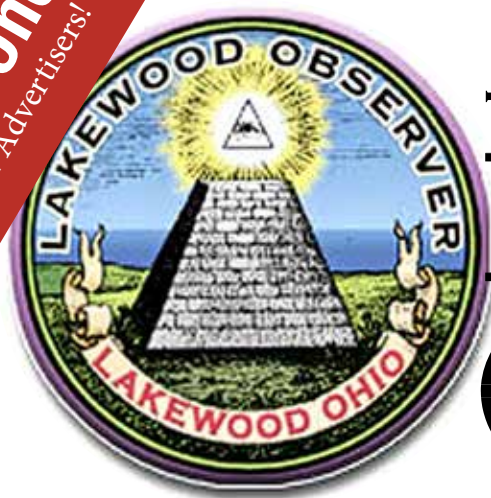


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New LHS Principal Heads List Of Admin Hires

by Christine Gordillo

The Lakewood Board of Education has named Westlake High School administrator Joy Morgan as the next principal of Lakewood High School. Morgan will replace Mark Walter, who recently was named the District's new Director of Community and District Activities. The Board at a special meeting Monday morning also approved Shaker Heights Schools' instructional coach Kristin DeLong Clark as a teaching and learning coordinator for the District. Jacob Green was also approved as Supervisor of Nutrition Services at the May 16 Board meeting.

Morgan is currently the assistant principal of Westlake High School, a position she has held for the past two years. Prior to joining Westlake, she spent three years at Brookside High School in Sheffield where she served as assistant principal and principal. As principal, she helped pilot a program to improve grades and promote a smooth transition to high school for eighth-graders that achieved measurable success for at-risk students. Morgan began her career as a history teacher before taking on her first administrative role at North Ridgeville High School.



Incoming LHS principal, Joy Morgan.

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Lakewood Dispatchers: What's The Deal?

by Jim O'Bryan

It seems that social media is outraged over the rumor that Mayor George has fired local police dispatchers and gone with some group called "Chagrin Valley Dispatch." That rumor is not true. Here is what I know to be true:

Counties failing to reduce their number of dispatch centers run the risk of losing state funding, money that helps fund CECOMS (Communications-Electronics Command) the group that answers and transfers 9-1-1 calls and provides 9-1-1 system software for local communities. That state funding pays for a large portion of our 9-1-1 services including equipment and employees. Cuyahoga County at one time was at over 48 units. The current goal is five.

Many on social media were upset over the idea that changing our dispatch system would mean having people unfamiliar with Lakewood's streets directing calls. Something very few people understand is that when

you call 9-1-1 from a cell phone, a majority of the time the call is answered at a dispatch office at Bedford Hospital, then routed to the correct city. So the City of Lakewood along with all others using the 9-1-1 system are already using the services of dispatchers that are outside Lakewood.

Under discussion is getting Chagrin Valley Dispatch to handle all westside 9-1-1 calls. In the coming weeks, the City of Lakewood will be forced to make the following decision: Go with the Western Suburbs, with whom we have spent decades building great working relationships, first with the Police Department with WEB (Westshore Enforcement Bureau), and then WestCom for Fire and Emergency Services. Or go it alone, with greatly reduced funding, and management issues.

As we went to press, North Olmsted had already placed the discussion on their City Council Docket. They are not part of

the Westshore, but soon every city will be forced to decide how to handle the State mandate.

Currently Chagrin Valley Dispatch runs 9-1-1 services for over 30 cities in Cuyahoga county including the Metro-Parks and the County Sheriff. All the cities are happy with the service, though everyone admits hiccups. Our Fire Chief and Police Chief are in favor of the change.

Here is why we are talking about this now: Mayor George brought in our local dispatchers the moment serious talks were scheduled-- until then it was merely a topic that is often discussed. The dispatchers, not knowing the full story, went public with the information. It has spun out of control as often happens on social media which put the cart way in front of the horse. Next week, Mayor George begins formal talks with City Council, the Westshore Mayors, and others. Our current dispatchers have been assured jobs, pay raises, and full benefits.

Stay tuned.

Saturday July 16th First Annual GardenWalk Lakewood

by Claire Campbell

GardenWalk Lakewood is a newly formed community organization modeled after GardenWalk Cleveland. The original GardenWalk concept was started in 1995 by GardenWalk Buffalo, which is now America's largest garden tour - and attracts tens of thousands of visitors with over 300 participating gardens every year.

GardenWalk Lakewood is a self-guided, free tour of some of our beautiful residential and community gardens! Residents are invited to sign up to show off their garden, while neighbors and visitors travel from garden-to-garden during a specified time (July 16th 10am-5pm), admiring the

hard work and beauty that our neighborhoods have to offer. Whether you are brand new to gardening or a seasoned veteran, if you have a small patio container garden or a full yard - all are welcome and encouraged to join us for this 100% free event.

The main goals of GardenWalk Lakewood are to highlight our beautiful neighborhoods through gardening, to build and strengthen connections between neighbors, and to celebrate our environment. The positive environmental impacts of gardening are needed now more than ever. A GardenWalk is a great way to share gardening knowledge, and hopefully inspire others to start a garden of their own. We hope you'll join us Saturday July 16th from 10am-5pm. More information and the forthcoming GardenWalk Map can be found on our website at www.gardenwalklakewood.org and our Facebook page GardenWalk Lakewood.

LEAF Farmers Market Gearing Up For 2022!

by Megan A Denman

We are excited that LEAF (Lakewood Earth and Food) Community Farmers Market is starting up in collaboration with City Fresh again this summer! LEAF has been serving Lakewood with community gardens, education and a farmers' market since 2007. We are going back to a hands-on community market this year. There will be produce, honey, grains, coffee, eggs, handmade goods, music and more.

Markets are held in front of the Lakewood Library main branch on Thursday evenings between 5:30 and 7:30pm. The dates are June 16th through October 27th.

As things pick up for the season, we are in need of volunteers to help us assemble the veggie shares, check-in customers and other light tasks. This is a fun way you can connect with your community, give back, enjoy seasonal produce and support local farmers and other vendors.



Below are a few words from dedicated, longtime volunteers and coordinators on what they liked:

"I first volunteered because I had just moved to Lakewood. It was a good way to meet people and I enjoyed the fun atmosphere and being outside in the summer weather."

"I've been volunteering with LEAF for a few years now. I really enjoy meeting new people every year. I enjoy spreading the word about LEAF and all it has to offer. Plus I look forward to the amazing produce every year."

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The Observer is highlighting various city workers and the amazing work they do for all of us. Since the Fitzgerald Administration when wholesale cuts were made, our city workers have worked harder and better. The City of Trees' entire crew is made up of Alex Martin, Patrick Costello, and Matt Furlong. As with most of City crews, you could not ask for a nicer, more knowledgeable and courteous group of workers. Lakewood Service crews are the bomb!

The Mayor's Corner

Improvements Made To City Building Code

by Mayor Meghan George

The City of Lakewood takes its building code very seriously. We see these laws as a foundational pillar of how we keep people safe in our city – not just a hoop to be jumped through or a nuisance to be avoided. The Division of Building and Housing is proactive in its inspection efforts; it regularly considers if updates to the code would be beneficial; and – when necessary – the division is aggressive with enforcement for those who fail to follow the rules, and especially for those who take dangerous risks.

In December, we all saw a shocking example of what can happen when people fail to follow our building codes when high-risk construction work was done on the Marine Towers West parking garage without a permit, without the involvement of professional engineers, and in a crim-

inally reckless manner. As you may have heard, the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's officer recently charged Atlas Construction, its owner, and its foreman with felony charges for their direct roles in causing the garage to crumble.

On the day of the collapse, the City of Lakewood committed to getting to the bottom of why this disaster took place, and our exhaustive investigation uncovered outrageous criminal conduct by those who have now been charged. We are thankful for the work done by Prosecutor O'Malley's team to seek justice in this matter, and we look forward to the resolution of the case in county court. We will keep informed on the progress of the case.

code and think about how we could be innovative to make Lakewood safer. In March, we proposed two separate pieces of legislation to Lakewood City Council to achieve that goal.

Ordinance 04-2022 established more appropriate penalties for violations of Lakewood's Property Maintenance and Safety Code. After the collapse, it became clear that the penalties that had been in place for many years were not commensurate with the potential harm that can be caused as a result of violations. So we set about revising those penalties.

will ensure proactive maintenance by commercial building owners on structures that – if not maintained – can present a significant threat to occupants, visitors, and the general public. This is especially important in a historic community like Lakewood, where we benefit from the charming character of our history, but must also stay on top of maintaining the safety of older structures that may be showing signs of age.

A big thank you goes out to the multiple departments within the Administration that worked together on developing these ordinances, as well as to Lakewood City Council for its thoughtful review and unanimous passage of the legislation. The City of Lakewood will continue to be vigilant in keeping our community safe and healthy through our efforts at the Division of Building and Housing.

Ohio Heritage Camp Returns This Summer

by Susan Ritter

Ohio Heritage Camp, a summer camp offered by Lakewood Recreation Department and Lakewood Historical Society, returns this summer! Participants will experience being a child in the early 1800s, including cooking, learning and playing like early settlers. Children will see what it was like to live in pioneer times by doing chores and completing school lessons with old-time materials.

Students entering 3rd to 6th grades are eligible to register for Ohio Heritage.

Ohio Heritage will be offered July 18--22, Monday through Friday. Choose the morning session (9 a.m. -- 12 noon) or the afternoon session (1 p.m. -- 4 p.m.). The class fee is \$75 for Lakewood residents and \$85 for non-residents.

The class meets daily at the Women's Pavilion, Lakewood Park, 14532 Lake Avenue. The class will visit the nearby Oldest Stone House daily during the camp.

Register at www.lakewoodrecreation.com or call 216-529-4081.



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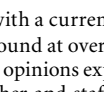
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New Council President And VP; Renewed Priorities for Council

by City Council President and Ward 3 Councilman, John Litten.

I want to start by saying how great it was to serve on Council with our outgoing President Dan O'Malley, most recently as Vice President. We came onto Council together in 2016, but he impressed me by coming right out of the gate with much needed human rights legislation for LGBTQ city employees. Dan has operated as though he fast forwarded through more than 20 years of experience and served as a person of great conscience and character. He will be missed on Lakewood City Council and I congratulate him on his new role on the Port Authority Board.

I'd also like to congratulate our new Council Vice President Sarah Kepple. I am very excited about working with her in leadership for the betterment of our city. Councilman Tom Bullock was also kind enough to nominate Sarah and I for our respective roles on May 2nd, so I am thankful to him and for the unanimous support of our colleagues.

Coming into the role was no foregone conclusion, but I was able to spend much of the month of April as chair of our "Committee of the Whole" which afforded me the opportunity to oversee several important meetings related to the redevelopment of the former Lakewood Hospital site. This issue, along with a few others I will mention, constitutes what I believe to be City Council's #1 priorities during my tenure as president.



City Council President and Ward 3 Councilman, John Litten.

As council ushered in new leadership on May 2nd, we also unanimously approved of Mayor George continuing negotiations on a development agreement with both Casto and North Pointe Realty. In doing so we added an addendum to our resolution outlining city council's priorities. It is important to point out that my colleagues and I sought to bring together shared ideas for the project, acknowledging much of what was shared with us over the month of April. Additionally, these priorities are not an "all or nothing" proposition. We acknowledge the give and take that occurs in negotiations, and wanted to give a roadmap for what we hope to see in an eventual agreement. Many of the priorities already align closely with aspects of what the

developer and George Administration discussed in our meetings.

A quick summary of our priorities, which can be seen in full on the city website, include:

- Maximizing housing density with opportunities for future growth
- Create as many affordable opportunities as possible for families, people with disabilities and seniors to rent or own in Lakewood
- Prioritize and support public use of the proposed community space/plaza through design, management and programming
- On sustainability, seek LEED quality design and performance, modeling best practices
- Ensure that retail development supports existing local businesses and the commercial corridor
- Preserve the Curtis Block building to the greatest extent possible, prioritizing the four corner "street car" facade
- Maintain Council's ability to perform oversight and stewardship of public finances throughout the duration of the development process

I look forward to working with my colleagues, the George Administration, Architectural Board of Review, Planning Commission, our residents, and what I feel are a really good developer and office anchor tenant for the "highest and best" use of this once in a generation development opportunity. Said another way, I have a strong

desire to fill a gaping hole in our city and Ward 3!

Other upcoming priorities for Council include:

- Filling the Ward 4 Council vacancy, for which we will have completed ten interviews of qualified candidates by the time of publication
- Working with Mayor George as Public Safety Director, Police Chief Kauccheck and our Public Safety Committee to keep our parks, homes and streets as safe as possible for ALL residents
- Working with the George Administration on how best to provide dispatch services for the residents of Lakewood
- Continuing an ongoing conversation about the best use of ARPA funds promised to our community.
- Working with Lakewood Public Schools and Recreation Department to have and maintain high level ball fields and pools
- Working to be as responsive and caring as possible to the residents we serve, which in my case continues to include the fine residents of Ward 3!
- I would be remiss if I didn't also mention a June Pride Month resolution and Pride Flag at City Hall

Residents wishing to get ahold of me can do so by emailing john.litten@lakewoodoh.net or calling/texting 216-302-8333. You can also call our Council Office to speak with our excellent staff, including Clerk Maureen Bach and Assistant Clerk Nick Lascu at 216-529-6053.

Thoughts From Refuse/Recycling Department

by Denis DeVito

Well it finally seems as if spring has arrived! And it certainly was one of the more challenging winters in some time. This is the time of year where the volume of trash, yard waste and recycle gets extremely heavy. Here are a few disposal tips from the Lakewood Refuse/Recycling Department.

The City of Lakewood's Mandatory Recycling Ordinance 1777.03 states that all yard waste must be separated from trash. Please keep in mind that yard waste bags picked up by refuse workers get turned into mulch and are not put into a landfill with the rest of the trash. Contain grass clippings and leaves in paper yard waste bags, dsolv mesh lawn bags or uncoated cardboard boxes. Obviously, most residents use the basic paper yard waste bags. PLEASE, do not exceed the 50lb in maximum weight. As a matter of fact, 35lb maximum weight makes much more sense to me. Remember, there is no automated truck picking up the yard waste bags. The bags are lifted by the Lakewood refuse worker and it is quite labor intensive. Do not mix dog waste, dirt, sod, stone and especially litter with the yard waste. Do not use refuse carts, garbage cans, plas-

tic bags or plastic or wax coated boxes for yard waste. Residents tend to place grass clippings in standard garbage cans and expect the refuse workers to empty them. In many cases the waste is jammed in the can and the workers have a very tough time emptying the can. This has also led to many back injuries while leaning over the rear of the truck trying to shake the waste out.

Cut and tie branches, bushes and shrubs securely into manageable bundles. Use strong twine or rope for bundles: no wire. The maximum bundle size is 4-foot by 18-inches. Stack neatly.

As with all trash, recycling and yard waste DO NOT place on tree lawn before 6:00pm the night before collection day and no later than 6:30am on the collection day. This continues to be a huge problem in Lakewood. While most residents respect the day of collection rules, there is a small percentage of abusers and fill up our tree lawns with trash on non-collection day. Seeing trash and carts out on the tree lawns is such an eye sore and really makes our beautiful Lakewood streets look awful. We should be better than that, Lakewoodites!

Please use your recycling cart whenever possible. Break down all

cardboard boxes to maximize space in the cart. The city invested millions of dollars on automated trucks and carts so the retrieving of trash and recycle would be more efficient. Many residents are still not breaking down their cardboard, therefore filling their recycle cart with one or two boxes and then placing the remainder on the tree lawn. Picking up the loose cardboard is very labor intensive and inefficient. If you have an abundance of cardboard, cut it down and bundle it so it does not blow away and litter our streets.

Just a reminder to wash out all aluminum cans, glass bottles, metal cans and plastics before placing in the recycling cart. Recyclable plastics are no longer dictated by the numbers on the material. Plastic tubs, durable plastic(toys, hangers, take-out containers, cups and lids, salad containers) ARE NOT RECYLABLE. NO STYRO-FOAM. Here are some of the items you should ALWAYS THROW IN THE TRASH: diapers, food remnants, coat hangers, broken glass(window frames), light bulbs, ceramics, PIZZA BOXES, small appliances, napkins, paper towels, tissues and waxed paper.

With the arrival of warm weather

and spring cleaning, bulk trash on the tree lawns increases tenfold. Please be considerate to the refuse workers and bundle and bag as much as you can. No paint and tires should be on tree lawn. You can dispose of tires(must be off the rim) and oil base paint at the Lakewood Refuse/Recycling Center on Berea Rd. Latex paint must be dried up with kitty litter or sand. (Not just the paint on top of can, but the entire contents must be dry.)

With many home improvement projects underway in Lakewood, please keep in mind that residents may drop off building debris, as well as trash, recycling and yard waste at the facility anytime between 8:00am and 2:00pm Mon. thru Fri. and Sat.'s 8:00am to noon. Proof of residency is required. Call 216 252 4322 or go to OneLakewood.com.

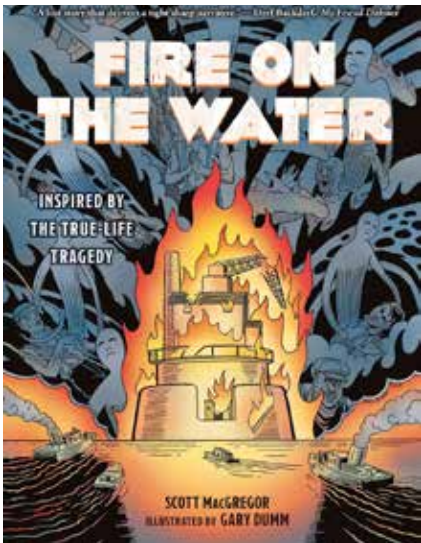
The fine men and women of the Lakewood Refuse/Recycling Center continue to serve our residents in a friendly and professional manner. Your abidance of the rules and regulations of the department is most appreciated. Happy Spring and Summer!

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June Events At Lakewood Public Library

by Melinda Frank
**Meet the Author-
Fire on the Water**
Book by Scott MacGregor
Illustrated by Gary Dumm
Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
Main Library Auditorium

Author Scott MacGregor and illustrator Gary Dumm tell the story of a brilliant African American inventor, desperate immigrants and corrupt bosses in "Fire on the Water." This original graphic novel imagines the lives of those involved in the real-life Lake Erie tunnel disaster of 1916. Scott MacGregor has been writing comic book stories for over 30 years. Gary Dumm has been drawing cartoons and comics since childhood. Books will be available for sale and signing at this event.



Harry E. Weeks worked on many of Cleveland's historic structures, including Cleveland Municipal Stadium, the Lorain-Carnegie Bridge, Severance Hall and the Lakewood Public Library Madison Branch. Over the course of four decades the firm designed and built more than 600 structures. Thomas G. Matowitz, Jr. is a retired educator and local author with an interest in architectural history.

**Meet the Author- Outdoor
Tales of Northeast Ohio**
Book by Andrew J. Pegman
Wednesday, June 29, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
Main Library Auditorium

Embrace the beauty and freedom of the outdoors with "Outdoor Tales of Northeast Ohio." Gain expert tips on fly-fishing the Chagrin River, night fishing on Lake Erie and searching for elusive winter birds from Ohio native and award-winning author Dr. Andrew J. Pegman. Dr. Andrew J. Pegman is a professor of English at Cuyahoga Community College. His work has been featured in numerous publications including National Geographic, Field & Stream and Outdoor Life.

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Booked for Murder Book Club
Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
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. This month we will discuss "The Woman in the Window" by A.J. Finn.

Knit & Lit Book Club
Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
Main Library Meeting Room

Come share your passion for great literature and show off your knitting, crocheting, counted cross-stitch, embroidery and quilting works-in-progress. This month we will discuss "The Vanishing Half" by Brit Bennett.

**Presentation- The Story of
Walker and Weeks:
Cleveland's Preeminent
Architectural Firm of the 1930s**
Presented by Thomas G. Matowitz, Jr.
Saturday, June 25, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.
Madison Branch Meeting Room
Architects Frank Ray Walker and

Virtual And In-Person Programs-
Children's And Youth Services

by Jeffrey Siebert
In-Person Family Weekend Wonders

Looking for weekend entertainment for the whole family? Look no further! Drop in to the Library's special weekend story time. Your whole family will enjoy these programs full of enthusiastic stories, engaging activities, entertaining music and clever crafts. Family Weekend Wonders Drop-In Story Time is offered every weekend throughout the year and features a different theme each week to keep things engaging. No registration is required.

Begins Friday, June 3, 2022
Main Library- Fridays- 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Saturdays- 10:30 a.m.

Madison Branch- Fridays- 10:30 a.m.
Build a Shark Workshop

For Children in Kindergarten through Second Grade
A special shark themed story time where students will make their own stuffed shark, name their shark and receive an adoption certificate. Space is limited. Registration is required.

Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. Main Library Activity Room
Thursday, June 9, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. Madison Branch Meeting Room

The Wolf: Fact vs. Myth
For the Whole Family

Meet a wolf ambassador (a live wolf) from the Ohio Canid Center in central Ohio in the Main Library Multipurpose Room. Visit their Website at <http://www.ohiocanidcenter.com/>. No registration is required. Attendance will be limited to allow for social distancing.

Friday, June 10, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.
**Virtual All Day Pre-school
Story Time**

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Pre-schooler

This six-week pre-school story time is ideal for walkers, new talkers, and learning early literacy skills. You and your toddler and preschoolers will enjoy short books, songs and rhymes. Register to receive access to a video link for the entire day of story time. Registration is required. Register once for all six weeks.


Wednesdays, June 15, 2022- July 20, 2022

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LHS

Dr. G's Ranger Round Up: Girls' Track Finals

by Dr. Charles Greanoff
May 21

After enduring rainy, blustery conditions during the preliminaries on Wednesday, the Lakewood Girls Track team showed up strong at Friday's finals, breaking the school record in the 4 x 200 Meter Relay and sending qualifiers in four events to next week-end's Regional at Findlay.

Sophomore Kaydence Doxley led the Ranger efforts, qualifying in three events, leading off the relay and placing 1st in the Long Jump and 3rd in the 200 meter dash.

Senior Co-Captain Teeghan McGann placed 4th in the 400 Meter, and anchored the 3rd place/record set-

ting relay, which also featured sophomore McKenna Hunt and junior Elliot Snyder.

Just missing regional qualification was the 4 x 100 (Kaydence, Aniya Symons, Elliot and McKenna), which finished 5th. Aniya Symons also finished 5th in the long jump. Sophomore Aniya Johnson was within striking distance, finishing 7th in the 300 Meter Hurdles.

The remaining Rangers, those who ran and those who didn't, were always upbeat in their cheering for their teammates. Kudos to head coach Stephanie Toole, assistants Adam Swiat and Austin Sparks and all the parents who support these student athletes. Good luck at the Regional meet!

Rangers Grab All-Conference Honors

by Christine Gordillo

Congratulations to our varsity spring sports Rangers who were named to their respective sport's Great Lakes Conference All-Conference teams! The Rangers were led by six 1st Team honorees.

All-Conference Selections:

Track & Field: 1st Team - 4x100 meter relay of Kaydence Doxley, Elliott Snyder, Aniya Symons, and McKenna Hunt; 2nd Team - Kaydence Doxley (long jump), Teeghan McGann (400 meters), Kaydence Doxley, Elliott Snyder, Teeghan McGann, and McKenna Hunt (4x200 meter relay); Honorable

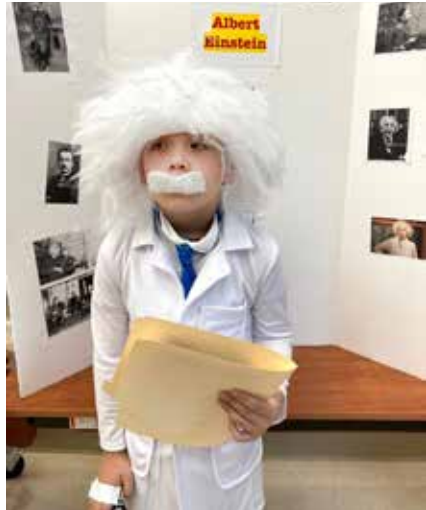
Mention - Aniya Johnson, Josie Kavc, Andy Shoaff, James Toole; Sportsmanship - Caleb Doup and Maddie Ellis

Baseball: 1st Team - William Hyatt; 2nd Team - Luke Mason; Honorable Mention - Simon Gilchrist; Eli LaDue, Luke Jablonowski; Sportsmanship - Colin McCrone

Boys' Tennis: Honorable Mention - Josh Mika, Joe Twardesky; Sportsmanship - Rory O'Brien

Softball: 1st Team - Jordan Rosen; 2nd Team- Mia Carroll-Graves; Honorable Mention - Mia Condosta and Charlotte Beno; Sportsmanship - Alesha Hanna-Kotula

Roosevelt Wax Museum



by Christine Gordillo

Friday, May 20, Roosevelt Elementary second-graders brought history to life with at the school's annual wax museum event. Students researched and wrote a biography on a historical

figure and shared their stories dressed as their subject to the family and friends who visited the museum.

From Albert Einstein to Abe Lincoln to Michael Jordan, the stories were great and students impressive!



Videogame break

A good time to start having short, frequent conversations about alcohol and other drugs.

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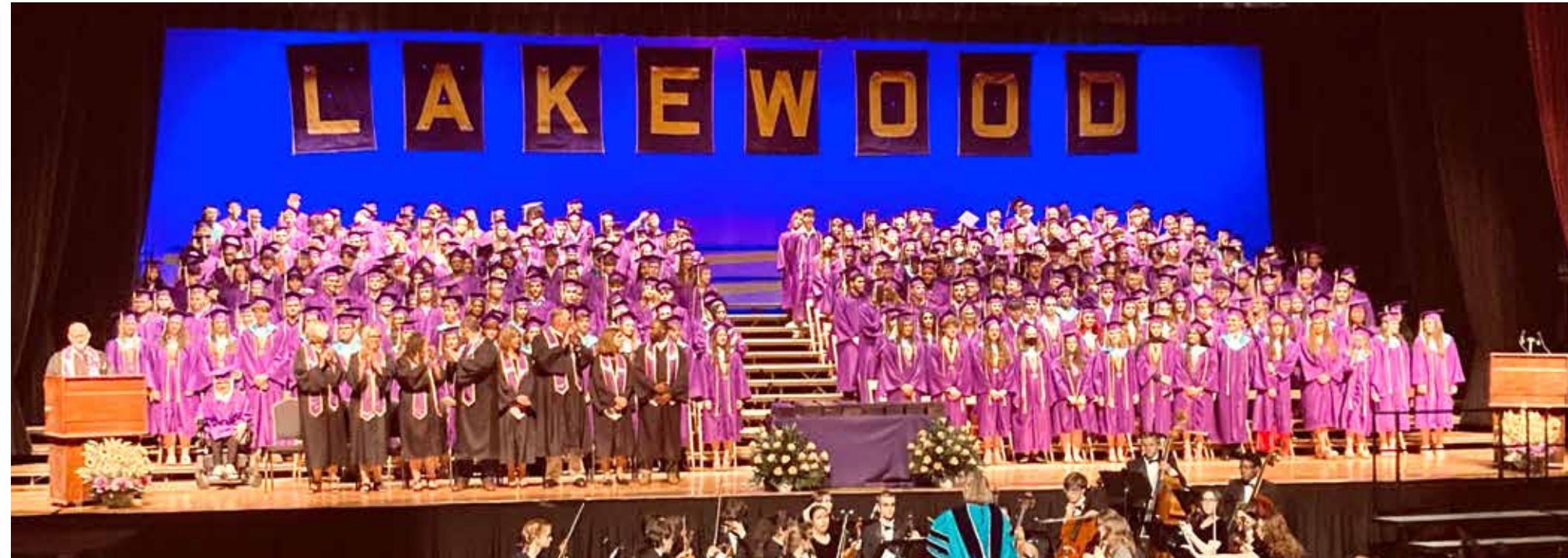
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LAKEWOOD SCHOOLS

New LHS Principal Heads List Of Admin Hires

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She also worked briefly as a social worker for Cuyahoga County.

Morgan is looking forward to taking the reins at Lakewood High.

"I am incredibly honored to be a part of the Ranger family," Morgan said. Throughout the interview process, I was impressed with the dedicated teachers, parents and students and their strong sense of pride and commitment to the education of every child."

Morgan earned a bachelor's in history and integrated social studies with a minor in education and a master's in educational administration from Cleveland State University as well as administrative and superintendent licenses from CSU. She begins her new position on Aug. 1.

Clark comes to Lakewood with an extensive background in implementing and improving instructional coaching and professional learning programs. At Shaker, she was also deeply involved in the District's diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives. Clark spent her early career teaching math at Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools and Olentangy Local School District. Before joining Shaker, she served as director of community based programs for Boys Hope Girls Hope, a nonprofit whose mission is to nurture and guide middle school and high school students in need.



Kristin DeLong Clark

Clark received her bachelor's in education from Ohio University and her master's in educational policy and leadership from The Ohio State University. She is currently working on her doctorate degree in interprofessional leadership with a focus on curriculum and instruction from Kent State University. She begins her new position Aug. 1.

Green brings with him school nutrition service experiences at the Amherst Ex. Village School District as well as at Garfield Heights. He recently completed his master's in kinesiology from Texas Tech University. He also holds a B.S. in Nutrition & Dietetics from the University of Akron as well as an associates degree from Cuyahoga Community College.



Resolution Recognizes Grant School For Ukraine Effort

by Christine Gordillo

Thank you to Sen. Nickie Antonio for your visit to Grant Elementary first-graders and bringing along an Ohio General Assembly resolution to share. The resolution recognizes the efforts of teachers Jill Hayes, Jackie Gallik, and their students for their amazing buttons for Ukraine fundraiser that raised more than \$900!

It's Time To Own Childhood Obesity

by Cheryl Mooney

To the Editor:

As a practicing registered nurse in critical care and BSN student, I know the impact that childhood obesity has on society, both currently and in the future.

According to the CDC, by 2020, 14.7 million children and adolescents were obese or overweight. In Ohio, 17.2% of youth ages 10 to 17 have obesity, giving Ohio a ranking of 17 among the 50 states. In addition, overweight and obese children are likely to stay obese into adulthood and develop chronic illnesses like high blood pressure, diabetes, and heart failure.

Of course, this is not a new problem. However, it is an unspoken area of health impacted by COVID-19 that affects our community.

The long-term impact of prolonged school closures on students and distance learning from the pandemic remains unknown. Everyone speaks of the academic perspective; however, the pandemic has created an “extended summer break” from health and physical education with potentially disastrous consequences.

Currently, Ohio does not mandate a specific amount of time for health/physical education for elementary and middle school students, only high school students. Yet, school is the

primary location for children to learn about health, participate in physical activities, and lay the groundwork for lifelong healthy living. Put this on the long list of things that COVID-19 took away from us as a society.

But we can do something about it.

As a healthcare provider and citizen of Lakewood, I am very proud that our city is embarking on a Community Needs Health Assessment. As we move forward, I propose that the city consider changing its school requirements to a mandated time for health and physical education for all students.

In my expert opinion, this would protect our children from the long-term effects of poor health and create a healthy community for Lakewood's future. I have spent the last two years trying to keep people alive during the most trying times in my 27 years of nursing. It is time to focus on the future and fix what COVID-19 broke in our community, starting with our children.

Cheryl Mooney is a Critical Care RN at Avon Hospital who began her nursing career at Lakewood Hospital. She is the mother of three adult children raised in Lakewood and has lived here for the past 43 years, graduating from Lakewood High School in 1986. She has an interest in rebooting our community after the pandemic.

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Lakewood Business Spotlight

Lakewood, Fairview Park, North Olmsted and North Ridgeville Four Area O’Neill Healthcare Communities Achieve 5-Star CMS Rating For Excellence

by Paul Freeman

Four area O’Neill Healthcare Communities achieved 5-Star ratings in their most recent surveys. O’Neill Healthcare Fairview Park, Lakewood, North Olmsted, and North Ridgeville locations each earned the prestigious 2022 CMS 5-Star Quality Rating. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) uses a 5-Star quality rating to measure the quality of care, inspection, and staffing of nursing homes across Ohio. Achieving a 5-Star rating places O’Neill Healthcare Fairview Park, Lakewood, North Olmsted, and North Ridgeville among the top 10% of nursing homes in the entire country.

O’Neill Healthcare North Ridgeville is also a 2022 Best Nursing Home by Newsweek and Statista. Only 15 facilities in Ohio earned this prestigious award. O’Neill Healthcare North Ridgeville is the only Lorain County facility to be so recognized and is ranked fifth overall statewide.

“We would like to congratulate our staff for their outstanding achievement and tireless dedication to our



David O’Neill

residents,” said David O’Neill, MBA, LNHA, O’Neill Healthcare Director of Operations. “We are honored to achieve the CMS 5-Star Quality Rating, and we are so proud of our staff for this incredible recognition – they truly deserve it.”

The CMS 5-Star Quality Rating System helps consumers, families,

and caregivers compare nursing homes more easily to help them decide which facilities to consider. The Nursing Home Compare website features a system that gives each nursing home a rating between 1 and 5 stars. Nursing homes with a 5-Star rating have above-average quality, while those with 1-Star have quality below-average.

O’Neill Healthcare is committed to providing the finest healthcare services at our six communities—Bay Village, Fairview Park, Lakewood, Middleburg Heights, North Olmsted, and North Ridgeville. We maintain a sincere, respectful concern for each of our residents and families, and provide seniors with diverse, personalized, quality care.

O’Neill Healthcare Lakewood At-A-Glance

- CMS 5-Star Ranking 2022
- 114 skilled nursing beds for both long-term care and short-term rehabilitative stays
- 54 assisted living suites for residents who need help with daily routines approved for Medicaid Waiver
- 60 Independent Living apartments featuring a la carte services based on individual needs
- Therapy gym with orthopedic rehabilitation services, including phy-

sician consultation, evaluation, and post-surgical follow-ups

- Event rooms available for families to reserve

About O’Neill Healthcare

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Trials For Hope The Big Winner At Sunrise Rotary Derby Fundraiser

by Larry Faulhaber

A record of over \$36,000 was raised at the Rotary Club of Lakewood-Rocky River Sunrise’s Derby Fundraiser on Friday, May 6. At the featured race/live auction, \$6,700 was donated for the many services to the homeless and needy met by Trials for Hope. Johnathon Gray, founder of Trials for Hope was a track side guest and told the attendees about T4H and its need for a large refrigerator. The cost of \$2,100 was covered by one lone donor and many more donors followed suit. Over 160 attendees wandered around the Track to look over the entries, which included a Top Hat Raffle and attractive silent auction items. They took time to go to the “Club House” for a delicious dinner served by Karen King Catering of Lakewood.

Funds raised at the Derby went to the Club’s Foundation which supports

the many community, youth, vocational, and international service projects of the Rotary Club of Lakewood-Rocky River Sunrise. Current projects include a biannual clean-up of Beck Center grounds and gardens, Holiday Food Distribution, Food Pantries, 3rd Grade Dictionary Distribution, Youth Exchange Programs (sending dozens of young men and women to experience other cultures and welcoming dozens of others into our homes and schools), Foster Care birthday bags & school backpacks, Nicaragua Student Supplies, Emergency Shelter Boxes, supporting children’s sight in Ukraine, and more.

Donations to the Foundation by Club and Community members are encouraged throughout the year by sending a check to the Rotary Club of Lakewood-Rocky River Sunrise Foundation at P.O. Box 16684, Rocky River, Ohio, 44116.

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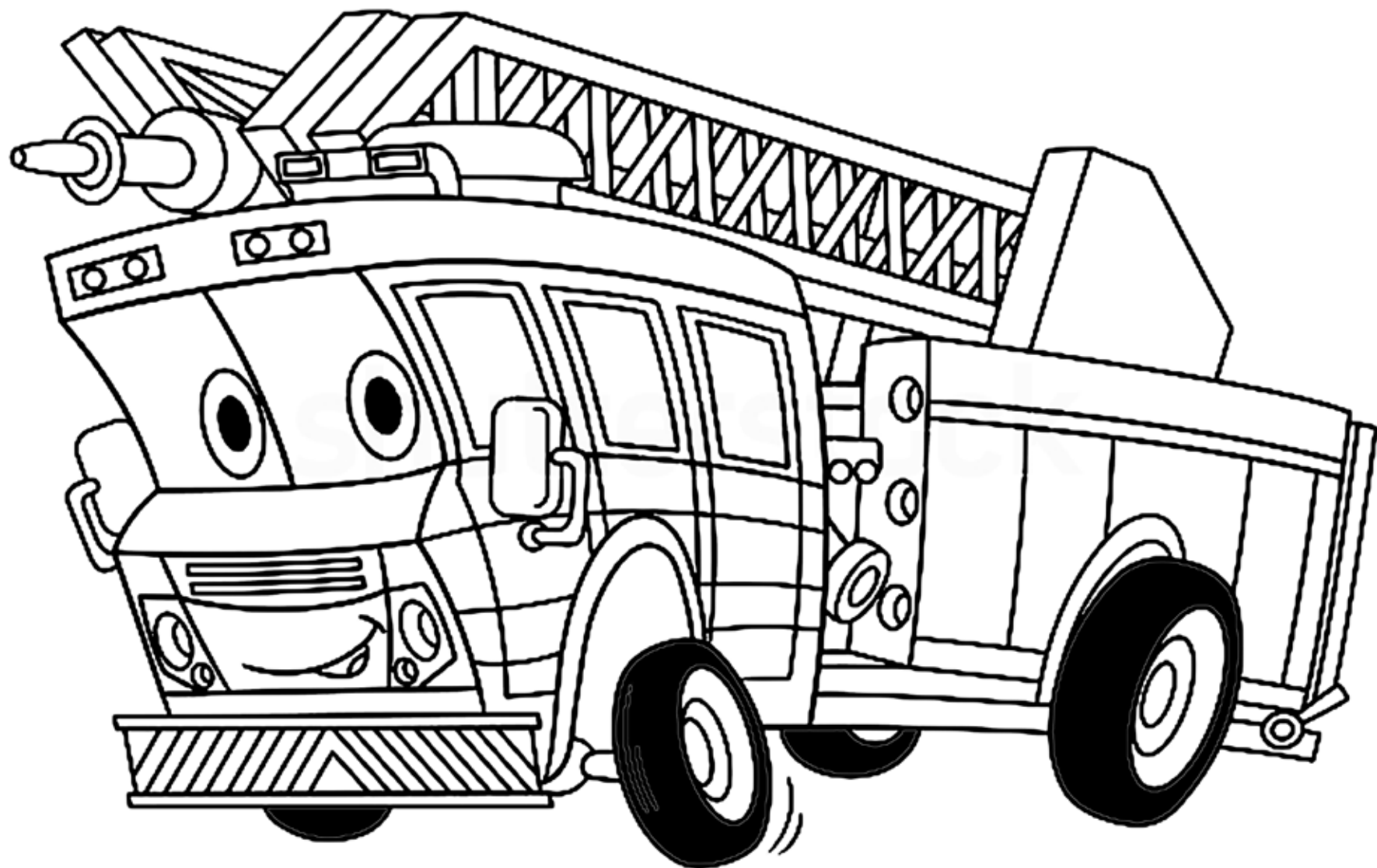
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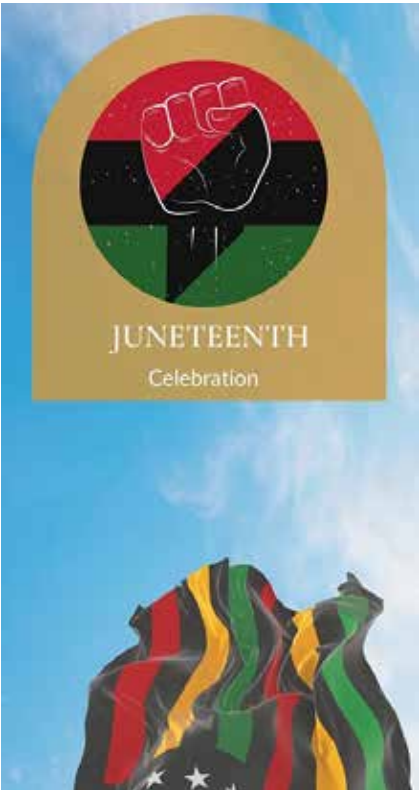
by Debra O'Bryan

Kids love trucks, especially big shiny red ones! This contest is open to any child in Lakewood, age 9 and under. Drop off the finished masterpiece at the Lakewood Observer table during the Meet The Trucks event on Saturday, June 4th between 10AM and 2PM at Lakewood Park. Additional copies will be there to color on the spot. Parents will be given a limited edition set of Lakewood Living Post Cards for stopping by. The winner will be randomly selected and awarded a tour of Fire Station 1, along with their family and up to five friends, courtesy of Assistant Fire Chief Ryan Fairbanks and his crew.

Juneteenth Celebration at the Barton Center!

by Alyssa Schoen

Join the members of the Barton Center and the Lakewood Community to celebrate Juneteenth! This event will take place on June 16th in the front lawn area of the Westerly Apartments. Come for food, games, and guest speakers at 12:00 pm, followed by a video presentation and discussion at 6:00 pm in the Barton Center auditorium.



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Understanding Wage Garnishments

by Tonya Sams

What happens when you don't earn enough money to pay your debts, but creditors start coming after your limited financial resources? Unfortunately, it is common for creditors to garnish your wages to get paid back.

Wage garnishment allows creditors to receive payments for a debt owed by taking money directly from a person's paycheck. Money can also be taken directly from a person's bank account. This type of debt compensation is called a "non-wage garnishment," or an "attachment." This is only allowed if there is more than \$500 in the debtor's account and at least \$500 is left after the garnishment. Creditors are not allowed to completely wipe out someone's back account.

You may wonder, can creditors just garnish wages without telling people? Absolutely not. Creditors must file a lawsuit against the debtor and win. Once the creditor has won the settlement, they can ask the court to order a wage garnishment against the debtor. The court will then notify the employer to withhold wages to pay off the debt owed. Employers cannot fire you because of garnishments from one creditor within a 12-month period. However, if a second garnishment occurs during that same twelve-month period, the protections are lifted and the employer can terminate the employee for this reason (or for any other lawful reason).

To begin the process of collecting garnished wages, a creditor must send a letter to the debtor called a "Notice of Court Proceeding to Collect Debt." It is also commonly called a "15-day letter," because the debtor has 15 days from the date the letter is sent to prevent the garnishment before it starts. Debtors can also request that the court schedule a hearing if they feel as if their wages are not supposed to be garnished.

During this period, the debtor can either try to prevent garnishment by settling with the creditor or pay the amount owed by sending a completed "Payment to Avoid Garnishment" form (which comes attached to the 15-day letter) along with the requested payment. The debtor can also apply to appoint a trustee through the local municipal or county court. If approved, the trustee would then be responsible for paying back the creditor. Debtors must notify creditors if they apply for this provision.

A debtor can also try a debt counseling service to help pay off the debt, or file for bankruptcy.

Ohio law prevents creditors from garnishing more than 25% of a person's disposable wages or the amount of a person's disposable wages, minus 30 times the federal minimum wage (whichever is less). Disposable earnings are earnings during each pay period after taxes and any other mandatory deductions are taken out of a paycheck.

This might sound confusing, but essentially it means that if you are bringing home less than \$217.50 a week, your wages cannot be garnished. However, if your take home pay is between \$217.50 and \$290 per week, a creditor can garnish an amount that brings you down to that \$217.50 limit. And if you bring home more than \$290 per week, the creditor can take the full 25% as a garnishment.

Finally, under federal law, the amount that can be garnished for child support is up to 50-60% of some-

one's disposable wages, depending on whether the spouse or child is associated with a court order.

More information is available in Legal Aid's "Wage Garnishment" brochure, which can be found at: lasclev.org/wagegarnishment.

Legal Aid may be able to help you if you are facing wage garnishments. Call 888-817-3777 or visit lasclev.org/ contact for more information.

Tonya Sams is the Development and Communications Assistant at The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland.



JUNE

ARIES: It's all about you Ram, you've got the energy of the Energizer Bunny, with Jupiter in the 1st, watch the expansion of the waistline, however, you'll burn it off with Mars in Aries also

TAURUS: The Bull is working behind the scenes on building its assets, that nest egg of yours is looking rather good, just keep the Bull lips tightly zipped & you'll be celebrating your fortune

GEMINI: Keep those networking social skills of yours sharpened, that's where the Twins find opportunities this month, the Sun is shining on you, work as a team, & soak up the rewards

CANCER: It's about time Crab, Jupiter has landed in your house of careers, although the Sun is in your 12th house of secrets, & behind the scenes action, keep your plans close to your chest

LEO: It's time for the Lion/Lioness to invite some of your friends from the other jungles overseas to your neck of the woods, there's advantages to this, your associations are where it's at

VIRGO: I might buy a lotto ticket this month, just don't bet the ranch, Jupiter is shining on money coming from other resources, while the Sun is shining on career, time for a job...hmm

LIBRA: Relationships are receiving the Golden Goose this month, & it looks like it's coming from your neighbors on foreign shores, keep all communications open, & enjoy the diversity

SCORPIO: The Scorpion is getting the green light in the health arena, while money is coming to you from others, before you bury it in the Bermuda Triangle, be grateful & spread the wealth

SAGITTARIUS: The Centaur's focus this month is divided between relationships, creativity & children, aim that bow & arrow of yours in the mirror of self-reflection for true understanding

CAPRICORN: Home is where the Goat will tread in June, the focus is

on health and service, opportunities to improve the hearth are knocking on the door, seek and ye shall find, it's time

AQUARIUS: Get thee self out & be seen, let the neighborhood be your pot of gold this month, your creativity soars, let your inner child come out to play...romance may around the corner

PISCES: The Silver Dollar of Fish is swimming in your pond, don't stray too far from shore, learn from Dorothy, you never needed to swim elsewhere, do a 360*- it's all within your reach

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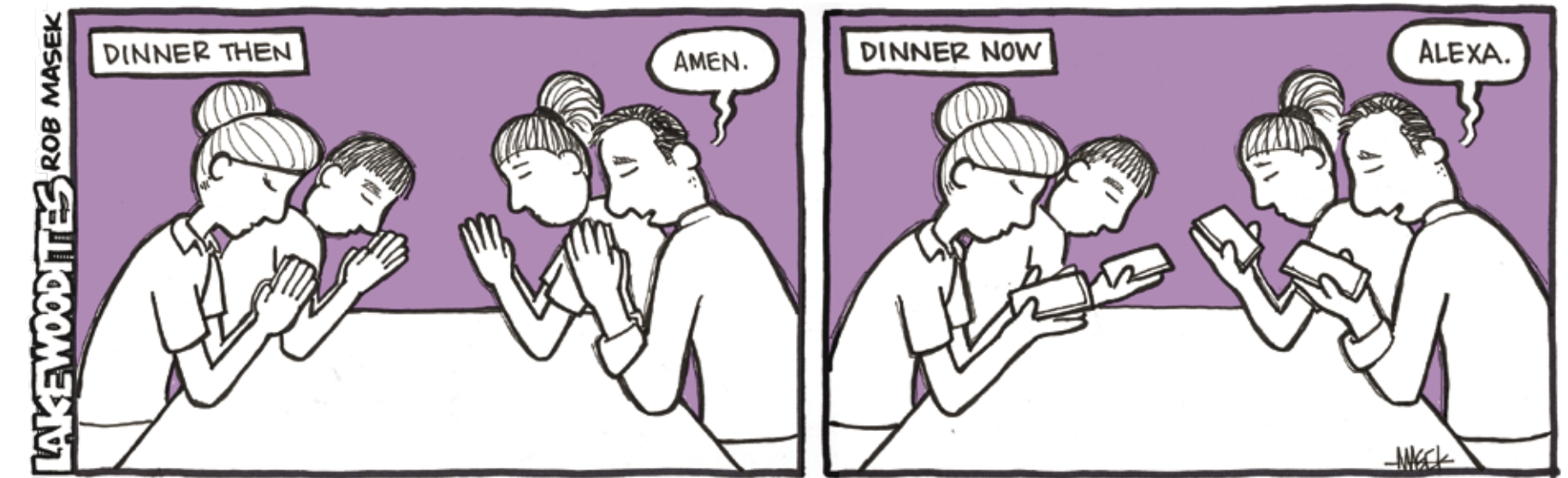
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