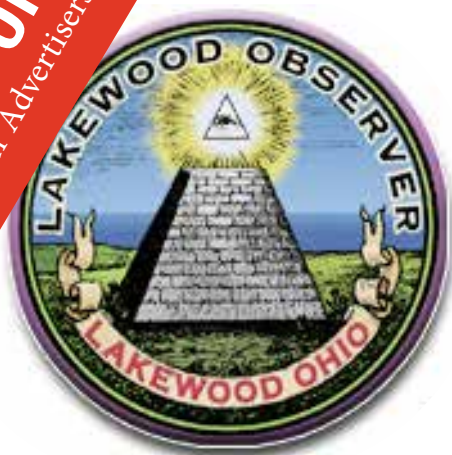


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## Attend The 31st Annual Lakewood Community Festival

by Karen Karp

Celebrate family, community and cultural heritage at the 31st Annual Lakewood Community Festival on Saturday, September 8, 2018 at Madison Park, 13029 Madison Avenue. The day of fun and activities for the entire family will take place from 11 AM to 5 PM, rain or shine.

The festival is known for a delicious array of nationality foods including stuffed cabbage, pierogis, cabbage and noodles, potato pancakes and kielbasa with sauerkraut. There will be pizza, of course,



photo by Jacob Chabowski

and alternative selections as well. Save room for kolaches, baklava, additional traditional

ethnic pastries, plus ice cream, shaved ice and other desserts.

For the kiddos, the festivities will include a bounce house, an inflatable obstacle course, crafts, games and hands-on bubbles.

For kids of all ages, Cleveland Metroparks' NatureTracks vehicle will bring a nature-based interactive program. Studio Go, The Cleveland Museum of Art's mobile art studio, will be ready with a hands-on art experience for all to enjoy. Studio Go is participating for the first time.

Yes, the City of Lakewood will again be selling old street signs for \$25, cash only. The signs are in good condition and are a prized nostalgic item.

Throughout the day musical entertainment will be provided by 2guys12strings (11 AM), Frank Moravcik and the Band (noon), Victor Samalot (1 PM), The Polka Pirates (2 PM), West Awake's Brent Hopper (3 PM) and Uncle Duffy Band (4 PM).

The festival, sponsored by the Lakewood Community Festival, Inc. and the City of Lakewood, is traditionally the last event of the summer. Proceeds from the festival are donated to various Lakewood community organizations.

visit [LakewoodAlive.org/SpookyPooch](http://LakewoodAlive.org/SpookyPooch).

Festivities get underway with the Spooky Pooch Festival beginning at 12:30 p.m. at Kauffman Park. Enjoy entertainment, kids' games and

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## Stunner In Lakewood, Emotional Loss For St. Ed's

by Jacob Chabowski

Cass Tech (MI).

In perhaps the most emotional 30 minutes of football one could hope to see, St Ed's experienced the feelings of victory, defeat, victory, then defeat once again as they dropped a back-and-forth game against

The Eagles appeared to be in control most of the game. Eagles QB Garret Dzuro connected on a touchdown pass to Quintel Kent early to put the

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## Ranger Marching Band Festival Set For September 15

by Christine Gordillo

The pageantry and precision that goes along with the music of a high school marching band will be on display at the 32nd annual Lakewood High School Ranger Marching Band Festival set for Saturday, September 15 at First Federal Lakewood Stadium.

Eight other high school bands and the Mount Union University band will join the

Ranger Marching Band for this family-friendly event that is sure to get your toes tapping. The parade and introduction of bands begins at 6 p.m. and field performances begin at 6:30 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$9 for adults and \$7 for seniors and \$5 for students. Preschoolers and younger are free. Tickets are available at the Lakewood High Book Room

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## Foodwood Sees Something Different Open On Madison: A Distillery And Restaurant



photo by Jim O'Bryan

This includes their restaurant Distill Table, operated by head chef Eddie Tancredi whose background includes being in the International Food Olympics representing America. Distill Table serves locally based American food including wood fired pizza, sandwiches, and an amazing bar. More on page 11.

### Dog Days:

## Registration Now Open For 11th Annual Spooky Pooch Parade



photo by Brian Fox

by Matt Bixenstine

Popular Autumn Canine Event Brings Bark to Kauffman Park on October 20

This one is for the dogs... but you're invited, too. Registration is now open for LakewoodAlive's 11th Annual Spooky Pooch Parade, a celebration of costumed canines taking place on Saturday, October 20, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Kauffman Park in Downtown Lakewood.

Sponsored by Discount Drug Mart, the Spooky Pooch Parade consists of a free-to-attend festival in Kauffman Park, a parade through Lakewood's downtown business district on Detroit Avenue and an awards presentation. A favorite Halloween tradition for Northeast Ohio dog lovers and their families, this com-

munity festival represents one of the only events of its kind in the region, providing a tail-wagging good time for canine and human guests alike. Last year's Spooky Pooch Parade drew nearly 350 canines and an estimated crowd of 2,500 people.

Pre-registration for the parade is \$10 per dog and day-of registration is \$15 per dog. Multiple dog discounts are available with pre-registration only. Humans are free. This community event takes place rain or shine, and proceeds from the parade benefit LakewoodAlive, a nonprofit community development organization striving to foster and sustain vibrant neighborhoods in Lakewood.

For more information and to register your dog, please



# Hot Off The Deck

All Too Soon The 90 Degree Days Of Summer Will Give Way To The Bitter Cold Of Winter!



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# So Much To Celebrate At North Coast Health!

by Gina Gavlak  
President & CEO  
North Coast Health

Have you heard our news! We are excited to share that North Coast Health (NCH) and Neighborhood Family Practice (NFP) plan to join together to increase access to primary care for low income individuals. NCH's decision to move in this direction is the result of our recent strategic planning. A task force, comprised of NCH board and senior staff leadership, explored the opportunity to link with another organization. We set out to identify an organization whose mission and culture aligned with ours. Our goal, as it has always been, was to continue to provide care for the most vulnerable members of our community, regardless of their ability to pay. Our search led us to Neighborhood Family Practice.

Neighborhood Family Practice and North Coast Health share similar missions, culture and a history of providing high quality primary care to those in need. Early on, both organizations agreed that moving forward we could accomplish more together than either of us could independently. A final binding agreement is expected to be approved by the end of October.

On January 1, 2019, North Coast Health's Lakewood location will be added to Neighborhood Family Practice's network of community health centers as the North Coast Community Health Center. In addition, a support organization, North Coast Health, will be established for fund development and advocacy for the entire organization.

Jean Polster, president and CEO of Neighborhood Family Practice since 2003, will serve as CEO of both organizations. Gina Gavlak, president and CEO of North Coast Health will be president of the support organization and vice president of business development at Neighborhood Family Practice. Dr. Charles "Chuck" Garven,

North Coast Health's medical director, will continue to see patients and serve as senior medical advisor at Neighborhood Family Practice. All North Coast Health employees will join the Neighborhood Family Practice team. Working together we will expand and increase access to care for residents of Lakewood, and surrounding communities. The clinic will remain open at our current location on Detroit Avenue in Lakewood. Patient care will continue uninterrupted during the transition. Patients will still be able to see their doctor, nurse practitioner, counselor and all the members of our team at the Lakewood location. Next

year, services will expand to include pediatrics, making it possible for us to care for the whole family. Additional services-- including pregnancy care, psychiatry and dental-- will be available at other Neighborhood Family Practice sites. What does this mean for the future? Many exciting opportunities; and a chance for everyone-- patients, staff, volunteers, community partners, foundations and individual donors-- to move forward with us! We have a lot to celebrate! On Thursday, September 13th North Coast Health will be holding our annual Celebration of Caring Gala at

Market Square at Crocker Park from 6:30-9:30p.m. Funds raised will support NCH's medical services, making it possible for those in need to receive the care they need, and deserve. The beautiful, open venue provides the opportunity for more mingling, gourmet food stations, open beer and wine bar and of course, auctions!! You are an important part of our past, present and our future. We hope that you will be able to join us! To purchase a ticket, or to make a donation, please visit [northcoasthealth.org/events](http://northcoasthealth.org/events). Additional information on our affiliation with Neighborhood Family Practice can be found at [northcoasthealth.org](http://northcoasthealth.org).

## Opening The Portal To The Past: Time Travel Through Lakewood On The House And Garden Tour

by Sue Finley  
Whoa. It's September. How did that happen? Wish you could step back in time? Every two years the Lakewood Historical Society invites you to do just that during their "Come Home to Lakewood" House and Garden Tour, Sunday, September 9th from 1 to 5pm.

Nine of Lakewood's most pristine examples of historic and diverse architecture have opened their doors for you to discover and explore how Lakewood looked and lived.

The featured homes, all of which were chosen by community nominations, were built between 1903 and 1954. While some have had recent additions and refinements, the owners have maintained their dwellings' architectural integrity, making these residences and businesses true showcases of the past. Touring gives you a glimpse into history, where meticulous craftsmanship and quality materials were the building standards. Equally



Built in 1937, this completely refurbished Colonial invites you to enjoy its lake views.

fascinating are the stories that will be shared about the home's previous owners, some of whom were Lakewood's most prominent citizens. One of the houses was the work of famed architect Clarence Mack, widely

known today for his high-end, single-family home designs in Lakewood, Rocky River and Shaker Heights during the 1920s. Lakefront Colonials, a

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## Vision Loss: Tips, Tools & Techniques to Live Well

Friday, Sept. 14, 2018 | 11:30 a.m.

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# Lakewood Public Library

## Calendar Of Events

compiled by Elaine Rosenberger

Friday, September 7, 2018

Front Porch Concert Series

Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy fantastic music with friends and neighbors in the heart of Downtown Lakewood. Tonight we welcome The Light of Day Band.

7:00 p.m. on the Main Library Front Porch

Saturday, September 8, 2018

Film - “The Long Riders” (1980), Presented by Terry Meehan

Terry Meehan rides back into town with a new film series, “Dry Spell: Westerns of the 1980s.” “The Long Riders” follows the exploits of a band of robbers led by Jesse James, Cole Younger and their brothers. To emphasize the brotherly motif, the film’s cast includes four sets of real-life siblings: Stacy and James Keach, David and Keith Carradine, Dennis and Randy Quaid and Christopher and Nicholas Guest. Meehan will introduce each film with an original video presentation, followed by audience reaction and a lively discussion.

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

Sunday, September 9, 2018

Concert - Scimitars Swing Band

Back in the ‘30s and ‘40s America needed a break from the dark days of the Great Depression and World War II. Relief came in the form of a new up-tempo jazz called Swing that swept the country with its cheerful syncopated rhythms. It was the kind of music that asked you to get up and dance. The Scimitars Swing Band specializes in the music of the ‘40s, ‘50s and ‘60s; the true era of the Big Bands, but are also known to mix it up with music of an earlier vintage, as well as some more current popular tunes. Help us kick off our season in a big band kind of way!

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

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

Literature Series: Ruin and Rebirth in “The Sound and the Fury” Presented by Barbara Parr

The second in our literature series on William Faulkner’s “The Sound and the Fury.” Registration is required. Register online at [lifelonglearningcleveland.org](http://lifelonglearningcleveland.org) or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 127.

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

Thursday, September 13, 2018

Great Decisions in the Library - South Africa’s Fragile Democracy Led by Dr. Roby Simons

The African National Congress (ANC) party has governed South Africa since the end of apartheid in 1994. But the party today suffers from popular frustration over official corruption and economic stagnation. It faces growing threats from both left and right opposition parties. Given America’s history of opportunistic engagement with Africa, there are few prospects for a closer relationship between the two countries and a weaker ANC could lead to political fragmentation. What does this mean for South Africa? After a brief video, Dr. Roby Simons will lead a discussion and help to answer some of the complex questions surrounding South Africa’s history, culture, and political landscape. Dr. Roby Simons is a professor of Urban Studies at Cleveland State University and was a 2005 Fulbright Scholar at Wits University in Johannesburg, South Africa.

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

Non-Fiction Book Club

Come and join the conversation with our newest book club. There are sure to be serious and thought-provoking discussions about many subjects inspired by these non-fiction works. Tonight we will discuss “Invisible Influence: The Hidden Forces that Shape Behavior” by Jonah Berger.

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



## Teddy Bear Picnic Time!

by Fran Storch

Children ages three to eight years and their parents are invited to join us for a Teddy Bear Picnic on Friday, September 7, 2018 at Lakewood Public Library. In celebration of National Teddy Bear Day, a Library staff member will present a special teddy bear story time from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. on the front lawn of the Main Library.

Kids and their bestie bears will enjoy listening to teddy bear stories, singing silly songs and making a teddy take-home craft. After the craft, guests

will enjoy a teddy graham treat to wrap-up this bear-ific program.

This is a free program but registration is required and only a few spaces remain. In the event of rain, the program will be moved to the Main Library First Floor Activity Room.

To register for the Teddy Bear Picnic, stop by the CYS desk at the Main Library, call (216) 226-8275, ext. 140 or visit <http://www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/event/teddy-bear-picnic-11749/>.

Saturday, September 15, 2018

Film - “Flame & Citron” (2008) Directed by Ole Christian Madsen Presented by Barbara Steffek-Hill

In the spring of 1944, the Nazis invade and occupy Denmark. Red-haired Bent Faur-schou-Hviid (Thure Lindhardt) codenamed Flame and Jorgen Haagen Schmith (Mads Mikkelsen) codenamed Citron are members of the partisan group Holger Dansk. In Danish with English subtitles. Barbara Steffek-Hill presents a series of classic and contemporary films from her personal favorites.

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

Sunday, September 16, 2018

Concert - Hip to That

Hip to That is a Cleveland jazz quartet that has been performing all over the Cleveland area for almost four years. Maria DiDonato, Joe Rangel, Lee Kolarik and Dave “Ziggy” Deitke met as music students at Cleveland State University and formed a bond that survived graduation. They specialize in jazz standards, Great American Songbook charts and pop tunes that have a distinctive jazz twist added by the band. For example, their favorite number to play together is a mash-up of two standards, Ray Charles’ “Hit the Road Jack” and Peggy Lee’s “Fever”. This is a diverse, young jazz combo determined to knock your socks off.

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

Tuesday, September 18, 2018

Knit & Lit Book Club

Come share your passion for great literature and show off your knitting, crocheting, counted cross-stich, embroidery and quilting works-in-progress. Tonight we will discuss “The Kelloggs: The Battling Brothers of Battle Creek” by Howard Markel.

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

Wednesday, September 19, 2018

Ruin and Rebirth in The Sound and the Fury Literature Series presented by Barbara Parr

The third in our literature series on William Faulkner’s “The Sound and the Fury.” Prior registration required.

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

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Cleveland History Special Author Event

Three authors discuss their two books about Cleveland history: “The Birth of Downtown Cleveland: A Vision Interrupted” by Dave Ford and Brad Schwartz and “LGBTQ Cleveland: Images of Modern America” by Ken Schneck. The 1903 Plan for Cleveland’s downtown laid out a vision of neoclassical splendor. But the plan suffered setbacks from all sides. Presenting previously unpublished historic photographs, authors Ford and Schwartz detail a story more than a century in the making. Cleveland’s LGBTQ history exhibits the classic components of a Hollywood blockbuster. A nefarious billboard-maker, an adversarial state senator and unidentified arsonists played villainous parts in promoting a repressive anti-gay agenda. Schneck’s LGBTQ Cleveland covers nearly five decades of Cleveland history and features more than 150 photos. Books will be available for sale and signing at this event.

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

## Children & Youth Events

compiled by Eric Knapp

Saturday, September 8

Tail Waggin’ Tutors

For school-age children

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

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

Sunday, September 9

Lakewood LEGO® League

For youth in kindergarten through fifth grade (caregivers welcome)

Use LPL’s collection of Lego® Bricks and your own imagination to create fabulous new structures and designs each month. No registration, but numbered tickets will be given out first-come, first-served.

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

September 10 – October 22, Mondays

Happy Chinese

For students in first through sixth grade

Learn about Chinese characters, expressions, and culture in this seven-week interactive feel-good, hands-on program. Registration required.

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

Friday, September 14

International Dot Day

For students in kindergarten through fifth grade

Celebrate this day with a reading of Peter Reynolds’ The Dot, participate in two dot-inspired art projects, and play a game of Twister. Registration required.

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. in the Main Library Activity Room.

Saturday, September 15

Mr. Zap’s Puppet Fun, For the whole family

Magic and large puppets combined for great family fun! No registration required. Free and open to public.

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

Sunday, September 16

Win, Lose, or Draw Game Night

For students in sixth through twelfth grade

Two teams will compete in this silent but hilarious drawing game. Test those sketching skills against each other and the ticking clock! Registration required.

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the Main Library Activity Room.



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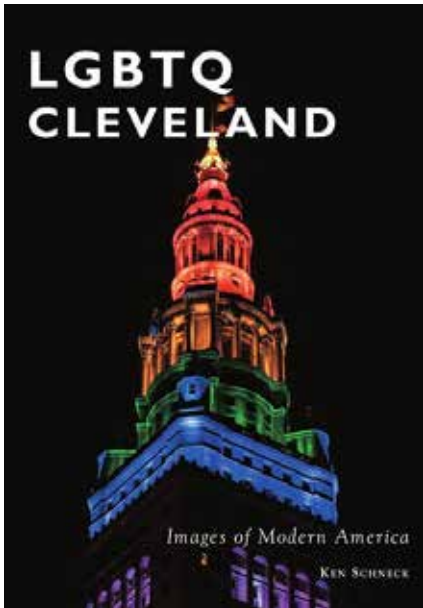
## Cleveland History In The Spotlight: Special Meet the Author Event At LPL

by Amy Kloss

Two books, three authors, lots of fascinating information. The Lakewood Public Library will host a special Meet the Author event focusing on Cleveland history on Thursday, September 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium.

Through meticulous research and gathering of photographs, authors Dave Ford, Brad Schwartz and Ken Schneck have steeped themselves in our city's history. Both "The Birth of Downtown Cleveland" and "LGBTQ Cleveland" tell detailed stories about particular aspects of Cleveland's development.

Cleveland was born in 1796 when the Connecticut Land Company surveyed and mapped the southern shore of Lake Erie. The city has had its ups and downs since then, and authors Ford and Schwartz look at the many

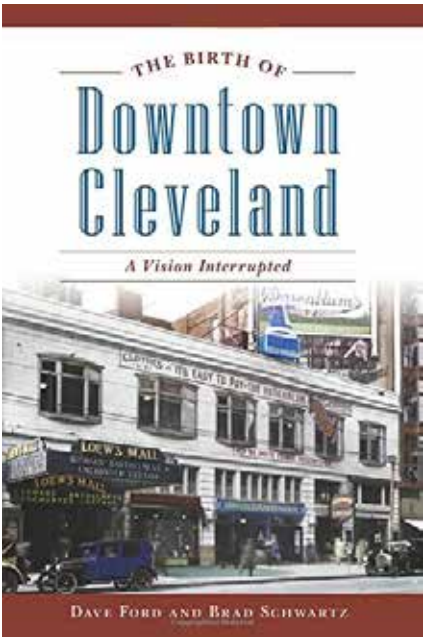


iterations of downtown Cleveland, from trading center to manufacturing hub to residential core. Set up as a collection of five essays that explore

"Visions" that have shaped the development of Cleveland, "The Birth of Downtown Cleveland" covers the city's early years, the plan proposed in 1903 as part of the City Beautiful movement and how that plan was disrupted, revised and revitalized over the years.

Ken Schneck's book is decidedly different, but no less entertaining. With more than 150 photos, "LGBTQ Cleveland" is essentially an illustrated history of the people, places and events that affected the city's LGBTQ population. Told by his publisher that all the images he needed would be available at the Cleveland Public Library or Western Reserve Historical Society, Schneck soon discovered that much more research would be needed to produce the book he wanted to write. "I basically went from person-to-person in Cleveland: social media posts soliciting images, which led me to this gay guy's attic, who pointed me to that lesbian's basement, who directed me to that ally's kitchen table," he says of his research process.

The event at Lakewood Public



Library on September 20 will feature a question and answer session which will begin with the authors asking one another questions, after which audience members will get a chance to ask their own questions. It promises to be an entertaining and enlightening evening of Cleveland history.

## Join The Discussion On World Affairs At Lakewood Public Library

by Melinda Frank

Staying informed on world affairs is easier than ever due to the torrent of daily news. Join together with friends, neighbors and experts for Great Decisions, America's largest discussion program on world affairs. Every year the Foreign Policy Association highlights eight critical foreign policy challenges facing the

United States, which serve as the topic for the Great Decisions program. Each discussion will focus on one of the policy challenges, featuring a thirty minute video and an expert-led discussion.

This year's discussion series kicks off on Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium. Roby Simons, PhD, will lead a discussion on South Africa's Fragile Democracy. Simons is a professor of Urban Studies at Cleveland State University and was a 2005 Fulbright Scholar at Wits University in Johannesburg, South Africa. Since the end of apartheid in 1994, South Africa has been governed by the African National Congress (ANC). The recent election of President Cyril Ramaphosa promised stimulated economic growth and prosperity, but the country still faces an uncertain economic and democratic future.

Discussions will take place throughout the fall and winter months and topics include Media and Foreign Policy (September 27, 2018), China and America (October 11, 2018), Turkey: a Partner in Crisis (October 25, 2018), The Waning of Pax Americana (January 10, 2019), U.S. Global Engagement and the Military (January 24, 2019), Russia's Foreign Policy (February 14, 2019) and Global Health: Progress and Challenges (February 28, 2019).

All Great Decisions discussions take place on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium. Readings will be available at the Main Library circulation desk one week prior to the discussion. Admission is free and open to all. Bring your thoughts and join the conversation.

## International Dot Day Fun

by Marge Foley

International Dot Day was created to encourage students to explore their creativity. The inspiration behind the event is the children's book The Dot by Peter H. Reynolds. It tells the story of a teacher who motivates a doubting student to trust in her own abilities and from a dot on a page the child goes on to make her mark. The book The Dot has been translated into over 25 languages, including Braille. Since the first Dot Day in 2009, the number of involved students in both schools and libraries around the globe has skyrocketed. It has grown to a world-wide celebration with children from 172 countries expected to participate in 2018.

Students in kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to join the fun of International Dot Day at the Lakewood Public Library on Friday, September 14, 2018 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Main Library Activity Room. Fol-



lowing a reading of the book The Dot, participants will be given the opportunity to express themselves by making a dot filled art project to take home and by contributing to a group dot art project that will be displayed in the Library. The program will include playing the ultimate dot game, Twister. Registration is required. Register online at lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/youth or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 140.



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## Foundation Grants Boost Student Enrichment

by Christine Gordillo

For the last decade, money from the Margaret Warner Educational Grants Fund of the Lakewood Rangers Education Foundation has provided Lakewood City Schools' teachers the ability to offer enrichment opportunities to their students. This year is no different as the Foundation awarded more \$10,000 in grants. The awards, along with a grant from the Meinke Creative Teaching Grant Fund, were announced at the District's annual Convocation on Monday, Aug.20.

The Rangers Education Foundation has a long history of helping enrich Lakewood students' educational experiences. That is why the estate of Margaret Warner, who had a long and distinguished career as a social studies teacher at Lakewood High, decided to donate to the foundation in 1998. The grants fund was established in 2007 from that initial money.

The fund was set with the specific purpose of supporting the district's

teaching staff. Over the years, more than \$80,000 has gone to teachers in their effort to broaden their students' horizons and enrich their learning.

The grants help fund projects that help our students academically, culturally, socially and physically. Some examples of projects funded for the 2017-2018 school year include:

**Battle of the Books** - a Jeopardy-style literary game (Harding)

**Lincoln Leaders** community service group

**Underground Railroad** experience (Garfield)

**Facing History Club**, a girls' leadership group that brings refugee and American girls together (Lakewood High)

*A middle school soccer club*

*Middle School Mock Trial*

These are just some of the creative programs Lakewood City Schools teachers have developed to make sure that District students are well-educated and well-rounded!

## LECPTA's Fall Baby & Big Kid Resale Event Is Coming Soon

by Kim Griffith

The Lakewood Early Childhood PTA (LECPTA) is once again planning its popular children's resale of gently used children's clothing (sizes newborn to 10), furniture, toys and other items. The Baby Bargain Bonanza (BBB) is planned for Saturday, September 15th at Garfield Middle School, which is located at 13114 Detroit Ave. in Lakewood. The sale is open to the public and will run from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Admission is \$5 from 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. and just \$1 from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

There are many good deals to be found on lots of children's gear. If it is needed for children, most likely, it can be found at the BBB! New this year will be a 50/50 raffle. Raffle tickets are one ticket for \$1, six tickets for \$5 or twenty tickets for \$10. Winner does not need to be present to win. Raffle tickets can be purchased anytime by emailing [bbb.lecpta@gmail.com](mailto:bbb.lecpta@gmail.com). This is a great resource to take advantage of if you

cannot attend the BBB but would like to get in on the fun of the raffle!

In addition to great deals on clothing and raffle, there will be a bake sale featuring homemade goodies! There will also be drinks, bagels, donuts and coffee available for purchase. There is sure to be a yummy treat for everyone at the bake sale!

All this sounds great, right? But what if you are thinking, "I already have a closet full of kids' clothes and don't have room for any more!"? Well, maybe it is time to consider being a seller at the BBB. Everyone is welcome to sell children's items that are no longer needed. The items must be clean, free from recall and in good condition with all parts and pieces. If you are interested in becoming a seller, please visit [www.lecpta.com](http://www.lecpta.com) for more information or email [bbb.lecpta@gmail.com](mailto:bbb.lecpta@gmail.com). We will accept registration forms until tables sell out. Whether you choose to buy or sell, LECPTA looks forward to meeting you on September 15th!

## District, Lakewood PD To Hold School Safety Parent Forum

by Christine Gordillo

The Lakewood Police Department and the District are hosting a school safety parent information forum on Thursday, September 27 at 7 pm in the Lakewood High School Cafeteria. The Police Department will be presenting to parents on the concepts of A.L.I.C.E. (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) in school crisis situations. The Police Department will also be sharing how students will be trained this school year in emergency situations. Safety tips for parents will be offered as well as a time for questions.

## Back To School With The Library

by Andrea Fisher

Lakewood Public Library has a large selection of online resources to help students of all ages to find information on a variety of academic subjects and interests. Visit [lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/research](http://lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/research) for a complete list of the valuable online resources available for Lakewood Public Library patrons.

Looking for a good book? Does your assignment require you to read a historical fiction book from the Great Depression? NovelList Plus and NovelList K-8 are available to all patrons. This useful tool connects readers to enjoyable, and grade-level appropriate books. Search and browse by genre, readalikes, award winners and more.

LearningExpress Library allows you to sharpen your skills in all of the major subjects and get ready for tests like the ACT, SAT, AP and more. Students of all ages can benefit from the resources included in this powerful learning tool.

If your research assignment requires you to find articles from magazines, peer-reviewed journals and

newspapers, use EBSCOhost. Search for articles by keyword or use publication search to browse through the archives of specific magazines and journals.

The Library also has two language learning tools available to help you master nearly any foreign languages: Mango Languages and Transparent Language Online. Both resources offer an interactive experience for learners at all skill levels.

Both Oxford Research Encyclopedias and Very Short Introductions offer accurate, up-to-date and peer-reviewed information on a wide range of subjects. Oxford Research Encyclopedias offers in-depth articles on academic topics such as Literature, American History, Environmental Science and more. Very Short Introductions gives concise summaries on a wide variety of topics, including Game Theory, Ancient Warfare, Islamic History, Economics and more.

All of these resources and other online resources are available at [lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/research](http://lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/research).

## Feet To The Street

by Suzy Peters

Lakewood Residents: Be on the lookout Saturday, September 8th!

From 11 a.m. until 3 p.m., students from the Lakewood City Schools Performing Arts Department will be out and about knocking on doors to say thank you for your continued support of Lakewood City Schools.

Additionally, each household will receive a copy of the performing arts

calendar for the 2018-2019 school year. The students will extend a personal invitation to these performances.

This event, called Feet to the Street, is sponsored by the Lakewood Music Boosters. For more information about the Lakewood Music Boosters and the entire Lakewood City Schools Performing Arts Department visit [lakewoodcityschools.org](http://lakewoodcityschools.org) and [lakewoodmusicboosters.com](http://lakewoodmusicboosters.com).

## Stunner In Lakewood, Emotional Loss For St. Ed's

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Eagles up 7-0, and Jordan Casteberry scored a touchdown on a 33-yard run in the second quarter to increase the lead to 14-0. The Eagles defense was strong throughout the game.

Cass Tech finally found the end zone thanks to a short run by RB Lewis Nichols to cut the deficit to 14-7 for Cass Tech with 4:27 left in the fourth quarter.

After a defensive stop Cass Tech took over again. The Eagles defense gave up 30 yards in penalties on that drive, which paved the way for a 31yd TD pass from QB Jalen Graham to WR Kyron McKinnie-Harp to cut it to 14-13 Eagles with 3:06 left in the game. A gutsy call for a two point conversion gave Cass Tech a 15-14 lead.

On the kickoff, Quintel Kent ran

the ball back to the end zone for a 80+ yard kickoff return for the Eagles touchdown. The Eagles were back on top 20-15 after a failed PAT with 1:07 to go in the game.

After a few defensive stops for the Eagles, Cass Tech was down to their last play. With no time left Cass Tech QB Jalen Graham launched the ball into the endzone on a hail mary pass to WR Noah Stamps to give Cass Tech the 21-20 victory.





Lakewood Cares



All ages and all abilities are invited to run, walk or roll in the Youth Challenge Superhero Dash at Lakewood Park on September 22.

# Run With The Superheroes At Lakewood Park

by Kathy Rigdon

Hundreds of runners, walkers, and rollers (participants in wheelchairs) will be dressing as their favorite Superheroes and helping raise money for young people with physical disabilities at the Youth Challenge Superhero Dash. The 33rd Annual Race Day, in memory of former Trustee Dave Hardman, will take place Saturday, September 22, at Lakewood Park.

The 5K run and the 1 Mile Walk/Roll both start at 9:30 a.m. Awards will go to the top three men and women overall and in each age group, as well as the challenged division. Achievement ribbons will go to all 1 Mile finishers. There will be fun for the whole family-- Superhero costume contest, Chinese and 50/50 raffles, and post-race refreshments!

Adult runners and walkers are \$25 per person for early registration, \$30 on Race Day; Children 18 and under are \$10 (pre-registered and same day). First 300 registrants will receive t-shirts, subject

to availability on Race Day. Register online at [hermes.cleveland.com](http://hermes.cleveland.com).

The Superhero Dash will raise funds for Youth Challenge, a non-profit that provides adapted sports and recreational opportunities to young people with physical disabilities. Trained teen volunteers are paired one-on-one with participants to play sports, make friends and have fun. YC serves children throughout Northeast Ohio and has offices in Westlake and Shaker Heights. All programs and transportation are offered at no cost to participant families.

Sponsors for the Superhero Dash are Linda & Doug Hardman, Invacare/Top End, American Tank & Fabricating, Don's Lighthouse Grille, First Federal Lakewood, Oatey Foundation, Medical Mutual, and Orthopaedic Associates

Visit [youthchallengesports.com](http://youthchallengesports.com) or call 440-892-1001 for more details.

# Lakewood Community Services Center Seeks Volunteers!

by Colleen Timm

If you have a few hours to spare each week and if you want to join LCSC in the fight to end hunger in the community, these volunteer opportunities could be a perfect fit for you.

LCSC is the emergency food pantry for Lakewood, Rocky River and Westlake and we could use some dedicated help during the hours of 9:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. We currently provide food assistance to over 7,000 individuals each year! We could not do this important work without our volunteers.

There are two ways in with you can help us.

Intake Volunteers on Tuesdays and Fridays: The intake volunteers are the first people clients meet when they come in to the center for food and this position is critical for making sure all

individuals and families are warmly welcomed. The duties of this position include entering data into our database and ensuring that the many other services here at LCSC and in the community are explained to all.

Pantry Volunteers on Thursdays: Pantry volunteers are responsible for making sure that there is a consistent flow of emergency food available to make sure that clients are served quickly and efficiently. We are so fortunate to receive donated food and personal care items from the community and pantry volunteers are also responsible for sorting these donated items so they can be distributed quickly.

If you are interested in finding out more please contact Colleen Timm at 216-226-6466.

# Ranger Marching Band Festival Set For September 15

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or at the door.

Visiting high schools participating are: Eastlake North High School, Fairview High School, Garfield Hts. High School, Olmsted Falls High School, St. Edward High School, Vermilion High School, and West Geauga High School.

The money raised will help sup-

port the Ranger Marching Band through the season and a portion will go toward purchasing new uniforms in the future.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Laura Whitkofski at [whitkofski@gmail.com](mailto:whitkofski@gmail.com). Businesses wanting to advertise in the program should contact Julie Warren at [wanger@ameritech.net](mailto:wanger@ameritech.net) or 216-905-6681.



Lakewood Observer has been home to some of the finest photos taken in and around Lakewood, Ohio. We are starting to get photos from Labor Day Weekend including some amazing shots from the Air Show. Check them out online!

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# Lakewood Is Art

## Yayoi KUSAMA! @ Cleveland Museum Of Art 2018 Part 2

by Jim O'Bryan

The big art installation of 2018 is Yayoi Kusama at the Cleveland Museum of Art. A major installation by a renowned artist who not only dabbles in oil, pastels, fabric, lights and sculpture, but in performance. I see this show as one of her greatest performance pieces. From the selling of the tickets, to tens of thousands taking pictures of themselves in front of the "Narcissist Garden," to the FREE dots given to you, but which you cannot keep, to the gift shop, to the barrage of social media images from friends and strangers around the world. With that in mind here is the second installment in Kusama 2018.

January 16 I woke up at 8am, made coffee, and got online waiting for the clock to tick until 9am when the announcement would surely come, and direct me to the page to buy tickets. I had tried early the night before thinking they would put the page up, I could check it out, and maybe even get tickets early. What had escaped me was Yayoi Kusama in her many mediums also practiced performance art, and I had no idea that I was standing, well actually sitting in one of her greatest performances ever, a willing participant. Now I had seen many "magic



"Aftermath of Obliteration of Eternity" by Kusama

shows" which are just another version of performance art, gone to many protests, marches, concerts etc. all forms of performance art. And sat in fear of being called on to participate. But here for an 89-year-old Japanese artist, I was sitting and eager to participate. Looking back, how odd.

The announcement came, KUSAMA TICKETS ON SALE TODAY! I clicked on the link that directed me to the front page of the show, no time to read, have to get tickets. It would be scheduled and planned times allotted and space made. When I got to the page, it would not work!!!! I tried and tried. I tried various computers, smart phones, even different locations hurrying down to the Root coffee shop, and nothing, nothing, nothing, nothing. Then I read the page.

Tickets would be sold based on level of patronage with the CMA. Big money donors getting first pick, down to our level, and on and on. Sigh, while this was similar to other forms of access it was like waking up on Christmas, just to realize your family decided to celebrate the Nordic Christmas a month away. I spent the next couple days thinking, maybe it is time to up our patronage, I mean more money for art is never a bad thing. No, Deb will freak, I will just wait patiently.

That morning Deb came down for her morning coffee and asked, "Did you get our tickets?" I had to admit that I had not, that we had not given the CMA enough money, and perhaps we should consider giving them more after all, they had always given us pleasure and they certainly deserved it. She smiled and said well let's talk about that later in the year. The wait is only weeks, they will have tickets, and perhaps while we are there we can discuss upping our patronage, stuck deep in a Kusama/CMA performance art installation.

FINALLY the day arrived and I signed in, the ticket order form popped up saying, "You are 235th in line, please do not leave this page, or hit refresh as it will move you to the back of the line." This is just part of the many new things I get a kick out of, digital lines are funny, but thanks to social media, which is neither social nor media, people complain to others about "standing in line to get tickets to Kusama" posted all over Facebook, Twitter, and screen dumps on Instagram brought immediate smiles to my face. The moaners, groaners, narcissists, very important people who were obviously not "standing in line" were multi-tasking. Waiting for a computer to go ding, while making sure their friends, family, and others knew "they were standing in line" for some fabulous event they would share again and again, just to make sure you realize they led fabulous lives, while suffering the everyday hell of waiting too. Ahhh-hhhh in retrospect...

Securing two tickets, I settled on mid-July because of scheduling both theirs and ours. Which would be two

months into the show. While I was feeling crushed as if it would wear out, or the three-year-old show would get old, Deb was fine with that. "Babe, it will be hot!" "That's OK CMA has air conditioning."



"It could be raining!" "Well I am sure the show is inside." I could get no empathy from my wife, this was surely the end of the world, the edge of Oblivion, what could be worse? Well at least we had secured our tickets, and that could be a high point in Mid July. So nearly a year from the planting of the seed, I would get fulfillment, satisfaction and fed. In reflection I had no idea...

Read the rest of this review in the next Lakewood Observer



"Narcissist Garden," by Yayoi Kusama is the first taste museum goers get of her work. As such, millions of selfies have been taken in front of it. Fitting, oh you have no idea how much it sets the tone for the entire show.

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Lakewood Is Art

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Reviews Of Recent Releases By Local Bands, Pt. 77

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.

**The Cleveland Steamers - Best Record Ever - Smog Veil Records - 10 songs - LP, CD**

Let's just start this one off on a negative note and say that not only is this not the best record ever, I don't even think it's the best Cleveland Steamers record. I don't think any record should ever be called that because guess what? It's not in any way possible to live up to. And, to continue being a jerk, I was worried about this record specifically because the first two tracks did nothing for me. Fortunately, Cheese Borger and friends turned it around after that starting with "Never Saw You Again." It's a catchy garage rock-ish song (I don't think this band is really that punk, more like mid-late '80s alternative/garage/punk), and Cheese's everyman vocals really come across as defeated here, which definitely adds to it. "Dream Of Me" is a sort of spooky sounding ballad, with some tasteful organ from Cullen O'Connor of Archie & The Bunkers and a great sax part from Marianne Friend of the Adults/ Rainy Day Saints to complement Meredith Rutledge-Borger's sultry vocals. Then I started thinking about how parts of it are really reminiscent of 2 Bobs' "Nightmare Song" and wondering whether it was in any way supposed to kind of be a counterpart to that. If it was, that's really funny and a really nice touch. I like the wild west guitar intro to "Monsanto" and then it kicks into an appropriate evil dirge. Halfway through it, my CD player experienced some kind of catastrophic failure and I had to take the disc out, put it back in, and go back to track 5. See, I usually wish Smog Veil would just send me the LPs, but somehow it felt right that that occurred during this song. Spooky. "Hung Up On You" features both of the Archie Bunkers (who, amusingly, are listed on the hype sticker like they're full-time members of the band— they're not), and Emmett really comes through with the bombastic drumming. I like "Last Love" well enough, but it shares the same problem as several of these songs in that it takes too long to get started as well as to go anywhere. "Maple Leaf Girl" finally brings the album a truly uptempo tune, and while I don't find "My Asshole Cousin" that interesting musically (though Nick Summa really does throw some good guitar bits in there), there are some pretty funny lyrics in there, like "he's the kind of guy who put the Jews in the oven." The last track is "Shut Up!," which is the most punk of the bunch, probably owing a lot not only to the tempo but also to guest vocalist Bob Sablack, who does indeed



provide some punk vocals. The packaging is pretty great (though the two drummers are both credited as having played on track 7 and neither on track 9). Decent enough, if you're already a Cheese fan or an Archie completist, you'll probably enjoy it. **3.5/5** ([smogveilrecords.com](http://smogveilrecords.com))

**Saucers - Third Saucer From The Sun - Rerun Records - 12 songs - LP**

Man, Rerun is having a good year. I mean, very few things could possibly top those Great Plains reissues for me, from this or any other label, but a Saucers collection is pretty darn cool. Saucers were Lakewood's own Craig Bell's band after heading to Connecticut in the late '70s. Do they sound like Mirrors or Rocket From The Tombs? No. Are they good anyway? Yes. Generally, I see Saucers represented as "Craig's thing," but there's actually a lot of shared songwriting and lead vocals. This collection kicks off, for example, with Malcolm Marsden's pretty great "Orpheus," an immensely catchy power pop/garage rock tune. Then, there's also some of Craig's classic tunes, like "Annie," with the keyboards providing some added whimsy to the very upbeat, catchy, and incredibly dark (despite the "sun is shining" lyrics) song. "Frustration" is also given the same pep. "Tossed A Coin" is an old song that was written at the time but never got recorded until 2011, and despite the modern production sound, you can hardly tell that the band is thirty-something years older. Side A closes with a pair of upbeat garage rockers, "Take A Chance" and the fantastically dumb "What We Do"— one of the people in this band pronounces it "wot" every time, the sound effects to help illustrate the lyrics are ridiculous, and it even goes into a slow part for no real reason. It's a pretty great song is what I'm saying.

"Muckraker," which must be Craig's most famous song, opens up the second side, and it's a pretty good version here, with one of Craig's nuttiest vocal takes (well, I'm pretty sure he's one of the voices on "Penthouse Legend," so maybe his nuttiest lead vocal take) and a dumb guitar solo, as it should be. I'd like to take this opportunity to again say that there's one lyric in the chorus that I've never been able to make out and I always hope someone writes in and tells me. She's a muckraker, a heartbreaker, a man hater, and a...? Oh well. Another Saucer, Mark Mulcahy, steps up to the mic for "A Certain Kind Of Shy," which is just a phenomenal pop song. Total '60s girl group sound, which they nail. I'm actually pretty impressed at how they nailed the drum sound during the sappy, spoken word bridge. Good job. Back to Craig for the garage rocker "She's Alright," and then to Katherine Cormack for "Quiet Boy," a pretty pleasant power pop tune. The last two songs here have never been issued before. There's a good take on "Shit City" from a radio session, which sounds pretty good and is delivered with far more drama than the more rocking Down-Fi version I was familiar with, which suits it. The last song is Seth Tiven's "You Won't Find Me," which is a decent live recording. Pretty good song, and cool to hear a "new" Saucers song, though it's probably not what I would've closed the LP with. My biggest gripe with this record is some of the song selections. Going in, I was a bit annoyed that they didn't just comp the singles and add other stuff instead of picking and choosing from the previously-released-on-vinyl stuff, but that actually didn't bug me too much after all. I still do listen and go, "well, why is this song on here but such and such other song isn't?" but I guess that's actually a good complaint to have, that

I would've liked to hear even more Saucers songs. And overall, it is undeniably a solid collection. **4/5** ([rerunrecordsstl.com](http://rerunrecordsstl.com))

**Paul Stringer - Between - self-released - 12 songs - CD**

The thing about my column is that I don't have a limit on what gets reviewed, so long as it's sorta local and sorta recent, though, admittedly, I have thrown both of those requirements out the window before. So a completely unknown Lakewood singer-songwriter with no presence as far as I'm aware in any "scene" can get reviewed just as easily as anything else. Such as this one here. Most of the 12 tracks on "Between" are Paul Stringer on vocals with Tom Amon on guitar, and this kind of sparse arrangement makes it a little hard to pinpoint what genre this would be considered. Several songs I would say are folk-based, some struck me as having a sort of Neil Young "The Needle & The Damage Done" style. The production here is pretty nonexistent, as it sounds like it was probably recorded in someone's kitchen. Very heavy on natural reverb. At certain times, the two performers here slip just a bit out of time with each other, and on a couple songs where they're joined by vocalist Megan Amon, a third element does not help this phenomenon. Sometimes Paul Stringer's voice isn't quite in key. Sometimes the lyrics are a bit uncomfortably personal, like you can tell that he's talking about something very important to him but you're not quite following exactly what it is. Are any of these necessarily bad qualities? I don't think so. To me, it's more important that music be interesting and, for lack of a better word, "real" than be perfectly performed or anything like that. And this album is certainly real. There's a couple tracks where Paul just talks (not rants, exactly, but somewhat forcefully delivers his point). These serve to illustrate my point: this doesn't exactly fit in to a genre, but it's real. I like the part in the final track about the A in Moses Cleaveland's name. This guy is clearly a storyteller and his music and what he's doing mean a lot to him. I think it doesn't really matter whether I like this at all. The thing about this column, as I mentioned, is that anybody has the chance to be reviewed in it and here's the proof. I don't quite know what to make of this on the whole, I can't in all honesty say it blew my mind or anything, but it was an interesting listen. **3/5** (**216-773-0571**)

*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.*



## Business News

### Lakewood Chocolatier Graduates From Tri-C's Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses Program

by John Horton

Ines Rehner of Sweet Designs Chocolatier 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).

Rehner 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 for entrepreneurs.

Previous graduates have seen their businesses 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. The alumni list for the College's program now exceeds 600, with graduating business owners representing a variety of industries and businesses.



Rehner opened Sweet Designs Chocolatier in 1995. The shop creates handmade European-style chocolates, offering more than 80 different treats from truffles and hand-dipped fruit to nut clusters and caramels. It is located at 16100 Detroit Ave. in Lakewood.

For information on 10,000 Small Businesses, visit [www.tri-c.edu/10ksb](http://www.tri-c.edu/10ksb) or call 216-987-3220. The next session begins in January, with applications due by Oct. 16.

### Lakewood Attorney Dean Rooney Named To 2019 Best Lawyers® In America List

by Madison Suvak

Dean M. Rooney of Lakewood, Ohio, has been named to the 2019 Edition of Best Lawyers®, the oldest and most respected peer-review publication in the legal profession. He was selected in the two practice areas of Commercial Litigation and Litigation – Trusts and Estates.

Lawyers on the "Best Lawyers® in America" list are divided by geographic region and practice areas. They are reviewed by their peers on the basis of professional expertise. Recognition in Best Lawyers is widely regarded as a significant honor, conferred on a lawyer by his or her peers.

Rooney has over 35 years of experience representing individuals, corporations, partnerships and other legal entities in civil litigation, including hearings, bench trials, jury trials, arbitrations, and mediations in state and federal courts in a number of locations throughout the United States.

He earned his juris doctor degree from Cleveland State University's Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. Rooney is a member of the Ohio State Bar Association, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, Federal Bar Association, and a Life Member of the Eighth Judicial District Conference.

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Kevin Thomas, a retired executive with Nestle, is now pursuing his dream with the help of his family. He simply wants to produce the finest, locally grown organic food and spirits available in Ohio.

To help him along the way he has hired from the American Team in the International Food Olympics, Chef Eddie Tancredi. Chef Tancredi has also dedicated himself to providing amazing American food, with a locally grown menu featuring sandwiches, wood fired pizzas, burgers and salads.

We will be back when the distillery gets up to speed producing its full selection of fine liquors, vodka, gin, whiskey, and rum, which should be by late November, just in time for the holidays.

But until then, everyone in the LO office is wondering which reader will send in the first review of the restaurant with a copy of their receipt, so that when the LO runs the review, Foodwood can pick up the bill. Could it be you?



## Lakewood, No It's Foodwood!

by Jim O'Bryan

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.



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# Lakewood Cares



## Adventure Guides Gear Up For New Members

by Greg Gipson

The Lakewood YMCA Adventure Guides prepare to inaugurate another season of family fun and exploration. Known as Lake Trail Nation (LTN), we are a group of families of elementary-school aged children committed to fostering a spirit of cooperation, friendship, and of course adventure between our children and the world. We sponsor activities including tent camping, local gatherings like holiday parties, bowling, game night, and a pinewood derby. An annual winter cabin camp-out at Camp Fitch is always a highlight, as well as a summer event at Camp Y-Noah. LTN also marches in the Fourth of July Parade and participates in a variety of community service activities like food drives and a lakeshore cleanup.

The larger LTN divides into smaller groups called circles, by age and gender, to participate in monthly activities. Each circle organizes its own activities with input from its members, and might include outdoor activities and community service events. The goal of LTN is expressed by its motto: "Friends forever." We hope to

build relationships, foster community involvement, and work together with our children to create memories and values in our own families and those of our friends for years to come.

Please join us for our Open Registration information nights on September 12 and September 13, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Lakewood YMCA. For registration information, visit <http://www.laketrailnation.com> or contact [LTNAGYMCA@gmail.com](mailto:LTNAGYMCA@gmail.com). Our induction ceremony, kicked off by a potluck meal, featuring a bonfire, and a camp-out in the Bradley Woods Reservation of the Metroparks will be held on September 22.

LTN aims to give parents a chance to have fun with their kids and for kids and parents to get to know each other while enjoying activities together. Rather than drop off the kids and head home, we look for an adventure with them. ALL families of every type and configuration are welcome in the Lake Trail Nation, so long as you are ready to have a great time together by spending the most valuable resource we have, time, on your children.

## Dog Days: Registration Now Open For 11th Annual Spooky Pooch Parade

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dog-related vendors, including rescue groups and other nonprofits offering canine-oriented goods and services. Kids are encouraged to wear Halloween costumes.

The much-anticipated dog parade commences at 2 p.m. Dogs of all shapes and sizes dressed in their finest Halloween fashions will strut their stuff along Detroit Avenue. Judges will award prizes beginning at 3:15 p.m. in a number of categories, including Best Dog & Child, Best Dog & Adult, Best Dog & Group, Spookiest Pooch and Best in Show. Contestants must participate in the parade in order to be eligible to win a prize.

"We're thrilled to have our Spooky Pooch Parade return to Downtown Lakewood for an 11th consecutive year," said Ian Andrews, Executive Director of LakewoodAlive. "This crowd-pleasing community event not only showcases our city's vibrancy, but also results in a great deal of fun for everyone who participates."

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## O'Neill Healthcare Lakewood's 11th Annual Community Dog Show



Far right the Aussie Shepherd mix who won the best trained category.



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They call me Dr. Indiana Bones

by Tammy Seibert

O'Neill Healthcare Lakewood hosted their 11th annual Community Dog Show on Saturday, August 18, 2018.

A very special “thank you” to the businesses that donated raffle prizes:

Lakewood Alive, Lakewood Animal Hospital, Pet's General, YMCA, Progressive Field, and O'Neill Healthcare Lakewood.

Thank you to the community for supporting our event and bringing your dogs! This was the dog show's best year yet for fundraising! 100% of the proceeds from food and raffle sales were donated to the Lakewood Animal Shelter. We hope to see everyone next year!

This years winners were:

Biggest Dog – St. Bernard

Smallest Dog – Chihuahua " Dr. Indiana Bones"

Cutest Dog – Bichon Frise

Best Trained – Australian Shepherd mix

Best Trick – Boxer

## LakewoodAlive Board, Staff Complete Massive Yard Reclamation Project For Elderly Couple

Matt Bixenstine

Lakewood resident Kenneth G. could not believe his eyes upon returning home. The yard surrounding the Arthur Avenue residence he and his wife have called home for more than three decades bore little resemblance to the property he had left a mere two hours earlier.

“I came home after being out for a few hours and I didn’t even recognize

the place,” said Kenneth, his expression mixing joy and disbelief. “You folks are incredible!”

‘Incredible’ is an apt description for the 27 men and women comprising the LakewoodAlive Board of Directors, which consists of individuals who live and/or work in Lakewood. On this particular Saturday, this group joined forces with LakewoodAlive’s staff to complete a massive yard reclamation project on behalf of this elderly couple.

Suffering from severe mobility limitations, Kenneth – a U.S. Army veteran and retired Cleveland Police officer – and his wife had watched helplessly in recent years as their beautiful 1913 home had been overtaken by nature’s wrath. Tall grasses and weeds grew rampantly across the property and vines engulfed much of the home’s exterior.



A before/after comparison of the house on Arthur Avenue.



LakewoodAlive board and staff members gather following the completion of a yard reclamation project on behalf of an elderly couple on Arthur Avenue on August 25

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When the City of Lakewood put Kenneth in touch with LakewoodAlive, Housing Outreach Director Allison Urbanek knew exactly what to do, leveraging this opportunity to have board members tackle their annual late-summer volunteer project.

LakewoodAlive board and staff members descended upon the Arthur Avenue property on Saturday morning, August 25, equipped with yard cleanup tools and abundant enthusiasm. They spent the next two hours completing everything from vine and weed removal to leaf racking to tree trimming.

The end result? A night-and-day yard transformation that serves as a wel-

come change not only for Kenneth and his wife, but for their neighbors as well.

A big thank-you goes out to Mark from the City of Lakewood’s Division of Refuse and Recycling, who brought a yard waste truck to the site and assisted with removing a small mountain of yard debris the group had piled on the tree lawn.

After completing this massive yard reclamation project, the group gathered at the home of a LakewoodAlive board member to celebrate with a picnic lunch.

“Our Housing Outreach Program is near and dear to my heart, and we are incredibly grateful to our board members for donating their time, their talents and their sweat to this cause,” said Urbanek. “When we succeed at completing a major project like this, it not only drastically improves the quality of life of the homeowners, but also bolsters the vibrancy and the community-mindedness of the entire neighborhood.”

This volunteer-driven housing project represents the 32nd such undertaking completed by LakewoodAlive thus far in 2018. For more information regarding LakewoodAlive’s Housing Outreach Program, contact Allison Urbanek at aurbanek@lakewoodalive.org.



# Lakewood Cares

## The RockPort Miracles-Part 2 Episode 3

Fiction by Scott MacGregor  
**Part 2: Episode 3:**  
**“Storm the Beach”**

The snowball pitched from Wren Mathews’ heart to the left side of my head had changed my life in ways I’m still trying to figure out. It happened at Rockport’s Lakefront Park where Wren and I, along with a few thousand of our fellow townspeople had gathered to witness the annual winter bonfire celebration, circa 1970.

I was gingerly feeling out the dimensions of a welt the snowball had stamped on my skull when Mayor Warren finally ignited the rat infested mountain of discarded Christmas trees. As Wren and I stood together watching the brilliant fire, our eyes turned toward a terrifying sight in the northern sky. It was purple lightning, lots of lightning, and it was coming our way at a hasty speed. We learned later that this freak “derecho” storm, (unheard of in winter), had sped silently across dark, frozen Lake Erie on hurricane force winds. The park was to be ground zero for a tragedy that would change the course of Rockport’s history.

Winds clocked at 100mph came ashore and struck the 5-story pyramid of fire like a battering ram. The brutal winds sent the top half of the stack skyward and the lower half directly into the horrified crowds of onlookers. People began scrambling, some of them on fire, others were rolling around in the snow trying to extinguish their flaming Mackinaw plaids and stadium coats. I saw my pal Freddie dowsing his fiery pea coat with bottles of Stroh’s Beer. Wren and I just stood there stunned until a blazing rat careened out of the sky and hit the Kiwanis Hot Chocolate and Donut Hut. The stand’s canvas awning was instantly set ablaze.

I yelled out the obvious, “Wren, we have to get out of here!!” Wren was strangely calm as she scanned the scene. I watched her as she focused on a bright point of light 100 yards away by the cliffs. “There she is,” she murmured, and then she yelled, “FOLLOW ME!” Grabbing my hand she pulled me straight into the teeth of the storm. I yelled out, “We’re going the wrong way!!” “Trust me!” she yelled back, “Don’t leave me!” We ran



against a current of humanity in full bore panic as flaming rats and Christmas trees were plummeting all around us like meteoroids.

Within 50 feet of the cliffs I saw the strange sight of a coatless teen-aged girl standing next to the fence. She seemed to be waving at us when I lost sight of her in all the wind and sleet. “Where’d she go?” I yelled. Wren just kept running.

Upon reaching the cliff’s edge, Wren scaled the protective fence and I hung back and did my cowardly guy skit. When a flaming rat came shrieking by, I decided to join her. I helped Wren dig away at something buried in the snow. It turned out to be an old gnarled rope attached to the fence post and draped over the cliff’s abyss. She yelled out, “Eureka!” Then she whacked me in the chest and said, “We’ll be safer down on the beach--I’ll go first and then you’ll follow me!” Before I could finish my list of reasons of why jumping off a cliff in a storm was a bad idea, Wren had already wrapped the rope around her waist and rappelled down the rock face like an Army Ranger on D-Day.

I lost sight of her in the darkness, but through the din of the storm I heard her yell, “GET YER BUTT DOWN HERE!” I wrapped the rope around my waist and employed an old Boy Scout technique called, “falling while screaming.” Once I’d unceremoniously landed on the rocky beach, Wren pulled me into a small cave that effectively sheltered us from the storm.

She saw that I was shaking and put her arms around me and pulled me closer. From our crouched positions we peered out at the sky and watched flaming Christmas trees sail over the frozen lake with their fiery glow reflecting off the ice. By that point, both my heart and mind were tachycardic. “Wren?” I asked through chattering teeth, “Who—who was the girl that waved at us? Where’d she go?”

“Sparrow,” Wren answered, “her name is Sparrow.” “Who is she?” I inquired. In a perfectly straight voice, Wren replied, “She’s my big sister.” She pointed to the lake and said, “We lost her out there somewhere...5 years ago.” A chill ran up my spine. “Are you saying that I saw a ghost?” Wren buried her face in her hands and said, “My

family was on the lake during the ’65 storm when my dad’s boat capsized.” And then I remembered. “That was you?” I asked, “That was your family?” Everyone in Rockport had seen the newspaper headlines about the ‘Young Lass Lost On The Lake.’

“Sparrow was fearless, she would play on these cliffs all the time,” said Wren. “This cave is her secret place. It’s her safe harbor.” She raised her head and more or less whispered, “She always finds me when it storms--and yes, I know that sounds a little weird.” Since I was a teenager, it didn’t sound weird at all. I took her hand and held it for both our comforts. A few minutes of silence passed when the storm abated as impulsively as it had started. I looked into Wren’s eyes and whispered aloud the only stupid thing I could think of, “I think it’s a...miracle. A goddamn miracle.” Wren lowered her head and with no small amount of bitterness in her voice said, “I left St. Chris to get away from that Catholic crap. There are no ‘goddamn miracles.’ We are on our own in this world!”

Once the storm had passed we exited Sparrow’s cave and darted down the beach. A bright, shimmering orange glow with scary sounds spilling over the cliff’s summit indicated something on a biblical scale, probably Old Testament, was happening 100 feet above our heads. We didn’t realize it until our return to the park that our visit to Sparrow’s cave may have indeed saved our lives.

## Templar: The Superfine Small Car

by Norine Prim

Lakewood was a busy place 100 years ago. In the first half of 1918, 131 permits for the building of private homes were issued. Edgewater Drive was extended from W117th Street to Cove Ave. War gardens were prolific. Lakewood Baptist Church, at Lincoln and Detroit, and Lakewood Presbyterian Church, at Marlowe and Detroit, were dedicated. Three streetcar lines were running through Lakewood. Plans for a new high school were being developed. And Templar cars were being assembled in a brand new factory on Athens Ave.

Several facts make the building of Templar cars significant. First and foremost, it was the only car ever assembled in Lakewood. Various car-makers were located in the Cleveland area over the years, but only the Templar was produced in Lakewood. The Vitalic engine for the Templar was manufactured at the factory, with all other parts of the car being manufactured in other places. The cars were assembled at the factory on Athens Ave. and shipped to dealerships all over the United States.

The Templar was designed to be a car of distinction. It had many fine features, such as 27 coats of paint, its own camera and storage case, a tire

pump and gauge, and windshield wipers. And, as was to be expected, it was expensive. But even so, with all these fine features, it would seem these cars would have been in high demand and production would have been booming.

The Lakewood Historical Society and the Templar Motors Factory Display have joined forces to give the community a chance to see this amazing piece of Lakewood history first-hand. See some of the unique features, read about the people involved in this venture, find out why production ended in 1924, having produced only 6000 cars.

On Saturday, September 8, the Templar Motors Factory Display will be open to the public from 10 a.m. – noon, with 9 Templar cars available for viewing. The Factory Display also includes a great collection of memorabilia, relating to the Templar cars. Visitors to the Templar Display, located in the Lake Erie Building, 13000 Athens Ave., should park in the west parking lot and enter by the Central Stairway. Tour guides will be available to direct visitors.

The Templar Motors Factory Display will again be open to the public on October 6, 10 a.m. - noon.

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LakewoodAlive To Host “Knowing Your Home: Weatherization Basics” Workshop On September 22

by Matt Bixenstine

Like it or not, the chill of winter will return in just a few short months. While not everyone looks forward to the arrival of cold temperatures and snow, we can all take measures to ensure our homes are prepared to endure winter’s wrath.

LakewoodAlive will host Knowing Your Home: Weatherization Basics on Saturday, September 22, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Cleveland Lumber Company (9410 Madison Avenue in Cleveland). The 12th workshop of 2018 for this popular home maintenance educational series seeks to help you get your home in tip-top shape for the fall and winter months, saving you money and discomfort.

Led by our friends at Cleveland Lumber, this workshop will highlight a wide range of middle-to-high impact improvements and “hacks” you can do yourself that will help keep cold air out and warm air inside your home. These include caulking and air sealing



LakewoodAlive's "Weatherization Basics" workshop takes place on September 22 at Cleveland Lumber Company.

techniques, installation of weatherstripping, best practices with storm windows and other easy ways to make your home more energy efficient.

In addition to discussing the benefits of an energy audit and how it can make large projects like insulation or furnace replacement easier and more cost beneficial, this workshop will focus on essential tasks to put your

home to bed for winter, ensuring that it winters as safely as possible and helping you prevent any interior damage.

To reserve your free spot for “Knowing Your Home: Weatherization Basics,” visit [LakewoodAlive.org/KnowingYourHome](http://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](http://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.

Opening The Portal To The Past: Time Travel Through Lakewood On The House And Garden Tour

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that must be seen to be believed. This could be the garage of the future.

Don’t wait until Sunday to time travel. Start your Home Tour weekend at the Patron Party, Saturday, September 8th. The party will be hosted in three penthouse condominiums in the Richard Hilliard House, featuring sweeping vistas of Lakewood and beyond from the balconies. The condos are not on Sunday’s tour, so don’t miss your chance to tour this 1968 landmark as you enjoy fine food and beverages with friends. Tickets are \$75 and include Sunday House Tour tickets.

Speaking of time, there’s no time like now to get your tickets for the September 9th event. “Come Home to Lakewood” House and Garden Tour tickets are \$25 and available at [lakewoodmuseumstore.com](http://lakewoodmuseumstore.com) and at the following retailers.

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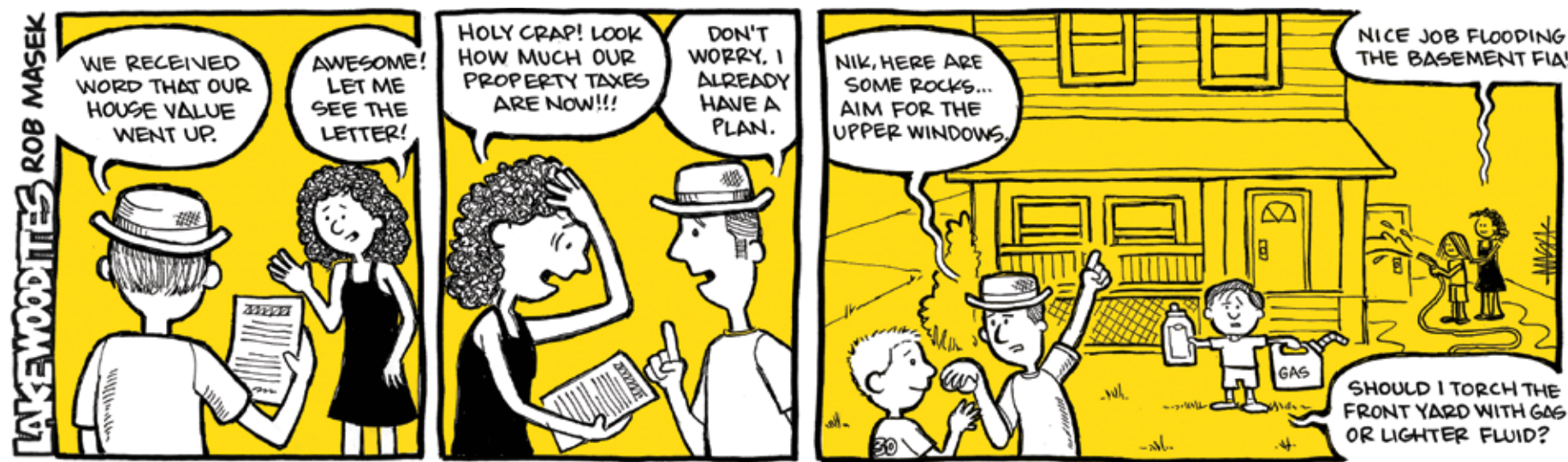
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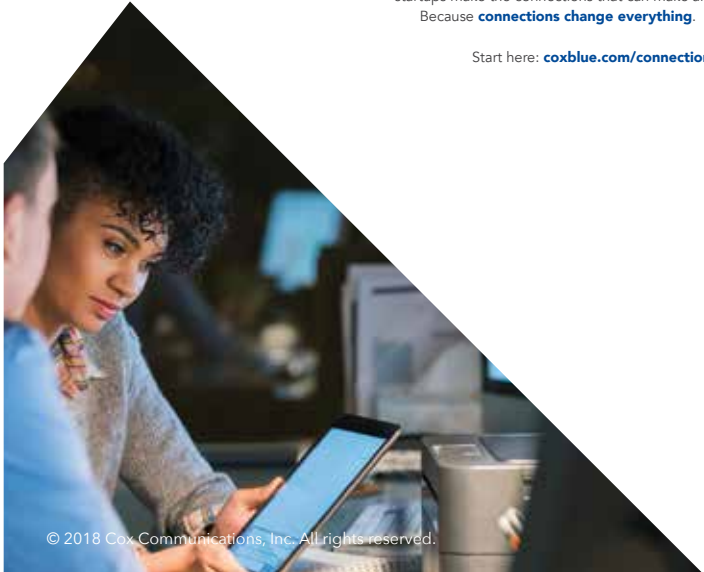
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