



Lake Claire residents Wade Marbaugh, back row raising his hat, and Bob Caine, front row, 4th from the right, with the cast and directors of *American Apartheid's* world premiere

LC Playwright and Local Actors in the Limelight

by Stell Simonton

Three Lake Claire residents will be exercising their acting chops this summer in a new historical play, *American Apartheid*. One of them is the playwright, Wade Marbaugh, who lives on Marlbrook Drive. Marbaugh, Bob Caine, and Sam Collier will take the stage in *Conyers* in August and in *Porterdale* in September, performing in the drama that drew acclaim in its world premiere in *Conyers* in February.

Marbaugh wrote the play at the request of Dr. Paul Hudson, a history professor at Perimeter College of Georgia State University. Hudson conceived the play and provided historical research in 2005-06. "It's gratifying to see your play alive on stage and very cool to act in it with close friends and neighbors," said Marbaugh, who portrays a newspaper editor in the drama.

Set in Atlanta in 1906, the story focuses on the troubles of Lola Johnson, a talented artist who is defined by the restrictions of the era as 1/16 African-American. She accidentally passes as white in a chance encounter with celebrity journalist Roy Kough. Violating the harsh Jim Crow laws of the era, Lola falls for the dashing young man. That creates a quandary, because she loves—and is engaged to marry—a black sociology professor, Dr. Musa Copelin. She is caught between the two men, and the volatile love triangle dramatically unravels during the Atlanta race riot that year.

American Apartheid will be performed. **Cont. on p. 3**

Frazer Center Impacted by Health Care Reform

by Paige McKay Kubik, Executive Director of the Frazer Center

I'd like to share part of a letter I recently received from Reverend Erin Swenson, whose daughter, Lara, is a participant in Frazer's Adult Program.

"My younger daughter, Lara, was born 41 years ago in Dalton, Georgia, and was premature. The efforts to save Lara's life at the time caused two cerebral hemorrhages that left her with multiple and severe disabilities. Today she is a proud adult woman

who must use a power wheelchair to ambulate and who has intellectual limitations. Medicaid for Lara has provided her a home (through United Cerebral Palsy of Georgia) and a meaningful day program (through the Frazer Center) which is preparing Lara to work in the community. Both of these programs are largely supported through Lara's Medicaid waiver."

Each day, the Frazer Center's Adult

Program supports approximately 90 Georgia citizens who have intellectual disabilities, helping them live meaningful lives, and to contribute to our community as employees and volunteers. Over 95% of the funding for the services Frazer's Adult Program provides comes from Medicaid. Today in Georgia, there are 9,000 people with intellectual disabilities

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The Lake of Lake Claire

Despite the evocative name, Lake Claire no longer has a lake, but we once did. The name refers to the now-dry Lake Ponceana, where Claire Drive intersects the middle of Lakeshore Drive, where currently one can see a deep geographic hollow. The plat maps of 1926 listed the name of Lake Ponceana, and subsequent maps from 1930 through 1934 show the lake as being present.

The creek which filled the lake still has a constant flow of water, even during drought. That creek carries rainwater drainage from Palifox Road and Ponce de Leon Manor into Peavine Creek, which flows behind the west side of Lakeshore Drive. If you hike 125 yards up the creek from Lakeshore Drive, you will find a stonework dam likely to have been intended as a "point of interest." Above the dam, pretty outcroppings of tilted igneous rock layers and por-

tions of stonework-lined creek bed make the hike worthwhile—avoiding the poison ivy; fall, winter, and early spring would be better times than now for this adventure.

Anecdotal stories from long-time Lake Claire residents confirm that the original lake was drained about 1929. A few years later it was filled partially by the owners of the first house on Lakeshore (543), adjoining the lakebed. Concerns about mosquitoes resulted in the lake's being drained a second time, and shortly thereafter, the then-owners planted a garden that extended from their house to the corner of Lakeshore and Claire, and up the creek to the back lot-line of their house. The children of the neighborhood played in this garden from the mid 1930s until after World War II, and the owners had regular picnics for neighborhood residents.

How did Lake Claire get its name? One theory is related to the "garden club," a popular social organization in many neighborhoods throughout the south. The Lake Claire Garden Club cared for the plot of land at the intersection of Claire and Lakeshore at the McLendon Avenue side, and during WWII, the club rolled bandages for the Red Cross and participated in other civic functions. Some long-term residents believe the neighborhood was named after the garden club. Another theory is that the name was derived from a shuttle bus service.

Joel Hurt's original trolley line came from downtown Atlanta, out Edgewood Avenue through Inman Park, continuing through Little Five Points, and then split: one branch went north to a terminal on Moreland Avenue, and the other went east **Cont. on p. 7**

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August

1-27 Horizon Theatre (Little 5 Pts), *Blackberry Daze*, thrilling, uplifting. See www.horizontheatre.com/plays/blackberry-daze

1-20 Actors Express, a great theatre company, presenting a different view of *Little Shop of Horrors*. Horrifically hilarious. www.actors-express.com/plays

4-6 *American Apartheid* (see Page 1) at the Center Street Arts Theater in Conyers on August 4, at 8

5&19 Lake Claire Land Trust Drum Circle—Sunset to 11 p.m. Please walk, bike, or carpool. Bring friends! Please help spread the word. The Drum Circles are the Land Trust's gift to our community, but your donations help keep them going.

5 Candler Park Free Movies/Picnic (or "Flick-Nic"), *Sing*—begins at sundown in Candler Park, bring blankets or short chairs (don't block others) and no dogs. (Great animated film with voices of Matthew McConaughey and Reese Witherspoon)

8 The Sierra Club meeting, 2nd Tue., sierraclub.org/georgia/atlanta

8-9 Nuclear Weapons' protests: , August 8, at 7:00 p.m., lecture and book signing by Dan Zak at the Carter Center Presidential Library & Museum Theatre, and Wednesday, August 9, 7:00 p.m., 22nd annual "Seeds of Peace" ceremony in the Carter Center Rose Garden. Full details in article on Page 3.

16 Mary Lin monthly dine-out at our favorite kids-always-eat-free Flying Biscuit, 3rd Wednesday of every month. Simply show up for dinner and **mention Mary Lin**, and Flying Biscuit's management will generously donate 5% of your ticket to the Mary Lin Education Foundation.

17 Lake Claire monthly meeting, 3rd Thursdays, in the Rose Room at The Frazer Center, 7 p.m. socialize, 7:15 meeting. Pizza provided free from Savage (**THANKS, SAVAGE!**)

19 Candler Park, next to last movie of the 2017 season, *The Jungle Book*—begins at sundown in Candler Park, bring blankets or short chairs (don't block others) and no dogs. (Last movie is September 9, *Star Wars: the Force Awakens*)

19-20 Piedmont Park Arts Fest—piedmontparkartsfestival.com

21 Total Solar Eclipse!

26 Good Gracious #9, Southern Fun for Everyone, at Switchyards Downtown (info: www.GoodGraciousShow.com)

27 Children's Garden Event 4:00-6:00 p.m. We will be harvesting beans and herbs and planting a fall garden. See page 11!

Send calendar entries for the **SEPTEMBER Clarion** by August 15 to editor@lakeclaire.org

Two Great Plays this Month

by Beth Damon

At the end of July I saw both *Little Shop of Horrors* (LSoH) and *Blackberry Daze* (BD), at the Actors Express and Horizon theatres. Both musicals, LSoH is of course one of the longest-running plays in off-Broadway history, and BD is a more recent (2012) play by a local.

The Actors Express production of LSoH is a very funny take on this favorite classic; the set, lighting, and effects are quite clever, and the acting and timing of the actors phenomenal. Based on the campy 1960s film, and first produced in 1982, it is worth a repeat visit. AE's rendition is brilliant—and sick in a wonderful way. They also did some atypical casting, giving the plant a female instead of a male voice, and one of the urchins (typically a woman) is played by a man. The show runs through August 20.

Horizon's *Blackberry Daze* is a musical adaptation of the debut novel *Blackberry Days of Summer*, by At-

lanta writer Ruth Watson, who was present when I saw it opening night. It is the end of The Great War, and a small Virginia town is rocked by secrets and seduction. The theatre's production makes it much more than a romantic journey and a poignant story of love and loss: it is a blues and jazz extravaganza, propelled by great acting, and served up with spirit and high energy. Even with a predictable plot line it does not stop engaging you or lose your attention for a minute of its two hours. It really is, as one reviewer said, "a hot, sweet, summer treat." The show runs through August 27.

I highly recommend both of these. I have season tix to AE, and I see nearly every play at the Horizon, so I don't speak lightly when I say these are among the best plays I've seen; and I don't often use so many superlatives. You are in store for 2 fun nights out with these shows.

These two found their forever home with me, I can help do the same for you!



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Local Playwright and Actors

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formed at the Center Street Arts Theater in Conyers on August 4, at 8 p.m., Aug. 5 at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Aug. 6 at 3 p.m.; in September, the play will be staged at “The Speakeasy at 18th and 21st” in Porterdale (2001 Main Street), a former mill town near Covington that is developing artist space and other venues. Speakeasy offers performing arts in a tavern setting. Shows are September 17 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Both Bob Caine and Sam Collier live on Leonardo Avenue. Wade Marbaugh, who serves as casting director for the production, asked them to join the cast, which also includes professional actors. Caine recalls performing in his 1963 Grady High School senior class play, *Guys and Dolls*. “This was at the same time I was first introduced to the Lake Claire neighborhood while selling Fuller brushes door-to-door all along McLendon Avenue,” he said. Around 1970 he performed in a Jacksonville Little Theatre production of *A Thousand Clowns*. In recent years he has participated in productions with a message, such as the annual re-enactment in Walton County of the 1946 lynching at Moore’s Ford Bridge.

Double-cast in *American Apartheid*, Caine’s main role is J.D. Scott, a wealthy

banker whose daughter, Roy Keough’s girlfriend, converts the story’s love triangle into a quadrangle. When not acting, Caine teaches sociology at Clayton State University and conducts various walking tours for the Atlanta Preservation Center.

Collier is a real estate investor, environmental advocate, and attorney. His college stage work was in an opera and a musical. More recently, Collier performed improv under the tutelage of local director Leslie Fredman. He said he promises to stick to his lines in *American Apartheid* and not make up a whole new scene, saving his improv chops for another day. Collier joined the cast this summer to play multiple roles, primarily as Dr. Lawson, the dentist, Lola’s father. He also plays a likable downtown wino and, alongside Marbaugh, a member of the rioting mob.

Atlanta’s race riot had been largely forgotten, but on its hundredth anniversary in 2006, a group—*The Coalition to Remember the 1906 Atlanta Race Riot*—came together to raise awareness about it. A staged reading of *American Apartheid* was performed in Atlanta’s Sweet Auburn district in September 2006. In 1906 former slaves and their descendants were running thriving businesses

in the Sweet Auburn district of Atlanta. This new growing social class represented a threat to the traditional Southern ways and Caucasian economic dominance. After a series of inflammatory newspaper headlines reporting rapes and assaults on white women by black men, thousands of white men, boiling over in hatred and resentment, rioted on Sept. 22, 1906. The newspaper stories are thought to have been exaggerated or fabricated by supporters of Hoke Smith, who was running for governor. Smith, who won the race, promised in his campaign to keep Blacks from voting.

The riot raged for four days, inflicting at least two dozen deaths and extensive property damage in the black community. A few weeks after authorities restored order, Thornwell Jacobs arrived in Atlanta to take a newspaper job. He eventually founded Oglethorpe University and served as its first president. Troubled by the riot, Jacobs penned *The Law of the White Circle*, a fictionalized magazine series that he eventually published as a novella. Marbaugh and Hudson based *American Apartheid* on Jacobs’ book.

“Paul had an original copy of the book, which I read at Christmastime in 2005,” Marbaugh said. “The challenge was to modernize and improve the story, a process that continued even this spring after the February run in Conyers.”

Tickets to *American Apartheid* are \$15 for general admission and \$10 for seniors age 60+ and students with IDs. Tickets can be purchased at the door or online at www.conyersarts.org for the Conyers performances or at www.eventbrite.com for the Porterdale shows. The Center Street Arts Theater is located at 910 Center St., Conyers 30012. Speakeasy for the September 18 and 21 performances is located at 2001 Main St., Porterdale 30014.

Atlanta Race Riot



Wild in Lake Claire

by Carol Vanderschaaf

The Freedom Park Bird and Butterfly Garden is rising again. On Saturday, July 1, several community residents started weeding the Garden at the corner of North Avenue and Candler Park Drive. Carol Gregory, chair of the Freedom Park Improvement Committee, organized the work day. I conceived of The Garden in 2005, under the sponsorship of Atlanta Audubon and the DeKalb Master Gardener Association. Pandora Williams took charge of the Garden in 2015. The Garden is filled with native plants which attract birds, butterflies, and pollinators. Its goal is to involve the community in its development and serve as an educational component for surrounding communities in providing

habitat for native fauna.

Three more work days are planned at the Garden: September 9: Weeding; October 7: Weeding and clean as needed; and November 18: Planting and Cub Scout learning. Everyone is invited.

Here is something I received from a Lake Claire resident who wishes to remain anonymous. “When my yard became a wildlife refuge—thanks to efforts to increase wildlife habitat—I never expected to see a deer. 24 years here, and this is the first sighting. (I am not identifying my location so that it can remain undisturbed.) What a beautiful creature; if only everyone welcomed nature instead of trying to wrap it around their expectations.”

Pesticides Abound—Pollinators Beware

by Debby Lightfoot (former resident of LC)

A beautiful lawn is something we can all be proud of. We can spend hours cultivating our lawns and flowers, and the last thing we want are pests chewing unsightly holes in our plants, or weeds growing in our yards. English Ivy may be effective, if not beautiful ground cover to some, but to others, it is an uncontrollable green thing that has taken over their yard, even climbing trees and eventually killing them. I doubt there is anyone who wants poison ivy growing in his or her yard. Most of us will agree that these plants are unwanted.

Many people turn to pesticides to rid themselves of unwanted insects, rodents,

plants, and plant diseases. There seems to be a chemical solution for every pest known to mankind. There are herbicides, insecticides, rodenticides, and fungicides. The easy way to rid yourself of these pests and weeds is to grab some chemicals, which are well stocked at hardware stores and garden centers. But, as the Clarion has been mentioning in the last few issues, please think twice before you spray your plants, flowers, and weeds with those chemicals in order to rid yourself of bugs and unwanted plants. Pesticides often end up in waterways and are generally bad for the

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Health Care Reform

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on the waiting lists for this support. The U.S. Senate is currently debating passage of a healthcare reform plan that includes drastic cuts to Medicaid funding. You can help by reaching out to **Senator Isakson and Senator Perdue and letting them know what's at stake for the people supported by Frazer Center's Adult Program.** Here is a sample message to share. Feel free to personalize it, and to share your family's own story related to Medicaid coverage:

"As your constituent, I am calling regarding the healthcare reform bill being considered by the Senate. This bill contains drastic cuts and caps to Medicaid that will disproportionately affect Americans with intellectual disabilities. Currently, Medicaid supports employment and housing supports and respite. This helps taxpayers. People with disabilities and the family members who care for them are able to work, and people with disabilities are able to live independently, which is more cost-effective than institutional care. I hope you will vote against any legislation that would cut vital Medicaid support for people with intellectual disabilities.

Thank you for hearing my concerns and for your service."

Thank you, Lake Claire, for the many ways you support the Frazer Center and the children and adults we serve.

Happily, as we went to print, this article became obsolete—since just about everyone on Capitol Hill declared the Senate healthcare bill dead. I hope it isn't like a horror movie in which the dead villain suddenly gains life and comes at the people with a knife. Save the Senator contact information in case needed for the future, and join me in breathing a sigh of relief. ~Ed.

Cut it out. Stick it on the fridge. Bug your reps.

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Meet our State House District 89 Candidates

by Annsley Klehr, Lake Claire Neighbors Education Chair

As you may or may not know, Stacey Abrams, who currently is the State House Representative for our district, 89, is running for governor. As of now, Bee Nguyen (pronounced WEN) and Sachin Varghese are running for her position. Below is a Q & A with both.

Q: Tell me a little bit about yourself.

Bee Nguyen (BN): I am one of five daughters to former Vietnamese refugees who escaped Vietnam by boat in 1979. My family fled a repressive regime that did not enable them to have basic civil liberties. That's why I have dedicated my life to serving others—first by starting my nonprofit, Athena's Warehouse, and then by becoming an advocate for women and girls, communities of color, and refugee families.

Sachin Varghese (SV): I was born in India and immigrated to Georgia as a child. Both my parents relied on MARTA to commute to their hourly jobs and support our family. After college at UGA, I taught briefly in an elementary school in a disadvantaged Atlanta neighborhood, gaining first-hand insight into the challenges facing schools and teachers, as well as kids in low-income communities. I returned to UGA for law school and clerked for a federal judge before joining Bondurant Mixson & Elmore. I represent individuals and businesses in pursuit of justice. In January 2016, I was diagnosed with thyroid cancer, but fortunately had health insurance, a supportive employer, and amazing family and friends. Following surgery and radiation, I am cancer free. My wife and I have made our home in East Atlanta for the past decade. My daughter attends the public school a few blocks from our house, and my son will join her there when he gets to kindergarten.

Q: Why have you decided to run for State House District 89 (currently represented by Stacey Abrams)?

BN: My bid for office is an extension of the work I have been doing for the last decade. I quickly recognized that I could be more effective in my work with underserved girls by influencing policy. I returned to school and earned my MPA from the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies. I spent three years at the Georgia Budget and Policy Institute, where I developed a solid foundation in public policy. In 2016, I worked with sexual assault survivors and successfully lobbied for the passage of the Pursuing Justice for Rape Victims bill. During the 2017 legislative session I served as Chief of Staff for Rep. Sam Park, the first openly gay man elected to our Georgia General Assembly. The environment at the Georgia State Capitol is challenging—and it took me a full session to feel as if I belonged there. We currently do not have an elected body that is reflective of the greater diversity of our State—not in age, race, gender, or ideology. If I want that change reflected in our legislature, then it's up to me to possess the political courage to make that change. If elected, I would be the first progressive Asian American woman ever to serve in our General Assembly.

SV: My colleague Jason Carter has encouraged me to explore elected office for some time now. With two young children and a wife that I love, I did not think it was the right time for me to do that. Following my cancer diagnosis, I particularly did

not think the time was right. However, once a scan revealed that I was cancer free, and outraged and frustrated by the results of the presidential election, Serene and I decided we needed to do more to build the type of community we want to see for our children, our neighbors, and all Georgians. Serving in the State House will allow me to work on all of the major policy areas about which I am passionate: public education; healthcare; women's rights; transportation; civil rights and liberties; building economic opportunity; the criminal and civil justice systems; and protecting our environment.

Q: How do you think you can contribute to a Republican House?

BN: My history of working with diverse communities enables me to connect with people who have different ideology. Navigating a Republican environment will no doubt be challenging but I have already effectively worked with Republicans on issues such as the Pursuing Justice for Rape Victims bill—in fact, some of the Senators on the Republican side helped us talk to their colleagues and supported our efforts to push the bill through the legislature. This past legislative session Rep. Kendrick created the Future Caucus, a bipartisan caucus for legislators under the age of 40. I believe there are issues we can work on together such as environmental issues, criminal justice reform and solutions to address the opioid crisis.

SV: I will be a vocal advocate for protecting the rights of all Georgians and fighting against discrimination, whether on the basis of race, gender, sexual orientation, or age. On those matters, I do not believe there is room to negotiate. However, in other policy areas (education, healthcare, transportation, criminal justice reform), I believe that progress, even if incremental, is better than no progress, and I will work with moderate Republicans where we can find common ground.

Q: What do you think you bring to the table, different than your opponent?

BN: I am a community organizer, and because I have been entrenched in the community for the past decade; I witness the ways in which broad policy decisions trickle down to the everyday person. My work is my moral compass—I work with young girls who are often overlooked and suffer from a system that does not protect them. After the national election, I had to face these girls and explain to them why America elected a man who not only called members of their community “rapists” and “criminals” but also felt entitled to disrespect women and girls. They never let me forget why I fight so hard for progress. I also believe in empowering individuals to understand the power of their voices and their votes. I just came off the campaign trail as the campaign manager for Sam Park, during which I talked to people who didn't believe their votes were important. I worked to mobilize AAPI, Latino, and Millennial voters in the 6th congressional race to elect Jon Ossoff. Engaging disillusioned and disempowered voters is critical in our current political environment. We cannot afford to leave any voters behind.

SV: I believe my experience makes me the best candidate for the position. My life experience—growing up working class, a minority, an immigrant,



Bee Nguyen



Sachin Varghese

a husband, a parent, and a cancer survivor—has provided me with a broad range of perspective and has instilled in me a strong desire to fight for a Georgia that provides educational and economic opportunity to all Georgians and that treats all Georgians fairly and equally. My professional training and experience has also prepared me for the position. I have a graduate degree concentrating in public policy and a law degree. I understand how to analyze and assess policy, how laws are interpreted and implemented, and how legislation can be drafted or amended to maximize benefit and minimize harm. Finally, I am able to work well with individuals from many different backgrounds. I have succeeded in a variety of different settings and believe that I will work well with other legislators, even those with whom I may often disagree, as well as constituents, community organizations, and the business community.

Q: What is your take on education, especially in relation to Atlanta Public Schools and its relation to the State?

BN: I am a strong advocate of local control for schools. As a nonprofit leader, I have spent a lot of time working with under-resourced public schools and the issues vary from school to school. For example, Clarkston High School, a DeKalb County public school, implemented policy to defer testing for newly resettled refugee students during their first year of enrollment. The students are tested to provide benchmarks for achievement but the actual scores are not counted towards the school's overall testing scores. This policy enables students the time to learn English, so in their second year the test scores more accurately assess their competency in all subjects. From a state perspective, we must fully fund the QBE formula—cuts that were made during the recession have not been fully restored. We have been underfunding public education since 2003. We must also invest in early childhood education. From a district perspective, building stronger relationships between APS, Atlanta City Council and the state are critical. We must also examine the ways in which issues like economic security and health care access intersect with quality education. It is not a coincidence that struggling schools belong to struggling communities. We need to stabilize communities economically, so that parents can afford to be active participants in schools.

SV: I believe that every child deserves to receive a strong education and to graduate from high school ready for college and/or with a marketable skill that can lead to a well-paying job. I believe that Georgia must fully fund education, including providing universal access to pre-kindergarten. Georgia must also support, excellent school leaders and great teachers. Further, I believe that it is critical that children receive

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Nuclear Weapons: Forgotten But Not Gone

Commemorating Hiroshima & Nagasaki with Resistance & Hope

by Stephen Wing

On July 7, nations attending a United Nations conference in New York adopted the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, the first legally binding agreement on nuclear disarmament in 20 years. The treaty prohibits a range of activities, from developing and testing nuclear weapons to threatening their use and actually using them. 122 nations voted in favor and only one against (The Netherlands), with one abstention (Singapore). However, the U.S., the U.K., France, Russia, North Korea, and other nuclear-armed powers **did not attend** the talks.

Against this backdrop of symbolic hope and the politics of fear, Nuclear Watch South will once more commemorate the nuclear destruction of Hiroshima and Nagasaki of August 1945. This year's observance unfolds in two events, both free and open to the public.

On Tuesday, August 8, at 7:00 pm, NWS will co-host a lecture and book signing by Dan Zak, author of *Almighty: Courage, Resistance & Existential Peril in the Nuclear Age* (Penguin/Random

House) at the Carter Presidential Library & Museum Theater. Zak is a young Washington Post reporter whose feature story about resistance to nuclear war led him to dig deeper. In July 2012, three activists—a house painter, a Vietnam War veteran, and an 82-year-old Catholic nun—infiltrated the Y-12 nuclear bomb plant in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. They hung protest banners and spray-painted passages from scripture before sitting down to await arrest. Zak's fascination with the story led to the 416-page *Almighty*, "part historical adventure, part courtroom drama, part moral thriller," named a Washington Post Notable Non-fiction Book of 2016.

On **Wednesday, August 9, also at 7:00 pm, NWS will co-sponsor the 22nd annual "Seeds of Peace" ceremony in the Carter Center Rose Garden.** This special Atlanta peace tradition remembers the people who died in the mushroom clouds of war and other victims of the violence inherent in nuclear technology. Other sponsors include Georgia WAND, Atlanta Grandmothers



From last year's "Seeds of Peace" ceremony

for Peace, Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Partnerships in Peace, Dances of Universal Peace, and Atlanta Peace Trails. Bring your inspirations, dances, songs, prayers, and poems to create a circle of hope. All are invited to participate. We are the ones we've been waiting for! (*The Rose Garden is behind the Carter Center; enter from the south side of the parking lot.*)

Pesticides

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environment. They are also harmful to pollinators and contributing to the decline of honeybees.

Much of the food we eat comes from plants that have been pollinated. Pollination is also crucial in producing seeds and fruits that feed birds and other wildlife. Needless to say, pollinators are critical to life on the planet. Unfortunately, many pollinators are showing signs of decline. Insecticides are a significant cause in the decline, and their use should be limited.

Honeybees are the most important pollinator, but there are other insects, such as butterflies, wasps, flies, beetles, ants, and moths, as well as other animals—including bats, lizards, and some birds, such as hummingbirds, that pollinate. Beneficial insects are valuable to the ecosystem, not just for pollination, but among other things, **in keeping pests under control** (!) and in recycling of organic matter, which builds good soil.

There are a number of chemical insecticides used in the market today, but the most prevalent insecticides used throughout the world are neonicotinoids, which are used to control pests such as aphids, leaf beetles, termites, and fleas. Certain insecticides, such as Bayer's Imidacloprid (a neonicotinoid) affect bees, but they may also harm birds, butterflies, and water-borne invertebrates.

If you choose to use these chemical insecticides, please be mindful that there are ways and times of day the insecticides can be used that will cause the least harm to the honeybee and other beneficial insects, so please read labels carefully, and do a little research about how best to use the product. As examples, do not spray flowers directly with the product. Spraying just before dark is the least harmful time of day to spray. There are also less toxic pesticides which degrade more rapidly than neonicoti-

noids and do not last as long in the environment.

There are more natural methods of controlling pests, such as using beneficial insects, pulling weeds by hand, or using a hoe or tiller rather than a herbicide. You can even rent goats to get rid of unwanted plants! Other alternative pest control methods include hand-picking insects off of plants, hosing down plants to dislodge insects, pruning diseased or insect-infested plants, and using mulches to reduce erosion and weeds. There are also beneficial insects and fungi that you can purchase online that will help naturally to control pests. Also, certain flowers and plants can be planted to help ward off some insects. These more natural methods of controlling pests may work more slowly than chemical pesticides, but they aren't as harmful to pollinators and the environment. Some alternative pesticides include microbial insecticides, botanical pesticides, mineral-based pesticides, and oils/soaps and detergents, which are available in some garden stores. If you do not see these products, ask if they can be ordered.

You can contact your local county extension office for more information about this subject. A good online resource is Colorado State University's Homeowner's Guide—Alternative Pesticide Management for the Lawn and Garden. With a little work and patience, and fewer chemicals, you hopefully will continue to enjoy your beautiful lawn but also be able to appreciate that **a few more beneficial insects will live to pollinate another day.**

Be careful of the label "all-natural" by the pesticide companies, including Mister Mister, with a spray that allegedly doesn't kill bees: it does get into the honey. As we've said in these pages, it is best to avoid pesticides and rodenticides entirely. ~Ed.

Report from Clifton Sanctuary Ministries

by Robert Bryan Davis

Clifton Sanctuary Ministries is interviewing for a part-time Administrative position to help with intake of guests, answer the phones, and other administrative tasks. 4 hours a day. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with some flexibility on hours. Contact Alice Jenkins, Executive Director, by emailing Alice@cliftonsanctuary.com, or call 404-373-3253.

If you would like to visit us or volunteer, please give us a call. You are most welcome. Thank you, Lake Claire, for being a great neighbor.

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on McLendon and merged with the Decatur line that travelled on DeKalb Avenue. The McLendon line was eventually eliminated but is still visible on McLendon Avenue at the intersection of Clifton Road—a single-track trolley line that served our neighborhood.

As motorbuses became popular—and as the automobile began to compete with public transit—shuttle buses were used to gather potential trolley riders and take them to the trolley cars. One of the shuttles travelled east from Clifton Road to McLendon Ave., then turned on Claire, then onto Palifox to Tuxedo, then back onto McLendon. The shuttle bus names were often incorporated into the names of the routes, and in the 1960s and 1970s, bus route #4, entitled "Lake Claire," served the neighborhood, and likely gave it the name. The notion to ski on the lake came much later.

Some of the history came from an article I did several years ago, and from Bob Schreiber, a then Lake Claire neighbor. ~Ed.

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On Home Buying: “We get it.”

by Lynn Nomad

Lee and Darlene Gillespy bought their first home in Lake Claire in 2002. As Lee remembers it, the process was so nerve-wracking, and so fraught with up-to-the-last-minute uncertainty, that he made a deal with himself, and Darlene: if they actually closed on their house, he would quit smoking. He had one last cigarette right before the (ultimately successful) closing, and hasn't smoked another one since. “Quitting smoking was easy, compared with closing on that house,” recalls Lee, to Darlene's amused agreement.

Over the past 15 years, the two realtors have helped over 300 clients buy their own homes, savoring each rewarding experience of connecting a buyer with the perfect house. While Lee and Darlene became well accustomed to supporting their clients through the ups and downs of the home-buying process, they found they had somehow forgotten how unnerving the experience of being buyers, themselves, could be. Their memories were refreshed earlier this spring, when, for the second time, the couple purchased a home in Lake Claire.

Due to low inventory, Lee and Darlene had to strike a balance between finding their perfect new home, and prioritizing the needs of clients who were also looking to buy in the neighborhood. They eventually found a house that is an ideal size and layout for their family, though the experience of closing, renovating, and moving was anything but worry-free. “It's stressful!” says Darlene. “No matter how prepared you are, and how attentive to the details and the paperwork, it seems the lender always wants something more, and usually

at the last minute. Not to mention the variety of problems that can pop up after an inspection, especially with older homes. As real estate professionals, we are used to the process, and when potential hiccups and complications arise, we have always told our clients, ‘Not to worry.’ Turns out, it's more difficult to tell ourselves the same thing, when it's our house we're negotiating to buy!”

In the end, the Gillespies are grateful to have had this recent experience as homebuyers; regardless of the emotional stress, they feel it has enhanced their professional abilities. “It was eye-opening,” Darlene said. “We came through closing, a quick 5-day renovation, and a short 4-block move—but still a very difficult transition. We have a renewed appreciation for all the hoops homebuyers and sellers have to jump through, and the range of positive and negative emotions everyone feels. The process has given us an increased empathy for our clients, and we have gained valuable practical, personal experience with which to advise and reassure them.”

Through it all, their love of helping people connect with the right home has never wavered. The Gillespies are happier than ever to call Lake Claire home for over 20 years, and turning clients into neighbors, neighbors into friends! For more information about how Lee and Darlene can help you buy your next home or sell your current home, visit LeeAndDarlene.com, call 404-932-3006, or email Darlene@LeeAndDarlene.com.

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Meet the Candidates

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a well-rounded education that includes social-emotional learning, arts, recess, technology, and vocational training, along with the core subjects.

Q: We've had some serious infrastructure issues lately. What do you think the State's role should be in this?

BN: The State should absolutely support the expansion of transit. We have a long and complex history with MARTA and we have seen the lack of planning cripple our city. As metro-Atlanta begins to grow, a shift in ideology must take place. We are already starting to see this in counties such as Gwinnett. We need to take the massive numbers of cars off our roads and bridges, so that we can reduce the stress they put on our infrastructure. But in order to do that, we have to put a plan in place where people can efficiently get to one place to the next. We also need to invest in repairing our structurally deficient bridges and crumbling roads and we need to find sources of revenue to fund these projects.

SV: Georgia must play a significant role in building a strong public transportation system and improving infrastructure. Georgia must: invest in the expansion and strengthening of public transportation; allow county and municipal governments, either alone or with neighbors, to raise revenue dedicated to expanding public

transportation; ensure that roads, bridges, and highways are safe and well-maintained; and encourage and protect alternative modes of transportation, including cycling and walking.

Q: Housing and gentrification have been larger Atlanta issues lately. What are your thoughts about city growth, housing development, and gentrification?

BN: This is an issue we have seen in other cities as well—and we need to develop a successful model for investing economically without displacing. At the city level, affordable and workforce housing initiatives are being pushed. Councilman Andre Dickens has done a great job of being a leader in this space. But we need to build on that with broad solutions, especially with the latest round of Fulton and DeKalb County tax assessment increases. We need measures that protect seniors and those who are on fixed incomes. We need legislation that would cap the appraisal increases per year for property taxes. Being hit with 100 to 300 percent property tax increases in one year is not manageable for any family.

SV: We have to protect the ability of long-time neighborhood residents and senior citizens to remain in their homes, even as property values appreciate. We also need to be a city that is welcoming of, and makes space for, people of all in-

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The Callanwolde Fine Arts Center is a cultural community conservatory of the arts, worthy of touring, full of Atlanta history. The mansion known as “Callanwolde” was built by Charles Howard Candler, President of The Coca-Cola Company in 1916 and 1920-1923, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Emory University for nearly 30 years, and eldest son of Asa Griggs Candler, who founded The Coca-Cola Company. Callanwolde is one of Atlanta's gems. The mansion itself is in Gothic-Tudor style and situated on a landscaped 12.5-acre estate—and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



come levels. Atlanta must do a much better job of promoting affordable housing, and Georgia can help in that effort by providing tax incentives for affordable housing and also by limiting tax increases for low-income residents.

Q: What's your favorite dive in Atlanta?

BN: I have a special place in my heart for El Myr, the Plaza Theatre, and the Majestic. I love the remnants of old Atlanta—the Earl, MJQ, the Righteous Room, though I rarely frequent them now! I miss Gato Arigato in Candler Park!

SV: The Earl

Q: What is something that is quirky about you?

BN: I am fluent in Vietnamese but also illiterate in Vietnamese! My vocabulary is also limited; I had to learn new words like “vote” and “representative” in Vietnamese to reach out to Vietnamese voters during Sam Park's race and during my work to get Jon Ossoff elected!

SV: We're currently fostering a feral cat and her four kittens. Along with our two kids, dog, and cat, our small house is even more chaotic than normal.

A special thank you to Bee Nguyen and Sachin Varghese for taking the time to talk with me and share some insights, and for coming to our Lake Claire Neighbors monthly meeting.

August into September in the Garden

by Elizabeth Knowlton

It is not too late to solarize a bed or two. I have been working on such a project, something I do in June or July after pulling the brassicas, partly because they (like the nightshade family) produce a great deal of disease in the soil and partly because I am not likely to be growing brassicas in the summer anyway, collards excepted. But all you need to solarize is heat, so August is a good time too if you have a sunny bed not under cultivation or with plants so pathetic that you might as well pull them up.

First remove all vegetable matter from the bed, including green plants and weeds, mulching straw or bark, and brown leaves and dead matter. You may need to rake, weed, and then hoe to remove it all. Next loosen the soil to remove roots and chop up clods near the surface, which you will make as smooth and level as possible. If it does not rain around that time, gently water. Finally, take some clear plastic of a grade that will last at least a few weeks and tightly cover the bed. I usually stretch it to the edges and then cover them with earth, boards, or stones, anything that will trap heat under the plastic. Leave it in place for at least a month, then remove, and use the bed for whatever seeds or seedlings you have planned. Whatever you do, solarizing or no, do not leave bare earth in your garden: mulch both planted and garden beds.

If you began broccoli, cauliflower, and/or Brussels sprouts last month, they should be ready to plant out in August; however, water them whenever they look droopy, and do give them some shade if the heat is intense, especially cauliflower. Squash and cucumbers seeded indoors do well transplanted now, safer from squash borer than those planted earlier. If you have not started plants indoors, so-called "starts" are available at your local hardware or big-box store. Leave room for seed planting yourself because this is a month like no

other for sowing in the South: bush beans, beets, carrots, chard, collards, cucumbers, garden peas, kale, okra, rutabagas, spinach, turnips, summer and winter squash, and all the oriental greens. The only caveat is that you have to watch them. They might need more watering or shade, or protection from pests, like squirrels digging in your soft, solarized bed. If you are sure you are going to use them that day, soak the seeds in room-temperature water and plant just a little deeper than directions, still making sure to water gently the squares or rows afterwards. Shading can be done with old lawn furniture, window screens, or purchased shade cloth draped over the hoops you used for keeping plants warm earlier in the year.

Speaking of squirrels, which I would rather not except to hire someone with a bb gun, they continue to decimate my crops, taking out green tomatoes in the beginning of June, chewing through netting to eat the blueberries, gnawing the stems of uncovered broccoli and kale to the ground, and finally chewing up the corn stalks the day after I harvested the last ear. I suppose this is why in July they have not yet begun on the second crop of tomatoes, still unripe. We have tried everything over the years: cages of chicken-wire, spraying with hot pepper wax, covering with mesh bags, wrapping in soft paper, laying out replicas of snakes and owls. If they wish, they will. At this very moment a furry couple is re-lining an old nest at the top of some privet in preparation for the next lying-in. They have not yet eaten the okra, eggplants, chard, carrot tops, or beans, but early peppers have gone missing. Stay tuned, and share your own stories.

As squirrels proliferate, sadly I have noticed the number of birds, fireflies, snakes, and other creatures fall. The early spring arrival of birds from the south

has changed precipitously since the cacophony I used to hear in the 1980s has disappeared. I know people like to think they are helping birds with the different kinds of feeders that humans can observe up close. Best would be to increase the numbers of items birds developed to eat naturally: this includes growing plants that provide shelter (thickets of low shrubs and vines) as well as those that produce nectar, berries, and seeds. New-born birds require large amounts of protein-rich insects. Put on repellants if you need to, but do not decimate our outdoor insect populations with poisons. Leave leaf litter for fireflies and undisturbed portions of your yard where garter snakes may hide.

Move the biennial and perennial flowers you sowed earlier this summer to larger pots, feed with a light fertilizer such as watered down fish emulsion, and wait until fall to transplant into final spots in the garden. Continue to water, feed, weed, and dead-head those trusty annuals, your friends for only one year, but what a year they give you! Sometimes you will be surprised by their weathering the winter or self-seeding unexpectedly next spring.

Although the greatest number of perennials is over, an unidentified magenta phlox is as prolific as ever, self-seeded cone flowers are still opening everywhere, and the 'Becky' Shasta daisy is in bloom as well as an intensely blue campanula given to me by Rebeca on Page Avenue that I hope will survive, unlike all my previous campanulas. This morning I saw a hummingbird with a white breast and grayish coat "feeding" at some red clothespins above my breakfast table. It carefully inserted its long beak into the pins' four holes, never seeming the least put-out by lack of nectar. Since it had arrived from the direction of the trumpet vine and headed off towards the Red Jewel salvia, I trust it will not starve.

Gordon Avenue Pink Lemonade Party

by Beth Damon

In June, Patricia Emerson held a Pink Lemonade Tea Party for the little girls on Gordon Avenue. Patricia, who turned 83 (!) on August 1, is a long-term Lake Claire/Gordon resident, featured in the April 2016 Clarion in my series *30+ Year Residents of Lake Claire*; she still supports neighborhood functions, including coming to the annual BBQ last month. She likes the mention here of her age, since, she says, "I am so glad to have made it!"

Dr. Patricia Deane Griffin Emerson moved to Lake Claire in August 1983, into her passive solar home on Gordon Avenue with heat-pump backup, designed by Kelly Jordan. She remembers when the "Sutherland Subdivision" (Gordon Avenue, Oxford Avenue, and Sutherland Terrace) used to have a little newsletter and everyone knew each other and kept each other apprised of goings-on. She used to be involved in LCN and many neighborhood



initiatives, but at 80+ she has found that life goes better with early evenings.

The daytime tea party was a perfect project. Patricia had noticed that there is now an abundance of little girls on Gordon Avenue, even more since Lily, daughter of my former neighbors on Delaware (Patzer/Schrager family) moved to Gordon. Everyone, adults and kids alike, had a wonderful time.

Thanks for Paying Your Neighborhood Dues!

Lake Claire dues payers since last time: Yancey Hrobowski, Brian Fitzgerald, Laura Perry-Bates (banner), Madeline Teissler, Tori Campbell, Sara Reid, Sari McCorkle, William Evans, Celena O'Connell, Xaxier DeCollegne (banner), Lisa Holloway, and Christy Waehner.

Thanks, Lake Clarions. We appreciate your support of our many wonderful neighborhood initiatives. Lake Claire suggested annual dues are \$20/year per house-

hold—but just like with National Public Radio, any amount is certainly appreciated. A Lake Claire Banner package deal is only \$50 if combined with annual dues! If we have missed anyone who paid your dues, we are happy to include you next time. Get your name in print! Pay by PayPal at lakeclaire.org or with the old-fashioned check in the mail, to LCN, Attn: Jim Rockaway, Treasurer, PO Box 5942, Atlanta GA 31107.



We thank Elizabeth for adding to the Clarion's pleas to put on repellants if you need to, but not to decimate our outdoor insect populations with poisons (i.e., PLEASE DO NOT TREAT YOUR YARD FOR MOSQUITOES,

and for our raptors, no rat poison, either). For more on this, please see also "Wild in Lake Claire," page 3. Feel free to contact Elizabeth with questions/comments on her gardening columns—knowltonew@earthlink.net. ~Beth

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It's Official, Ladybug Rocks!

by Andrea Zoppo

The Children's Garden at the Lake Claire Community Land Trust has been officially named "Ladybug Rocks." Many names were submitted by local kids and visitors including "Sparkle Toes," "Leaf Peace," and "Gnomeland," but after a month of voting, the name "Ladybug Rocks" finally won. The name was suggested by Land Trust neighbor and soon-to-be 3rd grader Margo Sullivan. Sadie Gottlieb, a local teenager, painted the official sign, and Teo and Ian, neighborhood children and garden rock stars, installed it at our June Garden Party. We thank you all for your participation! The Garden is really shaping up! We invite you to dig in with us.

In related news, Ladybug Events held its first Garden Theatre Camp at the Land Trust at the end of June. With 12 campers, ages 4-12, we explored, played, learned, and created a show about Climate Change with handmade props and sets. We also made a blog with content created by the children—check it out at garden-theatre.tumblr.com. Look for more programming like this during school breaks. We would love to create more environment-themed theatre with local youth. If you're interested in a theatre group, contact us!

The next Children's Garden Event is **Sunday, August 27, 4-6 p.m.** We will be harvesting beans and herbs

and planting a fall garden. At all of our parties we have live music, performances, yummy snacks, and food-related activities or natural crafts, like making homemade lemonade and sunflower seed snacks. You can support our Children's Garden and programming by participating in our events and making a \$5 donation. You can also contribute and learn more about our work by visiting youcaring.com/childrengarden.

Ladybug Events is in its third year of offering family fun educational programming at the LCCLT, both in collaboration with the Land Trust Family Project (e.g., Children's Garden) and on its own (*à la* Theatre Camp). In addition to programming, Ladybug Events provides Farm to School programs, afterschool acting classes at Mary Lin Elementary, and educational and whimsical services for birthday parties, events, and Farmers' Markets. To learn more and to sign up for our seasonal newsletter visit Ladybugeventsllc.com or e-mail Missladybug@Ladybugeventsllc.com.

Side note: I have been keeping bees at the Land Trust for a few years, and I am looking for adults to join forces to learn and share knowledge and responsibilities. Ideally, we could form a Land Trust Bee Team. If you are interested please email me with your average weekly schedule at Andrea.Zoppo@yahoo.com.

Upcoming & Ongoing at the Land Trust...

Sat., Aug. 5 and 19—Drum Circle, sunset to 11 p.m. Please walk, bike, or carpool. Bring a friend! Please help spread the word. The Drum Circles are the Land Trust's gift to our community, but your donations help keep it going.

Sun., Aug. 27—Children's Garden Beautification, Summer Harvest & Fall Planting. See article this page.

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Get Off the Grid! (at least for a Weekend)

Former Harold Ave. resident Bill Fleming invites the neighborhood to head to the mountains this month for the **Get Off the Grid Fest Solar Expo & Sustainability Fair**, August 18-20, at Union County Arena in Blairsville, Georgia. The festival is timed for the weekend before the total solar eclipse of Monday, August 21, which will be visible across the North Georgia mountains. A diverse crowd of several thousand is expected.

Billed as "the first-ever regional renewable energy and community-supported sustainable living fair," Bill's brainchild focuses on the parallel themes of Energy and Environment, Food and Agriculture, Health and Wellness, and Arts and Community. Speakers, workshops, and technology displays will share the spotlight with music and poetry. Activists, artists, educators, vendors, farmers, and technicians will mingle with the public. Tickets are \$30 for the weekend and come with a free CD of music by Atlanta-area composers on the theme of sustainability. One-day tickets are also available for \$15 (but no CD.) Visit getoffthegridfest.com to learn more.



Have You Heard the Word? Hip Hop Is Green!

by Sacred, Mistress of Sparkle

The Atlanta chapter of Hip Hop Is Green has chosen the Lake Claire Community Land Trust as the scene of its weekly community potluck dinner. We feel the spirit of this event is very much in-keeping with the mission of the Land Trust and envision a wonderful partnership. Sevananda Natural Foods Market has also agreed to join the partnership in the roles of health education and promotion.

The potlucks take place every Monday night from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. and are open to the public. The cost: a Vegan dish \$5 per person, plus an additional \$2 for disposable dinnerware (or bring your own). The purpose: to build community, promote health and wellness, and educate newcomers to the vegan diet. In other words, to make Health and Wellness COOL in the community!

In addition to the potluck meal, activities will include Health Education stations with information about

healing modalities, herbs, crystals etc.; Wellness Workshops, Interactive classes on yoga, meditation, etc.; and artistic sharing and performance. All activities will be volunteer-driven by members of Hip Hop Is Green, Sevananda, and the Land Trust community. We will encourage people to bring their own plates and utensils and teach about recycling and sustainability by example.

Hip Hop Is Green is committed to having high standards around the music that we play for the community. We will only promote health and wellness and positive community relationships. There will be a checklist that all music must be run through before approval. We believe the music we ingest needs to be just as wholesome and healthy as the food we are eating. So all of our content will be family-friendly, created with children in mind. All are welcome—join us any Monday evening!



We hope this series is fun and a way for young Clarion readers/writers/artists to participate. This month we feature Dylan Corbett's write up on swimming (his preferred topic). This is his own, unedited, 7-year-old language. Dylan and family live on Hampton Terrace, and he is a rising 2nd grader at Mary Lin Elementary. His favorite subject is math. He is the oldest and has a little brother, and another little sibling on the way! Dylan's hobbies are swimming, basketball, and playing video

games. Yet another budding young writer getting his sea legs in the Clarion. And don't miss Latha Wright's cartoon strip below in her series "QT Kitten." Not only is # 5 really funny, but she plans on wrapping up the current story arc with no. 6, so stay tuned!

Hey there, Lake Claire kids of all ages—we want to see your creativity. Submit articles, poetry, drawings, your original puzzles, etc., to editor@lakeclaire.org. We hope to hear from you!

Why I like Swimming

by Dylan Corbett

I like swimming in the summer. I like it because it is fun, it cools you down, and you get to relax. I have been swimming for 4 years. My swim team is the InTown Dolphins/Dekalb Aquatics. I have been swimming for them for 2 years! My favorite stroke is the butterfly.

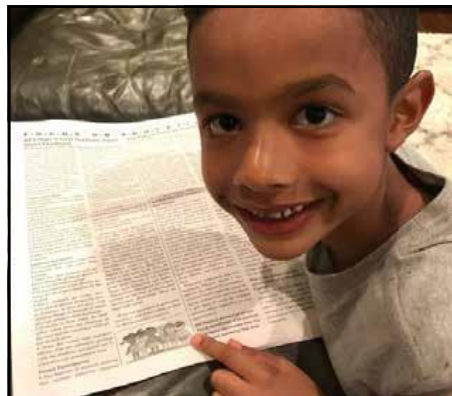
I like it because it is easy for me. I swam in 17 meets! My last meet at Georgia Tech was my favorite because it was very fun, and we ate pizza afterwards. When I grow up, I want to swim in the Olympics!



Rose Silver

Contest Winners!

CONGRATULATIONS, Rose, Dylan, and Elliott Rose Silver was the first one to find the Lake Claire kids cooling off in the sprinkler for the summer issue. Rose is Lake Claire's resident Queen of Cartwheels. She loves her whole family, including her fish, Bob. She enjoys art, music, dance, tree climbing, eating fruit, and, of course, cartwheels. Dylan Corbett came in 2nd—by just a couple of hours. Dylan is 7 and lives on Hampton Terrace; he has also written this month's special feature (more info on Dylan above with his article). And Elliott Heutel, fifth grader at Mary Lin, came in third, but we didn't get his picture and info—we'll put it in next time! Congratulations to all three winners.



Dylan Corbett

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Find the back-to-school graphic in this Clarion. The winner/winners will have their pictures in the next Clarion. To win, send e-mail to editor@lakeclaire.org with the page number where you find the picture. 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. And do send us your writing and artistic contributions!