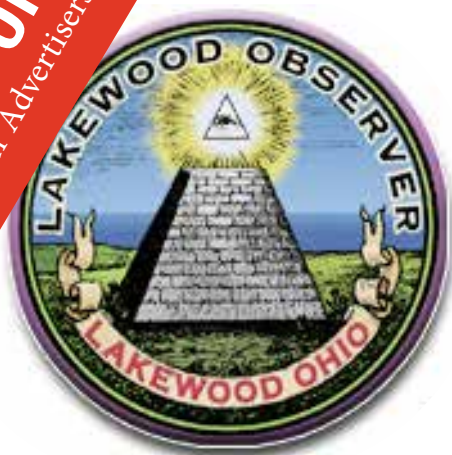


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## Templar Motors Factory & Lakewood Historical Society Play Host To The Best New Year's Eve Party In Town!

by Norine Prim

100 years ago, the Templar Motors Factory was gearing up to produce beautiful automobiles that would travel the country from coast to coast, race at top speeds, appear in movies, and grace the streets of Cleveland and other cities. During the six years of production, more than 6700 Templar automobiles were built, but, unfortunately, only 39 of them are known to still exist. Lakewood is fortunate to have a display of original Templar automobiles,

housed in the original factory on Athens Avenue. On New Year's Eve, the display will be open, as the Lakewood Historical Society hosts a birthday party for both the cars and the factory. All the makings of a great party will be available, including Ernie Krivda's wonderful band, dancing, food stations, and an open wine and beer bar. Following a twenties theme, guests are encouraged to dress accordingly (or buy an accessory at the party store), visit the speakeasy for a classic cocktail or be photo-

graphed behind the wheel of an actual 100-year-old Templar, before toasting the end of 2017 and the beginning of 2018, at midnight.

This event is also a fundraiser for the Lakewood Historical Society's "Digitizing the Archives" project. The Society owns many photos, printed documents, and objects that, when digitized, will be much more readily accessible by the community. The cost factor has made this a slow-moving project. Additional funds will allow for more personnel and more equipment to move the



Get ready for a Superfine New Year's Eve Party!

process along more quickly. Fortunately, the archives of the Society continue to grow as wonderful items are donated, telling the many stories of Lakewood's history. The Templar story is one of those pieces of Lakewood's history.

Time to purchase tickets is running out. Visit the

website of the Lakewood Historical Society, lakewoodhistory.org or call 216-221-7343 to purchase tickets. This promises to be a Superfine New Year's Eve Celebration!

Norine Prim is the First Vice President of the Lakewood Historical Society.

## District Bond Refund Nets \$6M In Savings

by Christine Gordillo

The current tax reform debate occurring in Washington created an opportunity for the District to advance refund \$43,825,000 of its 2014 bonds. The District was able to save \$6,100,112 in future debt service costs for nearly 10% net present value savings. This will average approximately

\$235,000 per year over the life of the remaining bonds (final maturity 2043).

The District was fortunate to be able to take advantage of an aggressive tax-exempt bond market. This refunding coupled with the refunding completed in September will positively impact our taxpayers

in reducing the current debt service millage by approximately 0.75 mills in tax year 2019. District Treasurer Kent Zeman is constantly looking at ways to improve our financial condition and this is just one example of how the District and Treasurer Zeman is displaying great stewardship of our taxpayers' dollars.

## Lakewood Women's Club To Host 2nd Annual Spring Fundraiser Nominations Open Now For "Women Honoring Women"

by Kristy Feyedele

Lakewood Women's Club is seeking nominations for its second annual spring fundraiser, "Women Honoring Women," to be presented on Thursday, May 10, 2018 at Georgetown Vosh in Lakewood, Ohio. The event will recognize outstanding women whose charitable and civic service has made an exceptional impact in Lakewood, Ohio.

The Women Honoring Women awards will recognize women for a variety of accomplishments from career to volunteer and philanthropic endeavors. In addition, a college scholarship award will be

presented to an outstanding young woman who has made a significant impact in the community.

The event will "...delight in the beauty of the butterfly [and celebrate] the changes it has gone through to achieve that beauty (Maya Angelou)."

Award categories include:

**Emerging Leader**

This award honors a woman who is early in her efforts but shows ambition and promise of reaching unconventional goals. She has demonstrated steady growth and leadership skills. She is willing to take risks, inspires and motivates others. She has overcome and excelled under

challenges and demonstrated perseverance.

**Distinguished Leader**

This award honors a seasoned woman who has demonstrated outstanding contributions to her community over a period of time. She is a role model, community leader, mentor, or has broken new ground. She is an agent for change who, through her accomplishments, will continue progress for those around her.

**ALL NOMINATIONS ARE DUE BY FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2018**

To download a nomination form, click on the link below. **continued on page 14**

courtesy of Cuyahoga County Board of Elections

The fourth of the six November 7, 2017 election recounts has been completed.

**Lakewood Council at Large:**

The recount was conducted and two (2) precincts, Lakewood 02-E & Lakewood 03-G, were hand counted. A total of 619 ballots were hand counted. The rest of the ward ballots were re-scanned. The recount totals matched the Official Canvass totals. There was no change in this race.

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Tom Bullock .....	3,600	15.66%
Meghan F. George .....	5,032	21.89%
Cindy Marx .....	3,584	15.59%
Ryan P. Nowlin .....	3,048	13.26%
Tristan Rader .....	4,732	20.58%
Brian M. Taubman .....	2,992	13.02%



Meghan F. George



Tristan Rader



Tom Bullock



# Hot Off The Deck

## Mark Kindt Takes Posts Of The Year With His Honesty Series

by Jim O'Bryan

Each year we have some fun with Post of the Year, but this year one member, an Ex-Assistant Attorney General of the State of Ohio, and an ex-Department of Justice attorney, who brought an entire series, was selected and singled out. To be honest it is something every Lakewoodite needs to read. It has little to do with the hospital, outside of City Hall's actions. Mark Kindt underlines what norms people should expect from their Government, based on decades of experience.

FROM THE NEWEST TO THE OLDEST

### Civic Accountability -- Honesty in Local Government IV

by Mark Kindt » Sun Nov 05, 2017 4:42 pm  
<http://lakewoodobserver.com/forum/viewtopic.php?f=7&t=23661>

#### Harassment and Intimidation of Citizens and Impairment of Free Speech

I want take a moment and summarize what I know about the harassment and intimidation of local citizens who are critical of the public policies of the city administration.

1. Public officials organized themselves and others in a smear campaign to file a series of false complaints to the Lakewood Police Department against a pro-hospital citizen.
2. Pro-hospital citizens were sent harassing postal mail by a city employee.
3. Citizens critical of city policies had to defend themselves and expend funds to fight subpoenas related to a SLAPP lawsuit.
4. The Lakewood Observer had to defend itself and expend funds to fight a SLAPP lawsuit.
5. The Lakewood Observer was / is banned from Lakewood City Hall.
6. Thoughtful comment critical

of city administration policies, such as the pit bull ordinance, is deleted from the Lakewood Community group page on facebook.

7. Some citizens have been blocked from this group page.
8. One or more partisans of the city administration created a false government document to harass a local citizen as recently as this past Friday.

These are only the incidents that I am aware of. Others are much closer to this experience than I am. If you have been the victim of such harassment, I encourage you to stand-up and speak-out.

If you are aware of other wrong-doing in the city administration, I encourage you to stand-up and speak-out.

This pattern runs across three years. We need to be vocal about this with our elected representatives and at the ballot box.

These are among the reasons that I am calling for widespread municipal reform in Lakewood.

### Civic Accountability -- Honesty in Local Government III

by Mark Kindt » Mon Sep 25, 2017 3:45 pm  
<http://lakewoodobserver.com/forum/viewtopic.php?f=7&t=24225>

Major Financial Misstatements in Official City of Lakewood Documents and Records

On October 13, 2016, the City Finance Director signed an affidavit under oath that was submitted to the Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. ("Exhibit A" attached)

Just a month later, on November 15, 2016, the City Finance Director issued the official 2017 Budget for the City of Lakewood.

Each document contains wildly different estimates of amounts to be paid to the City of Lakewood under the Master Agreement.

My conclusion is that a false affidavit was knowingly and intentionally filed with the Court.

The sworn affidavit of the City Finance Director has major problems:

1. The city administration has pro-pounded a false statement to an Ohio appellate court.

2. The city administration has made multiple material misrepresentations in that affidavit with respect to the financial condition of the City entirely inconsistent with the securities laws and the City's own public documents.

The falsity of the sworn affidavit is not only verified by the text of the Master Agreement, but is confirmed by a second official City of Lakewood public record, the 2017 City Budget.

See, if you can find the missing \$32 Million in the 2017 City Budget. We will take a look at that in the next post. Folks, it just ain't there. (Clue: start at page 2 in the Budget.)

What the hell is going on in our city administration?

### Civic Accountability -- Honesty in Local Government II

by Mark Kindt » Tue Dec 13, 2016 11:03 am  
<http://lakewoodobserver.com/forum/viewtopic.php?f=7&t=23661>

In this second series on Civic Accountability, I do first want to laud those who have chosen to enter public service as government employees or elected officials. I also want to acknowledge the hard-work and long-hours that go with the choice of serving the public. Further, as citizens we can all celebrate our local civic accomplishments.

As citizens, residents, voters and taxpayers in a democracy, we have the full set of skills to participate in this democracy that we, as a nation, have created. Wonder to the world that it is.


In my last series on Civic Accountability, we reviewed how the disregard of honesty, openness and transparency has actually and potentially increased the

legal liability to the City and to its public officials. We went through specific examples that were documented. In fact, the documents were presented for your actual review. Our review also identified some problems in civic governance.

Considering that a former mayor was indicted and that approximately 70 public officials and other individuals in Cuyahoga County were sent down the river in recent memory, it seems quite surprising that the City of Lakewood doesn't appear to have a vibrant and modern ethics-in-government policy.

In this series, we will explore what this means and whether we can

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First Snowfall Of The Season

by Jacob Chabowski

Lakewood, Ohio, saw its first significant snowfall of the season this week. Snow started to fall around Wednesday at 7 p.m. and did not let up until Thursday morning. By Thursday afternoon, crews had cleared most of the snow from the streets. While folks down in the MetroParks could be seen having fun and driving through the winter landscape, on Lakewood's city streets residents were digging cars out and plowing driveways.

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Civic Accountability -- Honesty in Local Government II

by Mark Kindt » Tue Dec 13, 2016 11:03 am

improve the performance of our City. This is something that as citizens we can do together.

I'm sure that many of you work under codes-of-conduct in your work-

places, this will be familiar ground for all of us. I intend to just remind you what you already now or can easily learn about.

Mark

Civic Accountability -- Honesty in Local Government I

by Mark Kindt » Sat Dec 03, 2016 5:26 pm

<http://lakewoodobserver.com/forum/viewtopic.php?f=7&t=23643>

In January of 2015, we learned that the City had a plan that had \$120 million dollars in value for our community. That number was repeated by elected and appointed city officials. It was published in our water bill inserts. It was a material representation about the financial condition of our city. Was it true or false? Or, mere hyperbole, perhaps?

Since our city participates in the municipal bond market, our city officials have to comply with the federal securities laws. These are the national laws that relate to the regulation of stocks and bonds. Our officials have a duty not to make public statements that are materially misleading or omit material information. Did they violate that duty with statements related to the future of Lakewood Hospital?

In this thread, I will explore whether our elected and appointed city officials have violated these laws. I actively encourage you to join in this review with me. We have a very easy starting point. For short, I call it the "SEC Harrisburg Release". It is a short document at the SEC website that carefully and in very direct terms explains why local public officials have a duty of honesty with respect to statements about financial conditions of their localities.

Mark

Representative Antonio's Ohio Fairness Act Hearings Into 2018

by Nickie Antonio

This week, I was disappointed by the delay of a second hearing on House Bill (HB) 160, which is being rescheduled for an unspecified date in January. HB 160, titled "the Ohio Fairness Act", would bar discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity in areas of employment, housing and public accommodations in Ohio.

HB 160 is supported by many of Ohio's most successful businesses and has the potential to serve as an economic catalyst to drive innovation, spur investment and attract the best and brightest to Ohio. We're not deterred by this delay, and I look forward to hearing from our local and statewide chambers of commerce and over 200 businesses who have joined Ohio Business Competes to support fairness for all Ohioans as we continue hearings in the new year.

Ohio remains one of 28 states without clear, inclusive, non-discrimination protections for the LGBT community. Nineteen Ohio cities have already passed non-discrimination ordinances, and 80 percent of top employers in Ohio have corporate policies that prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation.

More than 200 leading Ohio businesses have offered support of HB 160 since it was introduced earlier this year. I have introduced the Ohio Fairness Act in every General Assembly since 2011, and I am pleased to say that this is the first year that the Ohio Chamber of Commerce is in full support of this important legislation. I am committed to keeping up the momentum for HB 160 into the new year in order to create a fair state for all Ohioans.

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Lakewood Public Library

# Violin Music Through The Ages Comes To The Lakewood Public Library

by Sarah McKinsey

Come to the Lakewood Public Library to experience Mary Beth Ions, a funny, outgoing, talented violinist whose repertoire ranges from Bach to the Beatles.

Ions will be bringing her violin to the Lakewood Public Library's Main Auditorium on Sunday, January 14, 2018 at 2 p.m. This performance is part of the library's Sunday With the Friends program series.

Mary Beth, a freelance, classically trained Cleveland violinist, graduated from Baldwin-Wallace College and Penn State University. She performs at a variety of venues, including senior centers, the Cleve-

land Clinic, weddings, showers, funerals, and the lobby of the Palace Theatre. In addition to her freelance endeavors, Ions plays for the Cleveland Pops Orchestra and used to play in the orchestras for the Cleveland Ballet and the Cleveland Opera. She has also been in the orchestra pit for the Broadway Series at Playhouse Square.

Although Ions plays a variety of tunes, from Broadway to classic rock to current hits, she has also kept a connection with her classical roots. In addition to regularly playing classical music in her one-woman concerts, she is involved in the BrownBag Concerts with downtown Cleveland's

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral Chamber Orchestra.

According to an article in the Cleveland Plain Dealer, some of Ions's most admirable work is done in senior centers and at the Cleveland Clinic, where her "exuberant and often-antic behavior" steals the show as much as her skillful playing. She often tells jokes and talks throughout her performances about everything from her boyfriend to the history and nature of the violin. Her cheerful, relatable manner brings joy to the residents and patients she performs for. She is sure to bring the same joy and fun to the library in her upcoming performance.



Mary Beth Ions performs in the lobby of the Palace Theatre

## Online Dating

by Hiam Jawhari

In this era of internet, everything falls at the tip of your fingers. You can enter a world of knowledge just by pushing some buttons on your phone or computer. How convenient it is! From educating ourselves, to paying bills, applying for jobs, completing documents, or even finding a lifelong companion - all can be achieved online.

Carolyn Anderson will give us a unique perspective on online dating in an amusing and entertaining way. Her recent fiction book, "13 Zodiac Women," talks about men's perspectives on dating online. Meet Ted - a successful counselor. He is kind and physically attractive. Ted is lonely after several failed dates that his friends and family helped him to attain. Each woman he met had her own problems. Signing up for online dating services takes some guts and determination. So, he decides to take his luck to the web. He finds a popular dating-service site and pays the fees. That's how he meets 13 Zodiac women, with 13 interesting, funny stories, like sweet Gemini, ambitious Scorpio, and gorgeous Aries. The book includes 13 separate stories for the 13 women Ted meets online.

Carolyn Anderson will visit our Library on Thursday, January 11th, 2018 at 7 p.m. in the Main Auditorium. She is a teacher, researcher, communication scholar, and leader/follower with over 20 years of experience in various roles in business and industry.

Anderson provides consulting and coaching to private and public companies to meet employees' needs for leadership, small group participation, interpersonal development and public speaking.

She is the co-author of "The Fundamentals of Small Group Communication" with Scott A Myers. It's a seven step guide to help teenagers understand the role of leader and teach them the skills needed for leadership.

Anderson is also the author of "12 Zodiac Men," which talks about women's perspectives of dating online. Don't miss this opportunity. Come and enjoy an evening of adventure. You might learn a few guidelines that will improve your own relationships!



Carolyn Anderson



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Schools

# Stop The Hate \$100,000 Student Essay Contest

by Jim O'Bryan

With the help and support of Councilwoman Cindy Marx, the Observer Media Project has joined the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage in their "Stop the Hate" essay contest. The \$100,000 ESSAY CONTEST is for Northeast Ohio 6-12th Graders. You have the power to make a positive difference in the world.

Each year, the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage gives out \$100,000 in scholarships, awards and anti-bias education in recognition of 6-12th grade upstanders in Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Mahoning, Medina, Portage, Stark, Summit, Trumbull and Wayne counties.

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- One (1) Second Runner-Up: \$10,000 scholarship (up to \$2,500 per year renewable up to 4 years)\*
- One (1) Third Runner-Up: \$5,000 scholarship (up to \$2,500 per year renewable up to 2 years)\*
- Six (6) Honorable Mentions: \$500 cash prize

### Grades 6-10

- One (1) 6th Grade First Prize: \$400

- One (1) 7th Grade First Prize: \$400
- One (1) 8th Grade First Prize: \$400
- One (1) 9th Grade First Prize: \$400
- One (1) 10th Grade First Prize: \$400

See all the details at: [www.maltz-museum.org/stop-the-hate](http://www.maltz-museum.org/stop-the-hate)

Stop the Hate® Youth Speak Out celebrates students committed to creating a more accepting, inclusive society. By reflecting on real-life situations and detailing ways to make a positive difference in the world, this next generation of leaders can win big.

Stop the Hate® is designed to create an appreciation and understanding among people of differing religions, races, cultures and socioeconomic backgrounds. By challenging young people to consider the benefits of a more inclusive society, the consequences of intolerance and the role of personal responsibility in effecting change, the contest also reflects Jewish values of responsible citizenship and respect for all humanity.

Essays cannot be fictitious. All entries must include a real-life situation and creative ideas for making the world a more accepting, inclusive place. Essays must be original student work and free of plagiarism. Essays cannot exceed 500 words.

Online entry is preferred at: <http://www.maltzmuseum.org/official-entry-form-2018/>

Entries must be received electronically,

by mail or hand-delivered by 11:59 p.m. on the following dates. Late entries will not be accepted: Friday, January 5, 2018 for students in grades 6-10, Friday, January 19, 2018 for students in grades 11-12.

If you get a chance stop by the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage at:

2929 Richmond Road, Beachwood, Ohio 44122

Or plan your visit online at <http://maltzmuseum.org>. The Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage is a great asset to everyone in Northern Ohio.

See all the details at: [www.maltz-museum.org/stop-the-hate](http://www.maltz-museum.org/stop-the-hate).



## Employment Opportunities

# Lakewood Community Fitness Facility

by Mitchell Robida

The Lakewood City Schools-Community Recreation and Education Department has employment opportunities for the Front Office Staff position at the Community Fitness Facility & Indoor Track. The Front Office Staff will be the direct representative of the Lakewood City Schools-Community Recreation & Education Department during business hours. The primary duties and responsibilities are, but not limited to, the monitoring & managing of all facility events and ensuring the safety & well-being of all participants.

The ideal candidate for the Front Office Staff position will have strong communication skills, the ability to multi-task and be proficient with computers. Prior front desk experience and a general understanding of recreation programs are preferred. Basic First Aid

and CPR/AED Certifications will be required and training will be provided. This position is part time, approximately 15-20 hours a week, shifts will be assigned as needed. Position to include weekdays, evenings and weekends.


Interested candidates should submit an Employment Application, which is available at [www.lakewoodcityschools.org](http://www.lakewoodcityschools.org) under OUICK LINKS-Job Opportunities, left hand column.

The Lakewood Community Fitness Facility has an anticipated opening date of Tuesday, January 9, 2018.

For more information on the Lakewood City Schools Community Recreation Department or the Lakewood Community Fitness Facility please visit [www.lakewoodrecreation.com](http://www.lakewoodrecreation.com).


*Mitchell Robida is the Program Coordinator for the Lakewood City Schools Community Recreation & Education Department.*

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Schools

# United Way, Harrison Team For New Reading Room

by Christine Gordillo

Students at Harrison Elementary have a neat new space to get cozy with books thanks to the December 1 opening of a reading room sponsored by the United Way Young Leaders' Readers Become Leaders initiative. Student reading ambassadors cut the ribbon on the room as District administrators and United Way representatives looked on.

The United Way's Young Leaders raise money and engage in volunteer activities working towards the mission of lowering the income achievement gap. The group creates rooms at schools with a significant number of low-income students and outfit the room with 1,000 books and present the students each with a literacy kit with two books and activity book to take home. Many of the books come from

a donation from the Cleveland Kids Book Bank. The group also provides tables and chairs, bean bags and learning materials.

Besides hearing from four of the Young Leaders, Principal Sabrina Crawford, Superintendent Jeff Patterson and 5th grade reading ambassadors Gavin Stinac, Zelig Cerda-Malicedem, Dahlia Gonzalez Kronika and Lay Phalt Htoo on why reading is important to them, the students also were treated to a surprise visit from Chomps, the Cleveland Browns' mascot.

While Chomps was a highlight for the students, they were equally excited to receive their new books. Superintendent Patterson left them with a thought that he hopes stays with them for the rest of their lives: "The more we read, the better we learn."



The new Reading Room at Harrison made possible by United Way Young Leaders group.

## 3rd Annual LHS Hockey Alumni Night And Boodah Bash In Honor Of Tommy Star

by Tony Chiaravalle

The annual Alumni Hockey Game will also take place that same evening, which last year brought over 30 past LHS Alumni Hockey players to the ice!

The Game will be on Saturday, January 6th.

Alumni Reception at 5:30-7 p.m. (Upstairs lobby of Winterhurst for former players and their families. Pizza/Appetizers/Desserts and soda will be

provided.

Varsity Hockey Game v Nordonia 7-9 p.m. All Alumni will be free admission.

Boodah Bash Alumni Game 9:10-10:30 p.m.

Look for the link on the LHS Facebook page and on our LHS Athletic Website so that players can RSVP and we can save their information for future team updates.



Browns mascot Chomps helped students celebrate their new Reading Room.




Last year's alumni at the event.

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## Sports

# Eagles Overrule Lawyers With Road Win

by Mike Deneen

John Marshall entered Saturday night's [December 16] home game against St. Edward with an undefeated record and a lot of enthusiasm. Winners of only eight games last season, the Lawyers had a 5-0 record this year under rookie head coach Rich Austin. John Marshall played well early in front of a large home crowd, but the Eagles used their depth and size to earn a 68-49 win.

The game attracted the largest John Marshall crowd since their new gym was completed in fall 2015. The Lawyers fed off the energy, taking an early 8-5 lead behind four quick points from senior Quentin Williams. Marshall sophomore Raymeire Oates tied the game at 10 midway through the first quarter with a pair of free throws. The Eagles responded with a pair of three pointers, first from senior PJ Flannery and then from senior Elliott



This proud John Marshall alum was rooting for the Eagles. His son, senior guard Richard White, attends St. Edward.



Eagles getting fired up before taking the floor in front of a big John Marshall crowd.

Tirbaso. St. Edward held a 20-14 lead after the first period.

St. Edward stretched the lead to double-digits in the second quarter, due in part to eight points in the period from Flannery. He hit two three pointers within 19 seconds to give the Eagles a 35-19 lead with just over one

minute left in the first half. The score at halftime was 36-21, as John Marshall refused to let the Eagles pull away.

Marshall went on a 6-2 run over the first three minutes of the third quarter, cutting the lead to 38-27 and firing up the home crowd. That was as close as it would get, though, as the Eagle defense

locked down to shut out Marshall for the next seven minutes. Sophomore Devontae Blanton put the game out of reach later in the third period. He hit one field goal to stretch the lead to 15, then followed with a three pointer only 17 seconds later. The lead ballooned to 56-27 at the end of the third period.

Marshall cut into the lead with a 12-2 run early in the fourth quarter, but the Eagles kept the game in hand. St. Edward was able to use reserves during the final few minutes, and the Lawyers narrowed the final margin to 68-49. Flannery led the Eagles with 16 points; Blanton had 14; Tirbaso and Foster each finished with nine. Oates and junior Terrell Repress led the Lawyers with 12 points apiece.

"They [Marshall] did a great job defensively and controlling the offensive pace early," said Eagle head coach Eric Flannery after the game. He felt that his team's depth and experience – 11 players are back from last year's Final Four run – made the difference. "We kept our composure," he said. St. Edward returned home Tuesday night [December 19] for a game against Brush High School.

## Rangers Beat Titans With Second-Half Run

by Mike Deneen

The Lakewood boys basketball team overcame an 11 point halftime deficit to defeat Berea-Midpark 42-34 on Tuesday night [December 12] at the new LHS gym. Ranger junior Tim Smith had 16 points to lead the comeback, which lifts Lakewood to 3-1 on the season.

The game started dismally for the

Rangers, who trailed 10-0 five minutes into the first quarter. Lakewood was out of sync offensively, throwing errant passes and missing shots. The Titans, on the other hand, were making plays. Lakewood finally got its first bucket with 2:35 remaining in the first period. Ranger junior Tommy Sala made a three pointer to cut the lead to 10-3. Berea-Midpark finished the first quarter with a 15-5 lead, and had momentum completely in their favor.

Lakewood stopped the bleeding in the second quarter, holding the Titans to only nine points in the period. Berea-Midpark led 24-13 at the half, still a solid lead. The Rangers took over the game in the third quarter, when their defense competely stifled the Titans. Berea-Midpark only scored two points in eight minutes, and Lakewood's offense woke up with a flurry of baskets. The biggest

play came three minutes into the half, when Smith made a four point play by sinking a three pointer while fouled and the ensuing free throw. That cut the lead to 24-20. Lakewood took the lead with 2:20 remaining in the third, as a pair of Noah Stadler free throws made the score 27-26 Rangers. The lead was stretched to 30-36 at the end of three periods.

Smith hit a three pointer early in the fourth quarter to put Lakewood up 33-26. The Titans battled back with a pair of three pointers, but the Rangers never gave up the lead. Junior Zion Kolodinski-Darby made an "old fashioned" three point play (a field goal plus free throw) with 2:38 left that made the score 38-32 Lakewood. He made another field goal 90 seconds later to put the game out of reach -- it was 40-32 with 1:07 to play. The Rangers went on to win 42-34.

## Lakewood Tops Amherst In Overtime

by Mike Deneen

The Lakewood girls basketball team defeated Amherst Steele 61-54 Saturday afternoon [December 9] in an overtime battle. The Rangers took an big lead early, but the Comets battled back in the fourth quarter to send the game into overtime. Lakewood regained its composure during the extra session, outscoring Amherst 9-2. Senior center Olivia Nagy led the Rangers with 24 points.

Lakewood dominated early in the game, taking a 19-4 lead at the end of the first quarter. Nagy dominated the inside game, scoring nine points in the opening period. Senior Isabel Cintron hit a desperation three at the buzzer, and the game appeared to be headed to a blowout. However, the Comets quickly battled back early in the second quarter. They hit two three pointers in the opening minute of the period, cutting the lead to 19-10. They used full court pressure to disrupt the Rangers, who scored only five points in the second quarter. By halftime the lead had been cut to 24-17 in favor of Lakewood.

Amherst opened the third period

with another three pointer, and the pace of the game quickened. The Comets chipped away, continuing to harass the Rangers with pressure. Amherst took the lead at 33-32 with 1:55 left in the third quarter, delighting their home crowd. Lakewood was able to restore a 40-36 lead by the end of the third quarter

and took the leacutting the margin to 40-36 at the end of the third quarter -- Cintron hit yet another long-distance three point heave at the buzzer. Lakewood opened the fourth quarter with six consecutive points by Nagy, who scored on three consecutive possessions. The Rangers rebuilt a 12 point lead with six minutes to go, and seemingly had put the game away. However, the Comets again battled back. They outscored Lakewood 16-2 to take a 52-50 lead with 32 seconds remaining in regulation. Nagy made a basket to tie the game with 22 seconds left, and the game went to overtime.

Junior Claire Hylton was the key player in overtime, scoring four points on consecutive baskets to put

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Ranger forward Noah Stadler inbounds the ball during second half action.



Sports

# Exploring The Psychology Of Sports Injury

by Grace LaDue

Pop. Snap. Crack. Three sounds that an athlete never wants to hear. The demanding task of being an athlete comes with many physical impacts, but also psychological effects. Studies have found that those injured through sports are more likely to struggle with frustration, anger and depression. They feel as though they have lost part of their identity. They must go from being active everyday to sitting on the bench, unable to do the things that make them feel whole. It is known that pain comes with both a physical and an emotional experience, whether you stub your toe or get a paper cut, or go through a spinal cord injury or tear a ligament, you will experience both pain and anger or frustration. A physical injury can have the same effects as rejection or other emotional pain, therefore it has become clear that it is critical to focus on both physical and mental rehabilitation for an injured athlete. Without this side of rehabilitation, the injured player may never fully recover mentally or physically.

When one is physically injured, the anterior insula and the anterior cingulate cortex are activated. These same activations occur when you experience emotional pain or rejection by peers or loved ones. It is no surprise, then, that an injury would take its toll both physically and emotionally on an athlete. There are various aspects to the emotional side of physical injuries, for athletes especially. Not only must you deal with the physical pain, but also the pain of missing out on something that you love.

In one study at NCAA Divi-

sion 1 University, it was found that frustration and anger were the most common feelings experienced by athletes who had been injured. Anger and frustration with a situation is one of the hardest things to overcome. One can not turn back time and somehow avoid their injury, as much as they may want to. There is not much left to do than accept the situation for what it is and find your way of coping with it. If they are unable to do that, both their mental and physical recovery will suffer. Going from being physically active everyday to being unable to even walk is sure to mess with a person's mind. Injured athletes were found to be more tense, depressed and confused than their non injured peers through two questionnaires-a Sportsmen's Feelings After Injury Questionnaire (SFAIQ), and a Bi-polar Profile of Mood States (POMS-BI).

There is also a level of fear that is acquired after an injury. This fear of re-injury can hold a player back from fully recovering or being able to perform at their best when recovered. The process of overcoming an injury is similar to a grieving process. For athletes, they grieve the lost time on the field, court, track, they grieve their loss of activity and the feeling of physically pushing themselves to the limit. It is only when you can no longer be a part of them that you miss the practices that made you want to quit. This loss can have a greater impact on the athlete than the physical impact of the injury itself.

It is no secret that mentally dealing with an injury is a difficult task. It requires a great level of inner strength that many injured athletes and non-

athletes struggle finding. Finding the best way of coping with an injury is critical to recovery. If this stage is skipped, many patients will lack the confidence and determination to heal and get back to the game they love. Many individuals focus on their physical rehabilitation to keep them positive. Others seek psychiatric help which has been found to have positive effects in most cases. It is believed that patients will benefit best from problem-focused, behaviorally oriented programs, which would help them accept their situation and become proactive in finding ways of helping them feel normal again.

When a person is injured, they are forced to alter their normal way of life. Suddenly their whole daily routine must adapt to their situation. This is not something that most injured patients can do easily. It takes a level of determination and acceptance in order to figure out how to function around an injury. This has to do with the mental aspect of an injury. Yes, there is the physical aspect keeping you from doing your normal everyday activities, but it is a demanding task mentally to figure out how to adapt and not fall apart in the process. In fact most of the recovery process is dependent on your mental state. If a patient is unwilling to accept their injury, it will throw off their entire recovery. If they are unable to overcome their fear, they will unconsciously hold themselves back from doing the things they need to do in order to recover. And after they do

recover, the fear of re-injury can hold them back from pushing themselves in a game or practice. This is why psychological rehabilitation is critical when it comes to injuries, especially in athletes.

The mental aspects of an injury are far more extensive than the physical aspects, especially in athletes. Athletes must go through the process of accepting their situation and adapting to it. They must go through physical and emotional pain and grieve the loss of time. They must deal with the most common feelings of frustration, anger and depression that go hand in hand with injuries. But most importantly, they must find a way to cope with all of these things, whether it be through their own strength, the love and support from family and friends, or through psychiatric help. If one is unable to cope with their injury, they will find it harder to fully recover. The psychological rehabilitation after an injury is just as important, if not more, than the physical rehabilitation. An injured athlete must be able to find the will and determination to get back to the sport they love in order to have a successful recovery. Without this determination, the patient will feel lost, depressed and stuck in their situation. Along with the research that has already been done on this subject, more on the best ways of coping with an injury, sports related or not, would help in giving patients the best chance at a successful physical and mental recovery.

## St. Edward Basketball Gives Back With Coat Drive



The Eagles vs. Padua basketball game on Friday, December 15th was part of a Coat Drive at St. Edward. Over 140 winter coats were collected to benefit Lakewood and Cleveland residents in need. The Eagles also won the game 89-55.

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# Lakewood Is Art

## Abobobobomination: Reviews Of Recent Releases By Local Bands, Pt. 61

*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.*

**Ricky Hamilton featuring The Voidboys - Hell Is Real - Quality Time Records - 9 songs - cassette, download**

This is the third “solo” release from Ricky Hamilton of [insert band here] fame. I say “solo” in quotes because, as with the previous tape (“Killed By Ricky”), he’s backed by Fascinating bandmates Adam Spektor (clarinet, this time around heavily processed) and Carter Luckfield (bass, this time around normal) and occasionally The Sight bandmate Noah Depew (guitar, shreds). Hold on, Spektor and Carter are in The Sight, too. I’m not sure how to work all these sentences out to be good. You know what I mean. I’d thought Ricky’s solo work was his one man punk thing that the kids are into these days, but someone told me that the solo stuff is for Ricky’s “pop” output. That can’t be right, I thought that was what Fascinating was for. Anyway. I gotta say, this tape doesn’t get off to a great start. “The Valium” and “All 6’s,” while perfectly acceptable songs, are just kind of okay. Things pick up with “The Feeling Is Alright,” though I wish he was using live drums on these instead of the drum machine, especially since I know that Ricky’s a pretty good drummer. I also wish he would be a little more enthusiastic, I guess is the word, with the vocals. I was hoping for something more like “666” on “Killed By Ricky,” where he really goes for it, but not here. “Friday Eyes” is the first song on this tape that I would absolutely say I fully enjoy. It’s a good, uptempo rock ‘n’ roller, it has nice harmonies on the chorus, and I think Noah arrives for the first time to add some lead. Moving onto the B side, “8 Days In Hell” keeps up the momentum (not speed-wise, but...ah, you know what I’m getting at). Again, the harmonies and the lead guitar (Noah does his best J Mascis here) keep it moving

by Buzz Kompier



Album art from this issue's reviews.

and it ends up a good song. Ricky chose “Killing Season On Earth” as the single for this record, which I don’t quite get, but I assume that means he thinks it’s a good one. It is, but...look, I gotta say, some of these songs get kinda samey, especially considering they’re mostly the same tempo and with very similar arrangements. With the exception of the songs with the extra lead guitar, it’s all very midrangey. Ricky did warn me that I was being given a hand-dubbed tape and the consumer version is gonna sound better, so hopefully that issue doesn’t persist. We close this tape out with “You Look Like A Cop.” I think I get what he was going for here (some kind of noisy punk thing), but it kind of ends up as a mess. Perhaps that was intentional. Is there actually a voice in the background saying “Satan” or am I hearing things? I do like the fake echo where he just goes “cop cop cop cop.” That’s entertaining. Also, the Jesus & Mary Chain interview clip at the end is a nice touch. At least I assume it’s the Jesus & Mary Chain, as the guy speaking is very Scottish and very confrontational. I don’t know what to make of this. There are good songs on here (and a couple really good songs on here), but it’s not as consistent or listenable as “Killed By Ricky” or “Life By The Thorns.” I know Ricky’s got a lot of songs in him and I know and appreciate how much work he puts into this, but nobody will be offended or upset if he takes it easy for a minute or two. 3.9/5

(qualitytimerecords.bandcamp.com)

**Knowso - Look At The Chart - Neck Chop Records - 6 songs - 12”**

This is maybe my most anticipated release of the year (second only to maybe that Perverts Again LP that now isn’t gonna be out ‘til next year...). I wasn’t disappointed. This is most of Cruelster / Perverts Again (3 out of 4) with Jayson from Magic City and some other band...Cloud something? on drums. Velocity-wise (that’s speed and direction— learned that in 9th grade science), it’s somewhere in between Cruelster and Perverts Again. 6 songs here, single-sided 12”. I think they’re all good, actually. “Me & My Friends’ Town” (which was originally called

“Seeing You Around,” as all four of you that own the demo tape might remember) starts things off on a high note. “I keep seeing you around— why? This is my town.” That’s good stuff. The double vocal thing (I’m pretty sure Nathan is the low voice and Michael is the high voice, but who knows) really goes all over the place during “Human Like Me,” with high voice really having an interesting delivery on some of those lines. Then there’s “White Science,” which is about animal rights or something. “No Patience” is a killer punk tune of the highest order, I’m telling you. If you’re not singing along to this by the end of it, I don’t know what to tell you. I guess the quickest, dumbest comparison would be Smooth Brain. Yes, I’m comparing a band with Nathan Ward on bass and vocals and Mike Gill on guitar to another band with Nathan Ward on bass and vocals and Mike Gill and guitar. “Look At The Chart” closes the record out. Something about it sorta makes me think of Urochromes for some reason. Don’t know why. I do wish this record came with a lyric sheet. Nathan’s probably so sick of hearing that almost every time I review one of his bands, but oh well. I quite like the count-off towards the end of “1-2-3-4-5-5-5!” and then the song speeding up. Good stuff, as you’d expect from this group of people. Between this and that Citric Dummies record, I’ve really increased the number of full-color Nathan Ward artworks that I own. 4.5/5

(neck-chop-records.myshopify.com)

**Carter Luckfield - Crowley 666 - Quality Time Records - 6 songs - cassette, download**

I didn’t quite know what to expect of a Carter Luckfield solo album. Carter, for those who don’t follow this column or the local music scene, is a member of a large number of the bands on the Quality Time roster. This does not sound like any of those bands. This is five tracks of some actually very good...I don’t quite know what to call it. Folk rock? Country rock? It kinda goes multiple places. Mostly acoustic based, harmonica appears on a couple of the tunes, I kinda wanna say Neil Young but I kinda don’t, ya know what I mean? I can’t decide if it’s more John

Lennon or more George Harrison. Whatever you wanna call it, I kinda really like it. “Crowley” is a great start to the album (I guess it’s supposed to be a “concept album” of sorts about getting stranded in 100-degree heat in Crowley, Louisiana when Fascinating’s van broke down on their latest tour) and that guitar solo at the end is good. Like, really good. “Silver Dollar” and “2/3” continue the trend. This is really reminding me of someone specific that I just cannot place. Check back with me in a week, I’ll have remembered by then. It’s classic rock-influenced, but like the good kind of classic rock. The stuff that’s classic for good reason. “Stray Dog” is a good sad country ballad about finding your woman’s run off with another man. Great weepy harmonica solo on there. There’s a bit of more garage-rockin’ guitar that cuts in and cuts out right before the last song of Side A that I kinda wanted to hear more of, but oh well. “End Of The World” switches to the electric guitar but genre-wise is along the same line as the rest of the tape. Man, I really wish I could think of what I’m trying to think of, you’d know immediately what I’m trying to get at? The Band? No, I don’t think that’s quite it. Not quite Dylan either. A little bit CCR maybe? Whatever it is, this is good stuff. Side B, “666,” seems to be the entire tape but backwards (just like Sockeye used to do!). It’s pretty lo-fi, but I think that adds to it. It feels more...I don’t know, intimate I guess? My biggest complaint here is whatever effect that is on the vocals. In my opinion, they’d sound better just clean, but whatever. I think this is my favorite Quality Time release in a while. That’s not to say that I don’t like most of what Quality Time puts out, as I do, but this is just really good. 66 copies. 4.5/5

(qualitytimerecords.bandcamp.com)

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Cox Communications Accepting Applications For 2018 Community Grant Program

Awards target organizations supporting STEAM learning in summer enrichment and after-school programs

by Jeff Lavery

Applications are now being accepted for the 2018 Cox Communications Community Grant program, which supports non-profit organizations providing summer enrichment and after-school programming aligned with STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) learning initiatives. The call for applications is open through January 17, 2018, and all non-profit groups within Cox's service areas are eligible to apply via the Cox Charities website, located at <https://www.cox-charitiesne.org/>.

There are several criteria that proposals will be judged against, including the focus on enhancing academic achievement within core STEAM concentrations and the impact of the proposal on the positive development of youth during the summer and after-school timeframe. Preference will be given to those programs that collaborate closely with low-performing middle schools, as defined by the jurisdiction of each respective non-profit institution that applies.

"Spurring the creative juices that STEAM learning prioritizes

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Grant awards range up to \$15,000 and applicants must demonstrate how the grant will be used in a cost-effective manner, including the number of youth who will benefit from this award. Special consideration will also be given to applicants who offer enhancements to after-school programs that promote environmental conservation efforts. Applications are to be submitted electronically, as Cox is now only accepting online submittals. The application is accessible via the Cox Charities website (<https://www.coxcharitiesne.org/>). For more information on Cox's community grant programs, visit: <https://www.coxcharitiesne.org/contact-us>.

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## Business News

# Matthew Markling And McGown & Markling Among Best Education Lawyers And Law Firms For 2018

by Chris Cape

U.S. News & World Report and Best Lawyers has announced both its selections for “The Best Lawyers in America®” and rankings for “Best Law Firms.”

McGown & Markling is proud to announce that Matthew Markling has once again been selected one of The Best Lawyers in America® in the practice area of Education Law for the year 2018. This is especially gratifying as recipients are selected by one’s legal peers. Mr. Markling is the managing director and co-founder of McGown & Markling, as well as a Former Lakewood City School Board President and proud Lakewood husband, father, and resident.

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The 2018 rankings are based on the highest number of participating firms and highest number of client ballots on record. Over 13,000 attorneys provided more than 1,000,000 law firm assessments, and over 7,500 clients provided more than 65,000 evaluations.

“We have been ranking law firms for eight years,” says Steven Naifeh, CEO and co-founder of Best Lawyers, “having ranked individual lawyers for almost 35. This year we reviewed 13,745 law firms across the United States – across 75 practice areas –

and a total of 1,911 firms received a national law firm ranking. We continue to expand our reach even as we also work to simplify the process for the law firms that provide us with the information that we use to create the rankings. We are proud that the legal profession views our law firm rankings with such serious and widespread respect.”

“The law firm of McGown & Markling is honored to be recognized

by our clients and peers for our education law practice,” says Matthew Markling, managing director and co-founder of McGown & Markling. “We look forward to continuing to represent Ohio educational leaders and work collaboratively with our peers throughout 2018 and beyond.”

To learn more about the law firm of McGown & Markling, as well as Mr. Markling, please visit [www.mcgown-markling.com](http://www.mcgown-markling.com).



Matthew Markling, McGown & Markling Managing Director.

## Lakewood Business Leader Graduates From Tri-C’s Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses Program

by John Horton

Laura Ross of Cleveland Vegan in Lakewood took a step toward greater business success by completing the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses program at Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C).

Ross is one of 30 small-business owners in the program’s latest graduating class. She spent 14 weeks at Tri-C studying a specialized business and management curriculum designed for entrepreneurs.

Previous graduates have seen their business outperform the broader economy while exceeding national and

local averages in revenue growth and job creation.

Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses is a \$500 million initiative to unlock the growth and job creation potential of small businesses across the United States by providing them with greater access to business education, financial capital and business support services.

10,000 Small Businesses (10KSB) launched at Tri-C in Cleveland in May 2012. With the most recent class, the alumni list for the College’s program surpassed 500. Graduates represent a



variety of industries and businesses across the region.

Ross co-founded Cleveland Vegan in 2012. The all-vegan café, bakery and catering service is located at 17112 Detroit Ave. in Lakewood.

For more information on 10,000 Small Businesses, visit [www.tri-c.edu/10ksb](http://www.tri-c.edu/10ksb) or call 216-987-3220. Applications for the next session in May are due by February 22, 2018.

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In addition to picking up last minute gift certificates to any one of hundreds of Lakewood restaurants, bakeries, and coffee shops, at Woodstock, you can also find one of the hottest gift items this year: “Foodwood©” T-shirts. They are also available at Rozi’s Wine House for all of your gift giving needs this holiday season.

## Lakewood Resident Wins Toastmasters District 10 Humorous Speech Contest

by Sharon Stadul

Vivek Khosla, Principal Consultant at KBACE, A Cognizant Company, won first place in the Toastmasters District 10 Humorous Speech Contest. The event was held on Saturday, November 4, 2017, at the Crowne Plaza in Independence, Ohio.

Khosla, a member of Rocky River Toastmasters, joined the club in April 2016. “Toastmasters provides an inspiring and supportive atmosphere which has helped me reach my goals,” says Khosla.

This year he had a stretch goal of entering the Humorous Speech Contest. He won the Area and Division contests, giving him the opportunity to compete and take first place at the

District level.

“Delivering a speech in a contest is one of the best experiences I’ve had since I can apply all the tools and techniques I’ve learned at the club level. The audience feedback is a great confidence booster,” says Khosla.

“Vivek inspires us. We are privileged to have him as a member of our club,” says Mark Meisner, V.P. Education for Rocky River Toastmasters.

Rocky River Toastmasters was established in 1957 and is a part of District 10 Toastmasters which covers Northeast Ohio. The club meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays at the Rocky River Library from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Guests are always welcome. For more information about the club, please

visit their website at <http://rockyriver.toastmastersclubs.org/>.

**About Toastmasters International**

Toastmasters International is a worldwide nonprofit educational organization that empowers individuals to become more effective communicators and leaders. Headquartered in Rancho Santa Margarita, CA, the organization’s membership exceeds 352,000 in more than 16,400 clubs in 141 countries. Since 1924, Toastmasters International has helped people from diverse backgrounds become more confident speakers, communicators and leaders. For information about local Toastmasters clubs, please visit [www.toastmasters.org](http://www.toastmasters.org). Follow @Toastmasters on Twitter.

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# The Basics About DACA

by Barbara Marburger

On September 5, the Trump administration announced that it is “winding down” the DACA program. No new applications will be accepted; renewal applications for work permits expiring in the next six months must be submitted by October 5; and the administration emphasized its underlying authority to terminate or deny deferred action for any reason, at any time, with or without notice. There was an immediate uproar. The highest ranking members of Congress from both parties, as well as President Trump, have subsequently expressed support for legislative action on immigration that would address the DACA issues. So what exactly is DACA?

In the complex context of immigration issues, programs, and proposals, the specific provisions of DACA, “Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals,” can get lost. DACA was created in 2012 by the Obama administration to establish an official process to allow young people who had been brought to this country illegally as children to be temporarily protected from deportation proceedings and to receive permission to work, to study, and obtain driver’s licenses.

These young people are generally called “Dreamers” after legislation initially introduced in 2001 that was called the “Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act” or “DREAM Act.”

In June, 2012, President Obama announced that his administration would begin accepting applications from Dreamers “to request temporary relief from deportation proceedings and apply for work authorization.” The administration’s rationale was that it had prosecutorial discretion to determine how to use utilize immigration enforcement resources, and that it would not direct those resources to deportation of qualified DACA applicants. DACA did not provide lawful status or a pathway to permanent residence or citizenship.

In order to be able to qualify for DACA, an applicant had to meet the criteria that had already been developed by the Congress through the DREAM Act bills. An applicant could be considered for initial DACA if they:

- were under 31 years old as of June 15, 2012, the date of President Obama’s announcement;
- first came to the United States before their 16th birthday;

- continuously resided in the United States since June 15, 2007, up to the time of applying for DACA;
- came to the United States without documents before June 15, 2012, or their lawful status was expired as of June 15, 2012;
- were currently in school, or had graduated or obtained a certificate of completion from high school, or had obtained a GED certificate, or had been honorably discharged veteran of the Coast Guard or U.S. Armed Forces;
- have not been convicted of a felony, significant misdemeanor, three or more other misdemeanors; and
- do not otherwise pose a threat to national security or public safety.

Minors under age 15 could not apply unless they were in removal proceedings. Initial application or application for renewal for an additional two-year period required payment of a fee of \$465.

As of the first quarter of 2017, the U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services approved 787,580 initial DACA applications over the life of the program. Forty-four percent of the approved applicants reside in California or Texas. Ohio ranks 30th among the states for residents with approved initial DACA applications, with 4,442.

DACA Dreamers are not eligible for federal health insurance benefits. DACA Dreamers are not eligible for federal student loans or grants, but

may be eligible for student aid under the laws of the particular state where they are enrolled. DACA Dreamers are eligible to obtain a Social Security number, and they are subject to taxes, including payroll taxes. However, they are ineligible to receive social security benefits since DACA status is not “legal status.” With a DACA work permit and Social Security card, DACA Dreamers can apply for a driver’s license in their state of residence.

It’s easy to find surveys estimating high rates of employment and economic contributions by DACA Dreamers. However, the scope of this article is limited to data found on U.S. Government websites, so that information is not included. It’s also easy to find that many Republican and Democratic Senators and Representatives support continued protection of DACA Dreamers. More importantly, surveys over the past five years have indicated that around 2/3 of Americans support relief for Dreamers. This part of legislating improvements to immigration problems should be easy, shouldn’t it? And it must be prioritized, before the rescission of DACA exposes these Dreamers to irreversible harm.

If you agree, perhaps you will let your Senators know what you think, and contact your Representative. It is easy to find their contact information online, and they want to hear from us!

# Illegal Immigration: An American Problem

by John Mazzei

Illegal immigration is a very problematic issue in our country, both in terms of economic and societal concerns. We are a nation of immigrants, our borders created by purchase and conquest. For most of our history we welcomed immigrants but, due to the current world situation, we can no longer have an open door.

Illegal immigration has distorted our economy. Having a large labor pool willing to work for minimum or sub-minimum pay has kept wages artificially low for non-skilled and semi-skilled workers. When instituted in 1938 the minimum wage was intended to provide the American worker with a living wage. It has not kept pace with inflation and can no longer sustain an individual, much less a family. The fruit of this illegal labor distorts the market with cheap food and consumer goods.

The laws of supply and demand illustrate this beautifully, having a labor surplus drives down wages. This drives citizens out of the labor market in many sectors of the economy and sends employers looking for illegal immigrants to provide their work force. This trend has a collateral damage effect on American workers as well. Businesses can offer lower wages, fewer benefits and poorer working conditions for

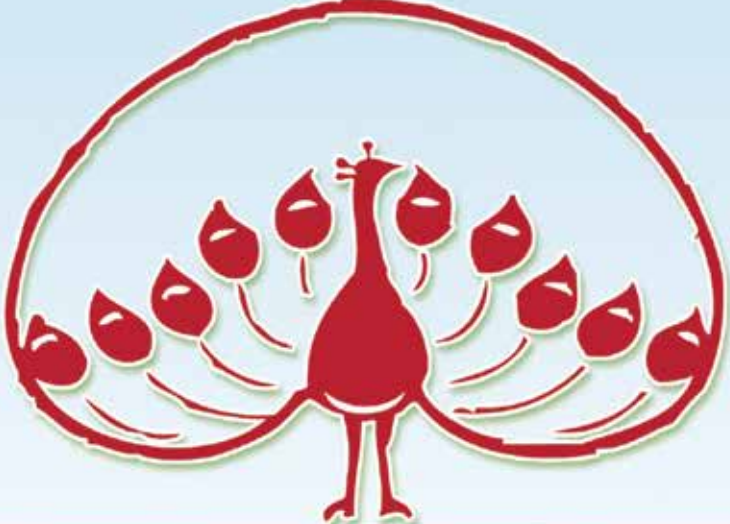
citizens as well due to this labor surplus. Productivity has risen 200% since the 1970s but, real wages have stagnated. In increasing numbers the single provider/wage earner with a stay-at-home spouse is no longer a viable option for American families. However, with labor in demand wages rise and so would consumer prices. Is the American public willing to pay \$7 or \$8 for a head of lettuce?

Are we, as a nation of immigrants and/or their descendants, being hypocritical by denying others the American Dream?

A lifeboat can only hold a certain number of passengers safely, too many and the boat sinks. With ever increasing populations many nations have become failed states, dependent upon other nations for assistance. The Roman Empire fell because wave after wave of immigrants entered their territories, didn’t share their values and didn’t assimilate into their culture. The first rule of being a rescuer is not to become a victim. As citizens we have a duty to our country, ourselves and future generations to safeguard the nation. Past policies have allowed millions of illegal aliens into this country. Current policies are calling for their removal and steps to control future immigration. This is necessary to preserve our safety, economy, society and culture.

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Movie Review Of

“The Mountain Between Us”

by Bob Rittenhouse

The film, “The Mountain Between Us” is a dog, survival, and romance movie directed by Hany Abu-Assad, a Dutch Palestinian film director (Rana’s Wedding, Paradise Now, Omar, The Idol). This 112 minute long plane crash movie took place in the High Uintas Wilderness Utah mountains (actually filmed in British Columbian mountains), some ranging over 13,000 feet high. The two main characters, Dr. Ben Bass, a black neurosurgeon (Idris Elba, No Good Deed, Avengers: Age of

Ultron, Star Trek Beyond), and Alex Martin, a white Photojournalist (Kate Winslet, Titanic, The Dressmaker, Collateral Beauty, Wonder Wheel, All the King’s Men) are the only two passengers along with a dog on a two engine commuter plane. They are stranded at an airport in Boise, Idaho while each has an emergency need to get to their destination, Denver, – she is scheduled to marry her fiancé, and he for a needed surgery. They manage to hire a private charter plane flown by an experienced pilot, Walter (Beau Bridges, Underground Kids, Dirty Politics, Lawless Range). Walter is in a rush, and does not file a flight plan. He also brings along his yellow Labrador dog. Initially, the flight seemed sort of normal with some upsetting turbulence due to an approaching storm. Then, suddenly as the flight is heading into mountains, Walter suffers some sort of seizure – probably a heart attack, and dies. They manage to land on a small mountain ridge, and Alex suffers some leg damage. The dog and Ben do not appear injured. They have very little in the way of supplies, and cell phones do not work. Ben buries Walter in the small plateau. Initially, they think they will be rescued. They try signaling a high flying passenger jet, but to no avail. Over Ben’s objections, Alex decides

to strike out on her own, hoping to find a way down the mountain for help. Ben catches up with her, and in spite of the cold and snow depth, they manage to make it down the mountain to the tree line which should be closer for help. The dog also helps find better paths. Ben has just stumbled upon a deserted cabin when Alex breaks through some ice into ice cold deep water, and yells to Ben for help. He manages to rescue her, and they find shelter in the cabin for a time. During this period, they seem to

be somewhat falling in love. They move on. At one point when both seemed to be succumbing to the cold and were sleeping against a tree, the dog helped to wake and save them. Ben gets his leg caught in a hidden bear trap, but she does not have the strength to free him. In going for help, Alex finds a road, and waves down a logging truck. They are finally rescued. Initially, it appears everything will go back to normal... This movie is recommended for older youth and on up.



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Lakewood Women’s Club To Host 2nd Annual Spring Fundraiser

Nominations Open Now For “Women Honoring Women”

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About The Lakewood Women’s Club

Founded in 1962, The Lakewood Women’s Club, formerly known as the Junior Women’s Club of Lakewood, is a nonprofit organization made up

of emerging women leaders dedicated to building a healthier community together through philanthropy and volunteerism. Our members learn about community issues, promote grant-making, forge leadership skills and build camaraderie. For more information, please visit <https://lakewoodwomensclub.weebly.com>.

Lakewood Tops Amherst In Overtime

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Lakewood ahead 58-54 with just over one minute left in overtime. The Rangers defense held, closing out a hard-fought 61-54 victory. After the game, Ranger coach Mike

Harper said the team is “about where I thought it would be” at this point in the season. He said he was pleased with his team’s defensive performance, but realizes that the offense needs to improve.

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LakewoodAlive To Host “Loving Lakewood: Superheroes Unite” On February 24

by Matt Bixenstine

Everyone has a superhero inside of them waiting to be discovered. Here’s your chance to unlock your inner Hulk – all while you fight crime and have a great time.

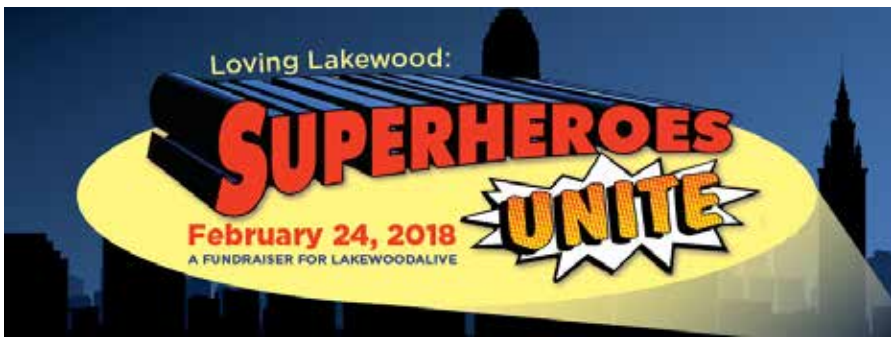
LakewoodAlive will host Loving Lakewood: Superheroes Unite on Saturday, February 24, from 7:30 to 11 p.m. at the Lakewood Masonic Temple. Guests are heroically invited to assume their secret identities and defend the universe at LakewoodAlive’s annual winter fundraiser for a powerfully good time in a historic Downtown Lakewood venue. Holy superhero party, Batman!

Tickets for Superheroes Unite go on sale at 10 a.m. on Thursday, January 4, and can be secured at LakewoodAlive.org/Superhero. Proceeds will support LakewoodAlive’s program-

ming as we strive to foster and sustain vibrant neighborhoods in Lakewood. Much like heroes, we at LakewoodAlive are ordinary people who work with the wonderful residents of Lakewood to accomplish extraordinary feats.

Superheroes Unite will feature superhero-themed food, drinks, décor and entertainment. Attendees will be flying high to consume festive foods from the “Truth, Justice and the Lakewood Way” food stations, sample a Kryptonite Cocktail, enjoy music and partake in games and activities fit for a true superhero.

With great power comes great responsibility, so both VIP and General Admission ticket options will be available. No matter which option you choose, you’ll be fighting crime while having a great time. Attending superheroes are urged to don their cape,



“Loving Lakewood: Superheroes Unite” takes place Saturday, February 24 at the Lakewood Masonic Temple in Downtown Lakewood.

web-shooters and tights for one of those memorable LakewoodAlive nights. Bravery, alter-egos and superhuman strength are strongly encouraged. Feel free to show your courage and dress as someone who represents an honorable hero within your own life.

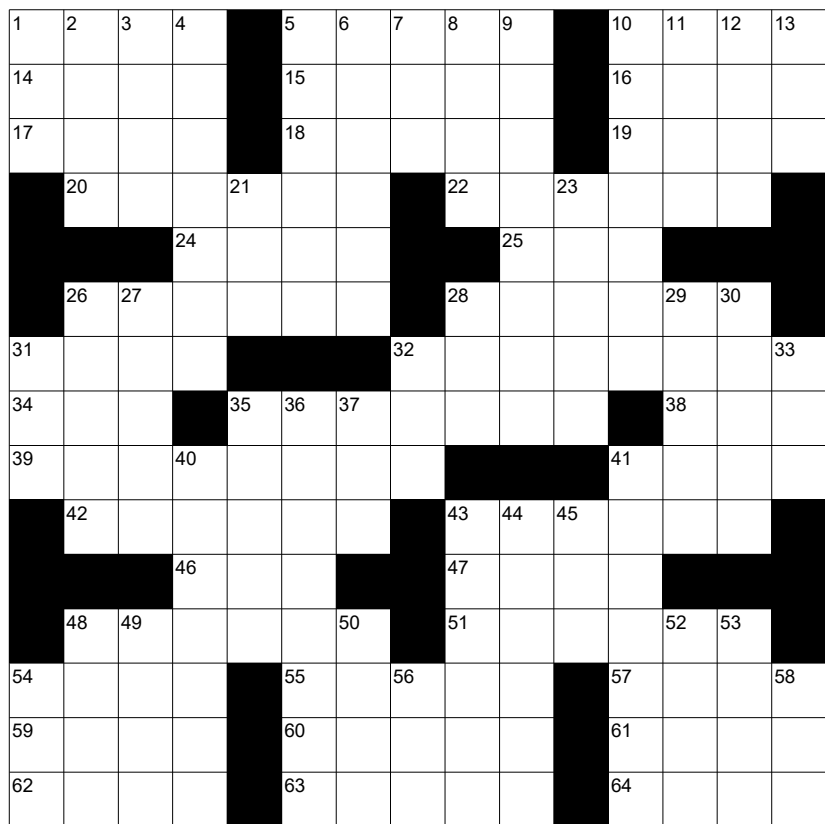
More details regarding Superheroes Unite will be unveiled in the coming weeks. For ongoing updates,

please visit LakewoodAlive.org/Superhero and be sure to act faster than a speeding bullet once tickets go on sale January 4.

About LakewoodAlive:

Not all heroes wear capes. At LakewoodAlive we don’t possess superhuman powers, yet we strive to serve a heroic role in the lives of Lakewood residents in need through our Housing Outreach Program. Our villain is anything that stands in the way of community vibrancy. The 5.5 square miles comprising Lakewood is our Gotham City, and we take our duties very seriously. In the immortal words of Wolverine, we aim to be “the best there is at what we do.”

Matt Bixenstine is the Marketing & Development Manager for LakewoodAlive. He enjoys all things Lakewood, especially walking his basset hound through Madison Park.



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