

Rescue Dog Becomes Sports Superstar on Hardendorf

from an article by Penny Lee, www.akc.org

Fourteen years ago, Christy Waehner of Hardendorf saved a sick Doberman Pinscher puppy from a shelter. She planned to get her healthy and foster her until a good home was found, but the puppy was diagnosed with distemper and given no hope of survival. Today, that puppy, "Parker," is a healthy senior citizen who has had an exciting life that included agility, K9 Nose Work, and starring in a video. Christy tells their story:

In 2002, I pulled a tiny, emaciated red female Doberman from a local shelter. She was just 13 ½ weeks old, and she had been in the shelter more than four weeks. Since I had a young male that was taking a lot of my time, I thought I would get her healthy, and find a great home for her, since I was involved with Doberman Rescue.

The vet checkup indicated a fever. Days later it would be declared pneumonia, and when that didn't clear up, she was tested for distemper. The result: she

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Lake Claire and the Frazer Center: Changing Lives and Enhancing the Community

by Paige Kubik, Executive Director of the Frazer Center

What if you were stranded in a town with 70% unemployment, no transportation, no money and no easy ways to look for a job? Or maybe you were born in a place filled with unexpected and scary noises, where people

made no sense? Adults with developmental disabilities face that staggering unemployment statistic every day. A child with developmental delays or autism can feel overwhelmed or overstimulated in classrooms where

his or her needs are not taken into account—making learning difficult.

That's where you come in! Thanks to you in Lake Claire, 100 adults with disabilities and

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Lake Claire Wahoo



The primary goal of Lake Claire's swim team, The Wahoo, is to have fun. You can still register but with a late fee. See information in the last Clarion, and dates of swim meets at *bit.do/wahooteam*

The exciting schedule is:

Dual Meet 2: Tuesday, June 7
Home vs. Winding Vista;
Dual Meet 3: Tuesday, June 14
Home vs. Twin Lakes;
Dual Meet 4: Tuesday, June 21
at Avondale;
Dual Meet 5: MONDAY, June 27
at Clairmont.
DIVISIONAL: Wednesday, June 29, 3 p.m. **at Georgia Tech.**
Championship Finals, Saturday, July 2, times being finalized

Hey, Wahoo! If you are 15 or older and enjoy seeing people not drown, lifeguarding may be for you. The Atlanta Swim Association can hook you up with training and certification (*atlantaswimming.com/LGTEvents*).

~ Have
a great
summer ~

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JUNE

9 Dekalb History Center Summer Camp, see events.accessatlanta.com/camp/dekalb-history-center-summer-camp?s=1 & www.dekalb-history.org/dekalb_history_center_membership.htm

9-12 Horizon's Hit Musical, "The Toxic Avenger," at Piedmont Park (www.horizontheatre.com)

11/12 and every weekend through Nov—Little Five Points Alive. Musicians, dancers, artists, etc. See article in April's Clarion and www.LittleFivePointsAlive.com.

11/12 Community Compost Advocate Training Program - See Page 11.

12 Join Miss Ladybug and local herbalist Dara Suchke from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Land Trust, see page 11.

14 The Sierra Club, 2nd Tuesdays. See sierraclub.org/georgia/atlanta

14 Wahoo Swim Meet, and June 21, 27, and 29, See locations in article on Page 1.

18 Land Trust Drum Circle, sunset to 11:00 p.m. Please walk, bike or carpool. Bring a friend!

22 Mary Lin monthly dine-out at our favorite kids-always-eat-free Flying Biscuit, 3rd Wednesday of every month.

23 **Lake Claire monthly meeting—and every 3rd Thursday, in the Rose Room at The Frazer Center, 7 p.m. socialize, 7:15 meeting. Pizza provided free from Savage (THANKS, SAV-AGE!)**

25 Women's Outdoor Network SummerFest, 12:00 noon - 6:00 pm. At the Land Trust.

JULY

2 Lake Claire Wahoo Swim Championship Finals, times being finalized, see Wahoo website and article herein.

4 July 4 Lake Claire Land Trust Annual Potluck & Cook-Off (See page 11 for details and www.LCCLT.org for updates) and, of course, Peachtree Road Race – fun to run and to watch. Atlanta tradition.

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12 *Herban Adventures, Awaken the Senses! All Together Now Family Fun*, at the Land Trust, 4:00- 6:00 p.m. See article Page 11..

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Many thanks to all of you delivery volunteers. Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom stays these trusty Clarion deliverers, **BUT** sometimes life interferes—and in that case we will still try our best to get your paper to your porch!!

Read all about Miss Ladybug events on Page 11.



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Mary Lin Elementary Celebrates New Playground With Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

by Julie Roseman

Mary Lin Education Foundation couldn't have ordered a more gorgeous day for Mary Lin Elementary School's Playground Ribbon Cutting on April 17. The ceremony celebrated the completion of the school's new playspace, which was two years in the making. "It has been a long time coming. The kids are elated to be on the playground," said Mary Lin Principal Sharyn Briscoe. "They are interacting with each other, using all the equipment, and there are a lot of friendships being made when the students are out there together."

With the help of Mary Lin's PTA, the Foundation's Playground Committee raised more than \$150,000 to purchase and install new equipment. The playground features new swings and spinners, a running path, an asphalt court with basketball goals and space for four-square, a large chalking patio for kids to play games and make chalk art, and the centerpiece "slide



At the Ribbon Cutting

hill" which includes a fort, giant twisty slide and tactile roller slide. During a recent weekend workday, Mary Lin parents built a life-sized chess board where the students are able to move large pieces around while playing the game, plus various benches and other projects around the playground. One of the playground's

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New "Buddy Bench" aims to foster friendship on the Mary Lin Elementary playground

Mary Lin Elementary has installed a "Buddy Bench" on the playground as a way to spread the message of inclusion and kindness. Throughout school, there are posters explaining to the students the idea of such a bench: If a student is feeling sad or lonely, he or she sits on the bench. When another student or group of students sees someone on the bench, that is their cue to sit and chat or ask him or her to play.

Sponsored by the Kovac family, built by parents Jeff Raw, Sam Heys, and Don Edwards, and painted with whimsical shapes and bright colors by local artist Erin Aynes, the bench brings a positive energy to the playground, the Lin community agrees. Ava Roseman, a second grader, said, "I think the Buddy Bench is nice because if you are feeling left out, someone will come and play with you."

At the recent Mary Lin Playground Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, the Buddy Bench was dedicated to Brenda Stroman,



Ms. Brenda Stroman

the beloved school counselor of 15 years who recently passed away. Principal Sharyn Briscoe told the students who were in attendance, "If you see someone sitting on the bench, just think about what Ms. Stroman would have encouraged you to do...go up and make a friend."

The bench has even taken on meaning to the Atlanta Public School's central office. Briscoe was contacted by APS Counseling Department with a request to host their final meeting for the year at Mary Lin. The counselors wanted to see the Buddy Bench, sit on it together, and honor their late colleague and friend.



Hello...Safe Journey—Skiing in and around Lake Claire

June

First, congrats to all Lake Claire Graduates!! Way to go!

6/3 Yoni Williams—birthday—turns 4, Harold Ave. and proud Grandma on Delaware Ave.

6/7 Pen Sherwood, Harold Ave.

6/8 Patricia and Ben Farmer—anniversary—Hardendorf

6/9 Jacquelyn Howard-Fleming's birthday, Harold

6/12 Steve Lamb's birthday, Delaware Avenue (***I DID remember, Steve! Now you're famous!***)

6/12 Happy birthday, Craig Allen, Harold

6/13 or 17, we're not sure: Ellen Ericson, happy birthday on Gordon Ave.

6/19 Zoe Kaiser's birthday, turns 3; Hardendorf

6/20 Sharon Doochin's birthday, Harold—young in spirit!

6/27 Wendy and Boyd Baker's **anniversary**—19 years of fun! Leonardo

6/28 Shawn Gillespy's 13th birthday, Marlbrook

6/28 Wendy Baker, happy birthday, Leonardo

July

7/3 Brandon Bransford, Palifox

7/6 Missy Urda, Harold

7/9 Carrie Ericson, Gordon Ave., turning 14 years old

7/10 Happy birthday to the Clarion's buddy and the neighborhood pogo-stick whiz, Michael McGill, his 9th—Delaware Ave.: keep rapin', Mike.

7/17 Happy birthday to Colin Calderera, Hardendorf, and welcome to Richard Lorenc & Colin, who moved to Hardendorf last July.

7/24 Jason Weidert, Harold Ave.

Take a minute right now, and send life cycle events / important rights of passage, etc., for the month of August to editor@lakeclaire.org. Deadline is July 15 for the August issue of the newspaper. Please help us make this feature inclusive of our LC 'hood.

Report from Our Neighbor, CSM

by Bryan Davis, Tuxedo Avenue

Good Morning Lake Claire! **Clifton Sanctuary Ministries** (CSM) continues to make ready for our makeover. Home Aid (www.homeaid.org) continues to create its plan for our makeover, and we are waiting on their estimate of cost, and how much they will be covering for us. So we are gearing up for our responsibility, which is raising up to 50% of the total cost.

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us. Spread the word! It's easy. Email alice@cliftonsanctuary.com or gslade@cliftonsanctuary.com if you have any questions about or want to contribute to our HomeAid project.

We heard an inspiring story at our recent board meeting. It won't take long. One of our graduates just graduated in Architecture at Georgia Institute of Technology. Wow. On the streets he was. A Georgia Tech graduate he is.

I think of myself and the disappointments I feel when I "fail" in my life pursuits. Hearing this story, I reflect on hitting hard times, real hard times, and imagine if I were homeless. Imagine the strength it must take to make it to architecture school after that. Quite an accomplishment. Clifton Sanctuary Ministries is part of something great. **Lake Claire is great for being our partner!**

Until next time. Have a great summer!



Frazer Center

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200 children of all abilities and their families find inclusive education and training at the Frazer Center, a non-profit established in 1949. In fact, new research has shown that quality inclusive early childhood education can help a child with disabilities strive for higher achievement and community involvement as an adult. Our 38 acres of old growth forest and historic gardens also play an increasingly important part in the learning opportunities for children and adults, as well as providing a park-like setting open to our Lake Claire neighbors.

In partnership with the Frazer Center, you make the difference between productive, fulfilled lives, and wasted potential for hundreds of children and adults every year. Partnerships are vital to opening doors to kindergarten readiness and a lifetime of learning for 200 children at the Frazer Center, and to providing meaningful employment and volunteer opportunities for 100 adults with developmental disabilities. Partnerships also provide volunteer and financial support to maintain the Cator Woolford Gardens as an important community asset.

Over the past year, supporters like you have made another partnership grow to ben-

efit children and adults at Frazer. *Truly Living Well*, a nationally recognized urban agriculture non-profit, partnered with Frazer Center to provide volunteer and job-training opportunities for adult participants and to teach gardening skills and environmental education to Pre-K students.

We partnered with *Truly Living Well* in a grant opportunity sponsored by Home Depot to support the beginnings of this partnership, and now we have a used van in great shape ready to transport adults to and from their work at farms and green markets.

As we grow this and other key partnerships with other non-profits, academic institutions, and public agencies, I hope that you will help our students and adult participants thrive by donating to the Frazer Center. Here are some examples of how your gift could help:

- A gift of \$2,000 can provide adaptive gardening tools and related technology and equipment to help adults learn urban agricultural techniques and benefit from supported employment training; or help provide educational signs along a major path in the forest.
- A gift of \$1,000 can provide a month of gardening classes for pre-school children

of all abilities in our environmental classroom, or purchase gravel or other covering for better grooming of the forest trails.

- A gift of \$500 can provide seedlings, gardening supplies and training support for children and adults to maintain our environmental classroom.
- A gift of \$250 can provide a month of music therapy visits, or enough materials and supplies for an ivy-pulling or trail maintenance project in the forest.
- A gift of \$100 can provide a cultural opportunity for adult participants at one of Atlanta's great museums, or seedlings and plants for a flower bed in the gardens.

Helping adults with developmental disabilities and children of all abilities thrive in our community, forest and gardens takes collaboration with families, teachers, instructors, employers, policy makers, non-profits, and most importantly, supporters like you.

You are an important partner in an important mission. Thank you for supporting your neighbors at the Frazer Center. For more information or to schedule a personal guided tour, contact Kimberly Hays de Muga, Development Director at k.haysdemuga@thefrazer-center.org

June into August in the Garden

by Elizabeth Knowlton

Now come June and July, the real beginning of the gardening year. By now, you have seen what is growing on your plot (if you purchased your house last year) and what has done well for you, both beginners and advanced gardeners all spring and into summer. You are ready to plan for the next four seasons by ordering bulbs and seeds to be planted over the next four months and by deciding which trees, shrubs, and perennials you will order next fall.

This spring you saw the crocus, narcissus (daffodils, jonquils), tulips, hyacinths, and little bulbs in the gardens of others, and you want to make your garden flourish with them next winter and spring. Depending on the weather, you may have these easy plants in bloom as early as December (snow drops and species crocus) and as late as April. Look on line for or order a catalog from Brent and Becky's (VA), John Scheepers (CT), and Meselaar Bulb Company (MA) for dependable, good quality bulbs that are kept in cold storage until they are shipped to you around November. If you wait until fall to choose what you want from local stores, you are limited to their meager selections, most of which have been sitting in heated, dry temperatures for weeks. Last year I used a couple of other small companies when I could not find a favorite tulip. Just avoid "warehouse bulbs," those first companies that come up when you Google "flower bulbs." They usually have a small selection of each kind of bulb and market everything else but the kitchen sink. Also, look for companies that have locations in the real world, not just web presences.

I shall repeat that tulips will not generally return in this climate. They grow, they bloom, they die back, the bulb rots in the ground, and that is the end of it. This spring was probably my worst tulip year ever. Out of about 650 tulip bulbs planted,

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Wild in Lake Claire

by Carol Vanderschaaf

Life has been quiet in Lake Claire this month. My (FOLC) Friends of Lake Claire on Miller Avenue have a Carolina Wren nesting in their mailbox. They and the Freedom Park Bird and Butterfly Garden are both hosting nesting bluebirds. My neighbors across the street on Indiana Avenue have been hearing a Barred Owl. An immature Towhee was flapping against my window the other day. S/he survived and flew away. Anyway, Lake Claire has been quiet, except for one incident—or maybe more. Warning, warning, there may be a serial killer on the loose. Yes, Katherine S., on Arizona, reported that a Great Blue Heron invaded her pond and murdered and/or abducted all her goldfish. A camera caught him/her in the act. Do you know where your goldfish are?

Since there doesn't seem to be much going on in the visible world perhaps it's time to go underground, into the dark recesses of the lands of voles, moles, and shrews, oh my. All three small mammals can probably be found on your property. So perhaps it's time to learn a little about them. Voles are rodents, while shrews and moles belong to the order Insectivora, a group which feeds mostly on invertebrates and insects. Moles and voles are about the same size, 4 to 6 inches in length. Shrews are much smaller, about 3 to 4 inches.

All three are quite different in appearance, though none are ready for their close-ups. The ole mole lives underground and is specialized for such living. Moles have small eyes and no external ears – ear openings are hidden in their fur. Moles have big feet, like my Uncle Charlie, though theirs are bent sideways and paddle-like with large claws for digging. Mole fur is velvety and can be brushed in either direction, making it easy for them to travel forward and backward through the soil.

Shrews like to hunt for bugs above ground or in tunnels made by moles or voles. They don't dig their own tunnels. They look a little like mice with a short thick

coat of fur, a pointed snout, and small eyes.

Voles are rodents with prominent orange front teeth used for gnawing, and large black eyes. Some voles can sometimes be heard yelling, "where's my whittener?"—others can be heard yelling, "ugh, where's your whittener?" But you have beautiful eyes...

Voles have short life spans.



Great Blue Heron Caught in the Act

On average 88% die in the first month of life. Gestation lasts 20 to 23 days. A vole litter consists of 4 to 6 young. Newborns are pink and hairless, with closed eyes and ears. Fur begins to appear in three days, and the young are completely furred except for the belly by seven days. Eyes and ears open by eight days. Weaning occurs from 12 to 14 days. Young born in spring and early summer attain adult weight in 12 weeks, but undergo a fall weight loss. Young born in late summer continue growing through the fall and maintain their weight through the winter. Maximum size is reached between two and ten months.

Shrew gestation period is about 25-30 days. A litter of 5-11 blind and hairless young are produced. Most shrews die before a

new winter sets in, giving them a life span of little more than a year. Only the most recent generation survives the winter. Because shrews are extremely nervous little mammals with a high metabolic rate, they can die of starvation after just a few hours without food. They can also die of fright. Shrews are active day and night, but mostly after dark. They are active most of the time,

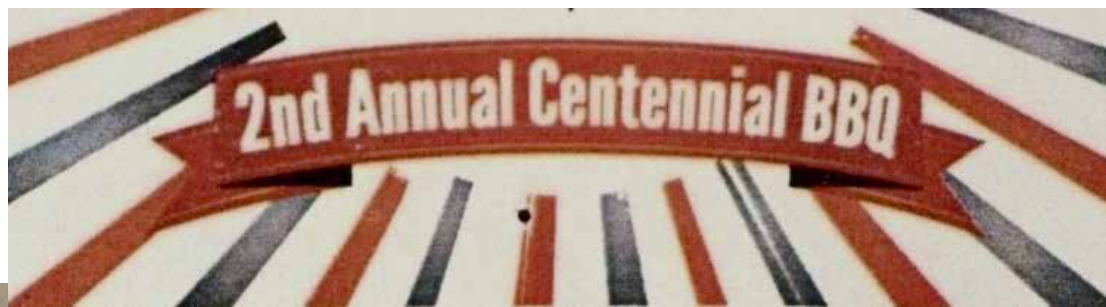
resting for only a few minutes between burst of activity. But unlike a mouse (which is a rodent and thus has teeth that continually grow), the teeth of shrews must last a lifetime.

Moles' mating season occurs from February to April. Mating only once per year, females are pregnant for four to six weeks and give birth to litters of two to six pups. Once out of their mother's care and living on their own, pups are especially vulnerable to predators like owls and domesticated animals as they search for places to set up their own territories. Moles reach sexual maturity at 10 months. According to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, moles live on average four to six years. Though I rarely think about these tiny creatures, Shakespeare wrote a whole play about one called *The Taming of the Shrew*. Not the taming of the vole nor the taming of the mole, but

then, why the shrew?

It's well known that in the 14th century a shrew was supposedly a "peevish, malignant, vexatious woman," among other things, but earlier, in the 13th century, a shrew was "a spiteful person," male or female. Before that it was said to be derived from an animal with a venomous bite. And who would that be but our tiny shrew. Its saliva contains poison which is injected by its teeth into the wounds of its prey. It can kill a mouse and can be quite painful to us. The Shakespearian play can't kill a mouse, but it can inject itself into our gender stereotypes for many years—both questioning and reinforcing them (e.g., not only "Kate" in the original, but 1967's *Kiss Me Kate*). Have you read it lately?

The Lake Claire 2nd Annual Centennial BBQ on June 5 was so much fun for all ages and a great success!





THANK YOU!

As they say, it takes a village, and many people contributed to this wonderful event.

Those who donated silent auction items: The Mercantile; Tom Blakely; Violet Rockaway; Jim and Sara Rockaway & Family; Penn Sherwood; Sharp Business Systems; Palacsinta Hungarian Crepes; Salon 5 Nails & Spa; Xpress Printing; Lori Blank; and Anonymous in Memory of Mr. Darcy Ryan.

The 3 sponsors were BOND Community Credit Union, Cynthia Baer, and the Candler Park Market.

Special thanks to Miriam Herbers and the Land Trust, Cecily Stevens and the CPLC Patrol, Judy Hammack and Friends of Lake Claire Park, Bryan Davis, our LC Rep with Clifton Sanctuary Ministries, Matt and Brandi Stacy with the Lake Claire Welcome Committee, and of course, the BBQ guys (David Gelin and Wayne Germon), AND the Frazier Center.

The Volunteers: James Marshall & family; Kristy Heller; Vicki Powers; Jacob Johnson;

Ben, Jake, & Sam Rockaway; Joseph McGill; Kat Cooper; Lori Blank; Eric Braun; Alina Biki-neyeva; Steve Cywilko; Beth Damon for taking pics; Andrew and Penn Sherwood for doing the scavenger hunt; and Miss Ladybug for the kids entertainment: it was a hit as always. Big thanks to everyone for coming out and supporting the event!!

Extra special thank you to Kathie Ryan: This entire event was her idea last year, to thank our fellow neighbors of Lake Claire just for being a part of our little piece of awesome here in Atlanta for 100 years. When 2016 rolled around, and we realized it was now 101 years, and not many people celebrate a Centennial+1, that didn't stop her. Kathie didn't ask "if," she simply said "when?" And we as residents of Lake Claire are so lucky she did! So thank you, Kathie, for all you do for the neighborhood, and just for being you. Lake Claire is lucky to have you.

—Sara Rockaway, VP of Fun(d) raising, fun@lakeclaire.org.

Rescue Dog

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had the disease for which there was no longer any "serum." I was told there was nothing to be done and not to get attached as she would not survive.

But she was a fighter, and we were happy to fight for her until she was declared free and healthy several months later. Of course, by then we were so crazy about her that the thought of her going anywhere was banished from our minds. We named her Dark Cloud's Blithe Spirit and called her Parker.

A bit under the Doberman standard in height, her diminutive size made her a perfect agility partner, fast and agile, and we spent many weekends at agility trials. Her fearless Doberman temperament had her passing the Doberman Working Aptitude Evaluation with flying colors.

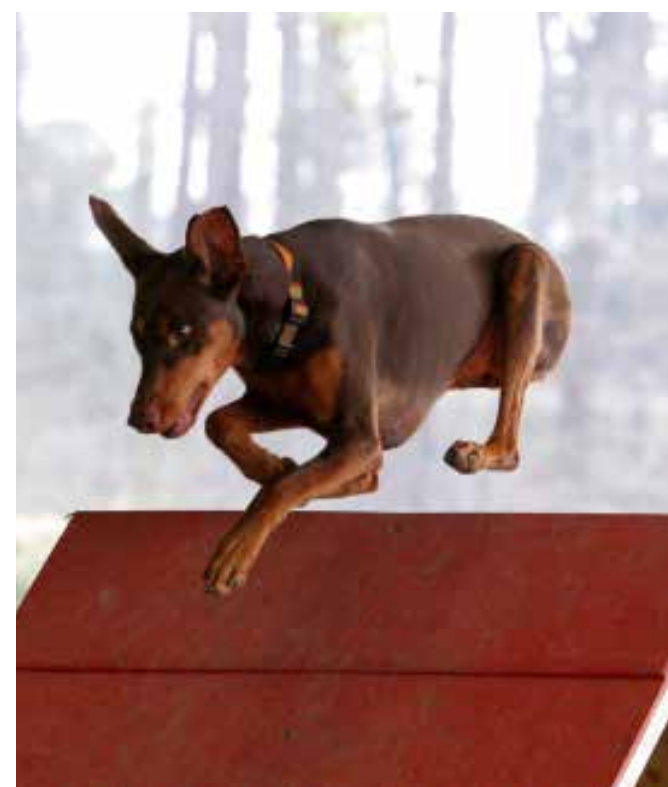
In 2010, we were introduced to a new sport called K9 Nose Work, based on the training of dogs for work in narcotics and explosive detection, but done for sport: Parker loved it.

I began videotaping her "searches" (see picture above) so that I could learn from them, and the founders of the sport asked if the videos could be used in the NACSW's first DVD introducing the sport of K9 Nose Work to the world. I was thrilled!

For Parker and me, it was a fun

way to spend time together, and for me, the sport was an amazing way to learn more about my dog. It was an opportunity to allow her to be my teacher. Our training happened wherever we happened to be—it's a mobile sport. Trips to the store became an opportunity to stop and set out "hides" and let her search them out.

Parker's DVD, *How One Dog Got Started in K9 Nose Work*, was released in October 2012, and a year later it was nominat-



ed for a Dog Writers Association of America award. With the popularity of K9 Nosework, the DVD has stayed on Dogwise's best seller list ever since its release, and the emaciated little pup, once languishing in a shelter, continues to introduce people to a terrific new sport. At almost 14 years old, Parker still loves her sport and looks for any chance to get out and sniff!



Ribbon Cutting at Mary Lin

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most unique pieces is its Buddy Bench (see sidebar on pg. 3), also painted and built by parents and volunteers.

“Though we were able to do the first part of the installation last fall,” said Playground Chair Jane Smith, “the bulk of the new equipment wasn’t installed until this spring. The kids and teachers were so patient as we ironed out all the details and finished up the project—it couldn’t be more gratifying to see them out there enjoying recess so much now that it’s finally finished.”

The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was sponsored by PTA and YP for Schools, which provided drinks and snacks for the big turnout. Board of Education members Matt Westmoreland, Leslie Grant, and Cynthia Briscoe Brown were

also in attendance.

Parents and community members banded together in many creative ways to raise funds for the playground over the last 18 months. They dismantled and sold the school’s old auditorium chairs, broke fundraising records with last year’s Rocket Run 5K and 1 mile Rocket Blast during Inman Park Festival, and solicited countless donations large and small from local businesses and neighbors.

All three of Mary Lin’s neighborhood associations also made substantial donations to the playground. “So many people have been involved and invested in this process,” Smith said, “It was truly a special community effort.”

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In the Garden

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at least 60 never showed at all. Later I realized that these were mostly the earliest 125 tulips I had put in the ground, Nov. 5 and 6, when the temperature was running 64-75 degrees. It did not fall below 45 degrees until Nov. 14. In addition, it rained 5.4 inches between Nov. 5 and 10. So, if you do attempt to grow tulips, even as annuals, pay attention to the weather and store them in a refrigerator until they go into the ground.

As I write, the foxgloves are ending, the columbines are at their peak, and the sweet peas are putting on their most ravishing show ever. Foxgloves come easily from seed planted in pots in the summer. Pot them up and have them in place where you want them to bloom by autumn. They are very hardy, and the rosettes of leaves will come through our coldest winters. Give them a little food in early spring, and then just sit back and enjoy the show unless it is very dry and you must water. By April their stalks will rise in shades of white, cream, rose, and lavender with lovely markings in each blossom. The Camelot series is very easy and lasts for weeks. They rarely need staking unless grown leggy

in shade. If you do grow a very tall foxglove and plan to stake it, the stake must be as tall as the plant and be loosely tied all along the stem or else it will just crack and fall above the last tie.

Did I say last June that I never have luck with columbine? Well, this was the year my luck turned. First, last summer, McKana columbine seed germinated successfully, and I transplanted the seedlings into small pots. In the fall, I planted some directly into my perennial bed and the others into a cold frame. The former were still alive in the spring but not as large as my protected ones. I carefully dug and moved the latter to join their kin, feeding them all. By late April, the stalks had risen and beautiful pastel flowers with long wings to each bloom were opening: yellow, pink, and purple with white wings and some other colors on plants I had given away. Of course the weather was dry by then, so I did water and try to pick off every leaf showing leaf miner damage (mostly cosmetic).

And the sweet peas: plant the seeds directly into the ground in October and water well. Before long you will see little tendrils coming up. Push some light leaf

mulch around them. Believe it or not, they will survive our frosts. A framework of netting or strings 4-6 ft. high is needed to hold them in the spring, and a location by a window that you open in April will increase your pleasure in both sight and smell. This year's crop is my best ever, still going strong in May. They will need water, just like your garden peas, and the heat of June will take them out for sure. But, oh, that scent! I have been picking bouquets for the house nearly every day. Just make sure you are planting a type that specifies it has a strong smell because there were sweet peas bred in the mid-20th century to have flowers long on stem and low on scent.

Before I sign off until August, I urge you to encourage any interest your children have in gardening. It is not too late to let them plant the seeds of some simple things like bush beans, marigolds, and zinnias that will germinate and bloom quickly if given attention to watering and picking. Never let your garden go to seed before rewarding you with a meal or a bouquet.

Please let Elizabeth know of your gardening experiences, at knowltonew@earthlink.net.—Ed.

Keeping An Eye on the Crime and the Time: Lake Claire Security Report, March 20–May 21 (9 weeks)

Larceny

1600 block DeKalb Ave., 4/14, Taken: construction materials from unsecured building site
2000 block McLendon Ave., 5/12, Taken from porch mail box: package containing car parts
1600 block DeKalb Ave., 5/12, Taken: copper piping Note: victim stated that someone came into the construction site where he was working and took some copper pipes and damaged two windows.
300 block Connecticut Ave., 5/18, Taken: three chainsaws off front porch of the home

Help make our neighborhood safer by joining the Candler Park Lake Claire Patrol at www.cplcpatrol



Land Trust Hosts Community Composting Course

Terra Nova Compost is proud to host Atlanta's first Community Compost Advocate Training Program. The six-day course will be held at the Lake Claire Community Land Trust on **June 11-12, June 18-19, and June 25-26**. Classes start at 8:30 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. each day. The course has six components: 1. The Art & Science of Composting, 2. Bin Design & Bin Build, 3. Vermiculture, 4. Soil Science, Soil Health & Climate Change, 5. Field Trip to Local Compost Sites, and 6. Community Engagement, Social Justice, Compost Entrepreneurship, & Participant-led Compost Workshop.

The course is limited to twenty participants. We are looking for community leaders and future leaders who may already be involved in local agriculture projects and want to deepen their knowledge of composting, vermiculture, soil health, and soil-building. After three consecutive weekends of in-class training and field trips, participants will perform 32 hours of volunteer service hours on compost-specific projects approved by Terra Nova Compost. Service hours must be completed by November 30, 2016.

As of Clarion publication, the maximum class size is reached, BUT there is a waitlist, in case registered participants drop out. The waitlist will be maintained up until the day the course starts. The course is free and open to residents of Fulton, Dekalb, Cobb, Clayton and Gwinnett Counties. This program is made possible by a Food Well Alliance Local Food Grant and is in partnership with the Institute for Local Self-Reliance.

For more information or to check availability for this course or possibilities for future courses, please email info@terranova-compost.com.



Local Herbalist Dara Suchke at the Land Trust.

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All Together Now by Ladybug Events presents *Herban Adventures, Awaken the Senses!*

by Andrea Zoppo

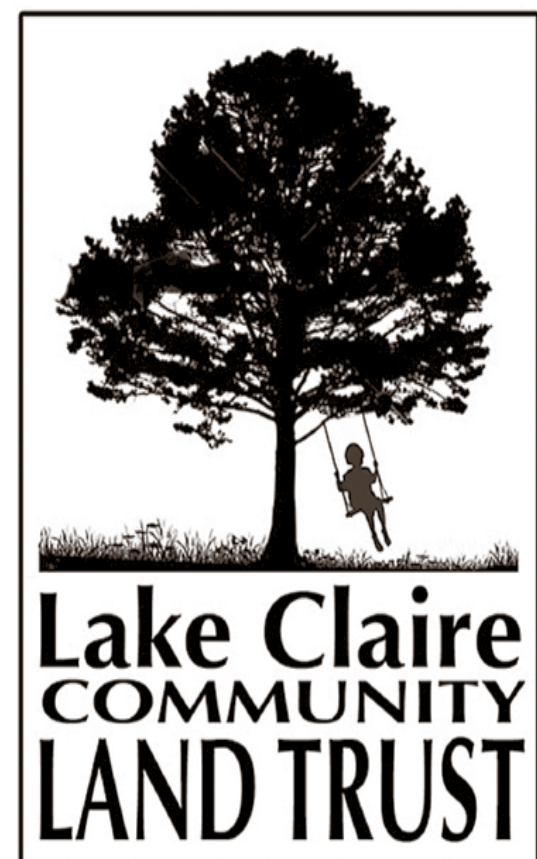
Join Miss Ladybug and local herbalist Dara Suchke (see photo on page 10) on **Sunday, June 12**, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Land Trust, for a wonderful workshop for families to explore herbalism! We will awaken the senses with hands-on fun and education. Learn about how plants can nourish and heal us in this all-ages experience. Expect to taste, smell, create, and enjoy the wonders of nature and the Lake Claire Community Land Trust. All are welcome! \$5 suggested donation.

At April's *All Together Now* event, "Everyday Earth Day," participants listened to Matt Donald's music, heard poet Stephen Wing explain why planet Earth is so special, and joined a yoga circle with Safia Khan Icgoren. Then we split up and took a walk around the Land Trust, looking and listening, and came back with our observations. Each person in the circle contributed a single word to compose the following group poem:

Everyday Earth Day (4-24-16 at the Land Trust)

Spiral Green
Trees Free
Encircled Yellow
Rooted Bumblebee
Singing Birds Soft
Breeze Wiggle-Blooms
Magical Duck Love

All Together Now is brought to you by the Land Trust Family Project and Ladybug Events. Please consider Miss Ladybug when you plan your next birthday party or family fun event. Check her out at Ladybugeventsllc.com.



July 4 Afternoon at the Land Trust

Each year the Lake Claire Community Land Trust holds a COOK-OFF contest and POT LUCK on the Fourth of July. This year's cook-off theme will be **FIGS**. The entry can be sweet or savory—creativity is encouraged. Everyone is invited to submit an edible entry or just bring yourself and a dollar to have a taste and be a judge. Bring your entry to the Land Trust's Big Gazebo next to the playground at 3:45 p.m. The contest and pot luck start at 4:00 p.m. Bring a pot luck dish to share and your own plate, cup, and utensils. First, Second and Third place winners will be awarded certificates, and their photographs and recipes will be published in the **August Clarion**. Our world-famous watermelon seed-spitting contest will follow. The event ends with enough time to get to your favorite fireworks display. Questions? Call Debbie Livingston at 404-547-0368. We look forward to seeing you at the Land Trust.



From last year's 4th of July



Women's Outdoor Network Returns to the Land Trust for Annual SummerFest

The Women's Outdoor Network presents its annual Summer Festival on Saturday, June 25, from 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm at the Lake Claire Community Land Trust. SummerFest attendees will enjoy live entertainment from a WONderful female line-up to be announced. You will feast on summer food delights catered by Jo Ellen. Caribbean-style adult beverages will be served.

WON is a non-profit, volunteer-driven, LGBT-friendly organization that has been serving the Metro Atlanta women's community for over 20 years. Its activities include kayaking, indoor and outdoor rock climbing, picnics, theatre nights, child and dog-friendly outings, rafting, camping, and hiking, to name just a few. Tickets are \$20 WON members; \$25 pre-paid non-members; \$35 at the gate. That includes food; vegetarian options are available. Drinks are \$5 each, non-alcoholic options are \$2.50, water is free, fun snacks are \$2.50. Cash or credit cards accepted at the event. Coolers and outside food and beverages not allowed! To purchase tickets or check for updates on the entertainment line-up, visit www.wonatlanta.com/summerfest. Rain or shine event, no ticket refunds.

This is the third year the Land Trust has hosted this WON fundraiser. Event parking is at the Clifton Sanctuary, 369 Connecticut Ave, at McLendon. Please be mindful of the neighborhood as there is limited on-street parking near the Land Trust. This is a pet-friendly event, on leash only, as there are exotic animals on the property. For more information about WON, visit www.meetup.com/wonatlanta.



LAKE CLAIRE KIDS' CORNER



We hope this series is fun and a way for young Clarion readers/writers/artists to participate. This month we feature artwork of Zoe Bulloch. Zoe, 5 years old, is a rising Kindergartener and will join her big sis, Elliott (8) at Mary Lin this Fall. She loves riding her bike and playing

with all the neighborhood kids on their street. Her art is a picture of the family's dog, Fiona. As Zoe's mom Keri told the Clarion, anyone who walks his or her dog down New York Avenue knows Fiona. And evidenced in this picture of Zoe, she is not only an expert artist, but an expert

at finding 4-leaf clovers!

Hey there, let's hear from more Lake Claire kids—we want your creativity on this page. Submit articles, poetry, drawings, your original puzzles, etc., to editor@lakeclaire.org. We'd love to hear from you.



Meet the Littles

by Penelope Flibbermagibbles

We have a new family in Lake Claire! Meet the Littles. The Littles have recently moved into the hollowed-out base of a lovely pine tree, situated in a tiny glen along the South end of the Harold Avenue Green Space. The Littles are quite the busy bunch, as forest sprites often are, gathering twigs, berries, and leaves in the wee hours of the night, whilst the rest of us are sleeping soundly in our own beds.

The Littles' home was inspired the Tiny Doors ATL movement, and while not an official "Tiny Door," we have the full blessing of the local artists' movement, and look forward to being added to their #TinyDoorsATL map. Not familiar with Tiny Doors ATL? Be sure to have your parents google it and tell you all about it!

Meantime, please do be sure to stop by to see the lovely home the Littles have built so that you might welcome them to the neighborhood. But – please, oh please, do not hop the fence. Do not knock on their door. And do not try to open their front door. You'll only wake the Baby Little, and as feisty as these critters are, no one wants that.

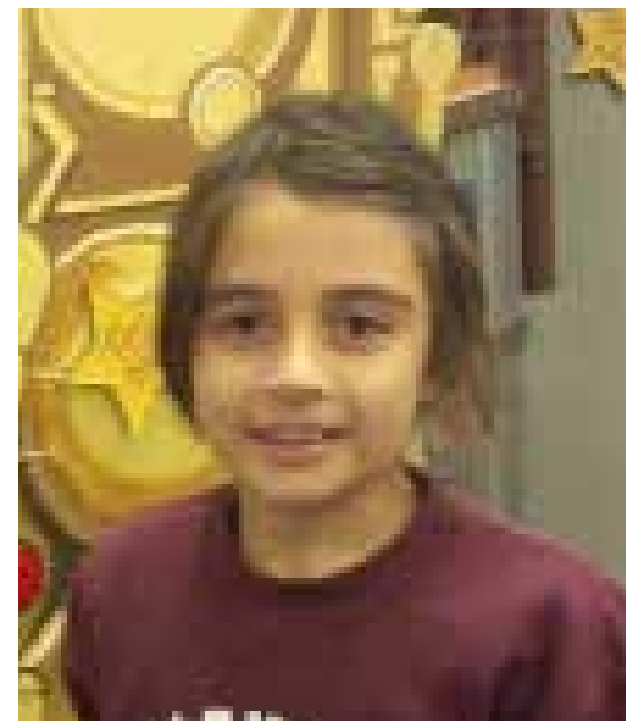


NEW CONTEST:

Kids: Somewhere in this issue we've put the picture of last year's Wahoo, the complete winning swim team of Lake Claire. To win, send an e-mail to editor@lakeclaire.org telling us the page number where you found the picture of Lake Claire Wahoo. And go jump in the pool and enjoy the summer! Any child from Lake Claire is eligible, except that you can't win two months in a row. **Hurry and look;** competition is always stiff for this coveted prize.



Zoe Bulloch



Aarini Ransom

CONGRATULATIONS!

Two girls, Zoe Bulloch and Aarini Ransom, found the the rhino family in the last Clarion. First prize went to Zoe (and thus she is our featured artist above), and Aarini Ransom (a.k.a. Aarini Kakkar) found it the next day. Aarini noted that rhinos are endangered because people kill them for their horns. Zoe

said she thought they were endangered because they were running out of safe water, but now she has read many of the reasons why they are endangered ("due to poaching, habitat loss, reduced genetic diversity, natural disasters, and disease") Congrats, Zoe and Aarini!