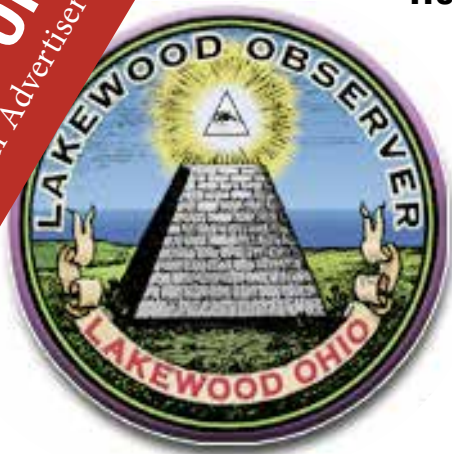


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## Light Up Lakewood 2019

# To Spread Holiday Cheer On December 7

by Matt Bixenstine

It's a most joyous of Lakewood traditions and it's back in Downtown Lakewood for a 13th consecutive year. The spirit of the season will come to life with holiday cheer when Light Up Lakewood 2019 takes place on Saturday, December 7.

Sponsored by First Federal Lakewood and presented by LakewoodAlive, Light Up Lakewood celebrates the season and the richness of our city's vibrancy. This free, family-friendly event in Downtown Lakewood features a holiday parade, lighting ceremony, winter fireworks, Beer Garden, Holiday Market, Holiday Train, live music, ice carvings, hot chocolate, food trucks, children's games and more.

Attendees are invited to stroll Lakewood's downtown

district and visit local shops and restaurants while taking in the sights and sounds of one of Northeast Ohio's largest holiday celebrations. Light Up Lakewood serves as a marquee event for the entire region, drawing an estimated 20,000 guests each December.

Light Up Lakewood represents a long-held holiday celebration of Lakewood's vibrancy. Guests' sensory perceptions will be delighted by the twinkle of holiday lights, the cheerful sounds of carolers and the warmth exuded by the festive, friendly atmosphere.

Highlights include the Holiday Market inside the historic Lakewood Masonic Temple; the Light Up Lakewood Beer Garden sponsored by Roundstone Insurance; the ever-popular Holiday Parade, which com-



photo by Jacob Chabowski/Lakewood Observer

mences at Manor Park Avenue at 5 p.m. and ends in front of Lakewood Public Library; the Lighting Ceremony at 6:30 p.m. at City Center Park and

a can't-miss fireworks show at 7 p.m. over the rooftops of Downtown Lakewood.

Schedule of Events for Light Up Lakewood 2019:

– 11 am – 1 pm – Lunch with Santa at Dewey's Pizza

– 11 am – 4 pm – Ongoing performances at Lakewood

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## Lakewood To Host Small Business Weekend Nov. 29 - Dec. 1

by Matt Bixenstine

Small businesses serve as the lifeblood of our community, ensuring our neighborhoods remain vibrant and our local economy remains strong. Here's your chance to celebrate the many wonderful small businesses in our city.

The Downtown Lakewood Business Alliance (DLBA), a merchant association of LakewoodAlive, and the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce announce Small Business Weekend in Lakewood, taking place Friday, November 29 through Sunday, December

1. Throughout this holiday weekend, shoppers can enjoy special offers and sales at small businesses throughout Lakewood's commercial districts. Visit LakewoodAlive.org/ShopLocal to learn more.

Small Business Weekend in Lakewood coincides with Small Business Saturday, a nationally-recognized day to celebrate and support small businesses and all they do for their communities. Shoppers are encouraged to visit the Small Business Weekend Facebook event frequently

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## St. Edward High School Edwardian Players Present "Urinetown The Musical"

by Connie Massie

The Edwardian Players, theatre group from St. Edward High School, will present "Urinetown" on November 21, 22 and 23 at 7:30pm and November 24 at 3:00pm at St. Edward High School in Lakewood, Ohio. "Urinetown" won the 2002 Tony Awards for Best Book of a Musical (Greg Kotis) as well as Best New Musical Score (Mark Hollman).

Although the title is somewhat unsettling, "Urinetown" is an incredibly thoughtful show appropriate for all ages. An hysterical musical comedy, the show satirizes municipal politics, the legal system, capi-



Photo courtesy of Shiny Penny Studios.

Pictured are (Back row) Richie Pokrywka, Grace Davis, Emma Rosberil, Colin Schilf. (Front row) Ella Sonby, Bella Issa, Zeke Schmiedl and Ali Traska.

talism, social irresponsibility, populism, bureaucracy, corporate mismanagement and even musical theater itself. It

is a fitting allegory for today, and a warning for those who

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## Getting The House Ready For The Holidays?

by Heidi Murray

The thought of holiday guests seems to spur major cleaning and purging. As you ready your home for family and friends keep Lakewood Historical Society in mind. The Society accepts new and gently used household items, holiday decor, furniture, art and much more. Keep your donation local

and support the society.

We have a scheduled donation drop off Saturday, November 23 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at 13314 Detroit. Your donations are cleaned and sorted and sold at several sales throughout the year.

The next sale will be Christmas Sale on the Grounds held at the Nicholson House December

6 & 7 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and December 8 from noon-3 p.m. Volunteers transform the historic house into a Christmas wonderland filled with trees, ornaments, one of a kind gifts, serving items, gift wrap, Christmas Village houses and much, much more.

More information can be found at [www/lakewoodhistory.org](http://www/lakewoodhistory.org).



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# Lakewood Holiday Traditions

## A Bridge From The Past To The Future

by Jim O'Bryan

Thanksgiving, Christmas, Kwanzaa, Chanukah, New Years are all spectacular end of the year celebrations that bring family and friends together. Good, or merely interesting, it is this time of year when traditions are shared, taught, learned and passed on from generation to generation. Here in Lakewood we have an establishment that not only signals everything good about the holidays, it also provides an amazing bridge from one generation to the next. All can be made better this season with a simple visit to Mr. Christmas, aka, Mr. Holiday, Bill Hixson, at the one and only Hixson's Barn. A northern Ohio tradition for over sixty-six years!

Bill Hixson has been a family friend since he opened the place. I have written about how my closeness to the man kept the legend at bay. But the legend of the man and the store are well deserved.. We could look back at the number of presidents Bill Hixson has been chosen by to decorate their White House Christmas Trees. I could go into the hundreds of ornaments Bill has designed of Lakewood, Cleveland and Northern Ohio--most memorable sites, and soundly remembered and beloved memories. This year he introduced at least 5 new ornaments, 3 of them



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headed to the White House tree. All are available at the store currently. They sell out fast!

The most important thing Hixson the store and the man do, is provide a tangible bridge from generation to generation. As long as the store has been around it has brought together a near perfect eclectic view/collection of past present and future. With just enough of each, that even the current generation which fears shopping with the family and grandma and grandpa finds something that catches their eyes, and soon their imaginations. By the time they leave, their hearts are also won over, and another seed

from another generation of memories, traditions and family celebration has been planted.

Each year I wonder what changes will come to Lakewood; the one thing I rarely wonder about is what will be in or at Hixson's. As long as Bill walks the face of the earth with trusted Eunice at his side, holiday traditions past, present and future will have a home on Detroit Avenue.

Stop by this year, and see all the memories and traditions magically come to life. Bill has updated his Christmas Holiday Traditions book, and has beautiful examples of all of it in the store for your amusement, remembrance, and some can even be purchased and brought into your family.



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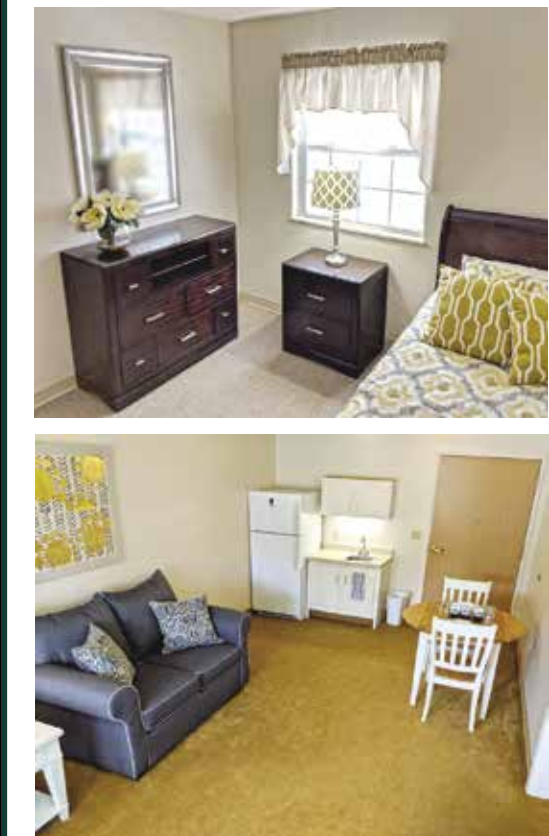
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# Lakewood Public Library

## Calendar Of Events

compiled by Elaine Rosenberger

Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Meet the Author

“Monsoon Postcards: Indian Ocean Journeys”

Book by David H. Mould

Main Library Auditorium

In the sequel to “Postcards from Stanland: Journeys in Central Asia,” historian and journalist David Mould traverses the Indian Ocean—from Madagascar through India and Bangladesh to Indonesia. It’s an unpredictable journey, and along the way he meets journalists, professors, students, aid workers, cab drivers and slum-dwellers. Mould has traveled widely in Asia and southern Africa. Books will be available for sale and signing at this event.

Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Booked for Murder Book Club

Main Library Meeting Room

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 Meursault Investigation” by Kamel Daoud and “The Stranger” by Albert Camus.

Saturday, November 23, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. (88 minutes)

Lakewood Public Cinema

“Smoke Signals” (1998), Directed by Chris Eyre

Main Library Auditorium

A young Native American man Thomas (Evan Adams) is a nerd on his reservation, who wears oversized glasses and tells stories no one wants to hear. When his parents die in a fire, he is saved by Arnold (Gary Farmer). Arnold soon leaves his family. His son Victor (Adam Beach) hasn’t seen him for ten years. When they hear Arnold has died, Thomas offers Victor funding for the trip to retrieve Arnold’s remains, but only if Thomas can accompany him.

Sunday, November 24, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

Sunday with the Friends

Debbie Darling: Songs of the ’30s, ’40s, ’50s and ’60s

Main Library Multipurpose Room

This performance is a musical walk down memory lane through the biggest hits of each decade. Debbie Darling will perform songs, describe what was happening in the world and what prompted some of the most noted pieces to be written. Darling is a singer and songwriter who has performed a wide range of musical styles from opera, to jazz, to blues and everything in between. Darling will be accompanied by musician Owen Rasmussen.

Tuesday, November 26, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Genealogy Workshop, Taught by Deborah Abbott, PhD

Main Library Learning Lab

Genealogist Deborah Abbott will show you how to unlock the secrets held by census reports, military records, birth certificates and death notices in this hands-on workshop. Unravel your history using the free Library Edition of ancestry.com, the world’s largest collection of online records. The Library Edition of ancestry.com is free to use every day at the Library Technology Center and Madison Branch. Call (216) 226-8275, ext. 127 to register.

Thursday, November 28, 2019

Library Closed

Library will be closed on Thursday, November 28, 2019 in observance of Thanksgiving.

Saturday, November 30, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. (117 minutes)

Lakewood Public Cinema

Film Series—From Books to Films: “If Beale Street Could Talk” (2018), Directed by Barry Jenkins

Main Library Auditorium

In early 1970s Harlem, Tish Rivers (KiKi Layne) vividly recalls the passion, respect and trust that connect her and her artist fiancé, Alonzo Hunt (Stephan James), who goes by the nickname Fonny. Friends since childhood, the devoted couple dream of a future together, but their plans are derailed when Fonny is arrested for a crime he did not commit. Based on the 1974 novel by James Baldwin, this film continues our series of films based on books.

Sunday, December 1, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

Sunday with the Friends

Neo-Tessares Saxophone Quartet

Main Library Auditorium

The Neo-Tessares Saxophone Quartet is comprised of professional musicians John Per-rine, Breegan Arnett, Allie Denham and Tom Lempner. The quartet has been performing in the Cleveland area for over a decade. The group is dedicated to bringing their music to traditional and untraditional spaces in order to reach a broad audience. Performances include traditional jazz favorites, 18th century dance music, English baroque, popular hits and more.

## Events For Kids

compiled by Nic Starr

Sunday, December 1, 2019, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Lakewood LEGO® League

Main Library Activity Room.

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## Strokes Of Genius Concludes With Art Show



Learning about famous artists and viewing their works sparked these children to produce their own masterpieces during the Strokes of Genius program.

by Marge Foley

The fall session of Strokes of Genius at the Lakewood Public Library came to a close in November as participating second, third, and fourth graders proudly showcased their talent at an Art Show for family and friends.

Each week students learned about the life and work of a different artist and then completed an art project motivated by the style of that artist. Artwork created by Paul Klee, Alexander Calder, Marcel Duchamp, Wassily Kandinsky, and M. C. Escher provided the inspiration for the students’ creative efforts. Oil pastels, wire, paint,

cut paper, and rolled paper were some of the mediums used.

One project involved painting with string. The young artists dipped long pieces of string into tempera paint and placed the string on paper. This resulted in beautiful works of art!

In addition, public art and sculptures in Cleveland and Lakewood were studied. Each participant took home their creative work and a certificate.

Look for information about the spring session of Strokes of Genius in the Lakewood Public Library’s Spring/Summer mailer!

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## Debbie Darling: Songs Of The 30s, 40s, 50s And 60s

by Lisa Calfee

In the 1930s, folks tapped their toes to hits from the Great American Songbook with their families gathered around the living room radio. Now we keep the beat with handheld smartphones, but favorites like Cole Porter’s “I’ve Got You Under My Skin” or George Gershwin’s, “ S’ Wonderful” have never left our playlists.



Debbie Darling will perform some of the time-honored tunes of the 30s, 40s, 50s and 60s and tell the stories behind them when she visits Lakewood Public Library on Sunday, November 24, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. The accomplished singer and songwriter will be accompanied by musician David Strieter.

The Great American Songbook isn’t a book at all. It is a classification of music from the early Twentieth Century that includes Broadway tunes and popular hits by composers such as Irving Berlin, the Gershwins, Duke

Ellington and Rodgers and Hammerstein.

And while there is some debate as to which songs should or should not be included in the Great American Songbook, Debbie Darling will help prove the reason this music has endured -- in spite of dramatic cultural changes over the last ninety years -- is because it was just so s’marvelous.

This Sunday With The Friends program takes place in the Main Library Multipurpose Room.



## A Lake Erie Shipwreck: Past, Present And Future

by Amy Kloss

For most of us, Lake Erie is a broad expanse of beautiful water, a recreational highlight of life in Lakewood. But Lake Erie was once a bustling commercial water highway and below its surface lie hundreds of shipwrecks, abandoned in the murky depths of the lake. One of these wrecks is the Dundee, a wooden schooner that went down in a storm that swept over Lake Erie in September of 1900.

You can learn more about the Dundee on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium from Carrie Sowden, Archaeological Director of the National Museum of the Great Lakes. She will discuss the history and archaeology of the Dundee and plans

for its future preservation.

The Dundee was carrying a load of iron ore to Ashtabula on September 11, 1900 when the tail end of a hurricane swept over Lake Erie and caused the ship to founder eleven miles west of Cleveland. The schooner lost her rudder in the waves, and the captain and crew climbed up the rigging and lashed themselves to the masts. The cook, Kate Hoffman, was lost in the storm and her body was never recovered. The remaining six crewmen were rescued. The Dundee was discovered in the 1980s and has since become a popular scuba diving site.

Join us on December 11, 2019 at Lakewood Main Library to discover more about Northeast Ohio’s maritime history. This program is co-sponsored by Lakewood Historical Society.

## Light-Up Lakewood Booksale

by Genevieve Jaskulski

The Holiday season is upon us, and there is so much to love about this festive time of year. With so much to celebrate in Lakewood we hope you will come down to the Lakewood Public Library book sale.

Multiple times a year, the Friends of Lakewood Public Library host a book sale. The upcoming sale will be in congruence with the annual observance of Light Up Lakewood and will also be a bag sale on Saturday, December 7, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the lower level of the Main Library, with the preview sale being held on Thursday, December 5, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. It should be noted that the preview sale will not be a bag sale, and all items will be a normal price.


We will be selling our Holiday Gift Book Bundles at this sale, and there

will be a Pop-Up Shop table upstairs just in time for the holiday season, so consider Lakewood Public Library for your bargain gift shopping this year.

We will also be featuring an assortment of gently-used teacher reading packs. These include multiple volumes of the same book and are perfect for group reading assignments.

The sale is sponsored by the Friends of the Lakewood Public Library, who commit themselves tirelessly but also free of charge to the mission of providing beautiful recycled treasures to the people of this fabulous city. As always, patrons have the option of renewing their memberships for 2020 at this sale. So, let’s continue to celebrate both the tenacious attitude of our city, and the many irreplaceable members of this community as we come together to make Lakewood the fantastic place it is.

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# Lakewood Education Observed

Staff Spotlight Honorees:

## Christine Foote and Jason Saksa

by Christine Gordillo  
**CHRISTINE FOOTE**

Teaching & Learning Coordinator Christine Foote has spent her career in education laser-focused on one mission: improving student literacy.

“My passion is to improve life through literacy outcomes,” Foote says. By improving literacy, she says, more opportunities open up in life. The passion was stoked in Foote’s college years when as a student she volunteered in an inner-city program and saw how literacy challenges held students back.

Foote, who joined the District in 2005 as an instructional coach, carries out her mission by assisting our secondary-level teachers in developing curriculum and instructional strategies and facilitating professional development opportunities. Her collaborative spirit and deep knowledge gained from years spent as a teacher from elementary to college level are invaluable assets as she helps faculty write courses of study, select textbooks and develop assessments for their students.

Over her nearly 15 years with Lakewood Schools, Foote has been able to develop relationships and gain trust with teachers and administrators across all grade levels which makes the collaborative process of developing curriculum easier.



Christine Foote

Foote says she is grateful to be able to work alongside passionate educators who all have the same goal in mind of helping students succeed. “The collective energy here is amazing,” she says. “People here make the magic happen.”

### JASON SAKSA

Lakewood High Health teacher Jason Saksa has always been about staying fit and healthy, going back to his childhood days as an athlete and continuing into his early career as a PE teacher. For the last 20 years, he’s been able to share his passion for building and maintaining physical, mental and emotional health with his students.

“Jason is devoted to helping stu-



Jason Saksa

dents learn the skills they need to make healthy choices throughout their lifetime,” says Saksa’s nominator, intervention specialist Lisa Crane.

It is in Saksa’s classroom that LHS teenagers learn about so many of the issues they often cope with during the high school and young adult years – anxiety and depression, social media, alcohol and drugs, eating disorders, etc. Or as Saksa likes to say, “I teach life class.”

Saksa, who joined the District in 1998 and LHS in 2001, engages his students with interactive and real life lessons, often through the many outside speakers he brings into his classroom. Speakers have included recovering opiate addicts and eating disorder patients, professionals with organizations such as LifeBanc and the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center. He feels the speakers offer a new voice and perspective during class and give the students a boost of energy. “They can tune you out if they only hear your voice every day,” he says.

The potential his class has to change the path of a student from making poor to healthy choices is not lost on Saksa. “It’s pretty powerful to think that you can make an impact that might change somebody’s life.”

PE teacher Joshua Dolsonich, another of Saksa’s nominators, believes Jason is the right guy for the job: “He is a great teacher full of knowledge and does an excellent job of transferring that knowledge to his students.”

Adds Dolsonich: “Jason is always willing to go above and beyond to help students and to make sure they understand the importance of living a healthy lifestyle.”

## Rangers Earn All Conference Honors

by Christine Gordillo

Congratulations to Lakewood High School student athletes who have been recognized by the Southwestern Conference for their outstanding efforts during the fall 2019 season, including senior runner Cormac Peppard-Kramer, who was named Conference MVP, and seven All Conference 1st Team members!

Earning 1st Team status in their respective sports were Evan Hampton (football), Julian Kieres, Cameron Levis and Aubree Nagel (soccer), Cormac Peppard-Kramer and Patrick McCallum (cross country), and Olivia Neal (cheerleading).

The complete listing of conference awards by team are as follows:

### Boys Cross Country

MVP: Senior Cormac Peppard-Kramer

1st Team: Cormac Peppard-Kramer and Patrick McCallum

2nd Team: junior Aidyn Zingale  
Honorable Mention: sophomore James Toole and senior Sean O’Donnell  
Sportsmanship: junior Sam Saracina

### Girls Cross Country

2nd Team: sophomore Teaghan McGann

Honorable Mention: junior Abby Sacha and freshman Sadie Gregg

Sportsmanship: senior Darnasia Shields

### Golf

Honorable Mention: seniors Charles Hericks and Tristan Rumsey

Sportsmanship: Tristan Rumsey

### Football

1st Team: junior Evan Hampton

2nd Team: sophomore Brandyn Bates

Honorable Mention: junior Pete Patsouras and senior Albert Wilhelmy

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Ohio Species Survival! How Many Ohio Endangered Animals Can You Name? *(First of a three-part series)*

by Cullen McQuay  
**Grade 3**  
**Mrs. Gerg's class**

How many Ohio endangered or threatened species in Ohio can you name?

Do you know that the Northern Long Eared Bat is in trouble in our very own state, Ohio?

A disease called white nose syndrome is killing bats!

I hope you are as concerned as I am!

Why is this bat called the Northern Long Eared Bat?

As you might guess, this bat has long ears!

The Northern Long Eared Bat is a threatened species in Ohio.

Scientists saw this disease first in 2006, and white-nose syndrome has spread fast.

The population of northern long-eared bats have declined by up to 99 percent in the Northeast.

Other things are affecting the Northern Long Eared Bat too.

Sometimes people put up gates or other barriers to keep people from caves and mines. This keeps bats from flying and moving from the cave. These gates can change the temperature of a cave by a few degrees making their homes horrible for them to live.

People explore caves and disturb bats while they are hibernating. This wakes up the bats and they use up valuable energy storage.

This can lead to the Northern Long-Eared Bat not surviving the winter.

Wind turbines kill bats and road construction disrupts roosting bats in the summer.

What can we do to help?

**The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service offers these tips:**

**Do Not Disturb** Hibernating Bats

**Leave Dead and Dying Trees Standing:** Like most eastern bats, the northern long-eared bat roosts in trees

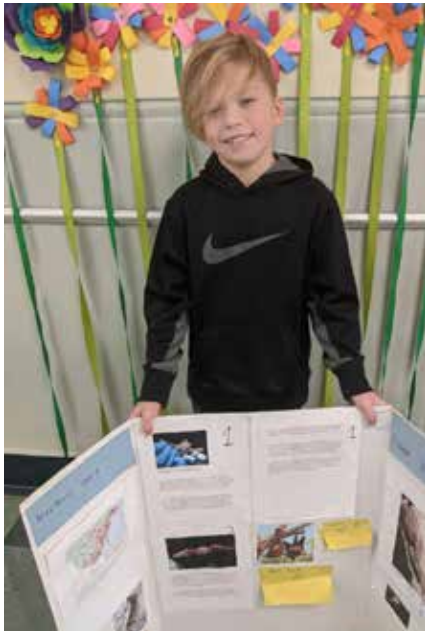
during summer. Where possible and not a safety hazard, leave dead or dying trees on your property. Northern long-eared bats and many other animals use these trees.

**Install a Bat Box:** Dead and dying trees are usually not left standing, so trees suitable for roosting may be in short supply and bat boxes may provide additional roost sites. Bat boxes are especially needed from April to August when females look for safe and quiet places to give birth and raise their pups.

**Spread the Word:** Understanding the important ecological role that bats play is a key to conserving the northern long-eared and other bats.

**Visit [www.whitenosesyndrome.org](http://www.whitenosesyndrome.org)** for more information about white-nose syndrome.

**Join and Volunteer:** Join a conservation group; Volunteer at a local nature center, zoo, or national wildlife refuge.



Cullen McQuay

Bats are an important part of Ohio's ecosystem. Without the Northern Long-Eared Bat, we will be in trouble.

**Let's do something today!**

by Norah Daisy Murtha  
**Mrs. Gerg's Class**

Did you know there are endangered species in Ohio?

Can you name them?

I know that the Karner blue butterfly is one.

I am the voice of this special Ohio insect!

The Karner blue butterfly was Federally listed as an endangered species in 1992.

Did you know that by 1988, the Karner Blue Butterfly had been eliminated from Ohio?

It is currently listed as a state-wide and nation-wide endangered species.

The main threat to the species has been habitat loss.

The Karner blue butterfly is endangered because people are getting rid of fields to make buildings where these butterflies live and eat.

The larva or caterpillar is only dependent on the wild lupine plant as its food source. The adult butterflies depend upon a number of flowering



Norah Daisy Murtha

plants. This limits where they can survive.

Also did you know that the lack of natural disturbance, such as wild-fire and grazing by large mammals, has made their population go down?

This type of disturbance helps maintain the butterfly's habitat by pushing back forests, helping lupine and flowering plant growth.

Did you know people collect Karner blue butterflies?

Butterfly numbers are very low and collection of even a few butterflies could harm the butterfly population.

Collection is illegal without a permit from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service!

In 1997, adult Karner blue butterflies from Michigan were taken to the Toledo Zoo, where a population of adults was bred.

Adults released at Kitty Todd Nature Preserve in the summer of 1998 have bred and are doing well.

Fortunately, the Karner blue is once again part of the Ohio landscape.

If people don't do something your kids and grandkids will never see it.

The Karner blue butterfly needs your help!

**What can you do?**

**Here are a few tips from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service:**

**Learn more** about the Karner blue butterfly and other endangered and threatened species.

**Understand** how the destruction of habitat leads to loss of endangered and threatened species and our nation's plant and animal diversity.

**Tell others** about what you have learned.

**Volunteer** - Volunteer at a nearby zoo, nature center, or National Wildlife Refuge.

**Join** - Join a conservation group; many have local chapters.

**Plant** - Plant a garden with flowers that attract butterflies. Use native plants in your lawn and gardens.

Work with me to keep Karner blue butterfly living in Ohio! They are an important part of Ohio's ecosystem!

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# Lakewood Cares

## Holiday Service Project

by Roberta Hayes

Do you know what "food insecurity" means? The U.S. Department of Agriculture defines food insecurity as a lack of consistent access to enough food for an active healthy life. What that means in our world is that some people are unable to afford healthy food- or any food at all- for a brief or extended period of time. It may mean that people have to choose between housing and needed medication over food for themselves and their families. In Cuyahoga County 233,500 (or 18.6%) experience food insecurity at one time or another.

As we approach the holiday season and begin to count our blessings, I hope you will consider being a blessing to the neighbors in our community. Lakewood United Methodist Church in cooperation with the Lakewood Community Service Center (LCSC) is sponsoring a "REVERSE HOLIDAY CALENDAR." Each day add an item to a box. The week before or the week after Christmas, we ask that you bring the box and its contents to either Lakewood United Methodist Church at 15700 Detroit Avenue or to the Lakewood Community Service Center at 14230 Madison Avenue. The Lakewood Community Service Center will then distribute these holiday boxes to needy families from Lakewood, Rocky River and Westlake.

REVERSE HOLIDAY CALENDAR

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix

- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes or yams
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package of pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup

- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can of corn
- December 22 - can of mixed vegetables

- December 23 - can of carrots
  - December 24 - can of green beans
- This service project is a great way to remember the true meaning of the holiday season and to also help our neighbors in need. Please share this with anyone that might be interested so that we can make it a blessed holiday for our community.

If you have any questions or need a box and the list of items, please contact either Lakewood United Methodist Church at 216-226-8644 or the Lakewood Community Service Center at 216-226-6466.

**Roberta Hayes is a 24-year resident of Lakewood and a member of Lakewood United Methodist Church.**



## Beatlemania At The Barton Senior Center

by Adelaide Crnko

More than 50 years ago today, the Beatles came our way to play. On October 17th, the Barton Senior Center was the place to be to celebrate those days with a dose of Fab Four nostalgia.

Sponsored by Lakewood's O'Neill Healthcare, "Beatlemania" represented a blast from the past as many attendees wore tie dye shirts made by Barton Center staff and volunteers. Oldies played as guests lunched on offerings from new neighbor, Ohio City Burrito.

There were raffles and prizes before the crowd streamed past tables of memorabilia which included vintage photos, posters and clippings from local media. Next came the day's main event.

Dave Schwensen, author of "The Beatles in Cleveland," gave a lively presentation showcasing the band's two mid '60's concerts downtown. His comprehensive discussion began with the "preBeatles" cultural climate and progressed to their rise to fame. Schwensen's insider knowledge then became the focus of his talk. Stories of behind the scenes maneuvering by local radio stations (to get the megastars to come to Northeast Ohio) were revealed as well as other anecdotes. One had the Beatles traveling by bus from Detroit to Cleveland. Along the way, they detoured to a rest stop in Vermilion where they were confronted by a car full of girls who had followed them all the way from the Motor City!

Then came the actual performances. Despite the fact that, according to one officer, the Beatles had more protection than JFK, both shows were temporarily

halted due to fans rushing the stage. This resulted in the Beatles being banned from performing in Cleveland in the future. Schwensen's entertaining narratives were punctuated by rare footage of those infamous concerts and the reaction from local officials.

The afternoon concluded with audience members recalling their own Beatles memories from the Public Auditorium or Municipal Stadium keeping the Cleveland connection to "Beatlemania" front and center. Another participant shared that she had lived in Milwaukee where throngs of screaming fans camped outside the boys' hotel. She, along with her friend, decided to sneak around to the back. They were rewarded when John, Paul, George and Ringo exited the building and went straight to a waiting car. Other than a single policeman, nobody else was there to witness their escape!

One woman, somewhat more mature than the rest, asked what was the cause of all the mania surrounding the Beatles. She did not quite understand it. Volumes could be written, but perhaps it was because they were so original, charismatic and talented. Their music (both melodies and lyrics) has continued to stand the test of time. We did not know that then but sure do now.

At the conclusion of the Barton Senior Center's "Beatlemania" event, there was a buzz in the air. It could be said that a splendid time was had by all!

**Adelaide Crnko is a Lakewood resident, film buff, amateur photographer, traveler and lover of rock n' roll.**

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# Lakewood Is Art

## Horrific Gray Windowless Buildings Of The Most Bleak Kind: Reviews Of Recent Releases By Local Bands, Pt. 96

by Buzz Kompier

**Breathilizör - Emblematic Picasso Banshee Of Chaos Destructors - My Mind's Eye - 3 songs - CD**

Somehow, these three songs last for almost an hour. That's the power of metal, I guess. Track 1 is "Hot Cup Of Doom," which is a pretty good heavy number set in some kind of shopping mall from hell (shopping mall of hell?). Absolutely ridiculous but at the same time kinda good, as you'd expect from Breathilizör. Hearing Food read off the names of businesses in his evil metal voice of chaos is pretty funny: "Hickory Farms...Sunglass Hut...a place that sells cellphones in the middle of the mall." This one's followed

up by "Something Of Something, Part X." It's pretty impressive that they're up to Part X now. Is X the most metal roman numeral, or is V? I'm not sure. Please send in your opinions. The final track here is the big one, the almost painfully long "Future Invasion Of Robotic Mayhem." There are some pretty ripping parts, and of course it's great to hear Food's delivery (the way he says "unscrupulous" in the opening line has made me laugh every time), but it's almost more fun to read the included lyric sheet than actually sit through the whole thing. But then perhaps I just have a short attention span. In any case, if you're a Breathilizör fan like myself, you'll need

this one. **666/???**  
([mymindseye.bigcartel.com](http://mymindseye.bigcartel.com))

**The Missed - The Missed - Just Because Records - 4 songs - 7", digital**

This is the first real record for The Missed, following their tape on Quality Time from (I think) over a year ago now. It's pretty good. They're definitely sliding away from the more pop-punk sound of the tape toward a more Nervosas-esque post-punk kind of thing, but that's not necessarily a bad thing. They're still both poppy and punky, rest assured, just in a slightly different way. The songs are catchy, the rhythm section is great, and there's some excellent guitar playing on here (I particularly enjoy the solo on "I Wanna Know"). The opening "Stiff" is a tough stomper and for some reason "Summer Girl" reminds me of Paul Westerberg a bit despite not sounding like Paul Westerberg. I still kinda like the tape better (I wish someone would put that out on vinyl), but this is a solid EP to be sure, and I like it more and

more with repeated listens. **4/5**  
([justbecauserecords.bandcamp.com](http://justbecauserecords.bandcamp.com))  
*Are you a local-ish band? Do you have a record out? Email vaguelythreatening@gmail.com*

### Local Stars At The Beck



Zydrunas Ilgauskas, Jennifer Ilgauskas, Joyce and Wally Senney Spotlight Gala 2019

### St. Edward High School Edwardian Players Present "Urinetown The Musical"



Pictured are Reagan Bushok, Andy Hoffman, Hunter Velazquez, Emerson Gray and Tony Chambers.

### Musical Thanksgiving Eve



by Denis DeVito

How about this for a nice Thanksgiving Eve event! An intimate "house concert" with Denis DeVito and Pete Cavano. We will perform at the Lakewood Plant Company(15612 Detroit Ave.) in downtown Lakewood on Wed. 11/27 from 7-9. As most of you are aware, Pete is one of the finest guitar players in the area. His "Chet Atkins style" of playing has earned him many accolades as a soloist as well as a fine session man. This will be quite a setting to hear Denis' stripped down originals and a couple of holiday tunes as well. The LPC will be open for business, so you can purchase cool house plants, pots and an assortment of gift ideas. It is \$10 to get in, but it is BYOB. I am really looking forward to an evening of music in a laid-back setting. Hope you can join us!





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# City Council Discusses Scooters, Roads, Bricks, And The Future Of Meghan George's At-Large Seat

There are a lot of concerns being voiced on different message boards and within the community about this new trend hitting the Lakewood borders.

The goal of the speed table is to slow the vehicle down without making it go through a bunch of turns, keeping it simple. Litten added, "Some people have strong feelings about the chicanes, but we have heard nothing but positives about the speed tables. People are

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*Brad Presutto has been a Lakewood resident since 2005.*

*Laura and her husband Christopher own and live in their home on McKinley Avenue with their five cats, Oliver, Ozzy, Oswald, Odin and Prue.*

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# Downtown Lakewood

## Rangers Earn All Conference Honors

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Sportsmanship: senior Sean Mahoney

### Girls Soccer

1st Team: junior Aubree Nagel  
2nd Team: freshman Samantha Hudak

Honorable Mention: freshman Jane McGinley and senior Emily McIntire

Sportsmanship: freshman Ava Carroll

### Boys Soccer

1st Team: seniors Julian Kieres and Cameron Levis

2nd Team: seniors Harlan Hoegner and Colin Meehan

Honorable Mention: sophomore Matthew Hueter and senior Jacob Laux  
Sportsmanship: Colin Meehan

### Girls Tennis

Honorable Mention: junior Chloe Derethik and senior Larissa Goncalves  
Sportsmanship: Chloe Derethik

### Volleyball

Honorable Mention: senior Cassidy Baldrige

Sportsmanship: senior Esther Dolatowski

### Cheerleading

1st Team: senior Olivia Neal  
2nd Team: senior Tiaura Davis  
Honorable Mention: sophomore Janya Allen and freshman Isabelle Reay

## Light Up Lakewood 2019 To Feature Beer Garden Sponsored By Roundstone Insurance

by Matt Bixenstine

When LakewoodAlive’s signature holiday event returns for a 13th consecutive year this December, this festive occasion will blend old favorites with new traditions in the making.

LakewoodAlive announces the return of the Light Up Lakewood Beer Garden sponsored by Roundstone Insurance as a centerpiece of Light Up Lakewood 2019 taking place Saturday, December 7, in Downtown Lakewood. Located at the intersection of Mars and Detroit Avenues, this Beer Garden will afford Light Up Lakewood attendees aged 21+ an opportunity to purchase and enjoy a selection of local craft beers within a festive atmosphere. New this year, this Beer Garden will also offer a hot mulled cider.

Now in its second year, the Light Up Lakewood Beer Garden will be open from 4 to 8 p.m. during Light Up Lakewood and will welcome guests on a first-come, first served basis as capacity permits. Children under 12 may enter the Light Up Lakewood Beer Gar-



den provided they are accompanied by an adult aged 21+.

“The addition of the Light Up Lakewood Beer Garden has enabled us to expand the appeal of Light Up Lakewood, while maintaining the festive, family-friendly nature of this community event,” said Ian Andrews, LakewoodAlive’s Executive Director. “We are excited to continue this new tradition of Light Up Lakewood, and grateful to Roundstone Insurance for helping to make this feature possible.”

For more information regarding Light Up Lakewood 2019 sponsored by First Federal Lakewood, please visit [LakewoodAlive.org/LightUpLakewood](http://LakewoodAlive.org/LightUpLakewood).

## Lakewood To Host Small Business Weekend Nov. 29 - Dec. 1

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for updates regarding the many special deals that will be available in Lakewood throughout the weekend. Small Business Saturday includes Breakfast with Santa taking place Saturday, November 30, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at O’Neill Healthcare Lakewood. This popular holiday tradition consists of “Selfies with Santa” photo oppor-

tunities (bring your own camera), a seated breakfast (pancakes, eggs and sausage) and a children’s activity room featuring opportunities to write letters to the North Pole. Visit [LakewoodAlive.org/Santa](http://LakewoodAlive.org/Santa) to secure your tickets.

For more information regarding Small Business Weekend in Lakewood, please contact LakewoodAlive at 216-521-0655.

## Light Up Lakewood 2019 To Spread Holiday Cheer On December 7

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Baptist Church with a surprise visitor

- 3 pm – Royalty Scholarship Ceremony at Plantation Home
- 4 pm – Festival Kickoff with Holiday Market at the Lakewood Masonic Temple
- 4 pm – Light Up Lakewood Beer Garden sponsored by Roundstone Insurance at the intersection of Mars and Detroit Avenues
- 4 pm – Holiday Train sponsored by Laskey Costello, LLC and Paisley Monkey runs along Detroit Avenue between Belle and Arthur
- 5 pm – Start of Parade at Manor Park and Detroit Avenues, headed

westbound on Detroit

- 5:30 – 8 pm – Ongoing performances and children’s activities at Lakewood Public Library
- 5:30 – 8:30 pm – Santa visits Lakewood Public Library
- 6:30 pm – Lighting Ceremony at Main Stage at City Center Park
- 7 pm – Fireworks Show sponsored by First Federal Lakewood

For more information and continued updates, please visit [LakewoodAlive.org/LightUpLakewood](http://LakewoodAlive.org/LightUpLakewood).

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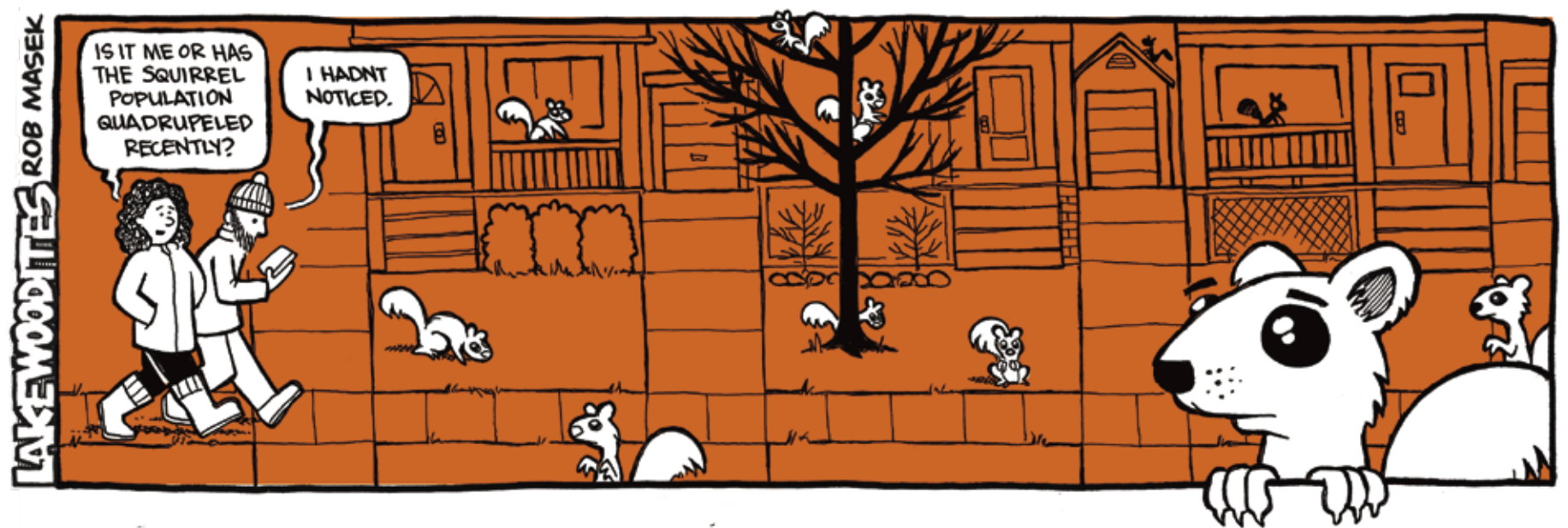
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