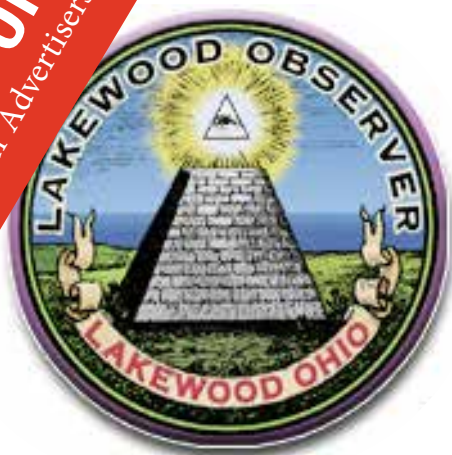


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## Community Mourns Passing Of Former Lakewood Mayor Thomas J. George

by Michael Skindell

I am deeply saddened to hear of the passing of my former Lakewood City Council colleague Tom George and send my deepest condolences to his wife Jane, children Meghan and Tim and all who knew and loved him.

Mayor George will be known as a compassionate leader and public servant. A graduate of Lakewood High School, Tom served as Lakewood's Mayor for four years and as a member of City Coun-

cil for sixteen years. In those capacities, Tom was an advocate for seniors and families and worked to protect the city's commitment to strong human services programs. Tom George faced the challenges of older inner ring suburbs by promoting small businesses, economic development, neighborhood safety, and preservation of an aging housing stock.

His compassion for Lakewood led Tom to advocate for struggling cities at the state level by serving on the

board of the Ohio Municipal League. His public service also extended to ensuring that our elections were conducted with integrity by serving as an administrator with the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections. Tom was a dedicated Democratic, having served on the central and executive committees of the Cuyahoga County Democratic Party.

As a public servant, Tom George fought tirelessly for others. He loved Lakewood and he will be greatly missed.



Photo by Jim O'Bryan

Former Lakewood Mayor, Tom George, out and about in the community he loved with the woman he loved, his beloved wife Jane.

## Saturday, October 7 Arts For All At Beck Center's Spotlight Gala

by Beth Kretschmar

After an exciting sold-out event last year, Beck Center for the Arts' annual Spotlight gala moves to expand at the beautiful and unique Cleveland Grays Armory Museum. The benefit will take place on Saturday, October 7 at 6pm. This year's Honoree is Cecilia Render, Executive Director of Nordson Corporation Foundation. For nearly 20 years, Cecilia has led the Foundation's efforts to ensure that the arts are a critical part of what makes a community strong and what comprises a quality education for all children.

"The Beck Center's family and friends are more than excited for the 2017 Spotlight Gala. This evening allows the great work Beck Center is doing to be recognized and supported," said Spotlight Chair, Ryan Mckean. "Our event theme this year is *arts for all*," continued Beck Center President and CEO Lucinda Einhouse, "as we believe that the arts can be transformative for people of all abilities."

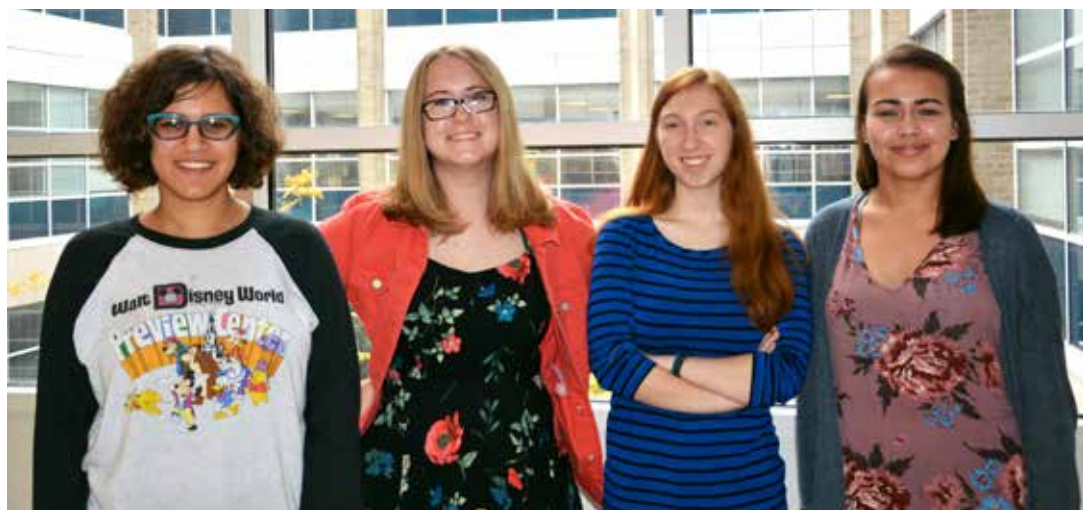
Proceeds of Spotlight advance Beck Center's mission to provide arts education, performances, exhibits, and outreach programming to the community, which includes people of all abilities and skill levels.



This year event includes a VIP Reception in Gray's exclusive Club Room, entertainment provided by Beck Center Artists, dinner prepared by renowned Chef Chris Hodgson, and the evening program will be followed by music and dancing by DJ DIVA. Live auction highlights include an "Under the Sea Tea Party" with *The Little Mermaid* herself, Ariel; an exquisite in-home dinner prepared by Chef Hodgson; an exciting opportunity to see Beck Center Alumni Rory O'Malley star as King George in "Hamilton" at the Pantages Theater in Los Angeles that includes a back stage tour.

Due to the growing popularity of this event, Spotlight dinner tickets are already selling quickly. Please contact 216.521.2540 x43 or visit [beck-center.org](http://beck-center.org) for more information.

Spotlight Sponsors include Community West  
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From left: National Merit Semifinalist Veronica Lee, and Commended Students Bailey Manke, Claire Walkosak and Eva Wynn.

## National Merit Semifinalist Leads List Of LHS Academic All-Stars

by Christine Gordillo

The annual September announcements of the National Merit Scholarship Program recognitions and Advanced Placement Scholars includes Lakewood High students who are among the top academic students in the nation. Based on tests taken in the 2016-2017 school year, the latest LHS academic stars include National Merit Semifinalist and senior Veronica Lee, three National Merit Commended Students and 85 AP Scholars, including four National AP Scholars.

More than 1.6 million students in over 22,000 high schools entered the National Merit Scholarship Corporation competition, with 16,000 top scorers named Semifinalists. Students enter the competi-

tion by taking the PSAT their junior year. Semifinalists represent less than 1% of U. S. high school seniors and are the highest scoring entrants in their state. Lee is now eligible to continue on in the competition in hopes of being named a Finalist and receiving one of more than 7,500 scholarships to be awarded in the spring.

In addition to Lee's Semifinalist status, seniors Bailey Manke, Claire Walkosak and Eva Wynn were named National Merit Commended Students for placing among the top 5% of PSAT participants. Although these students will not continue in the scholarship competition, students that earn Commended Student status have demonstrated outstanding academic potential by their strong performance

in this highly competitive program.

In addition to LHS' National Merit honorees, students from the Classes of 2017, 2018 and 2019 have earned AP Scholar Awards in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the Advanced Placement Exams taken each spring.

**National AP Scholar**, an award earned by averaging at least a 4 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams:

**Class of 2017:** Ian Bell, Rachel Daso, Zachary Dudzik and William Horschke

**AP Scholars with Distinction**, an award earned by averaging at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of  
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## Judge Patrick Carroll aka Magistrate of Culture Marries Lakewood Rock-n-Roll Legend



John Morton, Lakewood High Class of 1970, and musician/artist credited with recording first punk rock record by the Rock Hall marries Carla McDonald.

by Jim O'Bryan

Last weekend I was invited to the wedding of life long friend and rock and roll legend, John Morton, and his love Carla McDonald.

At the wedding out at Wallace Lake in Berea, a familiar figure walked across the grass, and into view. Lakewood Municipal Judge Pat Carroll. Why?

So John and Carla were looking to get hitched. Carla a Canadian, and John, now living on a farm in upstate New York, had decided on the Cleveland area. So John in his search for the proper person to marry them, called "Cleveland's Minister of Culture," Michael Heaton, also a one-time Lakewood resident. Michael explained that he could not officiate at a real marriage, but he had a great idea for who could: Lakewood's Municipal Judge, Patrick Carroll. So for this singular historic event, Judge Carroll also became "Cleveland's Magistrate of Culture" aka "The Rock and Roll Judge."

### Save The Date:

## October 4th Blessing Of The Pets

by Tammy Sibert

The Blessing Of The Pets will be officiated by Father Dennis Hrubik on Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at 6 p.m.

**Location:**  
O'Neill Healthcare Lakewood

1375 Bunts Road, Lakewood  
(tree lawn next to Independent Living building\*)

\*In inclement weather, we will relocate to the main dining room of Assisted Living at 1381 Bunts Road.

## HOT OFF THE DECK SSGT McGraw Finally Comes Home



by Jim O'Bryan

SSGT Thomas Michael McGraw, LHS Graduate in 1942 headed off to war from his Elbur Avenue home and never came home, killed in action. Staff Sergeant McGraw was with the 15th Army Air Force, 449th Bomb Group, 716th Bomb Squadron. He was killed in action on the 28th of February in 1945. U.S. Forces recently recovered and identified his remains.

Visitation on Thursday Sept 21 from 5-8 pm at McGorray-Hanna Funeral Home in Lakewood. Mass will be Friday at St Clement at 10 am. Burial is private.

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# Lakewood Public Library

## Calendar Of Events

compiled by Elaine Rosenberger

### Thursday, September 21

#### Author Event - “The Great Forgetting”

##### Book by James Renner

When history teacher Jack Felter gets a call that his father, a retired pilot suffering from dementia, is quickly losing his memories, he reluctantly returns to his hometown of Franklin Mills. Jack has been trying to forget about Franklin Mills ever since Sam, the girl he fell in love with, ran off with his best friend, Tony. But Tony has vanished and everyone assumes the worst. Soon Jack is pulled into the search for Tony, but the only one who seems to know anything is Tony’s last patient, a paranoid boy named Cole.

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

#### Booked For Murder: Edgar Award Winners

Can these tales live up to those written by Edgar Allan Poe, the author after whom the award was named? Join the group each month to see if you can tell the writers from the madmen. Tonight we will discuss “Ordinary Grace” by William Kent Krueger.

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

### Saturday, September 23

#### Great Decisions at the Library – Latin America’s Political Pendulum Led by Javier Morales-Ortiz, PhD

The pendulum of Latin American politics is swinging rightward once again. Dramatic economic and political crises have coincided in countries like Brazil and Venezuela. Still, the final result for Latin America may be the emergence of centrist, pragmatic modes of governance, and with them, opportunities for the U.S. to improve relations. Great Decisions is America’s largest discussion program on world affairs. In libraries across the country, Great Decisions discussion group participants discuss and debate each issue. Each session will focus on one of the eight challenges selected by the Foreign Policy Association and will begin with a thirty minute video they have provided for each subject. After which a discussion will be led by an expert.

10:00 a.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room

#### Film - “Their Eyes Were Watching God” (2005)

Free-spirited Janie Crawford (Halle Berry) lives in 1920s Florida. She marries a local farmer at the insistence of her grandmother (Ruby Dee), but finds that marriage is not what she thought it would be. Janie searches for happiness through relationships with a mayor (Ruben Santiago-Hudson) and a drifter (Michael Ealy). Chasing after her dreams of love and happiness leaves Janie as the subject of gossip in her small town. Based on the 1990 novel by Zora Neale Hurston, this film continues our series of films based on books.

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

### Monday, September 25

#### Rock Stars of the 50s, 60s and 70s

##### Presentation by Joel Keller

The second in our class led by Dr. Joel Keller who will provide a bit of biographical information, play songs and also share a few one hit wonders. Please call the Division of Aging Activities office at (216) 592-5005, to register.

1:00 p.m. at Lawther Center, 16024 Madison Avenue

#### Documentary: “Thinking Money: The Psychology Behind Our Best and Worst Financial Decisions”

If you’ve ever made a financial decision you regretted the next day, you’re not alone. In fact, as the emerging field of behavioral economics reveals, you’re practically hard-wired to overspend, an activity that lights up the brain’s pleasure centers. In the documentary “Thinking Money: The Psychology Behind Our Best and Worst Financial Decisions,” a mix of humor, on-the-street interviews and provocative insights from innovative thinkers will allow the audience to explore why we spend, why we save (or don’t) and how we think about money.

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

### Tuesday, September 26

#### Talk - Investigating the 5th Amendment

##### Presentation by Magistrate Barbara Greenberg

“I plead the fifth” is the Constitutional protection from being compelled to be a witness against yourself in a criminal case. But this amendment also encompasses rights to due process, implied equal protection, grand jury review of evidence, double jeopardy, plus the requirement for just compensation when private property is taken for public use. We will discuss this amendment and its landmark cases in this four week class led by Barbara Greenberg. Registration is required. Register online at [lifelonglearningcleveland.org](http://lifelonglearningcleveland.org) or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 127.

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

#### Author Event - “How to Speak Midwestern”

##### Book by Edward McClelland

Pittsburgh toilet, squeaky cheese, city chicken, shampoo banana, and Chevy in the Hole are all phrases that are familiar to Midwesterners but sound foreign to anyone living outside the region. Find out what Midwesterners say as well as how and why they say it in this book on Midwestern speech and slang.

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

### Wednesday, September 27

#### 1984: the Facts in the Fiction

##### Literature Series presented by Barbara Parr

The last in our four-part series discussing George Orwell’s “1984.” Registration is required. Register online at [lifelonglearningcleveland.org](http://lifelonglearningcleveland.org) or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 127.

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

### Thursday, September 28

#### Author Event - “Seriously...What Am I Doing Here? The Adventures

#### of a Wondering and Wandering Gay Jew”

##### Book by Ken Schneck, PhD

Does the geographic cure actually work? Say yes to the unfamiliar, pack your bags and set out into the world with a gay Jew determined to answer the universal question of: seriously... what am I doing here? Never having been on an adventure, Ken Schneck finds himself stumbling twice into rural Uganda; signing up for a 425-mile bike ride; stirring up drama at a California healing retreat; and wearing a colossal backpack strapped to his shoulders deep in the backwoods of the Colorado Rocky Mountains. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

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

### Saturday, September 30

#### Film - “Atonement” (2007)

When Briony Tallis (Saoirse Ronan) catches her sister Cecilia (Keira Knightley) in a passionate embrace with their servant’s son Robbie Turner (James McAvoy), she misinterprets what is happening out of her own infatuation with Robbie. Her lie grows and results in Robbie’s imprisonment and eventual enlistment into the army in the midst of World War II. An older Briony joins the war effort as a nurse and, upon realizing her youthful error, seeks to reconcile with her estranged sister and with the man whose life she destroyed. Based on the 2001 novel by Ian McEwan, this film continues our series of films based on books. 6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

### Tuesday, October 3

#### Talk - Financing Your Education for Adult Students

##### Presentation by College Now

Are you a returning adult student? You might be juggling a full-time job, along with children as you prepare to go back to school to make a better life for you and your family. Need help achieving your dreams? College Now provides college access success advising, financial aid counseling and scholarship and retention services. A College Now advisor will to lend their expertise, provide guidance and answer your questions about the unique set of obstacles for adults that are pursuing higher education. College Now can provide guidance on educational options, financial aid counseling as well as counseling about existing student debt and repayment options.

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

### Tuesday, October 3

#### Talk - Investigating the 5th Amendment

##### Presentation by Magistrate Barbara Greenberg

The second in our series on the 5th Amendment. Registration is required. Register online at [lifelonglearningcleveland.org](http://lifelonglearningcleveland.org) or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 127.

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

### Thursday October 5

#### Documentary: “We the Economy: 20 Short Films You Can’t Afford to Miss”

In Morgan Spurlock’s film series, blockbuster directors like Mary Harron (“American Psycho”) and Adam McKay (“Anchorman”) team up with economics experts to explain the significant economic issues of our time in the form of short films. Each film explores a key money topic effecting American today and answers questions like “What is the Economy?”, “What is the Role of our Government in the Economy?” and “What Causes Inequality?”

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

#### Friends Preview Sale

Join the Friends and receive access to special Friends Preview Book Sales throughout the year. Memberships may be purchased at the door.

6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Friends Booksale Room (Basement)

## Children & Youth Events

compiled by Eric Knapp

### Wednesdays, September 20 through October 25

#### Space: Above & Beyond Roleplay

##### For students in fifth through eighth grade

Tackle different space games, challenges, and activities each week with your imagination and equipment provided by the NASA@MyLibrary grant! Registration required.

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the Main Library First Floor Multipurpose Room.

### Thursdays, September 21 through October 26

#### Illustration Creation

##### For students in kindergarten and first grade

Kids will make art based on favorite books and present an art show to family at the end! Registration required.

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the Main Library Activity Room.

### Friday, September 22

#### Shop ‘Til You Drop

##### For students in third through fifth grade

Make learning how to budget, save, and spend money fun with our play money and cash register. Registration required.

4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. at the Main Library Activity Room.

### Sunday, September 24

#### Adapted Story Time

##### For you and your 3-7 year old child

This story time program is specifically designed to provide a caring, supportive program for young children who may not be successful in a typical story time environment. Registration required.

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. in the Main Library Toddler Story Room.



# Lakewood Public Library

## This Land Is Your Land: Family Story Times About Diversity

by Nicole Born-Crow

Lakewood Public Library is launching an exciting new story time series this fall, This Land is Your Land: Family Story Times about Diversity. This story time is open to families with children ages 0-8, but ALL are welcome! The goal is to promote an inclusive community by creating a safe space for children and families to learn and discuss current issues through story time. Topics for this fall and winter include differently-abled people, LGBTQ+ people, gender identity, immigrant and refugee rights, and racial equality. Research suggests biases may form at a much earlier age than previously thought, sometimes as early as

three years old. Literature is a wonderful way to introduce topics of diversity to children in a way that is developmentally appropriate and fun! Each month will focus on a different social justice issue through age-appropriate books, songs and a craft or activity at the end.

The program will be held monthly on Sundays at 3:30 p.m. in the Main Library Activity Room.

Register online at [lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/youth](http://lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/youth) or call (216)226-8275 ext. 140.

**October 8, 2017: LGBTQ+Justice**  
**November 5, 2017: Disability Justice**  
**January 28, 2018: Immigrant Justice**  
**February 25, 2018: Racial Justice**



## Local Poets At Library In October

by Amy Kloss

If words are the foundation of a library's essence, poetry is the soundtrack of its being. Lakewood Public Library traditionally celebrates this art form in April during National Poetry Month, but we had too much

fun in the spring to let it go. Therefore, the Library will continue throughout fall and winter to feature presentations by local poets in its Coast Line Poetry Reading Series.

On Wednesday, October 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium, three local poets will grace the stage. Carly Haufe graduated from Case Western Reserve University in 2015 with an MA in Philosophy and Literature. Her poetry is concerned with relationships, the power of place and the longing to discover where one belongs. Originally from Chicago, Philip Metres earned a Ph.D. and an MFA from Indiana University. He has won multiple awards for his poetry and published a number of books. Currently a professor of English at

John Carroll University, Metres' poetry has been translated into Arabic, Polish, Russian, and Tamil. Rob Rosin, a Cleveland resident for nine years and a poet for twenty-two, has worked as a butcher and a forklift driver. He enjoys painting, being silent in the woods and playing accordion.

There are additional Coast Line readings scheduled for December 6 and February 7, 2018. Please join us at Lakewood Public Library to listen to the voices of our local poets.

## Fall Art Programs

by Jeffrey Siebert

Calling all young artists! Fall is nearly upon us, which means there are a cornucopia of art programs at the Lakewood Public Library for students from kindergarten all the way through eighth grade to choose from.

**Illustration Creation** is an engaging program featuring picture book art for students in kindergarten through first grade. This six week program will feature a different children's book illustrator each week for project inspiration and culminates with an art show for family and friends on November 2, 2017. Space is limited. Registration is required. Thursdays, September 21, 2017 through October 26, 2017 from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in the Main Library first floor Activity Room.

**Strokes of Genius** is for students in second through fourth grade. Art activities and stories open up the world of art. Learn about renowned artists and the history of creativity. This six-week program culminates with an art show for family and friends on November 7, 2017. Space is limited. Registration is required. Tuesdays, September 19, 2017 to October 31, 2017

in the Main Library first floor Multipurpose and Activity Rooms.

**Art Explosion** is for students in fifth through eighth grade. Learn about different artists in this six-week program, then experiment with and create your own style to display at a special culminating art show. Space is limited. Registration is required. Mondays, October 9, 2017 to November 13, 2017 in the Main Library first floor Multipurpose Room. The final art show will take place on Tuesday, November 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library first floor Multipurpose Room.

**Sock Owl Puppet** is for students in sixth through twelfth grade. Witness the amazing power of transformation when creative snips and folds turn a pair of socks into a squeezable stuffed owl. Registration is required. Sunday, October 15, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in The Main Library first floor Activity Room.

Take a break from raking those leaves and come on down to the Lakewood Public Library for some creative inspiration. Call Children's and Youth Services at (216) 226-8275x140 or go online to [www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org](http://www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org) to register.

## Fall Book Sale

by Genevieve Jaskulski

There are precious few things that compare to having a good book to read, especially when you need something to distract you from the impending gloom of wintertime. The feeling of home that having an adventure between your fingers can bring; as you delve into the stories of the epic literary heroes of our time is one of the best feelings there is, and that is what we want to lend a hand with, here at the Lakewood Public Library.

Come join us for our Fall book sale on Saturday October 7, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and continuing until 5:00 p.m. in our main library basement. We have an especially amazing collection of history books, focusing on aviation and World War II. As always, you may view the selection early, on Thursday October 5 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at our preview book sale in our main Library basement. All you need to do is to become a member of the Friends

of the Library. A membership may be purchased at our main circulation desk, through the mail, through the library's website at [lakewoodpubliclibrary.org](http://lakewoodpubliclibrary.org) or even at the door of the book sale.

For those who wish to sign up, the membership fee is only \$3 a year. The profit of each book sale goes into the programs and amenities we offer here at Lakewood Public Library, and the hard work put in by the Friends of the Library is very much what we have to thank for our colorful array of extraordinary events this year. It is the Friends top priority to make sure that there is an amazing range of things to choose from at the sale, for each of our valued patrons.

## Dr. Bob De Maria Discusses Hormone Imbalances

by Elaine Rosenberger

We are living in a sea of estrogen which taxes the body's detoxifying organs. Up to ninety-five percent of breast cancer cases may be linked to estrogen saturation.

Dr. Bob De Maria, a catalyst for health and well-being, is the author of several books on health including "Dr. Bob's Drugless Guide to Weight

Loss" and "Dr. Bob's Guide to Optimal Health." Dr. De Maria practices with The Drugless Doctors in Westlake, Ohio. He believes that, "when working optimally, our bodies have the ability to heal, repair and regulate themselves."

In his talk at Lakewood Public Library, De Maria will discuss women's hormone challenges including hot flashes, fatigue, heavy menses, tender

breasts, depression, and constipation. He will also be discussing his book "Dr. Bob's Drugless Guide to Balancing Female Hormones."

Dr. Bob's talk takes place on Thursday, October 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library First Floor Multipurpose Room. As always, admission is free and open to all. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

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Schools

Cleveland Clinic Children’s Health Center To Open Center At LHS

by Christine Gordillo

The Lakewood Board of Education earlier this month approved an agreement with Cleveland Clinic Children’s to provide health care services, including mental health services, to Lakewood High School students and employees of the Lakewood City Schools through a school-based health center at Lakewood High.

In introducing the agreement prior to the Board’s vote on Sept. 5, member Emma Petrie Barcelona stated that the mission of the school-based health center is to meet the physical and mental health needs of the LHS students, reduce absenteeism and thereby improve students’ academic standing. Cleveland Clinic Children’s will manage medical personnel while the District will provide the space in the school for the center — which will be located on the first floor with a separate, secure entrance.

The first year of the three-year agreement will be a pilot year for both parties to assess the success of the collaboration, with either party able to withdraw from the contract with 45 days’ notice.

Board members and Superinten-

dent Jeff Patterson emphasized that the ability to provide mental health services was key to moving forward with the agreement as the number of teenagers suffering from depression and anxiety continues to grow.

“The ability to meet the mental health needs of the students of Lakewood High is critical,” said Petrie Barcelona.

“We are excited to collaborate with Lakewood City Schools and bring our first full-time, in-school clinic to Lakewood High School,” said Genevive Falconi, MD, medical director of Cleveland Clinic Children’s School-

Based Health Center. “Our agreement with Lakewood City Schools further strengthens our commitment to the community.”

Use of the School-Based Health Center, which is expected to open this fall, is optional for students. The school will continue to operate its own health clinic, which will be the first place students go for care during the school day. Families will be billed through their insurance. Those without insurance coverage will be referred to a financial counselor to discuss payment options.

This agreement between the Dis-

trict and Cleveland Clinic Children’s continues a collaboration of providing health care services that began in the 2015-2016 school year when Cleveland Clinic Children’s mobile health unit started serving our students at Garfield Middle School and Harrison Elementary School. Lakewood High School, Harding Middle School, and Emerson, Horace Mann and Lincoln elementaries were added to the rotation in the 2016-2017 school year.

For more information, visit [www.lakewoodcityschools.org](http://www.lakewoodcityschools.org) for a list of FAQs regarding the school-based center.

More School-Based Health Center FAQs

by Christine Gordillo

1) **If a child has a bad injury will he/she be refused service at the Health Clinic if they have not previously signed up with health insurance?**

The Lakewood High Health Clinic will be staffed appropriately to assess any injury or illness. In the case of any emergency, 9-1-1 will be called, per District protocol.

2) **Is the Clinic standing in for parents when they treat children**

**under the age of 18 without a parent present?**

Although parents are encouraged to attend appointments, the enrollment packet that parents submit for their child to use the School-Based Health Center states that the parent agrees that his/her student may be seen without the parent present.

3) **What is the level of treatment offered at the Health Clinic? If a child has to be referred to a hospital or a doctor will the Clinic refer the child to only Cleveland Clinic hospitals and doctors?**

Services available include the following: cold and flu symptoms; conjunctivitis, ear, throat, and sinus infections; upper respiratory and urinary tract infections; seasonal allergies; bumps and cuts; skin rashes; sprains and strains. Services will also be available for physicals; immunizations; lab tests; prescriptions; behavioral and mental health screenings; pregnancy testing; evaluation and education on various topics such as acne and weight management.

Parents can schedule follow up care if needed with the provider of their choice.

4) **How was the decision made to open this clinic inside the high school? Were other health care systems given a chance to bid on this?**

The School-Based Health Center is an extension of the mobile clinic that has been in place for three years within the District. We have been in conversation with other health care providers that are excited for the possibility of a partnership, but not yet ready to open a school-based facility. The District goal is to expand this service to our students and staff in other District buildings.

5) **Why is our school district hosting Cleveland Clinic without requiring them to pay rent, why are we providing internet, security etc for them on our own dime when they are benefiting by getting new paying customers?**

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Schools

# District's New Bond Rating Helps Save Taxpayers Millions

by Christine Gordillo

With its new bond rating from S&P Global Ratings freshly awarded, the Lakewood City Schools on September 14th refinanced \$41 million worth of 2007 series bonds. The refinancing resulted in excess of \$7 million (or 14.6%) in savings over the life of the bonds. The annual savings from the refinancing is in excess of \$500,000 in bond payments each of the next 14 years.

"The District was aggressive in going

after the best price the market would bear and the result was a significant savings for our District and our community," said Treasurer Kent Zeman.

The refinancing came on the heels of the new rating that was published on September 12th. Citing the District's "consistently strong financial position," S&P Global Ratings raised the Lakewood City School District bond rating from AA- to AA. This upward adjustment means the District can sell

bonds at a lower interest rate in the future, driving down the cost for the District and increasing savings for the community.

"The rating action reflects our view of the district's consistently strong financial position, which we believe is sustainable given a track record of strong voter support and good financial management, as well as improvement in the local economy, including assessed value growth," S&P stated in its report on the rating.

S&P also noted the District's strong financial management, led by Treasurer Zeman, has allowed the Dis-

trict to increase its reserves in each of the past seven fiscal years. The District's ability to control expenditures, mostly through attrition of staff levels, negotiating stable labor contracts, and utility and maintenance savings with newly constructed buildings were also factors cited by S&P in its report.

"I am extremely pleased with this new bond rating," Zeman said. "It is a testament to the hard work the administration has done to keep the District on sound financial ground. I am also pleased that this will result in a savings to the taxpayers, who have generously supported us over the years."

From The Archives Of The Lakewood Historical Society

## High School Building On Warren Road



by Jess Yenni, Curator at Lakewood Historical Society

The end of summer means the beginning of an exciting new school year for students of the Lakewood City Schools. Pictured here is Lakewood High School's second location and first dedicated high school at 1475 Warren Road. Built in 1904, it served as the high school until the facility at Franklin Boulevard and Bunts Road opened in 1918, which has since been renovated numerous times, most recently this year. Prior to 1904, high school students studied alongside their younger counterparts at East Rockport Central School, just across Warren Road.

## Class Of 2018 Establishing Scholarship Fund

by Abe Dalisky & Brennan Foran, Class of 2018

While students at Lakewood High are focusing on homework, Friday nights, and planning for their future, they are also looking to give back to their community. The days for LHS seniors are dwindling and as these students reflect upon their time in Lakewood, they are beginning to realize the many gifts afforded to them by this community, sparking a desire to give back. The LHS Senior Class is looking to promote academic success, active volunteerism, and a continuation into secondary education through the establishment of a Class of 2018 Scholarship Fund.

The scholarship will be given out annually to a graduating high school senior pursuing secondary education who has shown a commitment to school leadership, character-building, and volunteerism. The Class of 2018 Scholarship Fund will be hosted by the Lakewood Rangers Education Foundation, where the money

donated will be pooled and invested, allowing for long-term growth and sustainability to support an annual scholarship.

Visit the Lakewood Rangers Education Foundation website at [www.lakewoodrangers.com](http://www.lakewoodrangers.com) to donate online, or mail a check to 14100 Franklin Blvd. Lakewood, OH 44107. Please make the check payable to Lakewood Rangers Education Foundation and writing in the note line Class of 2018 Scholarship. This scholarship will only be possible with the generous donations of Lakewood students, alumni, teachers, residents, and caring individuals. If you have any questions, please contact the executive director of the Lakewood Rangers Education Foundation, Terri M. Richards at [terri.richards@lakewoodcityschools.org](mailto:terri.richards@lakewoodcityschools.org) or 216-529-4033.

Please help the Class of 2018 begin its path in giving back to the Lakewood community that has always been so supportive of the Lakewood City School system.



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Sports

# LHS Community Honors Giffels; Rangers Fall To Titans

by Mike Deneen

The Lakewood High Athletic Community honored the life of LHS Athletic Secretary Anne Giffels on Friday night before the football game vs. Berea-Midpark. Fans, players, band members, and cheerleaders wore pink in remembrance of Giffels, who passed away last week after a lengthy battle against cancer. Special t-shirts bearing the phrase “No One Fights Alone” were exchanged for donations to Community Closets, a school program that provides toiletries and necessities to students in need. The program, started by Giffels, has been renamed “AG Community Closets” in her memory. Her husband Tom and her sons were presented with a customized varsity letter jacket, as well as a plaque recognizing the Community Closets program.

The game itself did not go well, although the Rangers showed some positive glimpses. Berea-Midpark jumped out to a 21-0 lead in the first quarter. The Lakewood offense was out of sync, and the high-powered Titans moved the ball swiftly through both the ground and passing games. The Rangers finally got on track early in the second quarter, when sophomore Milan Jackson made a nifty 58 yard run down to the Titans 6 yard line. Jackson spun out of multiple tackles on the play, firing up the home crowd at First



Anne’s husband Tom and their sons were presented with a customized letter jacket. The front reads “Fight Like a Ranger”, the back reads “Ranger Tough”.

Federal Lakewood Stadium. Senior Jared Naida scored a touchdown on the next play, a six yard run. Senior kicker Attila Nagy made the extra point to cut the lead to 21-7 less than a minute into the second period.

The Titans quickly responded, as workhorse running back Bryce Agnew accounted for 56 yards of a 63 yard touchdown drive that pushed the lead to 28-7. Agnew, who would have a pair of touchdowns in the game, capped

the drive with a 13 yard TD reception from Trevor Bycznski. The Lakewood offense answered with another strong

drive, going 65 yards down to the Titans 10 yard line. The longest play of the drive was a 22 yard pass from senior Austin Mahar to senior Dayvon Hanible. The drive stalled at the ten, in part due to a dropped pass in the end-zone that would have made the score 28-14. The Rangers decided to attempt a field goal, to disastrous results. Multiple Titans broke through the line to block Nagy’s attempt, and the ball was returned for a Berea-Midpark touch-down. Instead of 28-14, it was 35-17.

Berea-Midpark squashed any momentum from Lakewood, and stretched the lead to 42-7 before half. That kicked in the OHSAA “running clock” rule, which was in effect for the entire second half. Jackson provided the best Ranger highlight of the second half, making a 74 yard touchdown run in the third quarter. The final score was 56-14.

The Rangers have made a lot of progress since last season, but this game was a stark reminder that it’s a very long road ahead.

## High School Soccer Roundup

by Mike Deneen

It was a busy Wednesday on the pitch for Lakewood’s local soccer teams. Here is a roundup of the games, with a thanks to Chuck Greanoff for his assistance.

### ST. IGNATIUS WINS “HOLY WAR” GAME

The St. Edward soccer team renewed its rivalry with St. Ignatius Wednesday night at Wasmer Field in Ohio City. As with Ed’s/Ignatius matchups in other sports, the game was played in front of a large and enthusiastic crowd. The Wildcats, defending Division I state champions, looked every bit the part in a hard-fought 4-1 win over the Eagles. St. Ignatius, currently ranked #2 in the state, pushed its record to 6-1-1 on the season.

St. Ignatius exerted pressure on the Eagles in the opening five minutes, controlling possession and earning a pair of corner kicks. St. Edward was up to the task, clearing the ball and keeping the game scoreless. They continued to hold the Wildcats at bay for the next ten minutes, as both sides played intensely. The Wildcats got their first goal with 24:06 left in the half, driving their home fans into a frenzy. Sophomore midfielder Kyle Folds made a nice centering pass to junior Kory Nekeloff, who drilled the ball into the net for a 1-0 lead. St. Ignatius struck again less than three minutes later on a goal by Folds, who was assisted by sophomore Matthew McLaughlin. The Wildcats had control of the game, and dominated possession the rest of the half. They scored a third goal with 6:33 remain-

ing, as sophomore Nolan Bartolone put a header into the net to make the score 3-0.

St. Ignatius held the 3-0 throughout the second half, until Eagle senior Richard Nsabimana scored with 8:11 remaining in the game. The Wildcats responded with one more goal in the final three minutes. Sophomore Everett Shorey connected with 2:11 left in the game, putting the final exclamation point on the St. Ignatius win.

The Eagles (1-4) return to action Saturday night at home against Akron Hoban. Varsity game time is scheduled for 7pm. The Wildcats travel to Copley on Saturday for a 2pm match in Summit County.

### RANGER BOYS, GIRLS BOTH DEFEAT NORTH OLMSTED

While the Eagles were in Ohio City, the Lakewood boys team had a home match against North Olmsted. The Rangers posted a dominant 4-0 win, notching an important conference victory. They have outscored their last two opponents 11-0, and have lifted their record to 4-3 on the season.

Senior Spencer Rose posted the first goal of the game, followed by the first of two goals from senior Brennan Foran. Junior Malvin Gblah had a goal and a pair of assists. Senior goalkeeper George Hericks earned the clean sheet with three saves.

The Lakewood girls team was among those in attendance at the boys game. Earlier in the day they defeated North Olmsted 1-0 in a road matinee game. Senior Victoria Gregg scored the goal, and a strong team defensive effort made it stand.

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# Is It Really Bullying?

by Lorilynn Wolf

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# Seeking Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) For Youth

by Michele Blazina

CASA of Cuyahoga County, a program of Child and Family Advocates of Cuyahoga County, recruits, screens, trains, and supports volunteers who act as independent fact-finders for the court in cases involving child abuse and neglect.

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collaboratively with all parties on the case, for the best interests of children. CASAs are only assigned to 1-2 cases at a time and spend approximately 10 hours a month on a case.

The CASA is responsible for the investigation, facilitation, advocacy, and monitoring of the assigned child’s case of abuse, neglect, and/or dependency to represent the child’s best interests.

# Trials For Hope: Harvest Happenings Fundraiser

by Kristen Wilson

Trials For Hope will be hosting our Harvest Happenings fundraising event on Saturday, October 14th from 5 to 9 p.m. at The American Legion Post 703 Hall 7667 York Rd. Parma, OH 44130.

Tickets for the event are \$20 for an adult and \$10 for children \$12 and under. To purchase tickets for the event or learn more about Trials For Hope, please visit us online at [www.trialsforhope.org](http://www.trialsforhope.org) or <https://www.facebook.com/TrialsforHope/>. Proceeds will benefit homeless, seniors, shut-ins, youth, veterans

and families in crisis in the Greater Cleveland area.

Please join us for a funfilled evening of dinner, raffles, auctions and door prizes to support our community outreach programs.

Trials For Hope is a community outreach program located in Lakewood, OH. Our mission is to improve one’s quality of life by providing food and daily essentials short term while empowering them with the resources to help themselves in the future. We provide food, personal care items and clothing to those in need.

Volunteer Requirements: Be at least 21 years of age; have access to transportation; pass screening; complete training; respect and relate to people of various backgrounds; gather and record factual information accurately; communicate effectively; maintain objectivity/perspective; work within established program policies and procedures and accept supervision from program staff.

Those interested in becoming a CASA, visit [www.cfadvocates.org](http://www.cfadvocates.org) to apply or call 216.443.3377 for more information.

# Arts For All At Beck Center’s Spotlight Gala

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# Lakewood Is Art

## I Have A Headache: Reviews Of Recent Releases By Local Bands, Pt. 55

*Obligatory Disclaimer: Record reviews are a tricky business. It's one thing to enjoy music, but to, like, pick out what you like about it? That being said, if I review your thing and I didn't like something, don't feel too bad. My opinion doesn't matter all that much.*

**Cereal Banter - Junk Jazz - self-released - 7 songs - LP, download**

I first heard Cereal Banter with the two-song, double-jam cassette they did earlier this year (or maybe it was from last year...can't remember) called "Oatmeal Outburst." Continuing the alliterative theme, this time they've got a full LP. Musically, junk jazz isn't a terrible description. There's some art rock, lots of psych and krautrock, and yes, some jazz. Within most of the songs, they do a lot of different things, have several different "movements" (I might have said something similar to that in the last review...can't remember). Some of them ("Gnarly Chaplin," "Spare Particles," the title track, and "One Big Button") even have some dreamy vocals in them. Sometimes they do some ridiculously fast psych freakout stuff, sometimes they play it heavy, sometimes they do some nice slow jams. Sometimes the drums sound like when you were in gym class in elementary school and the teacher would dump out a bag full of basketballs and they'd hit the ground and each other at different times and make a cool sound...where was I going with this? I am pretty impressed with the musicianship on here. There are a couple points where you'd swear that

by Buzz Kompier

this song is about to fall apart into total chaos but then they keep it together. "Old-Timey Physics" closes out the album and takes up almost all of the second side. It starts with a slow, kinda pulsating part that gets more and more distorted and weird as it goes on. I know this is an odd reference to throw out, but it kinda reminds me of "Small Piece Of Germany" from the Ego Summit record a little bit. There's a fake out ending before it goes into a more uptempo section. I like how right when you start to get into a groove, they change it up. Keeps you on your toes, and keeps the songs from getting boring. Speaking of that, they eventually go back to the pulsating thing from the start, but this time with the drums having a fit over the top of it. Then, just when you think it's over, there's a short, quiet little fourth section that actually ends the record. This isn't really the kind of thing I listen to, but I think that's part of why I kinda like it. Most of the stuff I review here falls on the indie rock-garage rock-punk spectrum, so it's nice to change it up once in a while, and this is a solid record of what it is. And for some reason I kinda wanna see a show with these guys and New Planet Trampoline. Hm. 3.8/5

(cerealbanter.com)

**Make-Overs - Try Me - Heel Turn Records - 15 songs - LP**

So, this time around I'm really stretching the definition of "local-ish," because this band is from South Africa. However, this record's on Heel Turn, which is a local-ish label (I have a whole explanation for why exactly this meets my criteria of local-ish, but I'm not here to waste anyone's time more than I have to) so I'm saying it's good enough. As I put this record on, with press release in front of me, I noticed that besides comparing Make-Overs to Jay Reatard and Wipers, Brainiac was also thrown in there. That caught my attention, and for the first two songs I thought that was completely nuts. Then "Don't Call Us, We'll Call You" came on and I thought, "oh, I guess I can kinda hear Brainiac." The thing is about that song, as well as several of the others where they try things that aren't Reatards or Wipers-based garage/punk is that it kinda just doesn't go anywhere. Same with "Take Out," where they go heavy metal and "Internal Logic," where they try the Brainiac thing again. I like that they switch it up and do different things, but it's not always completely successful, I guess. Or maybe the punk ones don't go anywhere either and I just didn't notice. I'll say that the guitar tone is the same throughout the entire album, which kinda wears on you. Oh well. The last song on the LP starts and I went "is this another Heel Turn release with a Pere Ubu cover on it?" But as it turns out, they weren't doing "Final Solution," they're doing their own song, "Not As Advertised," which has a spooky little carnival funhouse riff in it that I like

and the song kinda burrows its way into your head. Reading this back, it kinda sounds like a negative review, which I didn't intend. They've definitely got some solid punk songs, especially "In Hate (With You)" and "Leech," and I actually quite liked the last song as well. It's not amazing all the way through, but it's a decent record. Oh, and they don't sound like a duo, which I appreciate. Thoroughly listenable. 3.7/5

(heelturnrecords.com)

**Shagg - Shagg - Quality Time Records / Greenway Records - 8 songs - 12", download**

This is the debut record from Shagg, another band featuring (you'll never guess)...Marty Brass and Ricky Hamilton. This time around, though, the leader of the group (or the singer, anyway) is Nat Cherry, who is also suddenly in several bands. Maybe that just happens if you hang around with Ricky. This is another band on what seems to be becoming a trend of not having a guitarist. A trend which quite frankly annoys me. I'm still not a fan of it here, but Marty on bass really holds it down. He manages to keep the sound full, which is appreciated. Musically, it's garage/punk. Certain songs really remind me of The Nico Missile, which if I had to guess is because two members of The Nico Missile are also in this band. There are some catchy songs here, particularly "Miss 45" and "Drop To Your Knees." They do a Wipers cover ("Return Of The Rat"), which actually fits in pretty well with their originals. Nat's vocals are perfectly decent, though I'm undecided as to whether I'm a fan of the prevailing lyrical themes here. I



Cover art from this issue's reviews.

think my favorite songs on here were "Drop To Your Knees," which remains stuck in my head, and "Shut It Up," because it reminds me of The Waitresses in a way and because I like the weird slide things Marty is doing that make the bass sound like a radio. I've mentioned this in reviews before, but a friend once saw Ma Holos play for the first time and said of Marty afterwards, "that dude can shred." Apparently, that applies to bass as well. I don't wanna leave Ricky out, so I'll say that he does a bang-up job on the drums. I think, actually, the first time I saw Shagg live (it was at the Euclid Tavern) I was paying more attention to Ricky than the band and I was thinking "huh, I guess I never noticed that Ricky's actually pretty good at playing drums." Anyway. Like I said, this isn't my favorite thing ever or whatever, but it's a solid record and a decent debut. 3.9/5

(qualitytimerecords.bandcamp.com)

Are you a local-ish band? Do you have a record out? Email vaguelythreatening@gmail.com or send it directly to Observer headquarters: The Lakewood Observer, c/o Buzz Kompier, 14900 Detroit Avenue, Suite 205, Lakewood, OH 44107.



## Book Review: “Friday Night Light” By Alex Ward

by Buzz Kompier

I don't really read book reviews or anything, so I don't really know how to write them. I guess I'll start by giving a quick synopsis. Friday Night Light follows the adventures of an unnamed teen narrator as he attempts to rescue his Little Brother (referred to only as Little Brother, or sometimes L.B.) from the clutches of various evils, including cruel Teen Warden Longlegger and college. Along the way he joins the football team and learns more about himself than he ever wanted to know. I think that's about the most I can say without spoiling it.

This wonderful novel is an adaptation of the album "Friday Night Light" by Alex Ward's music group Perverts Again, which is not currently available, but will be soon. It's not a concept album, despite what this novel may make you think, but I assume the

songs will probably follow some kind of similar plot to what is described in the chapters of this book. It is a funny, entertaining read. Much like the music of Perverts Again, it's totally weird but just so good at the same time. The awkward situations our narrator finds himself in, which in most cases he makes worse are just so goofy and weird you can't help but feel for him, despite his many faults. He and his brother murder a random man in the first chapter, the first of many randomly occurring murders in the book.

Really, I don't know what to say about this book. It's really, really good. I highly recommend you read it just to have the experience. These guys can do no wrong. I really hope the album doesn't suck now that I've said that.

Friday Night Light is available for purchase at makethemwonderwhy.bigcartel.com



Business News

Lakewood Chamber Hosts

# An Evening Of Business Storytelling

by Valerie Mechenbier

The Lakewood Chamber of Commerce will host ‘Tell Us Your Story powered by PechaKucha,’ an informal and fun gathering where community and business leaders will share their career stories and entrepreneurial journeys in the PechaKucha 20x20 format.

The event, organized by the Chamber’s Education Task Force and sponsored by Lakewood Public Library, will be held on Thursday, September 21st at Around the Corner in Lakewood.

Not everyone has had a straight path to the business they own or the position they hold. Many have taken

a more circuitous route, building on past experiences to arrive at what might be an entirely different career than originally planned. Enjoy an amazing evening of fast paced talks on professional journeys and entrepreneurship where presenters will tell their stories in the PechaKucha 20x20 format: a presentation style in which 20 slides are shown for 20 seconds each (6 minutes and 40 seconds in total) and the presenter talks as the images advance automatically. The PechaKucha format keeps presentations concise and fast-paced and powers multiple speaker events regionally and around the world. ‘Tell Us Your Story’ is the Chamber’s second annual ‘powered by PechaKucha’ event, building on the success of the ‘Lakewood Culture Club’ PechaKucha night held by the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce in September 2016.

Michael Christoff (Lakewood resident and Architect at Vocon), Charity D’Amato (Owner, Studio Chartreuse), Judy Grzybowski (Manager, Lakewood Public Library), Tim Hayes (CEO, Cardboard Helicopter), Diane Helbig (Owner, Seize This Day), Jessica Parkinson (Owner, Salt+ Cleveland), and Mary Ann Stropkay (SVP/Chief Revenue Officer, First Federal Lakewood).

Tell Us Your Story powered by PechaKucha will be held on Thursday, September 21st at Around the Corner’s Warehouse Room (18616 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood) at 6:30 p.m. The event is free, cash bar. Registration is encouraged: [www.lakewoodchamber.org](http://www.lakewoodchamber.org)

“Powered by PechaKucha” events are one-off events that are separate from regular city-based PechaKucha Nights, and are usually held as part of festivals and conferences, but can also act as standalone events. These events include presentations that use the PechaKucha 20 images x 20 seconds format. Find out more at [PechaKucha.org](http://PechaKucha.org).

## Battiato Named To Lakewood Catholic Academy Board

by Michele Linton

Walthall CPAs is proud to announce that Partner Charles P. Battiato, CPA, CITP, was recently appointed to the Lakewood Catholic Academy board of directors to serve a four-year term.

Lakewood Catholic Academy was created from the merger of four Lakewood Catholic Parish schools in 2005. LCA serves 600 students from 19 different zip codes across the Greater Cleveland and Northeast Ohio area at its lakefront campus. Its students consistently perform at high levels in academic assessments across all grade levels, including the high school placement exams for Catholic High School. The school is governed by a 16-member board of directors.

“I am thrilled to be able to better

serve Lakewood Catholic Academy,” explained Battiato, who also serves on the LCA finance committee. “I am very proud of the school and all of its accomplishments,” he concluded.

Battiato has been with Walthall CPAs for nearly 40 years. He currently serves as a partner and focuses on helping professional service, health care, and government clients. He provides clients with financial management and strategic business planning advisory services, tax planning and compliance services, and compilation and review engagement services. He holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in accounting from Cleveland State University. He is also a member of the AICPA, The Ohio Society of CPAs, and the Catawba Island Club. Battiato resides in Westlake.

## Bigfoot Will Be Observed At The Scarecrow Festival

by Bonnie Fencel

Walking or biking to see the displays on Madison Avenue from October 5th thru the 22nd --the dates for the scarecrow festival-- are the best ways to get an up-close view. We are sure you will want to get some selfies

with Bigfoot and other one-of-a-kind compositions. While the supplies last inside of the Carabel Beauty Salon & Store, we will have a table with some samples to try at home for various beauty products. Also, enter a drawing for a make-over for a female.

## National Merit Semifinalist Leads List Of LHS Academic All-Stars

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these exams:

**Class of 2017:** Ian Bell, Henry Bish, Rachel Daso, Ryan Detwiler, Zachary Dudzik, William Horschke, Lauren Klann, Donald McCrae, Kelley Reis, Caleigh Sheehan, Evan Suttell, Micah Swartz, Rhianna Zuby

**Class of 2018:** Kevin Cush, Abe Dalisky, Brian Donahoe, Damien Jouriles, Veronica Lee

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**Class of 2019:** Nicholas Cleary, Timothy Daso

## Lakewood Job Club Meeting

by Kathy Augustine

The next Lakewood Job Club will be held the 4th Tuesday of the month, September 26th, from 6-8 p.m., located in the Lakewood United Methodist Church, 15700 Detroit Avenue, Room 115. As of now, job club will no longer be affiliated with the Lakewood Area Collaborative. Also changing is the format for the meeting. Job Club will be an open forum dialogue discussion with professional speakers on occasion.

Job Club will continue to be a safe, confidential environment to share your job search experience, with support and encouragement to help find answers to your questions and provide links and referrals to local community resources. We need your support to keep job club running. Please contact Becky Carlton with comments and concerns at (216) 221-1723 or at [rebecacarlton12@gmail.com](mailto:rebecacarlton12@gmail.com). Thank you for your participation.



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Forum

# Keeping Community Strong In Lakewood

Dear Editor,

As someone who grew up in Lakewood and moved back after college as an adult, I have always admired the creative, urban vibe that it radiates while still preserving a strong sense of community. What makes this city stand out is the passion and drive of everyday people who go the extra mile, beyond their front yard, to care about their neighbors and their neighborhood. Tristan Rader to me epitomizes that narrative.

I first met Tristan in October of 2015, while volunteering for the presidential campaign to elect Bernie Sanders. Tristan rose as a natural leader taking on the role of regional Field director for the campaign. After the presidential election was over, I watched as he continued to help support candidates for local office, and to co-found the Cuyahoga County Progressive Caucus. From a core of volunteers with the Sanders campaign, this has since grown into a larger group

standing up for economic, political, racial and international justice.

Tristan has been an active member of the community, and stood up for what he believes is right. As I have volunteered with him and gotten to know him over the past few years, I have no doubt that he will place the views of the community

first, even if that means taking difficult positions when necessary. I hope that the people of Lakewood will take a closer look at the candidates and seriously consider Tristan Rader for city council.

Sincerely,  
Sarah Kolberg  
Lakewood Resident



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## In Lakewood.

by Mark Herron

I grew a while in Lakewood, Ohio  
On tree-lined streets so lush and green  
They once seemed almost forested.  
Canopies of aged trees  
Shaded me, friends, and family;  
Kept cool entire neighborhoods.  
We played in shade, swam in the lake,  
Enjoyed fresh air on summer days  
In Lakewood, Ohio. But as I aged,  
The wood gave way to power lines,  
Insurance claims, and driveways;  
The lake became a danger, strange,  
And access was removed. Now-  
Adays, there's hardly lake nor wood

## A Tale Of Two Images

by Bob Soltys

The photo of Councilman-at-Large Bullock that ran with Ryan Puente's story on the councilman's re-election campaign launch may not sync with the memories of those who attended Congressman Kucinich's October 2015 press conference about saving Lakewood Hospital.

In stark contrast to the peaceful picture in the article, the councilman repeatedly interrupted the press conference with: "Shame on you!" and other disparaging shouts at State Senator Mike Skindell and [former] Congressman Kucinich. The immature behavior wasn't limited to his shouting during the conference - the councilman accosted Save Lakewood Hospital volunteers even after SLH co-chair Tom Monahan and I told him to stop.

His rudeness aside, the councilman's behavior set a poor example for the children and young adults present.

While **everyone** is entitled to his or her opinion, you must express it in a civil manner. Yes - manners.

The councilman's behavior causes one to fairly wonder if he understands that holding public office is a privilege, not a bully pulpit from which to torment those whose views he disagrees with.

This November, ask yourself: Do you want a representative who cannot or will not control his behavior?

**Bob Soltys is a writer and a former Navy officer.**

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Lakewood Living

# Sixth Annual Hispanic Heritage Exhibition At Beck Center For The Arts

by Beth Kretschmar

Beck Center for the Arts is pleased to present the sixth annual Hispanic Heritage exhibition in the Jean Bulicek Galleria, focusing on scholarship funds with support from the Cleveland Foundation. In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, the work will be on display September 15 - October 8, 2017. An Artists' Reception and Panel Discussion with live music and small bites will take place Thursday, September 28 from 5:30 - 8 p.m. Panel discussion begins at 6 p.m. The exhibition and reception are free and open to the public.

"This important exhibition celebrates working professionals from our region, and showcases the diversity of the Hispanic culture that enriches our local community," remarked Ed Gallagher, Director of Education. Included are the eclectic and dynamic works of Terry Flores, Rene Polin, Dr. Maria Pujana. Select books of author Alma Flor Ada with her collaborators including author F. Isabel Campoy, adaptations by Alice Schertle, and translations by Rosalma Zubizarreta, featuring the illustrations of Angela Dominguez, Vivi Escriva, Simon Silva, and Ulises Wensell. Ten percent of all art sales

will go towards scholarship funds benefitting students in nearby underserved areas wishing to pursue arts education at Beck Center.

Participants in the September 28th panel discussion include:

**Grafton Nunes, President, Cleveland Institute of Art**

**Rene Polin, President and Founder, Balance Inc.**

**Ronald B. Richard, President and CEO, Cleveland Foundation**

For more information about upcoming exhibitions at Beck Center, visit [beckcenter.org](http://beckcenter.org). For gallery hours, call Customer Service at 216.521.2540 x10. Beck Center is



Poppy, by Terry Flores

located at 17801 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood. Free onsite parking is available.

# How To Be Top Dog At The 10th Annual Spooky Pooch Parade

by Matt Bixenstine

Like a talented musician amidst a world-class orchestra, it's not easy to stand out from the crowd at the Spooky Pooch Parade.

For one autumn afternoon each year, Kauffman Park transforms from a picturesque downtown greenspace to an expansive sea of costumed canines. Beagles, bloodhounds and bulldogs become dinosaurs, hot dogs and Darth Vaders. The entertainment value is priceless, and the joy observed on the faces of children and other parade participants (four-legged and otherwise) is even better.

But what about if you're in it to win it? Just how can you ensure your canine remains conspicuous despite the masses of mutts? There are, after all, various "Best of..." awards to be claimed when the 10th Annual Spooky Pooch Parade – sponsored by Discount Drug Mart and presented by LakewoodAlive – takes place from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 21.

Here are five tips for claiming victory during the upcoming Spooky Pooch Parade:

### 1. Register Your Pooch!

You miss every shot you don't take. Register your furry friend to march in the 10th Annual Spooky Pooch Parade now by visiting [LakewoodAlive.org/SpookyPooch](http://LakewoodAlive.org/SpookyPooch).

### 2. Know the Award Categories

While it's easy to immediately get enthused about a clever costume idea, like dressing your prized Pekingese as a lion, it's worthwhile to take a step back and first examine the award criteria. This will enable you to target specific categories with your canine costume. Prizes (limited to one per canine) will be awarded for first, second and third place in five categories. The award categories are as follows:

- Best Pooch & Child
- Best Pooch & Adult
- Best Pooch & Group
- Spookiest Pooch
- Best in Show

It's worth mentioning that Pet's General Store is donating one year's worth of free dog food to the winner of Best in Show during the 2017 Spooky Pooch Parade!



"Kayaking Dog" – 2016 runner-up for Best in Show

### 3. Be a Package Deal

As the aforementioned award criteria suggest, you bolster your chances of claiming victory by collaborating with your pooch on a shared costume theme. Three of the five award categories require a collaborative effort, and you certainly aren't excluded from the final two criteria when you play the Robin to your pooch's Batman. Besides, dressing up is ageless and fun!

### 4. Play to Your Dog's Strengths...or Weaknesses

There are two ways you can capitalize on your canine's unique appearance and personality with your Spooky Pooch Parade costume. First, you can leverage your pooch's innate characteristics to select the perfect costume, such as dressing your basset hound as a rabbit or your Shih Tzu as an Ewok. Conversely, though, it's often even more effective to take your dog out of its comfort zone and pay homage to Opposite Day. Consider, for instance, dressing your Doberman as a dainty daisy or your Chihuahua as a ferocious monster.

### 5. Strive for Humor

Even the most discerning judges tend to have a funny bone. When in doubt, aim to be humorous with your costume. Dressing your pooch as a rapper named "Hound Doggy Dog" is sure to garner some chuckles, as will achieving a costume that's timely based upon current events. A little creativity goes a long way. And

as Charlie Chaplin once said, "A day without laughter is a day wasted."

Ultimately, whether you spend five weeks or five minutes on your dog's cos-



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tume, the Spooky Pooch Parade is all about enjoying a fun afternoon while showcasing Lakewood's vibrancy. Win, lose or draw, everyone goes home as happy as a dog with a bone.

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# Lakewood Living

## Gap Year Abroad

# Fourth Of July In Lakewood, Ohio

by Lina Probst

On the July 4, 2017, a dream came true. I experienced what a national holiday could be like. In Germany, my country, October 3 is not a day filled with celebration and events. It's not a day where everyone hangs up a large German flag. And it's not a day that makes us Germans feel like a proud community. To be honest, all of these things would see very strange to me, although that doesn't mean that I would like to try some of them. However, I can't imagine having a day like this in my home country.

The reason why this type of patriotic celebration is unheard of in Germany is our history, our past. After all these years, the horrifying things that happened in the last century still have a deep impact on our lives. Germans are not 'allowed' to love their country. We are often judged for being happy in a country that made such horrible mistakes in the past.

But I wonder if that is really necessary. Would it be so wrong to celebrate our nation? Is it shameful to be proud of our country? There is no easy answer to these questions, but after thinking about this for a long time, I would say that the answers are no. It's never too late for a new beginning. We must absolutely

accept our past and deal with it because it's part of our culture, our heritage. But I think it's time to for a positive change with regard to our national pride.

Now you may think that I'm very nationalistic. You may think I'm convinced that Germany is the best country in the world. But that is incorrect. My only wish is to one day be able to be proud of my country without the fear of being judged. Being here in the United States during the Fourth of July celebration has made me think about national pride over and over again. July 4 in America is vastly different from October 3 in Germany. I'd like to share a bit about how I experienced America's national holiday.

The day started at 8:00 a.m. I searched for the right clothing for this special day. Dressed in white shorts and a blue top, I walked downstairs, where my host mum was preparing breakfast in the kitchen. Together with my host dad, brother and sister we decorated the tables in our yard and set out our meal. A few minutes later, good friends arrived, chatting and laughing as they approached. The sun was shining, and the cool breeze ushered in the promise of a good day.

Once all the guests arrived, we began our feast. Initially, I was a bit over-

whelmed by the spread of delicious food, but I chose a bagel with cream cheese combined with yogurt, watermelon and blueberries. After our meal, we walked to the end of the street, sat down in chairs on the sidewalk and watched the traditional Fourth of July parade. The following hour was full of children looking for candy on the black asphalt, cars and people decorated with the colors of the American flag and most importantly, a feeling of joy and celebration.

A few parts of the parade genuinely surprised me, including the politicians advertising their campaigns and the bagpipers, whom I had always associated with Scotland. On the other hand, the marching bands, cheerleaders and sports teams seemed more typically American to me. The warm-hearted applause for the military organizations and veterans also seemed very patriotic. All day, people asked me what I thought of their national celebration. All I could say in response was, "It was interesting." I lacked adequate words to describe the impressions and feelings I had.

After the parade and a short rest, we prepared for a late lunch at the beach. With our swimsuits and towels, we headed to the beach, where we spent our time swimming in the warm waters of Lake Erie, eating chips and homemade guacamole (which is one of the best things I've ever eaten), and playing Jenga in the warm sand.

It was fascinating, observing all the people celebrating not only their country but life itself and the happiness of being together and having fun. Later that evening, it dawned on me how much I was enjoying every moment. Some of us sat on the grass, others in chairs, with a grey fence as a barrier in front of the cliffs. Boats passed by on Lake Erie, moving with the pulse of the waves, their small lights a contrast on the dark, blue water.

Far away the colors of fireworks brightened the sky, sparkling like jewelry on a woman's wrist. Then there was a loud noise when the first fireworks in Lakewood Park started filling the air with shining intensity. All the conversations in the background sounded like a sweet melody, rising and falling whenever it became quiet or loud. A man behind me said "God bless America," and I turned around instinctively to see if someone would shame him for saying this out loud, but nothing happened.

When the fireworks were finally over, I caught myself smiling in the infinite blackness of the night. Certainty spread in my heart, while my mind was dancing around one small thought: maybe one day I'll be entirely free to be proud of where I come from. Maybe one day my children will be surprised when I tell them about a time when it was not socially acceptable to express how wonderful Germany is. Maybe one day I'll stand outside on a street, watching fireworks lightening the sky above me. But I know for sure that I'll remember how I spent the Fourth of July in the United States many years ago, surrounded by strangers and friends who came together for one reason: to celebrate their country and the joy of being together.

*I am Lina, a 17-year-old girl from Germany and since I graduated this summer from highschool I am taking a gap year right now. Since two months I am staying with a family here in Lakewood, whom I got to know in a two weeks exchange program with my school in Braunschweig/Brunswick. I am a passionate writer and deeply in love with your language, that's why I would like to share my view of your daily life with everyone who is interested.*

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Lakewood Living

LakewoodAlive Teams With Bentley Wealth Management Of Raymond James To

Complete Yard Beautification Projects

by Matt Bixenstine

Susan Bednar held her coffee cup in one hand and her pet poodle in the other as she watched the scene unfolding in her front yard with a noticeable sense of satisfaction.

LakewoodAlive's Housing Outreach Program recently partnered with Bentley Wealth Management of Raymond James, a locally-based financial services firm, to assist Ms. Bednar with reclaiming the yard surrounding the Warren Road home she's occupied for several decades. LakewoodAlive board members and other Lakewood community members also contributed to this massive volunteer housing project, which included a similar yard beautification effort at the home of Ms. Bednar's next-door neighbor.

Collectively, these 20 tireless volunteers spent a recent Saturday morning completing a pair of whole yard makeovers. The hum of various pieces of power equipment reverberated through the morning air as volunteers trimmed bushes, removed debris, weeded, raked and mulched.

"My yard was just a jungle and I didn't know where to start," said Ms. Bednar. "LakewoodAlive and these volunteers have been a true lifesaver for me."

Ms. Bednar has always taken great



These tireless volunteers spent a recent Saturday morning completing a pair of whole yard makeovers.

pride in her yard, devoting significant time to landscaping. Within the last decade, however, the longtime Lakewood resident had fallen upon hard times. The death of her mother preceded a diagnosis with ovarian cancer. Three operations and one hip replacement later, Ms. Bednar's cancer is in submission but she struggles to maintain her home.

A phone call to LakewoodAlive in 2015 spurred a connection with Hous-

ing Outreach Director Allison Urbanek and, more recently, with Community Engager Mark McNamara. LakewoodAlive's Housing Outreach Program has since assisted Ms. Bednar with obtaining a new roof and various other housing needs, laying the groundwork for this yard reclamation project.

For Michael Bentley – Vice President, Investments for Bentley Wealth Management of Raymond James – and his

crew of fellow volunteers, the experience proved extremely rewarding. This marks the second consecutive year the group has teamed with LakewoodAlive to assist Lakewoodites in need by completing a volunteer housing project. And this time the weather cooperated beautifully.

"You get what you give, and that's part of our culture," Bentley said. "We have a long-standing tradition within our firm to give back to the communities where we live and work. For me personally, having been born and raised in Lakewood and continuing to live here today, projects like this are really meaningful."

The pair of beautification projects represent the 35th and 36th such undertakings completed by LakewoodAlive thus far in 2017. For more information regarding LakewoodAlive's Housing Outreach Program, contact Allison Urbanek at aurbanek@lakewoodalive.com.



Michael Bentley poses with homeowner Susan Bednar following the completion of this yard project.

City Councilmembers Go To Bat For Citizen

Priorities, Innovations In 2017 And 2018 Budgets

by Tom Bullock

City Council kicked off the 2018 city budget-writing process in early September by proposing a dozen innovations to improve City operations as well as neighborhood priorities originating with Lakewood residents. Councilmembers put forward initiatives that are modest in cost but could lead to quality of life improvements. Examples include park improvement plans for Webb and Kauffman Parks, increased shade at pools, full-court outdoor basketball, curb repair, improved bicycle infrastructure, installing electric vehicle charging sta-

tions, purchasing clean power, calming traffic, recycling in parks, and opioid addiction intervention.

Many of the initiatives originated from conversations that Councilmembers had with Lakewood residents, while some are best practices demonstrated by other cities.

The initiatives are not final, but will be discussed at Finance Committee meetings through early October, when Council may vote to support some or all of them. Those supported by a majority of Council will be included in the Administration's budget book, undergo-

ing a detailed cost and feasibility analysis. Initiatives could be made final as part of formal budget, due December 31.

This is the second consecutive year that Council's Finance Committee has convened a series of budget hearings to solicit initiatives from Councilmembers. In 2016, Council used this process to fund ten priorities for the 2017 budget, including the addition of deck chairs and shade at the pools, increasing the budget for new tree plantings, and paving the way for public art, such as the recently-completed Rosewood Avenue street mural.

From The Archives Of The Lakewood Historical Society

Destruction On Highland Avenue



by Jess Yenni, Curator at Lakewood Historical Society

On September 10, 1953, catastrophe struck a one-mile stretch of West 117th St. from Lake Ave. to Berea Rd. A series of explosions believed to have been caused by the ignition of sewer gases caused massive damage to the surrounding buildings, cars, and roadways, leading to one death and more than sixty injuries. Another casualty was the streetcar barn on Madison Ave. The photo on the left was taken shortly before the blasts. The photo on the right shows West 117th St. just south of Madison Ave. after the blasts. Thank you to the Michael Schwartz Library at Cleveland State University for the use of the photograph on the right.

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