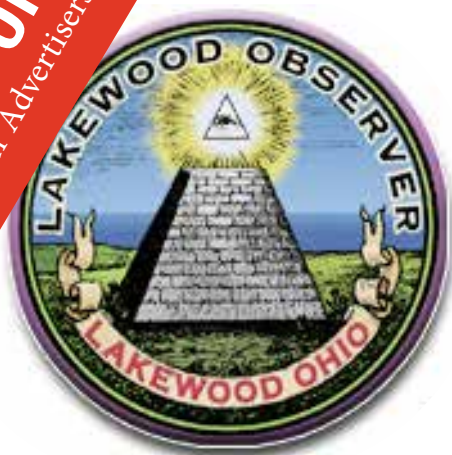


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Board Passes School Safety Resolution

by Christine Gordillo

At its meeting on March 5, the Lakewood Board of Education passed a resolution on one reading supporting school safety and reducing violence in schools.

The resolution states that "school board members, administrators, employees and community members should work together with lawmakers,

legal counsel, law enforcement and security experts to determine how best to ensure student safety in their district" and "implores" the President of the United States, Governor of Ohio, U.S. Congress and Ohio General Assembly to enact legislation and provide adequate funding for the following:

Enhanced mental health



Richard Cordray



Dennis Kucinich

Cordray And Kucinich To Speak At March Democratic Club Meeting

by Matt Kuhns

On March 29, the Lakewood Democratic Club will hear from two candidates for governor back-to-back.

Richard Cordray, the first-ever director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, will address members and guests first. Former Congressman Dennis Kucinich will then discuss his own career and campaign.

Club president Grant Mackay says that this double-feature is a tribute to the motivated, engaged community in Lakewood.

"Speakers occasionally praise our club's turnout for meetings, and say that the road to winning in Cuyahoga County detours through Lakewood," says Mackay. "It's a generous thing to say. But when we line up three candidates for governor in three meetings—and two of them even consent to share a meeting—something's happening in this club."

In January, the club hosted state Senator and candidate for governor Joe Schiavoni. After the appearance by Cordray and Kucinich, three-fourths of

the Ohio Democrats' remaining gubernatorial field will have appeared personally at the Lakewood Democratic Club.

The club's officers expect the two-candidate March meeting to be a large draw. Cordray is a former Ohio Treasurer and Attorney General, and his tenure at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau has received national attention. Kucinich is well-known locally, as a former mayor of Cleveland and an eight-term congressional representative for westside communities including Lakewood.

"Our February meeting featuring judicial candidates filled nearly every seat, so we look forward to a potentially historic turnout this month," says Kristine Pagsuyoin. "We're making plans to accommodate extra people, but seating will be first-come first-served," she says.

The Lakewood Democratic Club's March meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 29. (Doors open at 6:30.) Meetings take place in the Woman's Club Pavilion in Lakewood Park, and are always free to attend as a guest.

services and substance abuse treatment so that all individuals, including children, have sufficient access to these services.

Increased access to school safety measures, including, but not limited to, School Resource Officers (SROs), school safety infrastructure, and other security measures designed to protect students and staff from an active shooter on school grounds.

Training for school employees and enhanced coordination with law enforcement agencies and first responders to

ensure appropriate responses to incidents of violence in schools.

Protection of students and school employees from any act of violence.

The resolution is a result of the growing urgent concern surrounding school safety after the a mass shooting in Parkland, Fla., last month that resulted in 17 dead students and staff members of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

"The hope is when we add our voice with other school districts across the nation that

our collective voices will have an impact," said Board member Emma Petrie Barcelona.

School districts across the nation are putting more pressure on legislators to act. On March 14, Lakewood High School took part in activities for the National School Walkout Day. School administrators worked with student leaders to produce a program that included a gathering at the football field that included a moment of remembrance for the 17 victims and remarks from students. The school also hosted Walk-In The Vote! during lunch periods to register students who will be 18 in November.

Basketball Tournament Fundraiser Reminder

by Kathy Daniels and Bob Green

There is still time to make plans to attend the 3rd annual "Marge Madness" basketball tournament to raise funds for the Maggie Daniels Memorial Scholarship. The tournament will be held on March 25th at St. Joseph Academy on Rocky River Dr., Cleveland. The tournament will be 3-on-3 format basketball games. There will be a raffle and silent auction. A social hour Saturday evening, 5-8:30 pm, will be held at the Masthead Brewing Company. The Daniels-Green family would like to thank St. Joseph Academy for the use of their facilities.

Maggie was born and raised in Lakewood. She attended St. Luke grade



Maggie taken about 5 years ago in Newton, NC. She was coaching varsity girls basketball at Newton Conover High School.

school, St. Joseph Academy and eventually graduated from Magnificat HS. She went on to get her teaching degree from Notre Dame College. All through these years Mag-

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LakewoodAlive To Host "Knowing Your Home: Air Conditioning" Workshop On April 19

by Matt Bixenstine

Register Now to Attend this Free Workshop at Slife Heating & Cooling

When it comes to enjoying an old home yet having modern air conditioning, oftentimes you can achieve the best of both worlds.

LakewoodAlive will host Knowing Your Home: Air Conditioning (for Steam Heated Homes) on Thursday, April 19, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Slife Heating & Cooling (13729 Madison Avenue in Lakewood). The fourth work-

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Foundation Planning Task Force Nearing Finish

by Michael Bentley

The Foundation Planning Task Force ("FPTF") has been entrusted with exploring, discussing, and recommending to City Council the nature, scope, mission, and governance of a new wellness foundation for the benefit of Lakewood—for more information, please visit <http://www.onelakewood.com/wellness-foundation-task-force/>—to be completed within a sixteen to eighteen month time-frame. The task force completed an informa-

tion-gathering phase, and has begun to work with Kohrman Jackson & Krantz to outline their recommendations for the Mayor & City Council. Below is a summary of their work done in pursuit of completing their task(s) in a timely manner:

Selection of Foundation Planning Task Force: The Mayor and City Council issued a request to the community for residents to sit on a Foundation Planning Task Force in furtherance of Section IV of the Master Agreement. Forty-six applications were

received and 17 members were selected for the task force. The first meeting was in January 2017.

Chair & Vice Chair Appointed: Erin Murphy came forward at the beginning to act as Chair of the FPTF and was unanimously approved. The group subsequently voted to make Dan Cohn the Vice-Chair for the task force.

Search Subcommittee: Early work of the group involved forming a sub-com-

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Observer Mike Hoffman showing off his Lakewood Observer Glow in the Dark T-Shirt in Avtovo Metro Station, Saint Petersburg, Russia. Mike has found his Lakewood Observer GITD T-Shirts are better than money all over the world. Isn't it time you got yours? Cost is only \$8.00 or FREE for writing a non-self serving positive story for the Lakewood Observer. The gold standard for community dialogue for 15 years!

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Say Yes To Issue 1 And Fair Congressional Districts On May 8



A Fair Districts' campaign volunteer at the Root Cafe in Lakewood.

by Matt Kuhns

After a half-century of effort, Ohio has the chance to kick gerrymandering out of our state for good—and Lakewood has played an important part.

On May 8 we can pass Issue 1 to reform the system for drawing congressional districts, and stop partisan abuse of redistricting.

Drawing biased “gerrymandered” districts, named for the early Massachusetts Governor Elbridge Gerry, dates back to the United States’ earliest days. But the impact of gerrymandering has grown extreme in the 21st century, as mapping software and big data have allowed a party in power to pack more of the minority party’s voters into ever fewer districts.

Against this backdrop, reform efforts in Ohio have found a new urgency. Following decades of attempts by the League of Women Voters and other good-government advocates, Ohio

approved a ballot measure to change statehouse-district rules in 2015.

The League took encouragement from voters’ overwhelming approval of that measure, and began calling for similar reform to congressional redistricting. Yet the statehouse’s Republican leadership, which had supported the 2015 reform, argued for delaying any further action.

When a Fair Districts petition drive collected more than 200,000 signatures entirely through volunteer effort, statehouse leadership had second thoughts. A combination of grassroots pressure and persistence within the legislature then produced a genuine, bipartisan agreement on Issue 1.

In both cases Lakewood has contributed. Early in the petition drive, one Fair Districts volunteer said unofficially that “Lakewood is basically carrying Cuyahoga County on this.”

In the General Assembly, Lake-



Purchase Of 13314 Detroit Avenue By Lakewood Historical Society

by Gregory Palumbo

The Lakewood Historical Society Board of Trustees is proud to announce the purchase of 13314 Detroit Avenue, formerly Ehren Chiropractic. This historically and architecturally significant building, a substantially intact example of a mid-century modern medical building with international style influences, will house the library, archive and offices of the Historical Society. Constructed in 1959, and designed by notable architect Adelbert B. Kleine, the building was built for physicians C.W. Hahn, J.R. Sylvester, and D.N. Wood and was named the Detroit-Clarence Medical Building.

A generous gift by Ken and Kathy Haber and the Haber Family Foundation made the purchase possible. The Habers’ longtime dedication to the Historical Society has fostered stability and growth, and this gift will serve to continue that stability and growth into the future.

wood’s state Representative Nickie Antonio and state Senator Mike Skindell lent support to the grassroots campaign. Sen Skindell sharply criticized one proposed bill, which failed to meet most of activists’ criteria for meaningful reform. Unswerving support for the Fair Districts goals by Skindell, Antonio and other Democrats eventually earned major concessions

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The Historical Society has applied for local historic designation of the building, the first step in qualifying for state historic tax credits. The City of Lakewood Planning Commission has worked with the Historical Society in expediting the process to meet March deadlines set by the State of Ohio. Through this effort the Historical Society will create an example by which others might learn how a historically-eligible building can be mindfully repurposed using state historic tax credits. This will be one of the few projects in the city to take advantage of these state funds.

The Historical Society will continue to manage two of the most important historic buildings in Lakewood. The Oldest Stone House will remain a museum dedicated to early Lakewood pioneers and the development of the city, with new and attractive exhibits planned. The Nicholson House, one of Lakewood’s shining jewels, will continue to be available as a rental venue for special events. It will also serve as the temporary offices of the Historical Society during renovation of 13314 Detroit Avenue, the first fully-accessible building in the over 65-year history of the Society.

The mission of the Lakewood Historical Society is to enhance the quality of life in Lakewood by offering educational programs for all ages; providing stewardship of artifacts and buildings; and advocating for our historic community.



Lunch & Learn

Thursday, March 29, 2018 | 11:30 a.m.

“Planning for Your Elder Journey”

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Calendar Of Events

compiled by Elaine Rosenberger

Thursday, March 22, 2018

Author Event - “A Path through Ohio: A Bicycle Journal”

Book by Mark J. Looney

Mark Looney explores the state of Ohio by bike, riding on the Ohio to Erie Trail, a newly formed bicycle trail, which links Lake Erie to the Ohio River. “Looney’s Road Rules” provide the details necessary for any intermediate or long distance ride. Books will be available for sale and signing at this event.

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

Saturday, March 24, 2018

Film - “Amélie” (2000), Directed by Jean-Pierre Jeunet

Amélie Poulain (Audrey Tautou) is a shy waitress who has lived a life filled with solitude and fanciful dreams. When she moves into her Paris apartment and finds a treasure left by the former occupant, she resolves to return the item. One good deed leads to a string of escapades as she begins to orchestrate the lives of those around her. In French with English subtitles.

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

Sunday, March 25, 2018

Concert - The Chardon Polka Band

The Chardon Polka Band breathes new life into the polka genre with their offbeat antics and one of kind style. The Chardon Polka Band plays traditional polkas, comedic renditions of oddball favorites, and even polka-rock covers of anything from Twisted Sister’s “We’re Not Gonna Take It” to Lady Gaga’s “Bad Romance”!

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

Tuesday, March 27, 2018

Genealogy Workshop, Taught by Deborah Abbott, PhD

How far back would you like to trace your family tree? Genealogist Deborah Abbott will show you how to unlock the secrets held by census reports, military records, birth certificates and death notices in this hands-on workshop. Unravel your history with professional results. Space is limited at the workshops, but you are welcome to register with a partner and share a computer. Registration is required. Call (216) 226-8275, ext. 127 to register.

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

Estate Planning Seminar, Presentation by Linda Garrett Beebe

Estate planning requires foresight and careful review. This presentation will cover common topics such as wills, trusts and guardianship, as well as probate, survivorship and letters of instruction. Linda Garrett Beebe is an estate planning attorney and former teacher who has offered estate planning seminars for many years.

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

Wednesday, March 28, 2018

Talk - Birds of Northeast Ohio: Beyond Your Backyard

Presentation by Matt Valencic

Presented by Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland

Over 200 species of birds can be found in Northeast Ohio in a typical year. Get a close up look at 100 of the most common residents, migrants and breeding birds of Northeast Ohio. This lecture is inspired by The Bluebird Effect, winner of the 2013 Ohioana Book Award and a 2017 Choose to Read Ohio selection. This event is supported by the State Library of Ohio with federal funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

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

Thursday, March 29, 2018

Author Event - “Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad”

Book by Craig Sanders

Starting as a steam train operating on weekends for five months a year, the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad has evolved into a year round operation with three trains a day Wednesday through Sunday during the summer and autumn. Vintage streamliner-era passenger cars offer visitors an opportunity to see the park from the train or disembark to explore it on foot or bicycle. Books will be available for sale and signing at this event.

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

Saturday, March 31, 2018

Film - “2001: A Space Odyssey” (1968)

Directed by Stanley Kubrick

When a large black monolith is found buried on the surface of the moon, astronauts wonder where it came from. A team of astronauts is led by Dave Bowman (Keir Dullea) and Gary Lockwood (Frank Poole), but the most important team member is HAL 9000, an artificial intelligence computer who controls all of the functions of the craft. The fight between humanity and technology is in full swing as the astronauts and HAL fight for control of the ship, and ultimately, for survival.

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

Sunday, April 1, 2018

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Tuesday, April 3, 2018

Talk - Staying Independent through Aging

Presentation by Peggy Lee-Tocco

Most of us want to stay in our own homes throughout our lifetime. Join us for a six week series on independence and aging. Each session will be presented by experts from area senior care initiatives and medical organizations. Seniors and their adult children are encouraged to attend and plan together. At the end of the series participants will have the tools and contacts needed to create their own personal aging plan. Peggy Lee-Tocco is the Director Provider and Community Resources liaison at Home Instead Senior Care. Home Instead Senior Care has provided individualized in-home care and enhanced the lives of seniors and their families since 1994. Registration is required. The deadline to register is Tuesday, March 27, 2018. Register by calling (216) 226-8275, ext. 127.

1:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Tuesday, April 3, 2018

Poetry Workshop, Led by Leanne Hoppe

Writing poetry is about the journey, not the destination. Part of that journey is seeing what you’ll discover, surprising yourself and enjoying the bumps in the road. During this four part series, Leanne Hoppe will be your poet tour guide on this adventure—all abilities and experience levels are welcome.

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

Wednesday, April 4, 2018

Coast Line: Poetry Reading Series

Readings by Robert Miltner, D.L. Ware and Catherine Wing

Robert Miltner is the author of the prose poetry collection, Hotel Utopia. His prose poetry chapbooks include Against the Simple, Rock the Boat, Eurydice Rising and Queen Mab and the Moon Boy. D.L. Ware is a zine-maker, local poet and poetic video blogger. Catherine Wing is the author of Gin & Bleach and Enter Invisible.

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

Children & Youth Events

compiled by Eric Knapp

Saturday, March 24, 2018

Cleveland Magic and Balloons

For the whole family

Imaginative balloon creations and magical illusions for the whole family to enjoy. No registration required. Free and open to public.

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

Sunday, March 25, 2018

Lakewood LEGO® League

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

Wednesday, March 28, 2018

UV Kid, For students in first through third grade

Combine science and art in this fun craft using ultraviolet-sensitive beads that shows the effects of the sun’s rays. Registration required.

, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the Main Library First Floor Multipurpose Room.

Wednesday, April 4, 2018

Art Connection, For students in kindergarten through fifth grade

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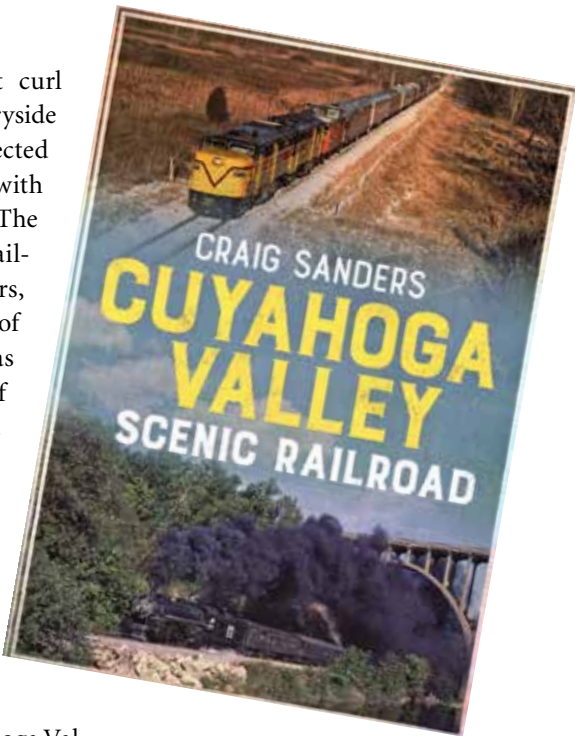
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MTA: Author Craig Sanders And The Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad

by Lisa Calfee

The railroad tracks that curl across our American countryside remind us how interconnected the history of the railroad is with that of our nation's history. "The Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad," by author Craig Sanders, details the life and times of a local train system that has become a favorite feature of Northeast Ohio's Cuyahoga Valley. Sanders will visit Lakewood Public Library as part of our Meet the Author series on Thursday, March 29, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will take place in the Main Library Basement Auditorium.

Since the 1970s, the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad has been carrying passengers on tracks originally laid in the 1880s. It is the longest continuously running national park-based railroad with the highest level of operations and ridership as well. Daily excursions travel through the beautiful landscape of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park



and surrounding areas.

Craig Sanders is the author of seven railroad history books and the president of the Akron Railroad Club. Books will be available for sale and signing at this event.



Chestnut-sided warbler by Matt Valencic

Get To Know The Birds Of Northeast Ohio

by Melinda Frank

As the snow melts and the ground thaws, you may begin to notice an influx of singing visitors to your backyard birdfeeders. From the Northern Cardinal to the Dark-Eyed Junco, over 200 species of birds make their home in Northeast Ohio in a typical year. Migratory birds such as the Blue-headed Vireo head south for the winter but bring their songs back to Ohio in the spring months.

Get to know Cleveland's year-round residents, migrants and breeding birds with Matt Valencic of the Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland. Valencic will present a close-up view of Northeast Ohio's winged residents on Wednesday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium. Take a look at 100 of the birds that make your backyard their home and learn about their migratory patterns and habitats.

Valencic is a lifelong birder and more recently developed an interest in photography. Upon retirement he joined the education committee of the Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland and began using his photography to educate and entertain the community



Pileated woodpecker and babies by Matt Valencic

about wild birds.

This event is supported by the State Library of Ohio with federal funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and is inspired by "The Bluebird Effect," written by Ohio nature artist and writer Julie Zickefoose. Authors from the Buckeye State will be featured on book displays in the Main Library New Book Room, Main Library Children's and Youth Services Area, and Madison Branch Library throughout the month of March as part of the Celebrating Ohio Book Awards and Authors grant.

March "Magical" Madness



Robert E. displays some of his amazing balloon creations.

by Fran Storch

Tired of all the basketball hoopla? Then join us for a little March "magical" madness at Lakewood Public Library on Saturday, March 24, 2018. Robert E. from Cleveland Magic and Balloons will delight children of all ages with his magical illusions and amazing balloon creations. The entertainment begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room.

Cleveland Magic and Balloons was not only voted the Best in CLE in 2016 by Cleveland Magazine but is one of the best in the country. Robert E. has served on the U.S. team at the World

Balloon Convention in New Orleans.

This magic show is part of the Library's Family Music & More series and is free and open to the public. Once a month the Library presents an evening of entertainment appropriate for the whole family. So pack up the kids, grab the grandparents and join us for a night of magic.

For more information about this and other youth programs and activities at Lakewood Public Library, please stop by the Children's and Youth Services desk at the Main Library, call (216) 226-8275, ext. 140 or visit www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org.



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Lakewood Schools

St. Mark's On Track To Raise \$50,000 For St. Baldrick's Shave March 23

by Christine Gordillo

The St. Baldrick's Foundation, a volunteer-driven charity dedicated to raising money for childhood cancer research, will host one of its signature head-shaving events for the fifth year at St. Mark School in Cleveland on March 23, 2018, where nearly 100 students, staff, parents, and other family members will shave their heads in solidarity with kids with cancer and raise money to conquer childhood cancers.

St. Mark hopes to once again hit its goal of \$50,000, which it has met each of the past four years. The school is nearly a halfway to meeting that goal and raising \$250,000 overall for pediatric cancer research! Besides soliciting donations from the community and local businesses, participants are also holding bake sales and restaurant fundraisers in support of St. Baldrick's and the Shave Your Mane event. Hair salons such as West Park Barbershop, Sports Clips Illusions Unlimited, and Reagle Beagle are donating stylists to shave the manes.

"Every year we continue to raise money to save our family, friends, classmates, and friends who are affected. They are the bravest ones of all. We fight for them," said event coordinator and St. Mark parent Heidi Martin, who was inspired to stage St. Mark's first St.

Baldrick's shave event in 2014 by her young nephew who died at 16 months from a rare pediatric cancer.

Martin's nephew, Gavin Cole, will be an honoree again this year along with Michael Orbany, who died in 2014, St. Mark student Gianna Andolina, plus Shane Haddad, Alexis Haylor Liam Waldron, and Maria McNamara, whose family started the sunflower field along I-90 in her honor and to raise money for pediatric cancer research.

Content Marketing Institute founder Joe Pulizzi will serve as emcee of the event. Speakers will include Dr. Mari Dallas, pediatric cancer specialist from University Hospitals/Case Western Reserve University.

Worldwide a child is diagnosed with cancer every two minutes, and one in five children diagnosed in the U.S. will not survive. With only 4 percent of all federal cancer research funding dedicated to pediatric cancer research, St. Baldrick's Foundation volunteers, supporters and donors are needed to continue the battle against this devastating disease.

If you would like to contribute to the St. Mark event, visit www.stbaldricks.org and search for St. Mark Shave Your Mane on March 23.



Jordan Bozak won a national Silver Medal for this piece in the Printmaking category.

Two LHS Students Earn National Art Awards

by Christine Gordillo

Lakewood High School senior Jordan Bozak and junior Emily Perry have been named national Silver Medal winners in the prestigious Scholastic Art & Writing Awards presented by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers. This competition is the nation's longest-running and most prestigious recognition program for creative teens in grades 7-12.

Within the contest's 29 categories, which include poetry, photography, sculpture, humor, editorial cartoons, and video game design, a record-breaking 346,000 works of art and writing were submitted for adjudication at the regional level this year.

Bozak won her Silver Medal, which represents "high honors on the national level," in the Printmaking category and Perry in the Drawing & Illustration category. The two will be honored along with the other national winners and their teachers at a ceremony June 7 at Carnegie Hall. The 2,800 national winners represent 3% of

the 85,000 artists that advanced from their regional competitions across the country in January.

"The students being recognized join a legacy of teens facilitating important dialogue through their art and writing. We celebrate these innovative teens as members of the next generation of great American artists and writers," Virginia McEnerney, Executive Director of the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers said in a statement.

In addition to Bozak and Perry, nine District students were named Golden Key winners at the regional level and also had their work judged at the national level. Those regional winners were: Inga Wilhelmy of Harding; Lakewood High art students Calvin Dolatowski, Solace Duval, Kazimir Klein, and Anastasia Seckers; and West Shore students Sara Bitter and Riley Geyer.

The Scholastic Awards were founded in 1923 to offer recognition and scholarships for students for their artistic talents.

LHS Athletic Boosters "Night At The Races"



by Mike Deneen

The LHS Athletic Boosters "Night at the Races" fund-raiser on March 10 was a success. The 14th annual event raised over \$20,000. This money helps to keep Lakewood's pay-to-play fees among the lowest in northeast Ohio. This is the Boosters' largest fund-raising event of the year.

Basketball Tournament Fundraiser Reminder

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gie played basketball. Maggie then relocated to Hickory, NC, where she became an English Literature teacher and basketball coach. After five years in the Newton-Conover school system, Maggie transferred to Discovery HS in Newton, NC. She aspired to be a student counselor and as such, enrolled at Appalachian State University to get her degree. She was one week shy of getting

her degree when she taken from us in a violent crime.

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Lakewood Schools

Four Students' Work To Hang In Governor's Youth Art Exhibition

by Christine Gordillo

Lakewood High students had the most pieces of artwork ever selected to be part of the Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition in Columbus. Six works were chosen, including four by senior Elyza Mihalik, whose "Here is Goofy"

piece earned a top 25 Governor's Award of Excellence. Also earning a spot in the 300-piece exhibit are Riley Geyer, Husam Mafargeh and Micah Inak.

Elyza, Husam and Mafargeh are in Amy Sedlak's Art 4 class and Riley is in Anne McQuay's Media Art & Design

class in the West Shore Career-Tech District.

Judges received more than 1,000 entries from high school students across Northeast Ohio and from those, 126 were selected to join winners from the other Ohio regions to be judged at the state level to determine which pieces of art will hang in the James A. Rhodes State Office Tower in Columbus for the exhibition, which runs from April 22-May 17.

In addition to the four pieces selected to be shown in Columbus, 26 other pieces of art by LHS and West Shore Career-Tech students were honored at the regional competition and moved on to state judging. The students who earned regional recognition are:

- Micah Inak- 7 pieces
- Elyza Mihalski- 4 pieces
- Husam Mafargeh- 2 pieces
- Marisa Campbell - 3 pieces
- Isabella Smith – 2 pieces
- Sara Bitter
- Morgaine Brennan
- Deanna Burke
- Marissa Doi
- Madisyn Kelly
- Heather Orosz
- Sarah Pepe
- Anastasia Seckers
- Avery Waffen



This painting by Elyza Mihalik was chosen as one of the top 25 Award of Excellence pieces for the exhibit.

Fern Wentzel
Hannah Wolfe

From the 11,500 regional entries from the 15 regions, approximately 2,500 are selected to enter the state judging. State jurors then select 300 for the actual exhibition, with 25 of the 300 chosen to receive the Governor's Award of Excellence. Scholarships are offered to seniors by over 30 universities and colleges of art.

The Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition, now in its 48th year, is open to all of Ohio's high schools, both public and private. Its purpose is to provide all budding young artists of the state with opportunities to advance their talent, whether that be through scholarships or simply experiencing the process of entering their work in a competition.



Jamie Holland receives a certificate of recognition from Board of Education President Edward Favre at the Board's March 5, 2018 meeting.

Harding Student To Compete In State Geo Bee

by Christine Gordillo

Congratulations to Harding 7th grader Jamie Holland, who has qualified for the Ohio Geographic Bee! Jamie, who is the Harding Bee champion, is one of 100 middle schoolers from across the state who will compete for the Ohio title and a chance to move on to the National Bee.

Jamie earned the right to take a

qualifying test for the State Bee by winning the Harding Bee. The State Bee will take place on April 6 in Columbus. Nationally, more than 10,000 4-8 graders take part in the Bee. The contest is designed to encourage teachers to include geography in their classrooms, spark student interest in the subject, and increase public awareness about geography.



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City News



Adventure Guides Hosts Photo Scavenger Hunt

by Elizabeth O'Brien

Did you see the banana running down the street? What about people crammed in a bus shelter while all drinking from the same cup? Or someone dressed for the beach while there is still snow on the ground? If so, you may have been witness to the first Lake Trail Nation Photo Scavenger Hunt. Teams were charged with taking ten photos in and around Lakewood while incorporating props like a garden gnome, pajamas, and even total strangers to earn bonus points.

On Saturday, March 10, members of the Lakewood Y's Adventure Guides gathered to review the list of silly locations and actions – dabbing, anyone? – and then set about the city to capture their team in photos. In the evening, everyone reconvened to view the photos and choose a winning team. But in the end, the whole event was just plain old silly fun, with a firm reinforcement of the Adventure Guides belief that “the best thing you can spend on your child is your time.”

Lake Trail Nation Adventure Guides is open to all children ages five to twelve (and beyond) and their parents, grandparent, guardian, or other care giver. We engage in large activi-

LakewoodAlive To Host “Knowing Your Home: Air Conditioning” Workshop On April 19

shop of 2018 for this popular home maintenance educational series will cover options for installing air conditioning in homes that are heated by steam or hot water heat rather than a forced-air HVAC system.

Led by our friend Dave Slife and his knowledgeable team, this workshop will highlight all available ductless options for achieving an air conditioned home and explain the advantages of each type of system,

ties like tent and cabin campouts, seasonal parties, and Pinewood Derby, but also smaller Circle events based on children's age and gender. It's all about getting the most out of these precious years when our kids are growing up, but still want to have fun with their adults!

Want to learn more about how you can be part of this fun, family centric group? Check us out at <http://www.laketrailnation.com/> or <https://www.facebook.com/groups/LTN44107/?ref=bookmarks>, or contact us at ltmagymca@gmail.com.

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If your home has a steam or hot water heating system, then you won't want to miss this useful workshop. Learn about the air conditioning options at your disposal so that you and your family can be ready to remain cool and comfortable this summer.

To reserve your free spot for “Knowing Your Home: Air Conditioning,” visit LakewoodAlive.org/KnowingYourHome or call 216-521-0655.

Now in its fifth year, LakewoodAlive's “Knowing Your Home” series draws hundreds of attendees annually. Visit LakewoodAlive.org/KnowingYourHome to learn more. Our workshop series is generously supported by: Citizens Bank, City of Lakewood, Cleveland Lumber Company, First Federal Lakewood, Remax Beyond 2000 and Third Federal Savings & Loan.

In lieu of charging for these events, we are asking participants to consider either making a donation to LakewoodAlive or bringing canned foods or other non-perishable items for donation to the Lakewood Community Services Center. We appreciate your support.

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from legislative leaders.

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Issue 1 includes additional positive reforms as well. It will add transparency to the process. It will sharply reduce the

silly-string districts like our own, which extends all the way from Lakewood to Toledo. It will, ultimately, make government more accountable to voters.

Everyone in Lakewood who signed petitions or helped circulate them shares in the credit for getting this far. The long campaign for fair districts in Ohio can end in success—if Issue 1 passes.

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City News

An Update From Representative Antonio On House Bill 302

by Nickie Antonio

I am encouraged by the developments of House Bill 302 (HB 302), a piece of legislation I introduced with Representative Kristin Boggs (D-Columbus). The bill would allow pregnant minors to consent to prenatal through delivery and follow-up health care in order to have the best health outcomes for the mother and her unborn child.

In many cases, a pregnant minor may become estranged from her family, causing her to receive less adequate prenatal health care as the parent or guardian will not accompany her to medical appointments and provide the necessary consent.

Ohio is one of just 13 states that makes no exception for pregnant women under the age of 18 to consent to prenatal, delivery, and postnatal care and we are determined to change this through this legislation.

In Ohio, the only exception for minors to receive medical treatment without parental consent is when the care is for emergency services. This has a significant impact on the delivery care a pregnant teenager receives. In Ohio, a doctor cannot perform the cesarean section without parental consent, until her delivery condition is considered a "medical emergency." This unnecessarily risks the health of the mother and unborn child.

Maureen Sweeney, a lifelong Lakewood resident and someone I've known since she was a kid playing soccer with our daughter, worked at

a Cleveland-area hospital in the labor and delivery unit, contacted me about this issue. She has helped hundreds of women deliver their children, many of whom were minors in their early teens. She told me a specific story about a 15-year-old girl who was going through labor. This young woman had no family and lived on the streets or between friends' houses. Ms. Sweeney became this young women's sole source of support through her labor and delivery.

As the labor progressed, the patient requested an epidural for the pain. However, the patient was denied an epidural as the hospital needed parental consent, as it is considered an elective service rather than an emergency procedure. This young woman, who was already dealing with a serious medical procedure alone, had to endure a needlessly painful birth simply because her family was not available to support her and provide consent.

This legislation will allow the pregnant minor to consent to the best delivery and prenatal care as recommended by medical professionals, that will help keep her, and her baby, healthy—which we know is a non-partisan issue.

It is long overdue and time that legislators give young women the respect they deserve by allowing them access to more choices and autonomy over their health. HB 302 received a second hearing with proponent testimony on February 14, 2018, and I look forward receiving a third hearing on HB 302 soon.



Representative Antonio and Maureen Sweeney after Sweeney presented proponent testimony on House Bill 302.

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Attention Lakewood Businesses: Lakewood Women’s Club Looking For Event Sponsors

by Kristy Feyedelem

Who:Lakewood Women’s Club to Host Second Annual Fundraiser

What: "Women Honoring Women"

Keynote Speaker: Nancy Gianni, Founder, GiGi’s Playhouse

Where: Georgetown | Vosh, 1414 Riverside Dr, Lakewood, OH 44107

When: 6:30 p.m., May 10, 2018

Why: The purpose of Women Honoring Women is to recognize outstanding women in the community whose charitable and civic service have made an exceptional impact in Lakewood.

Why Should You Be A Sponsor?

The Lakewood Women’s Club has a longstanding tradition of volunteering and giving back to our community. One of the ways we support this practice is by hosting Women Honoring Women.

The proceeds from this event will support a scholarship for a female, college-bound, Lakewood resident. Since its founding in 1962, Lakewood Women’s Club has awarded more than \$30,000 in scholarships. In addition to scholarships, Women Honoring Women will also provide grant money to a local non-profit organization. Funds raised this year will go to GiGi’s Playhouse, an organization that provides free programming to children and adults with Down syndrome.

To meet our goal for this year’s event, we are seeking sponsorships from the local community. Please take a moment to review the sponsorship opportunities listed here: <https://lakewoodwomensclub.weebly.com/sponsorship-and-donations.html>.

Commitment Deadline:
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Contact:
Kristy Feyedelem (216) 375-9225 E-mail:kfeyedelem@yahoo.com
Website:<http://bit.ly/WomenHonoringWomen2018>

Cub Scout Pack 68 Sponsors \$5.00 Pancake Breakfast And Free Easter Egg Hunt This Sunday March 25.

by Brian Fallon

Cub Scout Pack 68 – Lakewood’s Oldest Cub Scout Pack – is sponsoring a \$5.00 pancake breakfast and free Easter Egg Hunt on March 25, 2018 at the Lakewood United Methodist Church (15700 Detroit Ave).

A full breakfast with pancakes, scrambled eggs, choice of sausage or bacon and a beverage will be on sale from 10:30 am to 1 pm for \$5.00 per person (Kiddos 4 and under are free!). At 1 pm, weather permitting, the children are invited to join the Easter Egg Hunt outside the church.

“This is our second year hosting a pancake breakfast when the Church has its Easter Egg Hunt,” said Cubmaster Bruce Banfield. “We think it’s a natural fit to enjoy the breakfast then head out to watch the Hunt! Helping the Church with the Hunt is a way our Scouts can give back to the community.”

Pack 68 meets Tuesdays at Lakewood United Methodist Church at 7 pm. All boys in Kindergarten

through fifth grades can join Scouts for camping, community service, and fun filled activities. Next school year, the Scouts program will be open to girls of the same ages.

"All are welcome to any of our events to learn about the outings, activities, friendships, fun, and adventures that Scouting has to offer," Banfield said.

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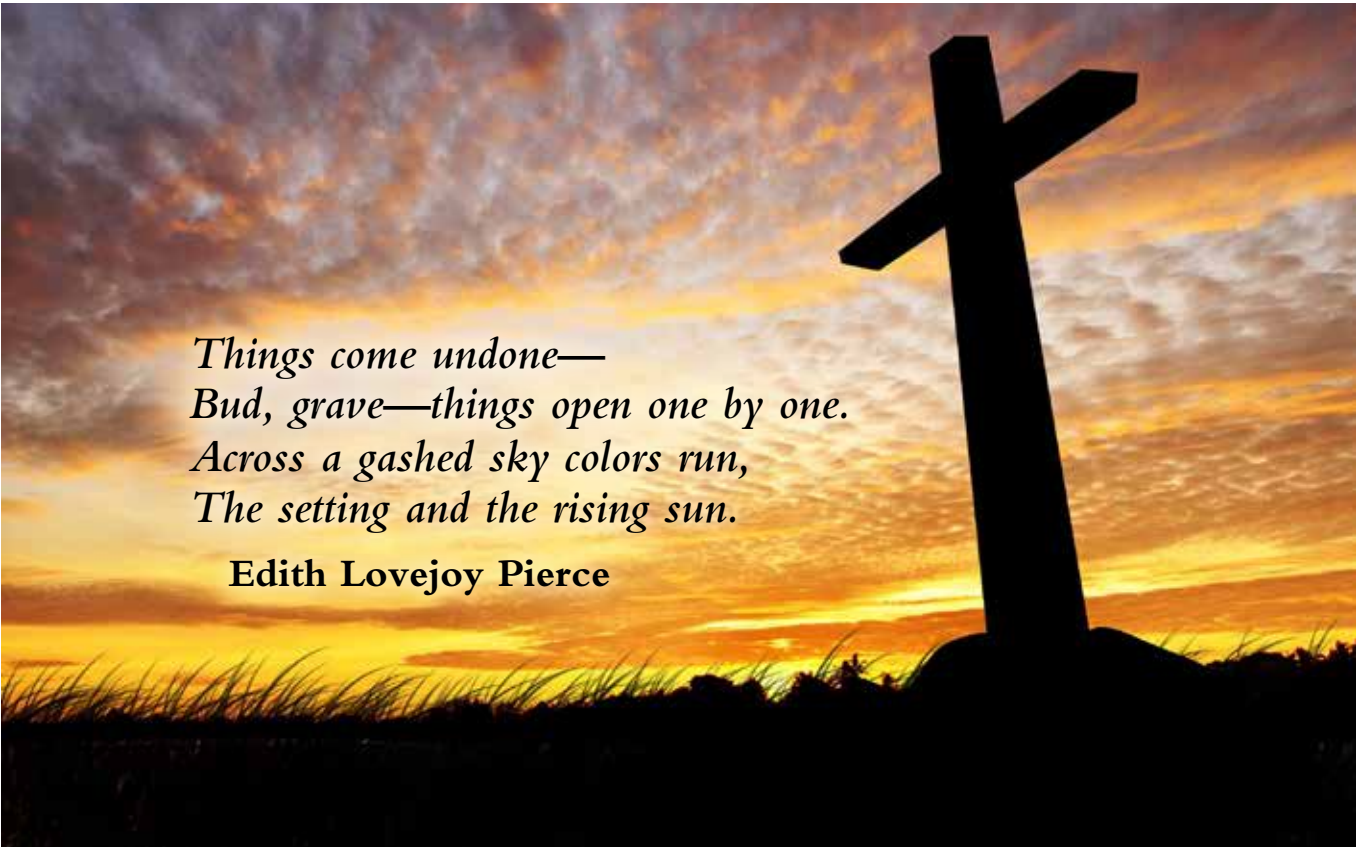
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The Living Miracles And Future Directions Open House

by Marc Mannheimer

The Living Miracles Peer Empowerment Center and Future Directions, C.O.S. moved into their new location at 2070 West 117th Street in Lakewood in December 2017. The building is the former home of the Mormon church, just across West 117th Street and south of the RTA rapid station. The two mental health organizations will be hosting an open house at the newly renovated space on March 29th, 2018, from 2pm-4pm.

The Living Miracles is a non-profit organization that serves

people struggling with a mental health or addiction disorder. It is a safe, judgement-free environment where adults with a mental health or addiction challenge can feel welcome, meet others with similar struggles and receive education and support from their peers. The Living Miracles offers discussion and education groups which cover such topics as symptom management, life skills, relationships and wellness, as well as a variety of recreational activities, including art, journaling, drama groups and baking classes.

The agency has been in existence on Cleveland’s west side since 1999. It is a “peer-operated service,” meaning the staff, as well as the administration, have experienced mental health difficulties. This peer model ensures that the members of the organization are understood and empathized with, as the staff have “been there” too.

Future Directions, a drop-in center focusing on art and craft projects and socialization, is located on the first floor of the building. Future Directions is also a peer-run center and uti-

lizes a drop-in model. If you have an interest in mental health or addiction recovery, or just want to explore mental health and addiction peer resources available in Lakewood, please join us and see what we are all about! The event is free of charge. R.S.V.P. by calling 440-420-9980, or e-mail jkruse@thelivingmiracles.org.

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Violent Coughing:

Reviews Of Recent Releases By Local Bands, Pt. 66

by Buzz Kompier

Disclaimer: Record reviews are a tricky business. It's one thing to enjoy music, but to pick out what you like (or dislike) 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.

Perverts Again - Friday Night Light - Total Punk - 8 songs - LP, download

I think Perverts Again were the best band in Cleveland at a certain point. And they may be again someday (look, I know that they're still playing and all, but it's not really them without Mike and Jo— sorry, fill-ins). Anyway, this is a good document of how great they are. In a way, it's sort of like the "Straight To Video" to "Our Big Party"'s "Bait & Switch": maybe the first record was packed with classics, but this one might be more cohesive as an album. Or maybe I'm just saying that because of the book version, who knows. It's got all the Pervert hallmarks, in case you were worried: catchy songs, great vocal delivery, really funny lyrics. There's no swearing on this one, whereas I don't think there was a single clean song on the last one. Further proof that you don't have to be vulgar to create something interesting. It's got the upbeat stuff ("Blockbusted," which tells the story of a man removed from Block-

buster for his clothing choices), the more sinister vibes of something like "Longlegger" ("everyone knows what you did to that kid...") (see Alex Ward's MRR interview for more)...all you would desire from a band called Perverts Again. "Get You Out Of College" might be song of the year (I know it's early to call, but I'm pretty sure) for its honest portrayal of the life of a college student. "Put your pants on, we're getting you out of college" may just be the best lyric on the record, though that's extremely hard to say. And it's got both the upbeat punk stuff and the more ominous parts: "you let Dad down... you mean nothing now." Great song. In the hands of any other band, a cover of a Billy Joel song would come across as some heinous "ironic" thing, which I really cannot stand. However, Perverts Again play it so sincerely that it almost ends up...heartwarming? I don't know, dude. I think I hear horns on this one. Maybe it's because I'm drunk. You're drunk when you hear horns. It's pretty astonishing how well the Perverts guitar riff (you know exactly which one I mean) works with "My Life," or "It's My Life," or whatever you want to decide the title is. The spooky, almost psychedelic "I Hate Him" ends up being simultaneously the weirdest and least weird song on the record. I think "A

Dollar And A Friend" is about going to a church meet-up (though Alex advised me to not take the book into account at all when considering the record, I'm going to anyway and say that yes, that is what it's about). "Two-A-Days" is another absolutely great song on here, the tale of a coach murdering the football team. Nice callback to "My Knee" in there, and as always, Alex's vocal delivery is phenomenal ("Honey, I'm serious. This could put us in prison."). Nathan Ward delivers some really nice drumming on the intro to "Cereal Bowl"— perhaps the most complicated drumming on a Perverts record since the intro of "Figgy Pudding." The melody on this one is so plaintive that the song isn't so funny as it is melancholy. Man, I don't really know what more I can say. This record is great, this band is great. I hope someday that the two non-twins in the band return and I may see them perform again. Until then, this record (and their others) will suffice. Further notes: good picture of the group on the back with Big Triv; my copy has a scratch that creates clicks throughout most of the end of "It's My Life," so I will be demanding a refund from Nathan personally shortly. Features members of the Insanos. You should've bought a copy of this already, what's

your problem? 4.5/5
(floridasdying.com for the LP, pervertsagain.bandcamp.com to download. It's also on Spotify and Apple Music, so I hear.)
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.



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42nd Cleveland International Film Festival

by Steve Gannis

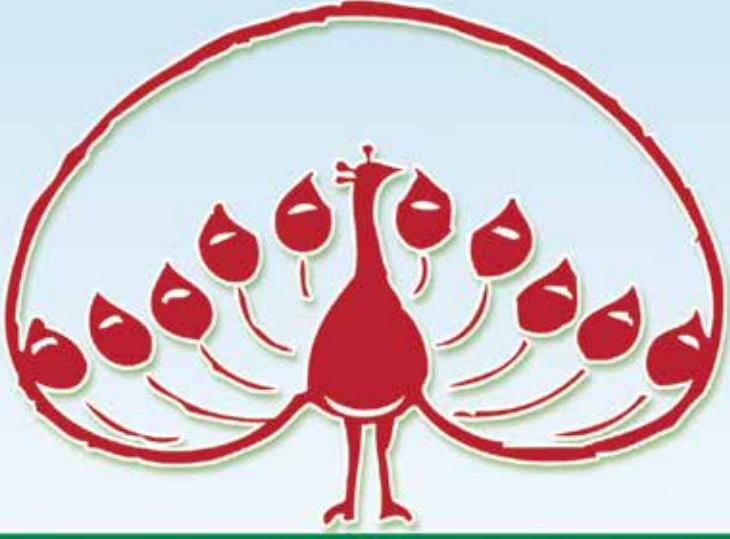
The 42nd Cleveland International Film Festival runs April 4 thru April 15. Most of the films will be shown at Tower City Cinemas, at Tower City in downtown Cleveland. For information go to www.clevelandfilm.org or call 1-877-304-FILM. Summaries and schedules of the 214 feature films and 250 short films from 72 countries are available. The films cover a wide vari-

ety. Something for everyone. This is the biggest film festival in Greater Cleveland, and a leading annual cultural event.

A catalog of all these films is available (until they may run out at times) at the Lakewood Public Library and on the CIFF website. On Sunday April 15 the short films that won the jury awards and the short film audience favorites will be shown.

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Lakewood, No It’s Foodwood!

by Jim O’Bryan

In the past couple years Lakewood has become a destination for good food, dining and entertainment experiences. This year we will be partnering with Foodwood© on a series of articles about Lakewood restaurants, bars and nightspots from an insider perspective. We have seen many lists of “the Best of” and noticed-- even been upset-- that some of the best places we know were not included. “How could they possibly ignore...?”

So with the help of professionals in the food and entertainment business we will take a look at menus, dining rooms and kitchens, give background to help you learn more about your favorite spots, learn even more about how and why they happened, and who and what history moulds not just who they are, but their signature dishes. This will be an interesting ride, we promise you.

Along the way we are inviting everyone to send in suggestions of their favorite places in and around Lakewood, and even write some reviews yourself. All will make it to our new Foodwood section on the website, but if we publish your review in the LO Print edition, we will pay for that meal, and you will get two Lakewood/ Foodwood T-Shirts. How is that for a deal!

To submit a review online, go to the Member Center section of the Lakewood Observer website, sign-in, click on “Submit New Story”, and make sure you choose “Foodwood” as the category for where your story should be.

Thank you to all and thank you to every owner, cook, server and busser.

Foodwood

Lakewood Dairy Queen Celebrates 40th Anniversary

by Kelly Toole

The City of Lakewood has many businesses that have been around for extended periods of time and are staples in our great city. Lakewood Dairy Queen opened in 1978 and is celebrating their 40th Anniversary this April!

Since Dairy Queen’s debut in 1978, they have been involved in the community on various levels such as fundraising for different organizations and giving donations and volunteer time for different activities that the community has engaged in. The store has taken on two remodels over the years to help ensure that the business continues to thrive for its community!

Lakewood Dairy Queen would like to thank the community of Lakewood for its help in its continued success by expressing their deepest gratitude and appreciation for their 40th Anniversary! Join Lakewood Dairy Queen for several different promotions throughout the month of April! Each week there will be a different day with a different promotion! Lakewood Dairy Queen couldn’t have done it without the great City of Lakewood as well as

Lakewood Dairy Queen, February 2018
customers like you!

Beginning Friday April 6, Dairy Queen will be hosting Receipt Day-Buy once, eat twice! On Thursday April 12, Throwback Thursday- say the word “scrumpdillyshus” and receive a Peanut Buster Parfait, Buster Bar or Dilly Bar for .49 cents! On Wednesday April 18th, dress up in 1970’s attire and receive 40% off your order (limitations apply)! On Tuesday April 24, join Lakewood Dairy Queen for a .40 cent small cone! To close their celebration, stop in on Monday April 30th, to receive a bounce back small blizzard coupon, with purchase!

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Lakewood Living And Lifestyle

Foundation Planning Task Force Nearing Finish

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mittee that was charged with retaining a consultant to assist the FPTF with all aspects of the process of creating the new Foundation. The committee developed an RFP which was sent to ten potential consultants with four chosen to interview. Randell McShepard was retained as a consultant and facilitator for the FPTF.

Task Force Retreat: Mr. McShepard led a retreat of the FPTF on May 30, 2017 at the Lakewood Women’s Pavilion. The retreat included a review of a survey answered by each of the task force members. Members took some time to get to know each other and then moved into more substantive issues including discussions about how to identify stakeholders and how to gather information about the health needs of the Lakewood community.

Community Engagement Subcommittee: The Community Engagement Subcommittee was formed. That group has developed a set of interview questions and has spent the last several months interviewing members of various organizations related to behavioral health, the business community, culture, groups involved with issues of race, ethnicity and diversity, early childhood, faith communities, health, low income, philanthropy, recreation, seniors, women’s issues and youth as well as elected officials. They presented their findings in a report to the FPTF • Local Expert Speakers: The FPTF has invited various experts in health and wellness to present and provide background information in areas relevant to the formation of the Foundation. Video recordings of these presentations are on the city website. The speakers have included:

Staff members from the City of Lakewood’s Department of Human Services;

Kirstin Craciun from the Center for Health Affairs to discuss the Community Health Needs Assessment;

Martha Halko from the Cuyahoga County Board of Health, who presented on Building Healthier Communities;

Dr. Jim Hekman, Dr. Judy Welsh and Jenny Evans from the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, who are instrumental in establishing the new Lakewood Family Health Center; and

Mitch Balk, from the Mt. Sinai Foundation, who spoke about conversion foundations and the lessons they learned in their own process.

Kristin Broadbent, President and CEO of Three Arches Foundation (established with the funds from the former Lakewood Hospital Foundation), spoke to the group about their plans to be a grant-making foundation focused on access to care and behavioral health.

Foundation Structure Subcommittee: A sub-committee was formed in July to gather information about Foundation funding and options for infrastructure. This information will also include pros/cons of each type of structure.

Communications Subcommittee: In August, a subcommittee was formed and given the duty of communicating the activity of the FPTF to the community. The Communications Subcommittee has implemented the use of a community question submission box, and compiled a list of FAQ’s as part of its overall communications approach regarding these efforts.

Community Engagement Subcommittee Report: The group interviewed over 85 individuals representing various populations and/or issues that affect residents in Lakewood. The results of the interviews were presented in a report to the full Task Force at the October meeting. In addition, individual Task Force members responded to the same questions asked in the interviews, which were compiled by Task Force facilitator, Randell McShepard.

Foundation Structure Subcommittee: This subcommittee

presented information on potential structures for the new Foundation to the full Task Force at the October meeting. This presentation began a much broader and more in depth conversation about how to structure the Foundation, which resumed at the November meeting.

Community Forum: On November 15th, the FPTF hosted a community conversation, at Garfield Middle School, to share the findings of the Community Engagement Subcommittee, and other discoveries, up to that point. This was another opportunity to have an open discussion with the community on the whole process, and get further input from our fellow residents.

Legal Counsel Selection Subcommittee: In January, a group of taskforce members gathered to select counsel based on RFP submissions. The selection committee selected Susan Scheutzow of Kohrman, Jackson & Krantz to lead our efforts to develop a structure, a code of regulations, and submit application to the State of Ohio & IRS for regulatory approval.

Foundation Structure: Ms. Scheutzow led a thorough review of available options with the FPTF, along with why each could be considered, at the February 2018 meeting. It was advised that the tax structure of the Cleveland Clinic, along with the Master Agreement that calls for their annual contributions to the foundation, should allow the new foundation to register as a public charity. This structure allows the foundation to put more money to work in the community, rather than potentially pay taxes on revenues. The FPTF chose to move forward with an application, based on this concept, given certain parameters put into place to avoid conflicts of interest, and create greater transparency, which were more prominent within private foundations.

Board Structure & Regulations Subcommittee: A subcommittee

was formed in February to work with counsel to develop the board selection matrix, along with a code of regulations for the foundation. These are being developed based upon the principals set forth by the Community Engagement Subcommittee report.

In summary, the FPTF has continued to gather a great deal of information and taken steps in further of defining recommendations over the past 15 months, and looks forward to presenting those recommendations to the Mayor and City Counsel in the coming weeks.

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“One of the central tenets of our efforts is community engagement with an eye toward promoting coordination, collaboration, and sustainability; fostering community voice; ensuring the effectiveness of the foundation; and developing models of transparency and accountability that build and maintain community trust.” -- FPTF Community Engagement Subcommittee

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LakewoodAlive to Host “Knowing Your Home: Step Repair And Replacement” Workshop on April 14

by Matt Bixenstine

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The remainder of the workshop will focus on step materials (wood versus composite), as well as routine maintenance to keep your home’s steps in good repair. Attendees will have ample opportunities to ask questions regarding the exterior step repair and replacement projects they plan to undertake.

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APR 14	Step Repair & Replacement	10-12 noon	Cleveland Lumber
APR 19	Air Conditioning (for Steam or Hot Water Heat Homes)	7-8:30 PM	Slife Heating & Cooling
APR 26	How to Contract a Repair	7 -8:30 pm	Lakewood Public Library
MAY 10	Plaster Repair & Replacement	7-9pm	Sherwin-Williams
MAY 17	Home Maintenance	7 -8:30 pm	Lakewood Public Library
JUN 14	Exterior Prep & Paint	7-9pm	Sherwin-Williams
JUL 19	Hands-On Window Repair	7-9pm	Lakewood Hardware
JUL 28	Generators 101	10-12 noon	Cleveland Lumber
SEP 20	Electrical 101	7-9pm	Clock Electric (1624 Coutant)
SEP 22	Weatherization Basics	10-12 noon	Cleveland Lumber
OCT 18	How to Stock Your Tool Box	7-9pm	Lakewood Hardware
OCT 25	Plumbing 101	7-9pm	Clock Electric (1624 Coutant)

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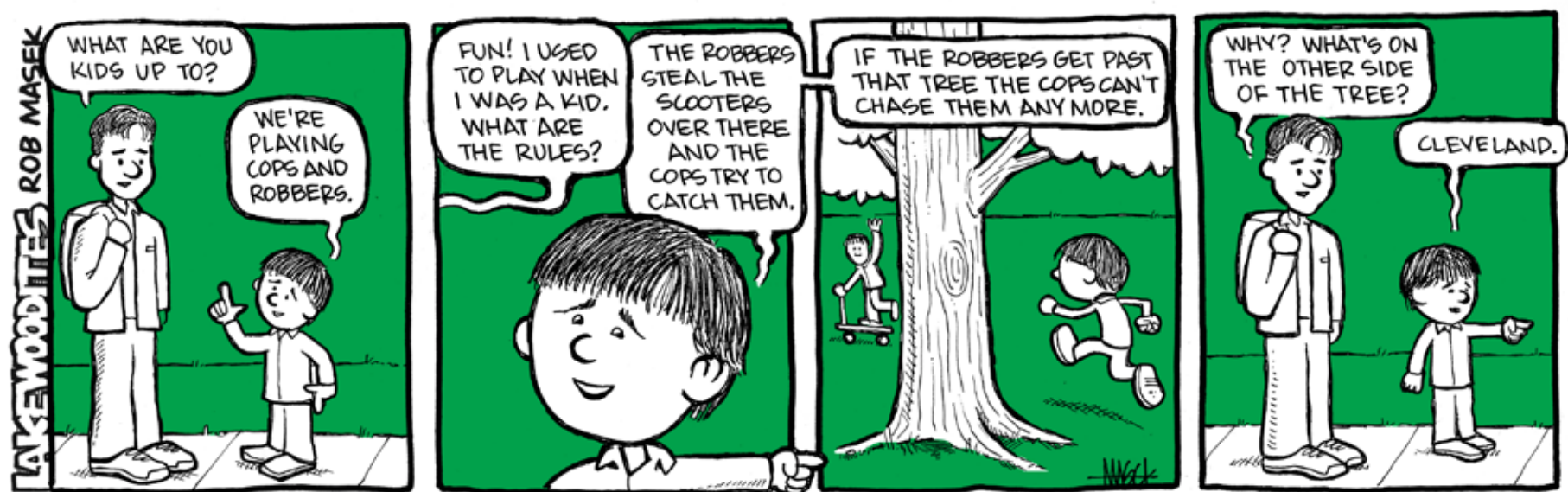
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