to another," said longtime employee and office manager Sue Shestina. "We are still passionate about this historic place and our service to the community."

"Mahall's has a special place in the hearts of those who have visited over the years," echoed Mahall's bowling counter manager Chris Chabek, who's held his post in the lobby for 42 years. "We're looking forward to another 90 years in business."

For its 90th anniversary, Mahall's is throwing a big party. Actually, a few of them.

Mahall's is hosting a 90th birthday party on Sunday, December 14. Members of the Mahall family will be on hand to reminisce about the family business. In addition, Mahall's will also feature food and drinks from the

original menu (same prices, too).

Mahall's is taking submissions for essays, poems, lists, photos, or drawings of favorite Mahall's memories. All submissions — due by November 24 — will be compiled and published in a book.

Fun Day Monday: Kids, 13 and under (accompanied by a parent) can

bowl free on Mondays during the entire month of November.

The bar will offer Prohibition Tea — a variation of Mahall's own Bourbon Iced Tea — for 90 cents every Tuesday from October 28 through November 25. The drink is sort of an homage to Mahall's early speakeasy days in the basement.

Small Business Saturday Is November 29

by Ken Brand

We all know Black Friday is the day after Thanksgiving, but do you know the next day is Small Business Saturday?

In 2010, American Express founded Small Business Saturday to help businesses with their most pressing need — getting more customers to shop locally instead of visiting the big-box stores. The day has grown into a powerful movement, and more merchants and customers are taking part than ever before.

This year, the big day is November 29. Lakewood is your authentic city with countless small businesses that know your name and make you feel special each and every time you walk through their doors. Join the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, LakewoodAlive and the Downtown Lakewood Business Alliance as we celebrate Lakewood's strong, independent small business community.



Vendors Sought For New Vendor Village At Light Up Lakewood

by Ken Brand

Would you like a place to showcase your products and services to thousands of Light Up Lakewood visitors while staying toasty and dry? If so, you are invited to become part of the 2014 Vendor Village, a one-day holiday shopping village on December 6, housed in the historic Lakewood Masonic Temple, 15300 Detroit Avenue. We welcome all vendors - from home-based businesses to retail stores, to churches, schools and community groups - to come in from the cold

and participate in this newest addition to Lakewood's highly-anticipated holiday festival.

Bring your goodies, handmade items, or house specialty to sell.

The only restrictions are that no beverages or alcohol are to be sold and all food items must be packaged. Visit www.LightUpLakewood for more details.



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Board Names O'Bryan To Media Honor Roll

by Christine Gordillo

The Board of Education, at its meeting on Nov. 3, named Lakewood Observer publisher and founder Jim O'Bryan to the Ohio School Boards Association 2014 Media Honor Roll, which recognizes media representatives statewide for fair and balanced reporting of news about public schools. O'Bryan is one of approximately 100 media members recognized from across the state of Ohio.

"Jim has always done the hard work to understand what makes the district work," said Board President Linda Beebe.

The Lakewood Observer, published bi-weekly, runs columns



Lakewood Observer Publisher Jim O'Bryan with (from left) Board President Linda Beebe, Editor-in-Chief Margaret Brinich, Associate Editor Betsy Voinovich and his wife, Debra.

by Superintendent Jeff Patterson and Assistant Superintendent Roxann Ramsey-Caserio and reserves at least two full pages each issue for Lakewood City Schools news. O'Bryan is always only a phone call or email away when the district is seeking coverage of an event.

"OSBA joins those districts in congratulating honorees and thanking them for fairly and accurately reporting on the successes of students, teachers and school boards, as well as conveying the many challenges they face," said OSBA Executive Director Richard Lewis.

Criteria for the selection to the OSBA Media Honor Roll include efforts to get to know the superintendent, Board president, and district mission and goals; report school news in a fair, accurate and balanced manner; give a high profile to positive news about schools; visit the schools; and maintain a policy of "no surprises" by sharing information with school districts.

"The district is pleased to honor Jim O'Bryan for his role in keeping the community informed of the important work of the Lakewood City Schools," said Superintendent Jeff Patterson.

New Eclectic Boutique Opening In Lakewood Featuring "erika originals"

by Erika Hansen

I started making jewelry from plastic fishing lure beads out of my grandfather's tackle box at age 5. My necklaces were very popular with the other kindergarteners. At age 15, I created "erika originals" and began showing my jewelry in galleries. My work has evolved, and over the past few years I have begun to work with resin. I create pieces with images and words from antique dictionaries, maps from vintage atlases, handmade papers and stamps from around the world, and found objects and natural elements. Each piece is a one-of-a-kind work of wearable art. I was named the best jewelry artist in Cleveland by Scene magazine in 2011. My work has also been featured in Cleveland Magazine, Gift Shop Magazine, Valley Magazine, the Plain Dealer, and several other publications.

I am now bringing my designs to Lakewood and opening a new eclectic boutique on Detroit Avenue on the city's west end. Slated to open later this month, I named my shop "The Modern Bohemian." Details can be found at www.erikaoriginals.com and www.moboho.com.

erika originals will be the only jewelry in the shop, but The Modern Bohemian will also carry an extensive line of handmade bath and beauty products, 2-D art originals and prints, knitwear, headbands and other



Pictured at right: Assortment of lockets with images and words from antique dictionaries under resin, 1940's glass cabochons, vintage brass stampings and chains.

accessories, ceramics, candles and other home décor, letterpress cards and handmade paper products, purses and wallets that are all handmade, with an emphasis on organic, sustainable, one-of-a-kind, local products. Keeping with the theme of my own work, I want to feature other artists who celebrate being unique, Ohio-made, and utilize a minimum of mass-produced elements.

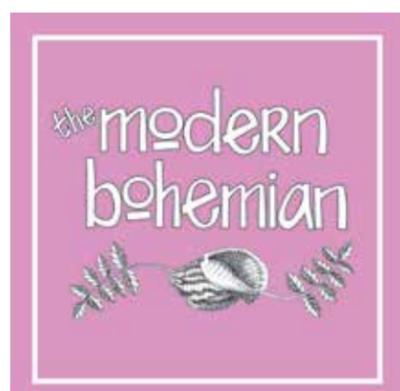
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Regular shop hours will be: Monday-Tuesday: Closed, Wednesday: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m., Thursday: 12 p.m. - 8 p.m., Friday: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m., Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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Opinion

How Thankful Are You?

by Christine Shearhart

We often overlook the greatest gift we have everyday... to be born in the United States of America in this time in history. We could have been born in the Depression, or during the Civil War, but we need to be thankful for being here now. I was guilty of taking so much for granted when, in March 2011, my good friend Angie sent me an email that changed my life. I don't know the author of the email, but the thoughts really put my life into perspective. I wish to share these facts with you:

* If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are ahead of the million who won't survive the week.

* If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture or the pangs of starvation, you are ahead of 20 million people around the world.

* If you have food in your refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof over your head and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% of this world.

* If you have money in the bank, in your wallet and spare change in a dish someplace, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

* If you can read this message, you are ahead of more than 2 billion people in the world who cannot read anything at all.

I read this email when I feel down,

and always come away feeling like a fool. I am aware and more thankful when I turn on a light switch, turn on the kitchen faucet and always get clean water, have heat, think of how many

people are involved in getting my food to the store, and all the abundance and luxury I have. This Thanksgiving start a new habit of being truly thankful, vowing to think of the millions who

have less than you, including the neighbors down the street. Making the habit of being thankful every day will bring joy to your life.

Happy Thanksgiving to us all!

Holding Multiple Realities

by Normella Walker

As I reflect on people's attitudes regarding the event in Ferguson I am struck by how challenging it is for people to see more than one side of a situation. This event reminded me of one of the most crucial concepts introduced in the CSU Masters in Diversity Program, the importance of being able to hold multiple realities. It's the idea that conflicting realities can simultaneously exist and both can be valid. Very rarely in life can you synthesize events to simply one polarity or the other; in this case black or white when there is so much in the gray area. There is ALWAYS more to the story.

Neither the victim nor the perpetrator is completely innocent. Michael Brown's own family admits that he was "no angel" and it took minimal effort for the local police department to produce visual evidence of his aggressive behavior. Based on the brazen manner in which he strong-armed the store owner I would venture to guess that it wasn't his first time engaging in that type of browbeating conduct.

The Police Officer, Darren Wilson's demeanor was just as brazen and

disrespectful, and as an employee of the city in the act of conducting city business I would add unprofessional, as he approached the teenagers using profanity, ordering them to "Get the F out of the street." Darren Wilson was also not a stranger to controversy. He was fired along with several other officers from a neighboring city because of heightened tensions between the police and the community. An article in the Washington Post described Darren as "someone who grew up in a home marked by multiple divorces and tangles with the law."

Both parties engaging in aggres-

sive and intimidating behavior ended in a tragedy which has people parked in separate camps, blaming the other side. Without knowing either young man I am relatively certain that the sound bites and fragmented information disseminated by the media don't begin to capture the complexity of either of their lives. The reality is we are complex beings and housed within all of us is the capacity for immense affection and excessive violence. If Michael Brown had been White or Darren Wilson had been Black this would not even have made the headlines.

Should Middle School Students Be Drug Tested?

by Hannah Horton

If it comes to life or death, every little thing counts. In a study, Newsworks reports they found that only about 1 percent of 8th graders say they have ever used drugs, and only about 14 percent said that they have ever drunk alcohol, other than in religious ceremonies. Among students who were tested for drugs and alcohol, 6 percent said they had ever consumed alcohol. These are middle school kids, kids who have a wonderful life ahead of them. One of these 6 percent could be the next world known actor/actress, one could be the first female president, one could even be the first to solve the unsolvable.

If a Middle school student wants

to play a sport, the coach should be able to drug test the children anytime. Children are required to be at their best game during a game and practices, drugs and alcohol will be sure to not help them. Clubs or after-school activities are normally a way for kids to not be involved in drugs. It gives them something to do after school other than going home to an empty house and maybe getting into things they shouldn't be getting into.

Drugs and alcohol are becoming more consumed by teenagers and adults. Children are getting more exposed to drugs and alcohol, music, media, television, and even by their own parents.

Cleveland Vegan Expands Into Café/Bakery Storefront

by Laura Ross

I will be opening my locally-owned catering service, Cleveland Vegan, in a storefront and café in the west end of Lakewood by the end of this month.

The location, at 17112 Detroit Avenue near the Beck Center for the Performing Arts, will be Lakewood's FIRST ALL-VEGAN café. It will offer daily takeaway selections such as salads, soups, smoothies, sandwiches, fresh juices, bakery sweets, and a sit down brunch service on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

I couldn't be more excited to bring people healthy, nurturing, and accessible meals. This storefront is the fruition of several years of hard work and we cannot wait to provide a healthy option for people.



Cleveland Vegan is a Lakewood-based business and has been in operation as an all-vegan catering company and personal chef service since August 2012. Its offerings exclude animal products such as meat, dairy and even honey, since it is produced by bees. We have catered events from weddings to corporate lunches to private parties. We also offer a specialized meal delivery service for individuals and families who need assistance in meal planning and preparation.

There is a growing demand for this kind of eating as people become more conscious of their personal health, and also the negative impacts of animal farming on the environment and of course the animals themselves.

I also am a yoga teacher; I own and run the business with my husband, Justin Gorski. He has gained a local following as DJ Kishka spinning polka records at The Happy Dog Tav-

ern as well as co-founding the rapidly growing Polish festival, Dyngus Day. We live with our son, Eli, and our daughter, Simone, in Lakewood.

Cleveland Vegan will offer a wide variety of dishes from house-made butternut squash pierogies to cauliflower lasagna to avocado green curry. Our menu will also change on a monthly basis to keep offerings seasonal and refreshing to customers. All dishes incorporate locally-grown and organic ingredients whenever possible.

The storefront will be open for takeaway customers Tuesday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., as well as during brunch hours: Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Sunday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The brunch menu on Friday, Saturday and Sunday will be broken into three courses. Patrons will be able to choose from each course for an all-inclusive meal or can select items a la carte.

My husband and I will continue



Cleveland Vegan's catering and personal chef services, which have won raves from customers.

"Their food was fantastic and service was exceptional," says Karalyn Bord, who hired the company to cater their recent wedding. "Our guests were not vegan and they were pleasantly surprised that the food was the best they've had in a long time. People are still talking about the pierogies!"



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Council Clashes Over Hens

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experiment. It's an introduction to barn yard animals into our city of 52,100 people." She continued, saying that she had to make her decision on what would be best for the residents in her ward, and she believes that the people in the east end would have a lot of challenges with this. "This is for those who can afford this very expensive hobby. Lots of yards [in the east end] cannot accommodate a coop. We have the most renters on the east end, by the way, and most of them will be excluded because they either don't have the money or don't have the yard. It is on the east end where the haves and the have-nots will be most apparent," she said.

The way the resolution is currently crafted Councilwoman Madigan believes it relies heavily on luck. She says they need more leverage than luck. She continued, "The current resolution does not give neighbors ways to object, it potentially puts the coop closer to a neighbor's house than the keeper's house, it does not define what a coop should look like or what types of materials it should be made of...We don't have the room." She closed by saying she recognizes there are enough votes for the resolution to pass; however, she does not agree with it and does not think it is right for "us."

Councilman Ryan Nowlin (At-Large) joined his Council colleagues in applauding the work that the members of Hens in Lakewood have done; however, he would not be supporting the resolution. As a fourth generation Lakewoodite he believes that the city's housing stock is its greatest asset and believes that maintaining housing values is paramount to moving the city forward. Even by their own admission, he said, some in Hens in Lakewood said the impact of hens on property

values is at best a neutral. Also, they just heard from a realtor during public comment that said it will bring values down. He also thinks there are some legitimate health concerns. Even though it is a pilot program he does not like that there are up to 36 unwilling participants in the program, i.e., the neighbors of those who will have chickens. Without minimum lot requirements and neighbor approval, Councilman Nowlin said he could not support it.

After all the Council members had spoken they voted on the motion to substitute the resolution and it passed 3 against -4 for. Councilman Bullock then made a motion to adopt the resolution, which was seconded by Councilman O'Leary. However, before any action could be taken, Councilman Juris resurrected his motion to move the matter to the Health and Human Services Committee as a subsidiary motion. Councilwoman Madigan seconded Juris' motion and put it to a vote. It was defeated 4 for - 3 against.

Since his motion to move the issue to the Health and Human Services Committee was denied, Councilman Juris made a motion to amend the current resolution. Councilman Bullock asked for specifics of his amendments in order to entertain the motion.

Juris asked that the resolution be changed to include the following: setbacks for the coop be at least 25 feet from the rear and side property lines, manure storage be at least 30 feet from property lines, soil testing be required, proof of insurance is required, letters of support from all adjoining neighbors, and approval from Hens in Lakewood be replaced with the ward councilperson.

Councilman Bullock asked if Councilman Juris had any legislative language for the amendments

or indication as to where they would fit into the resolution. Councilman Juris responded saying that he did not believe that Council would not want to discuss the health impact of the resolution in the Health and Human Services Committee, so he did not prepare any language. Councilman Bullock then asked if Councilman Juris could layout where in the resolution he would want those amendments to go and they spent the next five minutes doing so.

Councilman Bullock responded saying that he would have been willing to consider some of the points made by Councilman Juris; however, he was not comfortable considering them or passing them "on the fly." Considering the fact the meeting had been going on for over two hours at this point, Bullock said he was not willing to deliberate each point at the late hour. At this point Councilman Juris tried to speak over Bullock, and Council President Madigan was going to allow it, but Councilman Bullock forcefully asserted that he was not done speaking. Bullock offered the suggestion that Juris bring the amended language to the next Council meeting to be considered for amendments of the passed resolution, but that he did not intend to allow it to delay adoption.

After nearly twenty minutes down the path of amending the resolution, Councilmen Juris resolutely decided to withdrawal his motion. The audience was noticeably incredulous at what they had just witnessed, including scoffs, laughs, and blank stares of amazement.

After a brief explanation from Council President Madigan that the movement to amend the resolution had been withdrawn, but that they still had to act on the motion to adopt, they took a vote.

The resolution to create a back-

yard hen keeping pilot passed down the same lines as the previous votes, 3-4, with Juris, Madigan, and Nowlin against, and Anderson, Bullock, Marx, and O'Leary voting for it.

After the passage of the resolution Council took a recess before moving on.

Upon returning from the recess, the remainder of the agenda was short. The first item of new business was a list of appointments that will have to be made for the New Year. Council referred it to the Committee of the Whole for discussion.

Next, Councilman Bullock asked that Council revisit two items he introduced some time ago but have yet to be acted upon. The first is an ordinance that would offer rewards for tips that lead to arrests in cases of graffiti. The next was an ordinance that would change the fees for registering a dangerous dog to reflect the actual administrative cost rather than a yearly flat rate.

Council referred both items back to the Public Safety Committee for consideration.

After a nearly three hour meeting, with no one from the public left to speak, and no announcements any one from the administration or Council was willing to make, Council President Madigan adjourned the meeting at 10:17 P.M.

*It is important to note that the Health and Human Services Committee is made up of Councilman Juris and Councilwoman Marx who are on opposing sides of this issue. The Council President, in this case Councilwoman Madigan, is a defacto member of all committees and therefore is allowed to vote. This role becomes important when an item in a committee cannot be decisively agreed upon and a vote is needed to break a tie.



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Improving The Tree Canopy In Lakewood

by Colin McEwen

The Lakewood Tree Task Force is putting its roots down in Lakewood.

As the city's aging trees begin to die — many of them planted around the same time, 100 years ago — many of the warm and inviting canopies have disappeared.

The city's forestry department and Lakewood Tree Task Force have developed a comprehensive strategy to improve the tree canopy and add diversity to the variety of species around the city.

In just two years, the organization has already helped plant dozens of trees at Madison and Lakewood parks, presented 19 recommendations to Lakewood City Council supporting tree legislation and worked with the city's forestry department to plant nearly 600 trees around Lakewood.

The city's strategy also includes



The Lakewood Tree Task Force hard at work.

an effort to prepare the city for climate change, add diversity to the urban forest, withstand pest

infestations and storms, and add in trees with more fall colors. More trees also means less storm water

runoff.

The current Lakewood tree canopy has been assessed by satellite at 28.5 percent.

"It's good for a high-density, urban area," said Chris Perry, the city's public works unit manager, who oversees the forestry department. "But we can do better."

The goal is to increase the tree canopy by 10 percent, to 38.5 percent by the year 2035.

"Diversity is going to be the driver to achieving a more sustainable urban forest," Perry added.

Want to contribute? The task force is encouraging residents to support its Gift-A-Tree initiative.

For more on the city's tree strategy, see the city's two recent videos: Planting Trees in Lakewood and Lakewood Working With the Tree Task Force to Improve Tree Canopy.

Annual Lakewood Holiday Lighting Contest

by Debra Sweeney

Want to get into the Holiday spirit? Join Lakewood Council of PTAs in the 2nd Annual Lakewood Holiday Lighting Contest sponsored by KB Confections! Dust off your wreaths and start checking those light bulbs because we want to literally light up our city with all your festive light displays!

Contest registration fee is \$25. Single Family, Doubles, Apartments and Businesses are welcome to compete in one of four categories: "Whimsical Wonderland," "A Classic Holiday," "Welcome to the Griswold's," and "A Salute to Higgs."

The deadline to enter the Holiday Lighting Contest is Wednesday,

December 10, 2014. Mail form and payment to: Lakewood PTA, Attn: Holiday Lights - 1470 Warren Rd., Lakewood, Ohio 44107. A drop-off box will also be available inside the Board of Education office. Online registration and payment is also available through Lakewood PTA <http://www.alewppdcotuscjpp.s/prg/contest.page.aspx?cid=786>. Need help or have a question? Send your message to lakewoodcouncil@gmail.com or message us on our Facebook page. Registration forms can be picked in every Lakewood Public School office starting November 3, 2014. More information regarding the contest will be made available

on the Lakewood Council of PTAs Facebook page and website which can be accessed through Lakewood City Schools website.

Judging will begin on December 14th and completed on December 15th, 2014. The winners will be announced on Wednesday, December 17th. The celebrity judges include resident and Fox 8 News Crew, Kenny Crumpton.

State Representative Nickie Antonio will be judging businesses and creative storefront windows.

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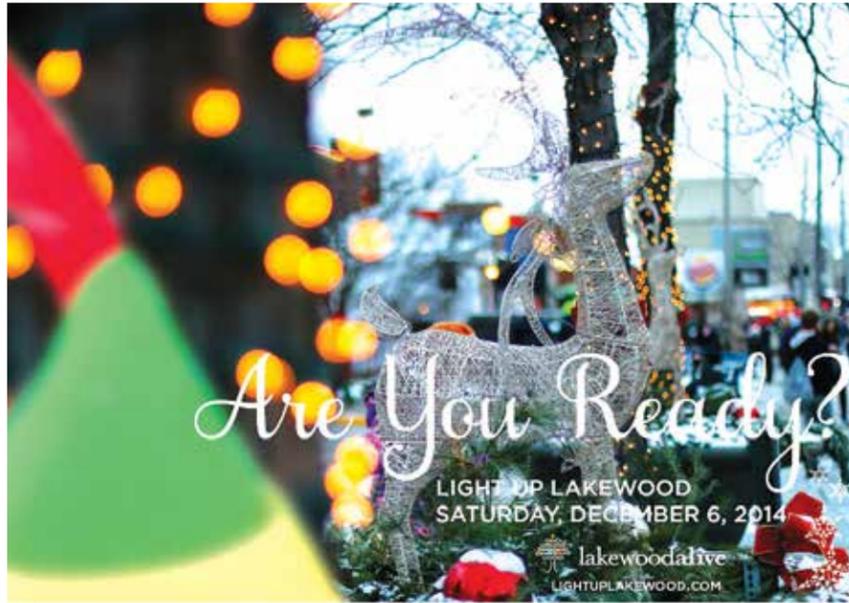
Light Up Lakewood Set For Saturday, December 6, 2014

by Ken Brand

Lakewood's holiday season will officially kick off on Saturday, December 6 during Light Up Lakewood – one of Northeast Ohio's largest annual holiday festival and lighting ceremony.

The event, hosted by LakewoodAlive, takes place in Downtown Lakewood (Detroit Avenue between Marlowe Avenue and Arthur Avenue). LakewoodAlive expects to draw thousands of visitors from Lakewood and surrounding communities. Musical performances will take place throughout the day in various locations with the festival running from 4-8pm. Check the event website for the performance schedule starting on December 1.

In addition to the lighting ceremony, which will take place at the festival's main stage in front of Lakewood Hospital at 6:30pm, a



holiday parade will kick off the festival at 5 p.m. and march down Detroit Avenue featuring Grand Marshal Bill Hixson of Hixson's. Other special guests include Santa Claus and the

Light Up Lakewood King and Queen, two high school students who live in Lakewood or attend a high school within Lakewood. To participate in the parade, please visit [www.](http://www.LightUpLakewood.com)

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Other attractions include photos with Santa, ice carvings, street performers and live music. New this year will be the indoor Vendor Village in the Historic Lakewood Masonic Temple where over a dozen vendors will be selling some of the best holiday gifts and treats. Warm up the kids and enjoy family games in the basement of the Masonic. Need a bite to eat as you walk up and down Downtown Lakewood on Detroit Avenue? Stop in a local restaurant or visit the Light Up Lakewood Food Court featuring 12 food trucks and vendors.

Light Up Lakewood is free and open to the public. Start the day at Quaker Steak and Lube for Breakfast with Santa or visit Dewey's Pizza for Lunch with Santa. www.LightUpLakewood.com will post all of the information for these special meals soon so interested participants can sign up to attend.

Event sponsors include Lakewood Hospital, University of Akron Lakewood, Quaker Steak & Lube, Discount Drug Mart, Geiger's, City of Lakewood, First Federal Lakewood, Plantation Home, Campbell's Sweets Factory, Precision Security, Lakewood Library, Regency Construction, Prudential Lucien Realty, Convey 360, Lakewood City Schools and the Downtown Lakewood Business Alliance.

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

Special Thanks To The Corporate Sponsors Of The Scarecrow Festival

by DeDe MacNamee-Gold

Lakewood Kiwanis and Uptown Lakewood would like to give a special shout out of thanks to First Federal of Lakewood, Slife Heating and Cooling, LakewoodAlive, Broestl & Wallis and Geigers for their Corporate Sponsorship of the Scarecrow Festival, as well as the 83 businesses, community organizations and individuals that joined forces for the Second Annual Scarecrow Festival 2014. "We always want to be part of any Madison Avenue project, and we like to support Lakewood Kiwanis," said Jeff Broestl, owner of Broestl & Wallis Fine Jewelry.

Lakewood Kiwanis and Uptown Lakewood's all-out efforts to expand the Scarecrow Festival along Madison Avenue from West 117th to Riverside Drive proved to be a huge success. There were scarecrows from Joe's Deli on the east end of Madison continuing to the

Ohio Educational Credit Union on the West and many places in between. Three storefronts new to the retail scene on Madison Avenue made a big entrance with their scarecrows: Dance Lakewood, 15644 Madison, Fear's Confections, 15208 Madison and The Book Shop in Lakewood, 15721 Madison.

The Festival kicked off with Mayor Summers making all the scarecrows "honorary citizens" on October 8, 2014. At the finale on October 27, 2014, the awards were presented to: Hanson Services, 17017 Madison Avenue - Best of Show; Lakewood Photography Society, 16024 Madison Avenue - Best entry by a Community Organization; Lakewood Hardware and Cuttin' Loose, 16600-16608 Madison Avenue - Best Entry by a Business; Grant School PTA, 17415 Northwood Avenue- Best Entry by a School; Torrey's Treads- 13739 Madison Avenue - Scariest; Great Finds, 15220 Madison-Most creative. Congratulations to all!

Lakewood Kiwanis will use their portion of the proceeds to support Kiwanis International's "Project Eliminate." This is Kiwanis' current global campaign for children. It is the goal of Kiwanis to eliminate maternal/neonatal tetanus and to raise \$110 million and save the lives of 129 million mothers and their future babies. The partnership between UNICEF and Kiwanis is committed to eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus, a disease that kills one baby every nine minutes. By targeting this disease, Kiwanis will not only save lives but also pave the way for other interventions that will boost maternal health and child survival among the poorest, most under-served women and children in the world.



Another recognizable pair of scarecrows on Madison Avenue.



The Tin Man and Dorothy made an appearance on Madison Avenue.

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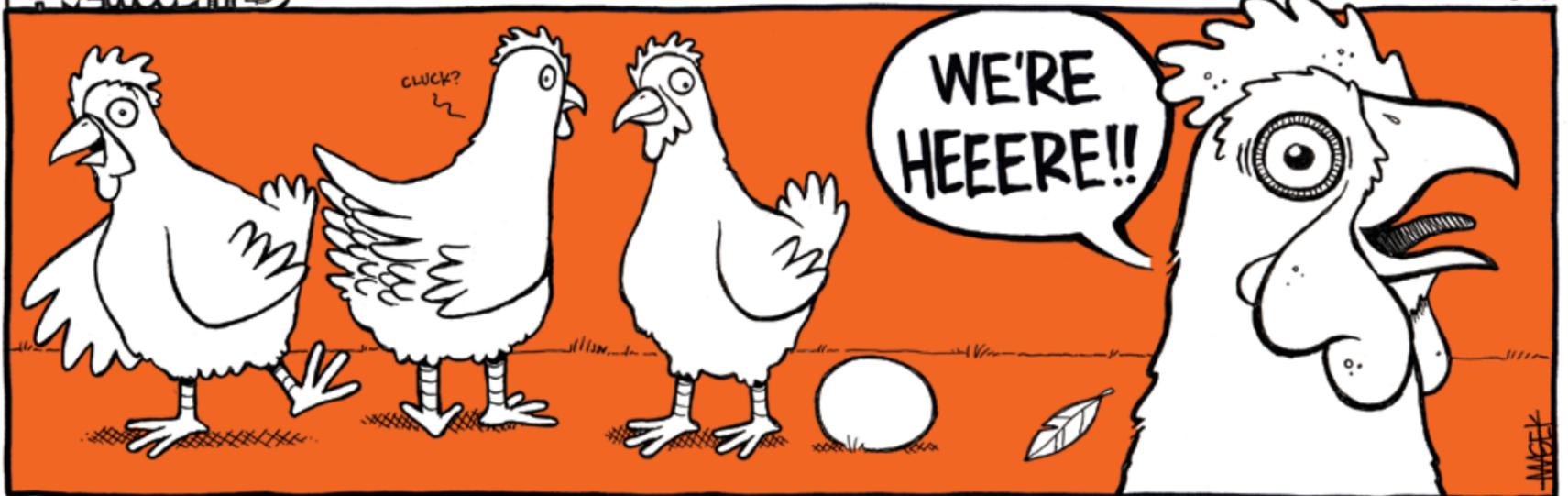
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