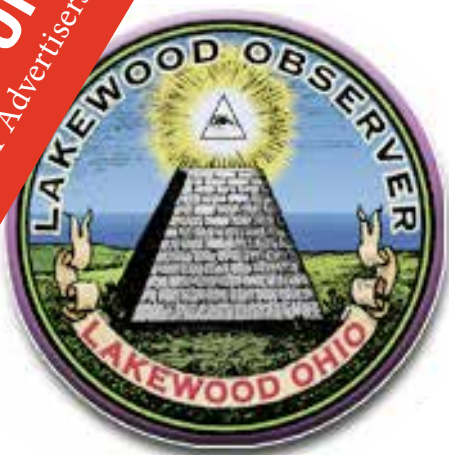


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10th Annual Lakewood Chocolate Walk To Delight Taste Buds On October 25

by Matt Bixenstine

Get ready to rejoice, chocolate lovers! A delectable evening awaits when the 10th Annual Lakewood Chocolate Walk takes place on Thursday, October 25, from 6 to 9 p.m. in Downtown Lakewood.

The Chocolate Walk – hosted by LakewoodAlive and the Downtown Lakewood Business Alliance (DLBA) – represents a popular autumn tradition with a devout following of chocoholics from all over Northeast Ohio. Participants visit more than 20 shops and eateries in Downtown Lakewood that are Sweet Stops on the Chocolate Walk, with each providing visitors a unique chocolate treat.

Limited to 350 attendees, this much-anticipated event will



Tickets go on sale September 29 and October 1.

sell out very quickly. This year's Chocolate Walk features two different ways to secure tickets:

Chocolate Walk Ticket Launch

When: Saturday, September 29 at 9 a.m.

Where: Lion and blue - 15106 Detroit Avenue in
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Kiwanis 6th Madison Avenue Scarecrow Festival 2018 Kicks Off With A "Zombie Apocalypse"

by DeDe MacNamee-Gold

The Lakewood Kiwanis Scarecrow Festival 2018 will kick off with a "Zombie Apocalypse" this year on Monday, October 8th at 7PM in the Buckeye Beer Engine parking lot, located at 15315 Madison Avenue. Zombies and Survivors come together wearing your best undead-duds in your best walking dead style as we celebrate

the Scarecrow Festival. We will gather in memory of all scarecrows lost while manning their posts. They will be missed...

The Sixth Annual Lakewood Scarecrow Festival will begin Monday, October 8 through Sunday, October 21, 2018 from West 117 to Riverside Drive. This is a fun opportunity for individuals, families, businesses, clubs and organiza-

tions to get involved and build their own scarecrows. In the past, PTAs, Girl Scout Troops, businesses, and neighbors took advantage of this fun project making Madison Avenue a lively destination. Get your creativity on by joining the fun.

Registration for a scarecrow is \$25 with proceeds benefiting Lakewood Kiwanis' Eliminate Project. Scarecrows must be registered by October 5, 2018. Lakewood Kiwanis will donate 100% to support Kiwanis International' "Eliminate" project.

Judges will be awarding for Best of Show; Best Entry by a Community Organization; Best Entry by a Business; Best Entry by a School; Scariest and Most Creative! The final award will be the People's Choice. Awards will be presented on Monday, October 22, 2018 at 7:00 PM at Buckeye Beer Engine, 15315 Madison Avenue.

The Scarecrow Festival will have everyone thoroughly charmed again this year. Make your plans with family & friends for a stroll on Madison Avenue between Monday, October 8 and Sunday, October 21, 2018.

View Us on Facebook & Our Websites

Form available on www.lakewoodkiwanis.com



photo by Jim O'Bryan

The first weekend after 9-11 they have the Annual Heroes Run to support the Fallen Heroes Monument on Riverside Drive, and remember our fallen first responders. Each year the Lakewood Fire Department puts up a flag, and it is now part of the tradition.

15th Annual Heroes Run



photo by Jim O'Bryan

Another tradition is runners of all ages stop and lay flowers on the monument until you cannot see it anymore! Read more on page 2, and see all photos online at <http://lakewoodobserver.comphotoblogs>



photo by Jim O'Bryan

The Friends' Fall Book Sale

by Lisa Calfee

"A good friend is like a four-leaf clover; hard to find and lucky to have." Irish Proverb

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The next Friends' Fall Book Sale Preview is on Thurs-

day, October 4, 2018, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Become a Friends' of Lakewood Public Library member and get a sneak peek at the selections for as little as three dollars right at the door.

The Friends' Fall Book Sale is on Saturday, October 6, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Both sales take place in the Main Lower Level Friends Book Sale Room located at 15425 Detroit Avenue.

Browse through a great selection of bestselling authors, classics, poetry, cookbooks, children's books, gardening books, romances, self-help

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Community Gardeners



photo by Jim O'Bryan

Throughout Lakewood we have many beautiful community gardens maintained by businesses, groups and residents. One of our favorites, and the only one we know maintained by a man and his dog is at Sloane and Edanola Ave. Jimmy Gallagher and his dog Dixie. Nice work. Thank you to all the gardeners. If you know a garden we should highlight, submit it to lakewoodobserver.com/members.

Hot Off The Deck



Lakewood Fire Department hanging the American Flag over Rocky River/Riverside Drive for the 15th Annual Heroes Run 2018. See all the photos online.

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by Meg Ostrowski

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Medicare Open-Enrollment: Get Yourself Informed

by Barry Wemyss

The 2019 Medicare Annual Enrollment Period will run from October 15, 2018 to December 7, 2018. This is your opportunity to make changes in your Medicare and Medicare Advantage plans based on your circumstances or needs. On Tuesday, October 9, 2018, the Lakewood Division of Aging will be hosting a Medicare Recertification Presentation and Workshop. Presented by the Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program, (OSHIIP) they will review the changes for 2019 in the most popular Medicare plans. They will also look at some of the unique features of the various plans that would make them more or less attractive to different

groups of people. Following the presentation, OSHIIP staff will remain on hand to provide individual assistance for people who are wondering if they need to make changes to their plans. This Medicare Open-Enrollment presentation will be held on Tuesday, October 9, 2018, beginning at 10:30 AM, at the Lawther Center, 16024 Madison Ave. We serve lunch at 1145 AM, and if you are a senior, age 60+, we would love to have you stay for lunch with us. Please call the Activities Office at 216-529-5005 For more information on this or other Division of Aging Programs, or to make a lunch reservation for October 9th.

Lunch And Adapted Jazzercise In The Park

by Barry Wemyss

The Lakewood Division of Aging and the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities are combining forces to offer an exciting new fitness opportunity. Beginning in October 2018, there will be a free adapted Jazzer-

cise class offered at the Woman's Club Pavilion at Lakewood Park. Taught by a certified Jazzercise instructor, this program will combine a cardio workout with fun and lively music from today and yesterday. This is an adapted program, so participants can be seated or standing, depending on their needs and limitations. Push yourself as much or as little as you need; there are no judgements here. As an added incentive, plan on joining us for a healthy chicken salad lunch beforehand. The Division of Aging will be serving lunch at 1:15 PM, which will give us enough time to eat and get ready for the class. Come and make new friends, while taking charge of your health and wellness. Adapted Jazzercise With Lunch will begin on Friday, October 5th, at 1:15 PM, and will be held on the first and third Fridays, beginning in November. All sessions will be held at the Woman's Pavilion at Lakewood Park. Call the Division of Aging Activities Office at 216-529-5005 for more information or to make a lunch reservation.

The November 6, 2018 General Election

by Mike West

Voters have many important decisions to make in the November 6th General Election. There are federal, state, county and judicial candidates on the ballot. There will also be state and local issues to be decided by voters.

The Board advises people to be prepared to vote by taking a few simple steps: check their registration status and then select their voting method.

Voters should check their voting information to make sure they are registered at their current address. The deadline to register and/or update voter registrations is on or before Tuesday, October 9th, at 9 p.m. Voter registration is now available online at www.443vote.com. Registration cards are available at all public libraries.

Early voting is available from October 10th through November

5th at the Board of Elections located at 2925 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland. Early voting hours are posted on the Board's website. Voters may also submit vote by mail ballot applications if they wish to vote from home. To request an application visit: www.443vote.com, or call 216-443-VOTE (8683). Vote by Mail ballot applications are also available at all public libraries.

If voters plan to cast a ballot on Election Day they need to bring identification and they may confirm their polling location online. The polls are open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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Calendar Of Events

compiled by Elaine Rosenberger

Thursday, September 20 Cleveland History Special 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. 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

Booked for Murder Book Club

If you share a passion for mystery, join the group each month to discuss your favorites and selections made by group members. Tonight we will discuss The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin.

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

Saturday, September 22 Film - My Left Foot (1989) Directed by Jim Sheridan

No one expects much from Christy Brown (Daniel Day-Lewis). Born with crippling cerebral palsy, Christy is a burden to his working-class Irish family. His paralysis and inability to communicate lead them to believe he is intellectually disabled. His experience of the world is limited to the use of his one controllable limb - his left foot. With the help of his strong-willed mother Bridget (Brenda Fricker), Christy overcomes his hardship to become a celebrated painter, poet and author.

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

Sunday, September 23 Concert - IN2ACTIVE

IN2ACTIVE’s goal is to emotionally connect with their audience while breaking the stereotypes of two historically conservative, classical instruments, the flute and cello. With their music quoted as “Hot and Edgy,” IN2ACTIVE’s vibe is anything but traditional. Although classically trained at the Cleveland Institute of Music, this avant-garde flute and cello duo specializes in a fusion of musical styles, combining the street rhythms of beat-box with jazz, hip-hop and rock, creating its own unique genre. All of their pieces are original compositions, inspired by events and experiences, both past and present. We are certain you’ve never heard anything like this before.

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

Tuesday, September 25 History of Folk Rock Music of the ‘60s and ‘70s Presented by the Lakewood Division of Aging This four-part series will be held at the Kathleen & Robert Lawther Center, 16024 Madison Ave., Lakewood, Ohio.

1:00 p.m. at the Lawther Center

Tuesday, September 25 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. Space is limited at the workshops, but you are welcome to register with a partner and share a computer. Also, keep in mind that the Library Edition of the famous genealogy resource, ancestry.com, is free to use every day at the Library. Call (216) 226-8275, ext. 127 to register.

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

Documentary - Burt’s Buzz (2013) Presented by Lion & Blue

Burt Shavitz is the accidental co-founder and face of Burt’s Bees, Inc. A hermit and eccentric, his celebrity status hasn’t upended the simple life he leads as a beekeeper in Maine. This is a chronicle of the humble life Burt still maintains and the story of a reluctant businessman and a company that happened to make it into the spotlight. We will be joined by a representative of Lion & Blue, a thriving small business in Lakewood, to share thoughts starting and running a business.

6:30 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Wednesday, September 26 Literature Series: Ruin and Rebirth in “The Sound and the Fury” Presented by Barbara Parr

The fourth 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 27, 2018 Great Decisions in the Library - Media and Foreign Policy Led by Dr. Ramune Braziiunaite

State and non-state actors today must maneuver a complex and rapidly evolving media landscape. Conventional journalism now competes with user-generated content. Foreign policy is tweeted from the White House and “fake news” has become a common phrase. After a brief video, Dr. Ramune Braziiunaite will lead a discussion and help to answer some of the complex questions regarding how and why media shapes our perception of world events.

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

Saturday, September 29, 2018 Talk – Cold, Sore Throat and Flu Healthy Living Lakewood Speaker Series

Presentation by University Hospitals St. John Medical Center
Your nose is itchy and running, you’ve got a hacky cough, your throat is painful and raw, and you just don’t feel well. Is it the flu or a cold, and how do you tell the difference? When should you seek medical attention, and should you get the flu shot? Nobody likes getting the flu or a cold, and symptoms can leave you incapacitated for days or even weeks. Join us

for this talk with practical information to avoid an outbreak in the upcoming cold and flu season.

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

Saturday, September 29 Film - “The Shape of Water “(2017) Directed by Guillermo del Toro

At a high-security government research facility, Elisa Esposito (Sally Hawkins) is a forlorn evening janitor. The mute Elisa is trapped in her mundane daily routine until a classified specimen is delivered to the laboratory. The arrival of the Amazonian amphibian man piques the interest of her coworker Zelda (Octavia Spencer), and they begin to observe the creature, known as the “Asset.” To Elisa’s surprise, the Asset displays humanoid behaviors, and she quickly finds herself bonding with the helpless creature over their shared fragility. This film is the first science fiction film to win Best Picture and continues our series of Oscar Award winners.

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

Sunday, September 30 Concert - Lily B

Lakewood artist Lily B will sing songs from the Great American Songbook, as well as selections from today’s more current jazz scene, and other popular musical genres. Lily B is a powerful vocalist who can hold her own alongside Big Band instrumentals or fill the room softly on its own. Lily B’s premiere performance at Lakewood Public Library is guaranteed to having something for every music lover!

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

Tuesday, October 2 History of Folk Rock Music of the ‘60s and ‘70s

Presented by the Lakewood Division of Aging
The second program in our four-part series will be held at the Kathleen & Robert Lawther Center, 16024 Madison Ave., Lakewood, Ohio.

1:00 p.m. at the Lawther Center

Presentation: Tips and Tricks to Live Safely at Home for Those with Disabilities, Presentation by Maximum Accessible Housing of Ohio

Maximum Accessible Housing of Ohio (MAHO) provides accessible housing for people with physical disabilities across Northeast Ohio. Tips and Tricks to Live Safely at Home for People Living with Disabilities will cover accessibility basics in every area of the home, focused on solutions that help increase safety and efficiency in the home for people with various types of disabilities and for seniors. The presentation includes general costs on accessibility features, resources and how to work with contractors.

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

Wednesday, October 3 Coast Line: October Poetry Reading Readings by George Bilgere and Nicole Hennessy

George Bilgere is the author of seven books of poetry. His most recent collection is “Blood Pages,” from the University of Pittsburgh Press. Nicole Hennessy currently working to launch Universal Eccentrics, a creativity and positivity incubator for artists and communities. She previously co-founded a free art and literary publication, Miser Magazine, and published “Black Rabbit” — a nonfiction account of some of Cleveland’s most beloved poets.

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

Thursday, October 4 Friends’ Fall Book Sale Preview

Memberships may be purchased at the door.

6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Friends’ Book Sale Area

Saturday, October 6 Friends’ Fall Book Sale

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Friends’ Book Sale Area

Children & Youth Events

compiled by Eric Knapp

Thursdays, September 27 – October 25, 2018 Illustration Creation

For students in kindergarten through first grade

A six-week program featuring an art project each week based on a children’s book. Registration required.

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

Mondays, October 1 – November 5, 2018, Art Explosion

For students in fifth through eighth grade

A six-week program featuring different artists and styles to try, culminating in an art show for friends and family. Registration required.

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

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The Happy Chinese Program Is Back At the Lakewood Public Library

by Julie Strunk

Students in first through sixth grade are invited to participate in this six-week very interactive program. Learn about Chinese characters, expressions and culture from a visiting professor from the Confucius Institute at Cleveland State University. Feel-good hands-on activities enhance this learning experience with fun and laughter. The Happy Chinese Program takes place on Mondays from September 10, 2018 through October 22, 2018 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room. Register online at www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/youth or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 140.

woodpubliclibrary.org/youth or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 140.

This six-week program will be followed up by two Happy Chinese Workshops for students in first through sixth grade in the Main Library Activity Room. Registration is required.

Chinese Ink Painting: Monday, October 29, 2018, 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Learn how to make simple traditional Chinese paintings with ink and brushes.

Chinese Paper Cutting: Monday, November 5, 2018, 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Learn basic folding and crafting skills of Chinese paper cutting.



Burt Shavitz, the face of Burt's Bees and focus of the documentary "Burt's Buzz."

Factual Films: Fall Documentaries At Lakewood Public Library

by Melinda Frank

Documentary films are known for in-depth storytelling and artful cinematography. From small businesses to ocean voyages, broaden your concept of film with these upcoming documentary screenings at the library.

"Burt's Buzz" tells the story of Burt Shavitz, the face of Burt's Bees, Inc. Shavitz is a reluctant spokesman and rural eccentric whose business grew from selling honey out of his truck to a billion dollar natural product line. Local business Lion & Blue will present the film on September 25, 2018.

"Her Mother's Daughter" chronicles the daily lives of the resilient O'Donnell family. With three generations of O'Donnells affected by Huntington's Disease, this documentary is a snapshot of a family living against all odds. Huntington's Disease Society of America will present the film on October 9, 2018.

"Manry at Sea – In the Wake of a Dream" focuses on Robert Manry, a Cleveland who made a solo voyage across the Atlantic Ocean in a hand-made boat named Tinkerbelle. Manry at Sea premiered at the 2018 Cleveland International Film Festival and will be presented by Western Reserve Historical Society on October 16, 2018.

"Free CeCe!" is the eye-opening documentary on CeCe McDonald, an African American, bisexual transgender woman who was sentenced to forty-one months in a male penitentiary after a discriminatory altercation. American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio will present the film on November 13, 2018.

"Intelligent Lives" stars three pioneering young American adults with intellectual disabilities. As Micah, Naieer and Naomie navigate high school, college, and the workforce, they challenge perceptions of intelligence. Featured at the 2018 Cleveland International Film Festival, this film will be presented by The Up Side of Downs on November 27, 2018.

"The Mask You Live In" showcases the pitfalls of cultural masculinity and its effects on boys and

young men. Gender stereotypes create a maze of identity issues as young men mature. This film will be presented by Empowering Youth, Exploring Justice on December 4, 2018.

All documentary films will be shown on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium.

September Is National Library Card Month



by Elaine Rosenberger

In celebration of National Library Card Month, Lakewood Public Library is offering free replacement cards to all library patrons. Also, patrons can clear their library fines for as little as \$10. (The ten dollar deal applies to fines only, not to lost or billed items).

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Fall Art Programs

by Jeffrey Siebert

Fall is nearly upon us, which means there is a cornucopia of art programs at the Lakewood Public Library for students to choose from. Take a break from raking those leaves and come on down to the Lakewood Public Library for some creative inspiration.

Illustration Creation: a picture book art program for students in kindergarten through first grade. This five week program will feature a different children's book illustrator each class and culminates with an art show on November 1, 2018. Thursdays, September 27, 2018 through October 25, 2018 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Main Library first floor Activity Room.

Strokes of Genius: a six-week program for students in second through fourth grade. Art activities and stories open up the world of art and culminates with an art show on November 6, 2018. Space is limited. Registration is required. Tuesdays, September 25, 2018 to October 30, 2018 from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. in the Main Library first floor Multipurpose and Activity Rooms.

Art Explosion: for students in fifth through eighth grade. Learn about different artists in this six-week program, then experiment with and create your own style to display at the culminating art show on Tuesday, November 12, 2018. Mondays, October 1, 2018 to November 5, 2018 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Main Library first floor Multipurpose Room.

Art Connection: for students in kindergarten through fifth grade. Create your own unique piece of art to take home and show to family and friends at these one day programs. Art Connection will be held on Friday, October 12, 2018 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Main Library first floor Activity Room.

Space is limited and registration is required. Call Children's and Youth Services at (216) 226-8275x140 or go online to www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org to register.



Lakewood Schools



Ohio Board of Education President Tess Elshoff receives a cooking lesson from Chef Rob McGorray and Culinary Arts students.

State Board President Spends Day In District

by Christine Gordillo

Lakewood has always been proud of its public school system and on September 15, the District was able to show off just why the community has supported it so strongly over the years when Ohio Board of Education President Tess Elshoff spent the day experiencing the Lakewood Way.

Elshoff, who hails from New Knoxville in southwest Ohio, saw firsthand the students, staff and programs that make our District the special place of which we are so proud! With stops at Lakewood High, Harrison Elementary and Garfield Middle School, she enjoyed the true flavor of our schools and all the District has to offer.

Elshoff began her day at Lakewood High School where students greeted her upon arrival and shared with her the various programs and extracurriculars they take part in, giving her a sense of the tremendous opportunities available to our high school students to enrich their learning. She then took a tour of our state-of-the-art high school and often remarked on the resources available to Lakewood Schools' students versus what students in her small, rural school district experience.

A lunch in the Ranger Café followed. Before moving on to see other parts of the District, Elshoff enjoyed

a chance to get hands-on with the West Shore Career-Tech Culinary Arts students. Little did she know that dessert-making was on the itinerary!

Next stop was Harrison Elementary School, where Elshoff learned about Harrison's robust Career Day and the effort to expose Harrison students to the breadth of careers to which they can aspire. The presentation was handled with aplomb by the Harrison News Crew and the school's student ambassadors. She also had fun interacting with our preschoolers at Harrison and learned that our District has preschool classrooms at all of our elementary schools.

Final stop of the day was Garfield Middle School. There, Elshoff learned about the 19 different languages students at Garfield speak. In Patty Mews' English Learners classroom, each of the students greeted Elshoff in his or her native tongue as part of a Welcome Circle. Many were wearing traditional dress from their homelands of Nepal, Pakistan, Russia and Thailand, among others.

A lot of ground was covered and only scratched the surface of all that makes Lakewood City Schools special, yet all in all, it was an engaging and inspiring day!

LHS Produces 83 AP Honor Scholars

by Christine Gordillo

The growing number of Advanced Placement courses (16) available at Lakewood High School has translated into a growing number of AP Scholars as well. Eighty-three members of the Classes of 2018, 2019 and 2020 have earned AP Scholar Awards in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the AP Exams taken each spring. Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding achievement:

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

Class of 2018: Abe Dalisky, Brian Donahoe, Maximilian Evans, Veronica Lee, and Eva Wynn

AP Scholars with Distinction, an award earned by averaging at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams:

Class of 2018: Jacob Brown, Abe Dalisky, Brian Donahoe, Emily Erhardt, Maximilian Evans, Brennan Foran, Ella Germaine, Zachary Howe, Damien Jouriles, Isaac Karel, Veronica Lee, Cynan Morissey, Olivia Nagy, Sophia Parker, Akosh Raffai, Cody Satayathum, Elizabeth Shuga, Isabella Smith, Claire Walkosak, and Eva Wynn

Class of 2019: John Bobik, Nicholas Cleary, Timothy Daso, Michael Ferrone, Muhammed Mansour, Andrew Sheldon

AP Scholars with Honor earn their

recognition by averaging at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams:

Class of 2018: Caitlin Cimino, Seamus Holian, Micah Inak, Elyza Mihalski, Isabel Ostrowski, Saige Rook, and Andrew Van Auker\

Class of 2019: Alyssa Belko, Marisa Campbell, Jacob Potter, Nina Zanghi

Class of 2020: Andrew Sheldon
AP Scholars: is an award earned by completing three or more AP Exams with grades of 3 or higher. The AP Scholars are:

Class of 2018: Sarah Bene, Joseph Burtzlaff, Joshua Chamot, Casey Chanter, Michael Dever, Calvin Dolatowski, Jared Dubber, Solace Duval, James Elder, Jing Feng, Jacquelyn Folts, Chelsea Inak, Rachel Krotseng, Madysen Lewellyn, Meara Mahoney, Fazia Manaa, Megan McHugh, Jason Morgenstern, Attila Nagy, Jacob Richmond, Spencer Rose, Nichole Sullenberger, Dorian Walker, and Melinda Warren

Class of 2019: Nathan Bilski, Isabella Bryson, Corrina Cooper, Sofia Dunay, Elizabeth Halko, Lillian Horschke, Violet Jouriles, McKenzie Lane, Alexandra Latham, Francis Lleshaj, Gregory Medley, Alvin Musai, Nikoy Norris, Emily Perry, Zearatus Perry, Wilson Reynolds, Aleksandra Seckers, Alexander Shell, Crown Steiner, Samantha Stone, Lalia Williams-Risent

Class of 2020: Evan Bell

District Hosting Realtor "Lunch & Look"

by Christine Gordillo

Superintendent Michael J. Barnes will welcome West Shore area Realtors for a "Lunch & Look" on October 4 at 12:15 pm at the Ranger Cafe. It will be a chance to learn more about the District and tour the state-of-the-art high school. If interested, call 216-529-4074 or email christine.gordillo@lakewoodcityschools.org. Deadline to reserve a space is September 25.

Lakewood High Class of 1971, 65th Birthday Clambake Dates!

by Bob Hülligan

We will meet at Vosh in Lakewood at the corner of Riverside and Detroit on Friday, September 28th, 6:00 pm to ????. This is a rendezvous for drinks, light food, and friendship.

The Clambake will be the following Saturday, September 29th from 4:00 pm to ??? It will be at Dave's house

and the cost for the Clambake is \$30. There is a picnic option with hamburgers and hot dogs for \$15. BYOB and bringing a dessert is optional. RSVP for the Clambake by 9/20 and the picnic option by 9/26. Please contact Sandy McClintok @ 216-990-4208 for reservations. Hope to see everyone there!!!!

The Friends' Fall Book Sale

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manuals and magazines. There are CDs for music lovers and DVDs of popular movies for sale.

In addition to library programming, the Friends provide funding for the library van which delivers books to classrooms and homebound readers as well as community outreach programs

with organizations that support worthy causes, such as early childhood literacy and healthy lifestyles for children.

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Around Lakewood In Photos



photo by Jim O'Bryan

Cleveland Curiosities Opens On Madison Avenue

by Jim O'Bryan

A store that would have made the founder of Madison Village, Chris Andrews, proud just opened in Madison Village. Cleveland Curiosities, Antiques and Oddities is just what the name claims, a shop filled with everything from 2-headed stuffed calves, to stuffed baboons, monkey skeletons, and even warrior masks with human

skulls embedded in them. When Chris started Madison Village with B-Ware Video, Chain Link Addiction, and his own Warped Records, he was hoping to create a center for the odd things in the commercial wheel house. This crew has nailed it perfectly. 13375 Madison Avenue 440-334-0455

Just Back From The Galápagos Islands



Photos courtesy of Carol and Gary Rossen

Carol and Gary Rossen just returned from a couple weeks in the Galápagos Islands. "It was something Carol and I have always wanted to do. After reading in the Lakewood Observer about LHS students going there we booked our trip." When asked how it was, all he could do was smile and start showing photos. So if you get a chance stop by Rozi's and I am sure you will see them on the Porch smiling and telling all their friends about it. Story will follow.



photo by Jim O'Bryan

Lion and Blue receives yet another commendation from the State of Ohio! Lion and Blue is Lakewood's most unique and friendly gift shop and clothing store. Mike and Tina have done so much for the City of Lakewood, it is heartwarming to see them bringing in yet more recognition for all they do. Story in upcoming issue.



photo by Jim O'Bryan

The 44th President of the United States was back in Cleveland last week and many Lakewoodites went to East High to see him speak in support of Richard Cordray for Governor. It was an amazing night, and when he was not speaking of the good Cordray did for the people he was reminding everyone TO VOTE!

Lakewood Hospital Demolition Starting



photo by Dave Buehler

Sent in by Dave Buehler, owner of the Templar Cars in the Templar Building. "Jim they are looking for gold!" I explained to him that actually they were just removing the fuel tanks from Lakewood Hospital. They had been buried for years, and now had to be removed as part of the clean-up of the site.



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Burning River Baroque's "Destructive Desires" Inspires Thought-Provoking Dialogue About Issues Related To #MeToo

by Malina Rauschenfels

Burning River Baroque opens their 2018-2019 season with "Destructive Desires," an edgy program that challenges audience members to engage with issues that have been brought to the forefront of cultural awareness by the #MeToo movement. It also touches on the profound reach of the movement and the resulting conversations about consent, the misuse of power and the fact that it has provided society with the opportunity to explore new channels of communication and redefine boundaries in all types of relationships.

The program pairs stories and themes from Biblical passages and Greek mythology with music by 17th and 18th-century composers.

"We intend to demonstrate various forms of power imbalance and lack of consent in stories old enough to be in our collective unconscious," Paula Maust said.

Praised by the Boston Musical Intelligencer as "a group that left an indelible



Paula Maust and Malina Rauschenfels of Burning River Baroque perform.

imprint on my psyche," and recognized numerous times by Cleveland Classical for their innovative and drama-infused performances, co-directors Paula Maust and Malina Rauschenfels create programs that demonstrate the significant connections between past and contem-

porary issues.

Audiences appreciate the group's engaging verbal and musical communication as well as their ability to present complicated issues in a way that inspires critical thought and dialogue without telling people what to think.

"We see change as starting with the acknowledgement of the problematic nature of these timeless stories and aim to initiate meaningful conversations around these topics with our program 'Destructive Desires,'" Rauschenfels said.

You can experience "Destructive

Desires" October 21 at venues at Lakewood Congregational Church (1375 W Clifton Blvd). All proceeds will benefit YWCA Greater Cleveland whose mission is to eliminate racism, empower women, stand up for social justice, help families, and strengthen communities.

"We were particularly drawn to the YWCA's Norma Herr Women's Center and the long-standing work they have done to support women who have experienced trauma and abuse," Rauschenfels said.

Founded in 2012, Burning River Baroque's ensemble's name connotes the fiery passion they bring to their performances, connects them to Cleveland's history, and exemplifies their desire to promote social change through music. When the Cuyahoga River burned in 1969, it was the catalyst for broad environmental policy reform.

Music has long offered a space for outsiders to find a voice, and classical composers and musicians have often been at the forefront of political and social change. The group has performed extensively throughout Northeast Ohio, the greater Midwest, Boston, New York, and Berkeley.

For more information about the ensemble visit burning-river-baroque.org.

Trials For Hope Sock Hop Fundraiser

by Kristen Wilson

On Saturday September 22nd, 2018 Trials For Hope will be hosting our Sock Hop at American Legion Post 703 at 7667 York Rd in Parma to raise funds, donations and awareness for our outreach programs. The event will be a dinner (meatloaf, mashed potatoes, vegetables, bread, salad and dessert) along with music, raffles, door prizes, side boards and 50/50. Drink tickets will be available for purchase. Tickets are \$20/adult and \$10/children under 12. Doors open at 5 pm.

Tickets at the door will be very limited, so get your tickets today!!!!

We would love for you to join us for this evening of food, fun and friends. Tickets can be purchased online at <https://tfhsockhop.brownpapertickets.com> or contact Kkay7777@hotmail.com or trials-forhopecle@gmail.com.

Bring in new pairs of socks for extra raffle tickets.

If you would like to support our cause further, we are accepting donations of raffle items and baskets. Contact Kristen at Kkay7777@hotmail.com if you are interested in donating items.

Trials for Hope is a nonprofit community outreach program that started in 2010 in Lakewood, Ohio with a donation of personal care items that were trial size. With that, the name of the organization was born. Over the past eight years, our outreach has grown from helping a few people to helping over 800 people each month and over 3,000 per year. Our goal is to improve people's quality of life by providing food and essen-

tials short-term while empowering them with resources to help themselves in the future.

Some of our outreach programs include community meals, farmers markets, homeless tent camp outreach, backpacks, food drop-offs and personal care.

We provide approximately 800 personal care bags and 150 food bags as well as clothing, diapers, medical supplies and survival items per month, to the homeless, elderly, homebound, children and others in need in the Greater Cleveland area.

We are entirely dependent upon donations (monetary as well as food and supplies) to meet the needs of the communities we serve. To learn more about Trials for Hope please visit www.trialsforhope.org and like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pg/Trials-forHope>.

Blessing Of The Pets

by Debra O'Bryan

O'Neill Healthcare Lakewood will be hosting their annual Blessing of the Pets on Thursday, October 4th at 6:00 p.m. Retired Byzantine Catholic priest, Father Dennis Hrubik will be blessing all the pets. All are welcome, refreshments will be served. This is a beautiful way to show your love for our companions that mean so much to us. The event will take place in the visitor parking lot gazebo and lawn on Bunts at 13900 Detroit Avenue. Please keep your pet safe in a carrier, leashed and/or under control at all times to keep this a joyous event for all.



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Luminous Threads/ Hilos de Luz

by Ivan Kende

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John Burroughs; Loss and Foundering

by Ivan Kende

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First Concert of West Side Chamber Music Group's 60th Season

by Carol Jacobs

The Rocky River Chamber Music Society will be celebrating its 60th anniversary all season long, and everyone is invited! The kickoff concert, on Monday, October 1, at 7:30 p.m. at West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church, 20401 Hilliard Boulevard in Rocky River, will applaud the extraordinary young talent in our region's distinguished music schools. The Society will present an ensemble comprised of violinist James Thompson, a Cleveland native and Artist Diploma student at the Cleveland Institute of Music, along with his Cleveland Institute of Music classmates cellist Anna Hurt and pianist Sarah Ha. This ensemble will perform works by Mozart and Shostakovich.

James Thompson has been active in Cleveland's thriving music community for eight years including performances with The Cleveland Orchestra, the Cleveland Institute of Music Orchestra, the Cleveland Pops, the Cleveland Philharmonic, and The Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra. He has also been invited to perform in several high profile chamber music festivals across the country. Cellist Anna Hurt has performed extensively across the nation, and holds the position of Principal Cellist at the Suburban Symphony Orchestra in Cleveland. She is also a registered Suzuki teacher. Pianist Sarah Ha is a native of South Korea and has performed in her home country as well



Violinist James Thompson

as Brazil, New York, Ukraine, and Italy. She has performed in master classes with such renowned pianists as Leon Fleisher Jahja Ling, and Jaime Laredo.

In this its 60th anniversary season, Rocky River Chamber Music Society is still firmly committed to presenting concerts to Northeast Ohio audiences at no admission charge. All are welcome. For further information visit the RRCMS website at www.rrcms.org, or follow RRCMS on Facebook and Twitter.

October 1st Program:
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Piano Trio in C major, K. 548
Dmitri Shostakovich, Piano Trio No. 2 in E minor
Dmitri Shostakovich, Five Pieces for Trio Violins and Piano, arr. Sarah Ha

photo by Jim O'Bryan



The latest mural done through the City of Lakewood's 2018 Mural Program LAMP. Was finished last week and will be officially unveiled in the coming weeks. Any artist looking to take part in this program should contact Katelyn Milius at 216-529-6634 to discuss your idea or interest in a project.

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Phantasy Theater still not sold! As we went to press there were reports that the purchase of the historic Phantasy Theater has fallen through. Let's Save It!



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Lakewood Is Art

Gotta Gotta: Reviews Of Recent Releases By Local Bands, Pt. 78

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.

Bernie & The Invisibles - All Possibilities Are Open - My Mind's Eye - 15 songs - LP

I don't know about anyone else, but I've been waiting for a Bernie & The Invisibles LP for a long time. So far, all that's been available is live versions of "In New York" and "Eventually" from the Cleveland Confidential comps, "I Don't Know Where I Am" from Pie & Ears Vol. 2, and this record's very version of "Chinese Church" that's floated around online for a while. This satisfies that need. The original concept for the group was that it was Bernie onstage, and the reason that there didn't appear to be anyone else in the band is because they were invisible, hence the name. This eventually developed into a real band with visible people in it, which is the lineup that appears on most of this record. So what of the music? Well, it's great. It's basically the definition of dumb punk, except that perhaps "simple" is a better word, because this sure isn't dumb. Bernie's lyrics are clearly pretty intelligent and thoughtful, and most of the time pretty funny, too.



Every song on here (with the possible exception of "In Hell," which is kind of a spoken word experimental-ish thing) is really catchy and many of them are downright anthemic. "I Want To Be Invisible?" Great. "I Don't Know What To Say?" Great. "Let's Leave Tonight?" Great. The songs from Cleveland Confidential are much more clear on these recordings as well, so that's a bonus. Bernie is backed on most of this record by the late Peter Ball, who really provides the perfect accompaniment. I can't really figure out his drum-

ming style, but I know I like it, and he even adds backing vocals to some of these songs. I have a hard time picking a favorite here. Sometimes it's "Sad World," sometimes it's "Away I Go," sometimes it's "Spirit Ascending..." It really could be any of these. The closest comparison just in terms of sloppy, but catchy and really charming would probably be the Urinals, if saying that makes a difference to anyone reading this. The art looks great (because Bernie is quite an interesting visual artist as well), and the insert includes not only heartfelt liner notes from the late Mike Hudson, who basically says he's Bernie's biggest fan, but also some of Bernie's poems and an interview taken from various fanzines, all of which is pretty good reading as well. Especially the interview, where Bernie lays out what it's all about: "happiness, excitement, wisdom, simplicity, thought, non-thinking, invisibility, you name it." And that's pretty much what you're getting with this record. My only problem here is the ever-present tape hiss, but at the same time I've heard earlier versions of some of these recordings (like the aforementioned "Chinese Church") and it really has been cleaned up a lot. And besides, there are very few records that have the heart that this one does. It could almost bring a tear to your eye to hear how much spirit there is in this music. The LP ends on an uplifting note with "We'll Still Live," which ends with "and we'll live, and we'll live forever." And I hope this music does. This is a special record. 4.8/5

(mymindseye.bigcartel.com)

The Jetboys - I Don't Want To - Rerun Records - 2 songs - 7"

This is one of those records on New Age that kinda seems like a mystery. I mean, you've got stuff that's obviously like Columbus giants, bands featuring guys like Ron House, Mike Rep, Jim Shepard, etc. I mean, there's Screaming Urge and that doesn't have any of those guys, but also it's Screaming Urge. KBD

punk and all that. Self-explanatory. Besides those, there's those two Human Suffrage records (though one of those guys was apparently in both Sluggo and Swearing At Motorists, which... is not what I expected to find out, but also not really that helpful in terms of the "connection to Ego Summit" thing) and this, The Jetboys. Kinda like how it's strange that there's those two aforementioned hardcore records on this label, it's weird that there's this random power pop record featuring guys with no recognizable names. Thankfully, the insert included in this reissue helps to explain this: apparently, the band paid for it themselves and New Age distributed it for them, which I guess makes this band The Lepers of Columbus. "I Don't Want To" is pretty great early '80s power pop with a bit of a punk edge due to the mega-distorted second guitar. It's a song about a girl, there are backing oohs and ahhs, it's super catchy...all you want out of a power pop tune. And when it hits the bridge it just adds another great layer. That's a hard act to follow, especially when the flip side is called "Get The Kids Jumpin'." However, The Jetboys pull off another peppy, poppy tune, and the distorted guitar sounds like it's kinda going nuts all by itself in its place in the mix, then comes up for a good two-note guitar solo. The backing vocals aren't exactly "on," which is a great trait in my book. Definitely it's the B material here, but it's not bad by any means and is certainly better than I thought a song with its name would be. Nice sleeve and insert included. Get the kids jumping indeed. 4/5

(rerunrecordsstl.com)

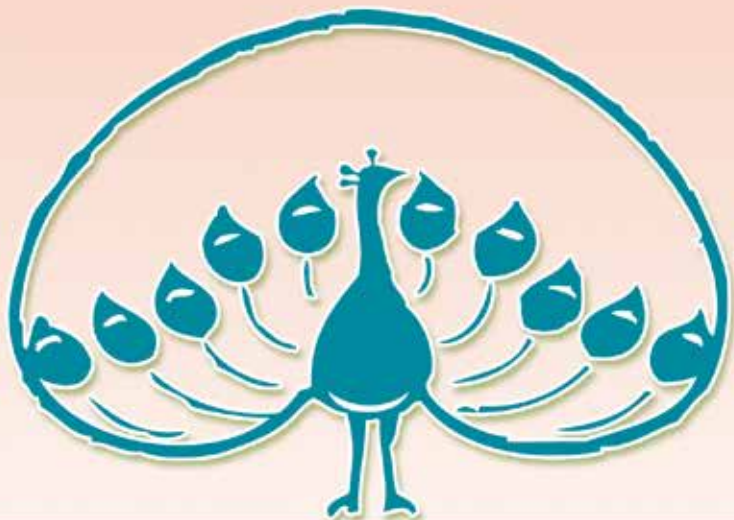
Terrestrials - Terrestrials - Heel Turn Records - 8 songs - LP

What I hear is that Terrestrials is most of the guys from Outer Spacist with another guy on vocals. Don't quote me on that, though. Unfortunately, I stopped getting press releases from Heel Turn several records back, which is a real shame because he usually put some funny lines in there. Does this band sound like Outer Spacist? A little bit, I guess. But whereas I would call that band garage/psych, this band tends more toward some kind of prog-punk space rock fusion thing. The best parts of it reminded me of early Alice Cooper, and when they switch up the style a bit (like on "Platooned" or "Eerie") it gets more interesting. However, a lot of the songs here kinda get same-y. It's fully competent (well, okay, I wouldn't call the singer fully competent, but that adds character), but just kinda stays all in one territory. And there's highs in that as well, like the earworm first half of "A Man Dude" or "Teenage Waist Band," which ends before it goes anywhere, but I suppose that's better than the alternative if the

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Yayoi KUSAMA! @ Cleveland Museum Of Art 2018

Part 3

by Jim O'Bryan

Finally the show was about to begin, the trickle also began. First news and photos from the CMA, then Britney Hudak wrote a piece for "CAN Journal." The Collective Arts Network is a must read for artists and fans of art in Northern Ohio. Published and edited by friends Michael Gill and Britney Hudak, CAN is something I look forward to each and every issue, but I have to be honest, as good as Britney's article was, it was painful to read. She had gone, she had seen, she had taken part, and I was months away. Then Michael posted images, then others, and it start to roll over social media like a slow moving tsunami. "Infinity Mirrors" was here and it was a happening. Each day, each week every month thousands of images and selfies taken in the mysterious infinity boxes, that gave each and every viewer a glimpse of infinity, the world of halluci-



photo by Jim O'Bryan

negenics, happenings, performance art and more. Little did I realize how brief, but I would find out soon enough.

Throughout these months Deb would ask when our tickets were for, "This week?" I would say, "No, but if we had given CMA more money..." and she would reply with a smile, July 18th would come, we have a lot to do. And then add, "The end of the year will be here soon enough and we will look at donations, sponsorships and patronage then." My God! My Soul! Doesn't she realize it seems like it is all a million miles away!

As the day approached we looked at various pieces including: "How to enjoy infinity mirrors" which spoke about what clothes to wear, colors and how to take photos. Later, after our first visit, it would take a wonderfully

dressed transvestite to show us the best way to see the show. Go, just go and soak it all in. Wearing an outfit out of the 60's, he had fun at every stop. Never bothered by what to wear, what to do, how to take pictures of what, just going, soaking it all in and having a fabulous experience. As with most art, the best photos and videos happened long before it got to Cleveland, and CMA and every museum have catalogs you can buy, images you can share, allowing you to just go and take part. Another mistake most make including myself, I was going to look at art and an installation, when in fact I was going and becoming a part of the performance, on every level. In retrospect...

July 18!!!!!! Deb and I got going early

as we wanted to have the perfect "art date," hit Tommy's for lunch, head over to the CMA for our 1:30 pm appointment-but the pets were moving slow, and work popped up its ugly head and before you know it it was too late for lunch and it would be best to head over to the Cleveland Museum of Art. Besides, like kids at Christmas we were anxious to go and see. We had heard that there were other pieces of hers on display, and the first room was in the atrium. Also if you cannot find ways to waste time at CMA, you are a lost soul. Gift shops, rooms aplenty, restaurant, parks outside to walk in, for people looking to waste time there is no better place than the Cleveland Museum of Art.

Getting off of the Shoreway onto Martin Luther King Boulevard brought

back an amazing amount of memories, many from the 60's and 70's when it was 2-lanes, and my friends and I would race each other side by side in BMWs, Alfa Romeos, Porches, Lotuses and such. Where a light drizzle would bring the oils up and put rainbows on the road that were both beautiful and deadly when hit at high speed. In those days people feared the neighborhood, decades later I would learn the neighborhood feared the crazy drivers. At the end of the day we all feared too much, hurried too much and should have spent more time working together. Today it is a peaceful park filled with international gardens that have some amazing pieces of art, but no real way to stop and enjoy

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Keeping Up With Jamie Garrett

by Matt Kuhns

Jamie Garrett is a server at Deagan’s Kitchen, an expecting mother, and an aspiring forensics student.

The fact that she’s missing most of one arm is a fact of life, but it doesn’t define her identity.

Even if you pass time at Deagan’s, you may not notice unless Garrett serves your table. From further away she’s difficult to distinguish from other staff. Bustling back and forth with plates and drinks, she keeps up with colleagues despite physical difference.

Someone else could carry more at once, all else being equal, and Garrett asks for help with things occasionally. But for practical purposes, she manages perfectly well.

Sometimes “they forget that I have one arm,” she says of her coworkers.

The reality is more apparent for Garrett. Long practice has not made carrying groceries into the house easier, for example. She drives without problems, but manual-transmission cars are out of the question.

But this is essentially a reality she has always known. A quirk of fetal positioning meant that her left arm never fully developed. She’s been learning to do things with just one hand since infancy, from tying her shoes to playing sports to playing an instrument.

Around third grade, Garrett briefly tried a prosthetic but it seemed alien to her. “I hated it,” she recalls.

School classmates didn’t always practice respect and understanding, but Garrett found good friends and refused to be left out of extracurricular activities. Growing up in Parma, she played fast-pitch softball as catcher, and learned the trumpet. By 16 she was working as hostess at an Outback Steakhouse, and she has worked in the

service industry since.

Waiting tables was not a leap that she planned on, however. After graduating high school she moved to Lakewood, and went to work at Angelo’s Pizza answering the phone. In the second year at Angelo’s, though, a day came when someone had to pitch in, and “I thought I might as well try.”

“I figured it would be difficult at first,” Garrett says, but it went well enough that eventually she spent more time attending tables than phones. Based on the experience, she applied successfully to be a server at Melt Bar & Grilled, and most recently at Deagan’s.

Garrett says she works 50 or sometimes 60 hours per week, now, and feels very appreciated by coworkers and regular customers. “I love my Deagan’s family,” she says.

Higher education remains on her mind as an eventual goal. Garrett says she’s interested in criminal justice,

possibly forensics. In the meantime, she’s also contemplating a move back to Lakewood—from Fairview Park where she currently lives—and impending parenthood.

Despite a lifetime finding ways to do things with only one complete arm, Garrett expects real challenges from an infant. Though she hasn’t regarded herself as part of a disabled community, generally, in this instance she is looking to others’ examples for reassurance. “I’ve seen people succeed at this,” she says.

As long as it’s possible, Jamie Garrett is up for the challenge.



Jamie Garrett

Nosotros - Come Hang Out At Lakewood’s New Freestyle Rock Climbing Gym!

by Michael Samulak

A rock climbing gym in Lakewood, Ohio?! Yes, you heard correctly -- Lakewood is now home to its very own freestyle rock climbing gym -- NOSOTROS! The name is derived from the Spanish word for – TOGETHER – and is the latest creative space to take root in Lakewood. The gym is beginning to pique the interest of many in our local community and throughout NE Ohio who are looking to improve their well-being and are striving to live a more healthful life-style. Since opening its doors in the spring of this year, NOSOTROS rock climbing gym has become an ideal place to allow patrons

to tap into their more adventurous side or simply to allow them to try something unique on their next date-night.

NOSOTROS rock climbing gym is well-fitted for every level of climber, both novice and experienced. The walls and climbing routes are clearly color-coded and marked for each respective level and climbing challenge. The various climbing walls and frequently refreshed routes at NOSOTROS allow for beginners to learn and climb at their own pace, while also providing opportunities for the more experienced climber to scale as high as 14 feet without a harness.

With over 4,000 total square feet of climbing surface, NOSOTROS is perfect for the novice who is looking for a new and interesting experience as well as those who would be challenged by going almost completely inverted in the carefully crafted roof-lined “cave” walls. Available to all guests is the gym’s training corner equipped with various-sized holds and campus rungs to help strengthen one’s grip, pull-up bars, peg boards, and even a Ninja Warrior salmon ladder.

NOSOTROS rock climbing gym is regularly open from Noon-10pm on weekdays and 9am-10pm on Saturdays. Rates are extremely reasonable and vary by the number of sessions, months, or years for which one signs on. Some may even choose to go all-in with the life-long membership option! Feel free to bring your own water, snacks, and equipment. Those who are new to climbing, can rent the basics from the gym at an additional cost.

As if participating in an awesome

workout with friends and family weren’t enough, NOSOTROS gym is actually registered as a non-profit business that touts a heart-filled mission of building strong relationships for individuals and families through exercise and spending quality time together. Founder and fellow Lakewood resident, Peter Stancato, desires the gym be known as a unique and practical instrument that “uses rock holds to better households.” Mr. Stancato hopes to accomplish this by offering not only a great space for exercise and bringing people together, but also tangible assistance to those in the community who are in need. In order to see this mission fulfilled, NOSOTROS gym aims to sponsor different people from the community who are in need as funds allow throughout the year. With such noble endeavors and intentions, it is little wonder why the gym has found a home in this great community of Lakewood. \

For more information on special themed nights, hours, rates, as well as private rental opportunities or to suggest a possible sponsor, please contact the gym directly by phone @ 216-512-1841 or visit: www.gonosotros.com.

Gym Address:
14321 Detroit Ave. Lakewood Ohio 44107

Located in the Lower Level of the Lakewood Baptist Church
(West Entrance off of Lincoln Street)

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Lakewood Forum

Exposing ECOT

by Bradley Presutto

The Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow (ECOT) robbed Lakewood schools of at least \$1.8 million dollars, and some of the politicians on your November ballot took big money to look the other way. If you aren't familiar with this scandal, here are the facts.

What was ECOT? ECOT was an online charter school, enrolling students throughout the state of Ohio. ECOT, like all charter schools in Ohio, received public funding. When a student decides to attend a charter school, taxpayer money allocated to a public school is transferred to the charter school. In this way, the money follows the student.

How did they scam our schools? ECOT scammed Ohio taxpayers out of millions by leveraging our lack of government oversight and by providing direct campaign contributions to candidates. The majority of these candidates were GOP members who overlooked this fraudulent activity for their own gains. ECOT was able to steal \$189 million dollars from the state of Ohio by enrolling fake students into their charter school, inflating their enrollment numbers to receive more funding from our public schools.

How did ECOT get away with it? ECOT's founder, Bill Lager, gave more than two million dollars to Ohio Republicans. Jon Husted, now running for Lieutenant Governor, was Speaker

of the Ohio House when GOP members eliminated the Office of Education Oversight entirely – an office that could have caught ECOT's obvious scam years earlier. Current Attorney General Mike DeWine, now running for Governor, claims he just couldn't have acted any sooner. Additionally, Ohio Auditor Dave Yost, now running for Attorney General, gave the school his office's highest award for clean financial records - a merit they truly did not deserve.

What are Democrats doing to help?

Democrats have shown widespread support for increased oversight to protect our state's financial investments. For example, at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Richard Cordray fought for years to break up rackets like this one; he's now running for Governor. Steve Dettelbach, running for Attorney General, has always been outspoken about the need for effective oversight, regardless of which party is in power, and candidate for Ohio Auditor, Zack Space, has pledged a commission to investigate abuse by for-profit charter schools as his first priority.

What is the status of ECOT now?

ECOT was forced to shut its doors once this scandal began leaking into the open last year. However, various investigations and legal processes are still playing out as ECOT fights to keep the tens of millions of dollars they owe back to Ohio.

How can Ohioans help? As Ohioans, we must elect people who will prioritize the needs of our communities over the candidates' own financial gain. Every vote matters when it comes to protecting Ohio students' education. No election is pre-decided; remember to get to your polls this November to make your voice heard.

Trips To Cleveland Cultural Events

by Barry Wemyss

Great news, music lovers! The Lakewood Division of Aging will once again be providing transportation to selected fall, winter and spring cultural events. We will be attending matinee performances of the Cleveland Orchestra, as well as the highly regarded Trinity Cathedral Brownbag Concerts.

Beginning in October, we will be attending monthly Cleveland Orchestra Matinee Concerts. On Friday, October 19, 2018, we will enjoy a performance of the Overture to the School for Scandal, by Samuel Barber, and Scheherazade by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov. We depart from the Lawther Center at 9:00 AM, arriving at Severance Hall by 9:45 AM, just in time for a continental breakfast. Following the breakfast, there is an

excellent pre-concert talk by one of the orchestra's educators, highlighting and illuminating the morning's concert. The performance begins at 11:00 AM, ending at 12:00 PM. Concert tickets can be reserved through the Lakewood Division of Aging. The price is \$27.00 with a suggested donation of \$3 for transportation. The seats on the bus fill fast, so do not delay.

Beginning in October, the Division of Aging will also be providing transportation to the Brown Bag Concert Series at Trinity Cathedral. This well-loved Cleveland tradition offers a variety of musical genres in a beautiful setting, all while enjoying lunch. The October 17th concert will be "A Tribute to Julie Andrews," featuring soprano, Kristine Caswelch. These 12:00 PM

concerts are free, although a freewill offering will be gratefully accepted. Choose what you would like to do for lunch: pre-order a box lunch from the Division of Aging, bring something from home, or purchase a box lunch from Trinity for \$7. Stop by the Lawther Center, 16024 Madison Ave. to complete a reservation form to reserve your seat on the bus. The suggested donation for transportation is \$3.

Both Severance Hall and Trinity Cathedral are handicap accessible. The Cleveland Orchestra Matinee concerts and the Trinity Brownbag concerts will be continuing through May 2019. Please call the Lakewood Division of Aging Activities office at 216-529-5005 for more information on these or other programs.



Last week President Barack Obama stopped in Cleveland to support the Democratic ticket. Many Lakewoodites were there. Here are some photos from the event: Top Row from left to right: Rev. Dr. Otis Moss, Jr., two students from Cleveland School for the Arts, Shontel Brown, Aftab Pureval, running for OH-1, Kathleen Clyde, running for Secretary of State, State Rep Stephanie Howse, Senator Sherrod Brown, Betty Sutton running for Lt. Governor, Richard Cordray running for Governor. Photos by Jim O'Bryan

Lakewood Living

The Rockport Miracles-Part 2-Episode 4: "Navigating A Nightmare"

fiction by Scott MacGregor
The Rockport Miracles
Part 2: Episode 4 "Navigating A Nightmare"

Wren Mathews and I squirted out of Sparrow's Cave as soon as the storm had passed. As we galloped down the wind scoured beach we could see a shimmering orange glow and hear a stew of chaotic sounds spilling over the edge of the cliff promontory. Wren led me to a hidden stairway that ascended from the beach to the top of the cliff. "Hey!" I yelled, "Why the heck did we 'Audie Murphy' ourselves down the cliff when we could have taken the stairs?!!" Wren gave me a quizzical look and said, "Who the heck is Audie Murphy?" \

Upon ascent, we were gobsmacked with a scene straight out of Revelations. The entire city of Rockport appeared to be on fire from east to west and as far south as the eye could see. The storm had blown flaming trees a half-mile inward toward the heart of the town setting blocks of houses and businesses ablaze. More immediately, the park where hundreds had gathered to watch the annual Christmas tree bonfire had become a disaster area with many residents injured and dead. Firefighters wisely triaged their limited resources throughout the town's midsection while local medical professionals intuitively rushed to Rockport Hospital.

Mayor Frank Warren was dead. He'd been standing near the bonfire drinking hot cocoa and kibbutzing with "Kiwani Bill" Edwards, a civic legend



and the most outspoken of Rockport's many unelected mayors. Both men were burnt to a crisp after the derecho winds had propelled a woven stack of flaming trees right into them. With steely eyed pluck that led to political fortune, Robert "Fat Bob" Franklin, a local used car dealer, quickly organized the Kiwanis and Rotarian members who weren't dead or hurt into teams that heroically lifted fallen trees off of people and herded dozens of panicked rats over the cliffs with tinsel Christmas trees and donuts.

Wren and I had just helped a little boy find his parents when our gazes turned toward the direction of another strange warm wind coming from the northwest. Wren screamed, "LOOK AT THAT!!", while pointing at a bright light hovering over the park cemetery.

"IT'S SPARROW!" she cried. I muttered, "Oh no, not again," under my breath. We both ran into the cemetery but, instead of finding a ghost we discovered Father James Marlowe, the Pastor of St. Swithun Church. A sycamore tree had fallen and he was tangled up in its branches. "Help me, goddamnit!" he yelled. We quickly untangled the branches and pulled him to his feet. "Father?" asked Wren, "Did you see Sparrow? We saw her light." The priest replied, "I saw the light, too. It was not your dear departed sister." We watched as he bent down and picked up something off of the ground. It was a small flying crucifix powered with a wind-up rubber band propeller and a battery powered light. "I bought it at a Billy Graham Crusade a few years back," he said with a chortle. "I just wind it up and let it go--the stupid thing never fails to attract the curious and forlorn." I turned to share this laugh with Wren, but she was gone. I saw her making haste through the panicked crowds and toward the park exit. "Let her go, son," said the priest. "She's navigating a nightmare--let her alone." Father Marlowe was a good guy but I wasn't about to follow his advice.

After all we'd been through on that tragic night, I wasn't about to allow any hard won affections for me melt into the thin air. When you are a teenager, days are weeks and weeks are months. I could've been old news by sunrise and wasn't about to let the girl of my dreams go un-gently into that dark night. I drew a bead on Wren's bright red scarf making its way through the chaos but I didn't have to run very far. The fires all around us had made it too dangerous to leave the park. I found

her hunkered down behind the stone wall at the park's entrance and I still like to think that she'd been waiting for me to catch up to her. She was crying and I opted to keep my big mouth shut and just sit quietly and supportively beside her.

As the burning of Rockport and the relentless din of police and ambulance sirens intensified all around us, a miracle happened. I was looking into Wren's tear-filled eyes and was about to say something stupid when a giant, wet blob of slush hit me in the face like a snow pie. "What the...!!" I screamed. Wren's blue eyes lit up and for the first time all night she burst into laughter. "HA! Revenge is mine!!" she exclaimed, referring to her own unfortunate encounter with slush earlier that day. Those laughing moments behind the wall with Wren while Rockport was being destroyed remain among my fondest memories.

At first, the thick, wet snow fell randomly and made "plop-splat" sounds on the ground. The weather soon escalated into a torrential slush-a-rama that blobbed everything and everybody. Residents trapped in the park watched in awe as the freak weather slowly and successfully extinguished all of the fires it had savagely created.

"OH, NO! MY MOTHER!!" Wren screamed, as she jumped up and disappeared down a shortcut through Rockport's tangled maze of dense neighborhoods. By that point, I was already up to my neck in the adventure story known as Wren Mathews. I had to see where else her life would take me. For several blocks we dodged and leaped over fallen power lines and trees until we reached Wren's street. All of the homes in her neighborhood had varying degrees of damage. All, except for Wren's house which was completely unharmed by the storm. We entered the house via its side entrance and after some calling and searching, we found Wren's Mom face down on the living room floor. I knew then that the nightmare Wren was navigating still had many miles to go.

Next: Part 2 Episode 5: "Family Matters"

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Missing Unicorn Story Blows Up And Goes Global!

by Jim O'Bryan

As we were headed to press a story broke on the Lakewood Observer Observation Deck,

"Bring Back Our Unicorn"



So this guy was taken from our front yard last week in daylight, after school, while people were going in and out of my house. It wasn't wired to the house, but it was plugged in. My daughter loves him and insisted that he stay in our front yard so he went from being a Christmas unicorn to an Easter unicorn (we swapped out the Christmas scarf) to a Summer unicorn but now he is a missing unicorn. If you see one of these pop up somewhere, please let us know. Though I'm not really sure what we would do then; I guess I will leave that to my daughter. I think she's hoping the sign she made will have an effect. Thank you. (Betsy Voinovich)



photo by Betsy Voinovich



photo by Jim O'Bryan

News reporter Maia Belay, from Fox 8 Cleveland with veteran photo journalist Ali Ghanbari stopped by after reading the Deck to follow up on the story and help JJ get her Unicorn back!

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How To Be Top Dog At The 11th Annual Spooky Pooch Parade

by Matt Bixenstine

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

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

But what about if you're in it to win it? Just how can you ensure your canine remains conspicuous despite the masses of mutts? There are, after all, various "Best of..." awards to be claimed when the 11th Annual Spooky Pooch Parade – sponsored by Discount Drug Mart and presented by LakewoodAlive – takes place from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 20.

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

1. Register Your Pooch!

You miss every shot you don't take. Register your furry friend to march in the 11th Annual Spooky Pooch Parade now by visiting LakewoodAlive.org/SpookyPooch.

2. Know the Award Categories

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

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

It's worth mentioning that Pet's General Store is donating one year's worth of free dog food to the winner of Best in Show during the 2018 Spooky Pooch Parade!

3. Be a Package Deal

As the aforementioned award cri-



"Spaceship & Martians" took home 2017 Best in Show honors, earning a one year supply of free dog food courtesy of Pet's General Store.

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

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

There are two ways you can capital-

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

daisy or your Chihuahua as a ferocious monster.

5. Strive for Humor

Even the most discerning judges tend to have a funny bone. When in doubt, aim to be humorous with your costume. Dressing your pooch as a rapper named "Hound Doggy Dog" is sure to garner some chuckles, as will achieving a costume that's timely based upon current events. A little creativity goes a long way. And as Charlie Chaplin once said, "A day without laughter is a day wasted."

Ultimately, whether you spend five weeks or five minutes on your dog's costume, the Spooky Pooch Parade is all about enjoying a fun afternoon while showcasing Lakewood's vibrancy. Win, lose or draw, everyone goes home as happy as a dog with a bone.

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10th Annual Lakewood Chocolate Walk To Delight Taste Buds On October 25

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Downtown Lakewood

What: 150 General Admission tickets (but no VIP tickets) will be sold for \$50 each on a first-come, first-served basis with a limit of two tickets per person. For each ticket purchased, the purchaser will receive a small swag bag containing sweet treats and one-day-only coupons for shopping at local businesses in Downtown Lakewood. Five swag bags will contain "Golden Tickets" in the form of a \$50 Visa gift card, and there will also be a visit from a special guest.

Online Ticket Sale

When: Monday, October 1 at 10 a.m.

Where: LakewoodAlive.org/ChocolateWalk

What: 150 General Admission tickets will be sold for \$40 each and 50 VIP tickets will be sold for \$70 each during the online ticket sale starting at 10 a.m. on October 1. Please note that there is a purchasing limit of four tickets per person, and that the Chocolate Walk is intended for adults aged 21 and older.

A General Admission ticket gains you entrance to First Federal Lakewood (14806 Detroit Avenue) at 6 p.m., where you'll receive your Chocolate Walk supplies. Guided by a map and the signs and festive bows decorating participating merchants, you'll take to the streets to visit the Sweet Stops, collecting something chocolate-themed at each location. You may visit the stops in any order you wish – the merchants eagerly await you.

The VIP ticket option exists for those seeking to elevate the joy of the

chocolate experience to an even greater level of bliss. Sponsored and hosted by Malley's Chocolates, the Pre-Walk VIP Reception – limited to only 50 lucky attendees – takes place from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. at Malley's Lakewood location (14822 Madison Avenue), where guests will sample decadent treats, as well as appetizers, wine and beer. Transportation aboard the "Chocolate Express" will be provided from Downtown Lakewood to the VIP Reception and back. VIP tickets will only be available for purchase online starting at 10 a.m. on October 1.

The evening ends for all attendees with the Final Stop at First Federal Lakewood. You may stop here whenever you finish your walk, turn in your completed Golden Egg Hunt form, wet your whistle and grab a salty snack. The Final Stop will be your last chance to purchase

tickets for the 50/50 raffle and raffle baskets, with the drawings held at 8:55 p.m. You need not be present to win.

"Our annual Chocolate Walk represents a unique opportunity to showcase Lakewood's vibrancy," said Ian Andrews, Executive Director of LakewoodAlive. "We hope you can join us for this memorable evening, with proceeds supporting the Downtown Lakewood Business Alliance, our Downtown Lakewood Program and LakewoodAlive."

For more information regarding the Lakewood Chocolate Walk taking place October 25, please visit LakewoodAlive.org/ChocolateWalk.

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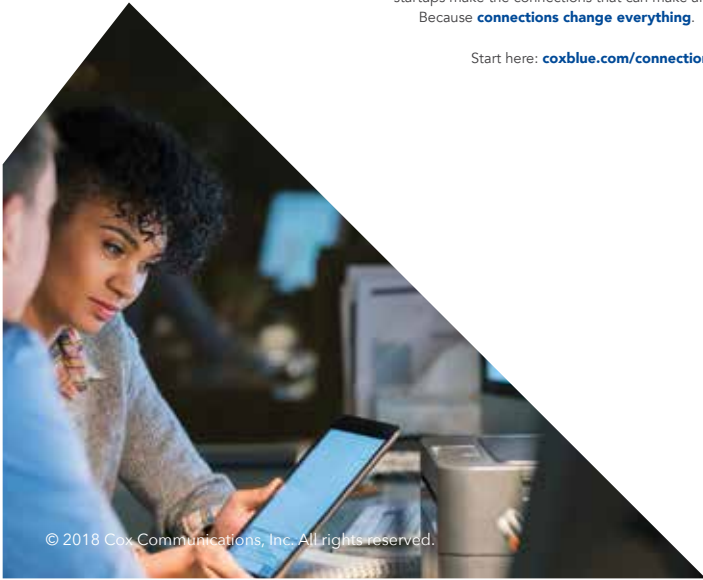
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