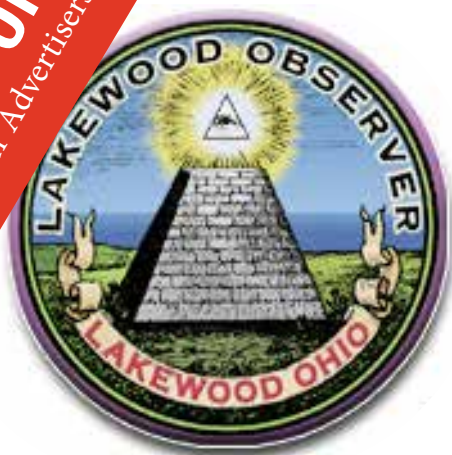


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## Community To Celebrate LHS Dedication

by Christine Gordillo

The Lakewood community is ready to celebrate an amazing accomplishment that is a result of the civic engagement and public-private collaboration for which our city is known. Lakewood City Schools has renovated or rebuilt all 10 of its school buildings over the last decade. Completing construction of the eastern wing at Lakewood

High School is the capstone project of the District's Facilities Master Plan.

Please join with the Lakewood Board of Education

members, Superintendent Jeff Patterson and Principal Keith Ahearn in celebrating the opening of the new Performing Arts & Physical

Education Wing at the eastern end of the high school on Sunday, August 20 at 4 p.m. The new wing, as well as the new academic wing that opened

in January and the new Cleveland Clinic Children's School-Based Health Center, will be open for tours following the dedication ceremony.

## Fall High School Sports Preview

by Mike Deneen

It's back to school time, which also means that the local high school sports sea-

son is upon us. Here is a look at some of the teams that will compete this fall.

**LHS CROSS COUNTRY**

The Lakewood boys and girls cross country teams return to action at the Southwestern Conference Preview at LCCC on August 26. Both teams will have a lot of new faces in their starting lineups, as many of last year's top runners have graduated. Both squads have added two brand new events to their schedule: the Oberlin Invite on September 2 and the Trucker Invite September 23 in Norwalk. "I like change" boys Head Coach Stepanie Toole said about the new meets.

The boys team is looking to defend its 2016 conference championship, the first won by any LHS team in the school's new league. Only two of last year's seven top runners are back this year, but Toole feels good about her team. "They had a solid summer....our captains did a great job," she said. Joey Toole and Joe Burtz-

laff are the returners from last year, and will be among the top three runners on this team. They are joined in the top three by sophomore Cormac Peppard-Kramer, who joins the team after a solid freshman year running distance track. Competition for the 4-7 spots has been close, but there

are lots of good young runners on the roster. Coach Toole hopes to defend the conference title, and also for the team to advance to OHSAA regionals as a team. The girls team also lost a lot of runners to graduation. Head Coach Danielle Hammond is pleased with her team's offseason preparation. "The kids are working hard and looking forward to the season," she said after a recent practice. Like the boys, the team will compete in two new meets. "We're excited to race at Oberlin and Norwalk," said Hammond. The team graduated many of last year's top seven runners, but veterans Jinn Feng and Abby Laform will return. Hammond says her goal is to advance runners to the OHSAA regional meet in late October.

**LHS SOCCER**

LHS boys and girls soccer returns to the pitch this fall for another season in the tough Southwestern Conference, which includes traditional powers such as Westlake, Avon, and Olmsted Falls. The boys will open first, facing Valley Forge on August 18 at Byers Field. This will be the first-ever

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## Community Kickball Tournament & Carnival

by Missy Toms

Cheer on your neighbors as they face off, Madison vs. Detroit, at Jimmie Foxx Memorial Baseball Field on Sunday, August 27, 2017, for the first-ever Kauffman Park Kickball Tournament & Carnival. Games (best two out of three) will last 7 innings or 45 minutes, whichever comes first. Adults and children 14 and older are invited to play. Registration is \$10 for an individual, \$25 for a business "celebrity." All proceeds benefit improvements to Kauffman Park.

Attendees will be treated to a performance by the Sokol Aerial Circus. Daring drops, dizzying spins, and audacious grace high, high, high up in the air with performances on silks, lyra, stilts, and hoop in singles, doubles, and triples fill this family-friendly show with comedy, beauty, and many moments that will take your breath away!

Make sure to get a snack from concessions and dinner from the local food trucks!

**Schedule of events:**

**1-2:30 p.m.**

*Game 1 & 2 and face painting*

**2:30- 3 p.m.**

*Sokol Aerial Circus*

**3:15-4 p.m.**

*Game 3*

**3-5 p.m.**

*Local food trucks*

For more information and to register, visit [www.kauffmanparkfriends.org](http://www.kauffmanparkfriends.org). Kauffman Park is located behind Discount Drug Mart at 15450 Detroit Avenue in

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## News Release:

### Theft Of Wheels And Tires

by Capt. Ed Hassing

Between Tuesday August 8, 2017 and Monday August 14, 2017 the Lakewood Police Department has taken five reports of wheels and tires being stolen. In these cases



One of the cars - sans wheels.



Sokol Aerial Circus

all four wheels and tires were removed, leaving the vehicle propped up on a paving stone.

In all of these cases the vehicles were Honda products, four Accords and 1 Civic. Thefts were reported on August 8, 12 and 14. The time range of these thefts is from 3 p.m. to 10 a.m. With the exception of one case all of the vehicles were parked on the street. There was a dark colored SUV seen in the

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## Lakewood Division Of Aging Responds To The Changing Needs Of Older Home Owners

by Barry Wemyss

You have been a Lakewood home owner for maybe 30 years, and you do not relish the idea of moving. Would you be interested in learning about some relatively simple modifications that would keep you in place for the foreseeable

future?

The City of Lakewood and Maximum Accessibility Housing of Ohio are pleased to present a home accessibility workshop series. We are looking for Lakewood home owners in their 50's and 60's who would like to make

some changes now, so that they can remain where they are as they age.

Maximum Accessible Housing of Ohio's Anderson Center for Accessible Living provides much needed training and information on accessible

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LHS Volleyball Head Coach Maggi Szczepaniak speaks to team during a five set scrimmage win over Firelands.



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## State Representative Antonio Comments On President Trump’s Opioid Crisis Declaration

by *Nickie Antonio*

State Rep. Nickie Antonio (D-Lakewood) recently responded to President Donald Trump recently declaring the opioid epidemic a national emergency and promising to spend significant federal dollars to combat the public health crisis:

“I am pleased to see leaders at the federal level acknowledge what Ohio Democrats have long said: that the opioid epidemic devastating our rural areas and urban centers alike is a public health emergency that will require a strong, unified response and emergency funding in order to save lives and prevent additional tragedy.

“I hope Gov. Kasich can set aside his personal feelings regarding President Trump to finally acknowledge this public health emergency and bring the full force of the state to bear on the growing epidemic.

“With thousands of men and women dying each year in our state from opioids, Ohio families cannot afford for Governor Kasich to wait any longer to declare a statewide emergency and bring additional emergency and permanent state funds to local efforts aimed at prevention, treatment and law enforcement. Too many lives are at stake.”

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City

# Doggie Doo: Follow The Rules Of Lakewood Dog Park

by Dana Textoris

The dog days of summer are still ahead, bringing more opportunities to socialize for Lakewood dogs and their owners. Many will head to Lakewood Dog Park. On any given day, many dozens of dogs scamper and sniff across 2/3 acres of park grounds.

The park sits on the border of Lakewood and Rocky River, tucked in between the Lakewood Water Treatment Plant and the Cleveland Metroparks Emerald Necklace Marina. The park is managed jointly by the City of Lakewood and volunteers from Friends of the Lakewood Dog Park, a nonprofit membership organization that raises support from the community to supply free dog waste disposal bags, toys, water bowls, benches and shelters, and other necessities at the park.

The park is free to use and open to anyone, not only Lakewood residents, so long as visitors play by all City of Lakewood ordinances as well as park rules. The official Rules of Lakewood Dog Park are clearly posted at the two entrances to the park, yet Lakewood Animal Control Officer Jack Crawford says many visitors seem to miss them.

I asked Jack to comment on what aspects of the rules he wishes park visitors would better understand, to ensure the enjoyment and safety of all users of the park:

**Rule #1: Leash behavior:** “Keep dogs leashed when outside the fenced-in dog park area. Owners and dog handlers must keep a leash for each dog on their persons at all times.”

The Lakewood Dog Park is the only place within city limits where dogs are allowed to run and play off-leash. However dog owners are expected to have their leashes in-hand in case they are needed. Yet Jack says, “Leashes are usually hooked onto the chain link fence surrounding the park, not in owners’ hands. Dog owners need to take responsibility. I observe many dog



Making friends at Lakewood Dog Park.

owners in the park not paying attention to their dogs. I believe the park can sometimes be more of a social gathering for the owners than the dogs.”

**Rule #4: Licensing and vaccines:** “Dogs must have current license and be up-to-date on all vaccines. Licenses, vaccine information, and ID tags must be affixed to each dog’s collar and a collar must be worn by dogs at all times.”

This rule gets broken both inside and outside the dog park. “So many dog owners in Lakewood don’t even know that they must get a county license for their dog every year,” Jack says. “If your dog is ever lost, an updated license can be very important to getting them found.” Cuyahoga County dog licenses are available at Discount Drug Mart stores, through the Cleveland Animal Protective League (APL), and online at the Cuyahoga County website (<https://fiscalofficer.cuyahogacounty.us/en-US/Dog-License.aspx>).

**Rule #5: Food:** “To prevent aggressive canine behavior, human and dog food of any kind are prohibited.”

gradable waste bags, tools and trash receptacles are normally provided. Please leave the park as clean as, or cleaner than, it was when you arrived. Please do not leave litter or cigarette butts.”

The dog park is a free place to play but not to poop. “This is common courtesy, in the park or anywhere,” Jack says. “Pay attention, pick up after your dog, and help keep it a better and cleaner park for everyone.”

**Rule #14: Owner responsibility:** “Owners and dog handlers are responsible and liable for all damage or injury inflicted by their dogs.”

Jack says that more than anything else, he hopes visitors will understand that the park is an ‘enter at your own risk’ dog park. “I get calls all the time about altercations between dogs in the park. But any problems that occur inside the dog park are an owner’s own responsibility, since they chose to enter the park.”

Karen Karp, president of Friends of the Lakewood Dog Park, agrees. “When I’m at the park, if there is a dog whose behavior concerns me and the owner is not making an effort to intervene, I leave,” she says. “Discretion is the better part of valor. It might not be fair, maybe the other dog should go home, but I’d rather avoid a potentially dangerous situation than put my own dog at risk.”

To read the full list of dog park rules, visit the City of Lakewood website (<http://www.onelakewood.com/accordions/lakewood-dog-park-2/>). For additional pet tips and resources, download a Guide to Responsible Pet Ownership (<http://www.onelakewood.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/2017LASWABBrochure.pdf>), produced by the City of Lakewood Animal Safety and Welfare Advisory Board.

**Dana Textoris is a Lakewood resident and a member of the City of Lakewood Animal Safety and Welfare Advisory Board.**

There’s no food allowed inside the dog park—no, not even doggie treats. “I observe many people at the park sipping on coffee and giving treats to their dogs,” Jack says. “But this can invite aggressive behavior. For everyone’s safety, leave the snacks at home.”

**Rule #6: Small and young dogs:** “Dogs must be at least 4 months old to enter. Dogs under 25 pounds may use the small dog area.”

The park is intended to be a place for dogs of all sizes. There is a special fenced-in area for smaller dogs, though they and their owners must enter through the main gates and cross through the park to access it. But the park is no place for newborn puppies. “I see quite a few very young dogs, definitely younger than four months, because their owners want to socialize them,” says Jack. “But for their own safety, wait until they are ‘of age’ to come to the park.”

**Rule #12: Doggie doos and don’ts:** “Always clean up after your dogs. Be watchful of your dogs, and pick up and dispose of fecal waste. Biode-



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# Lakewood Public Library

## Calendar Of Events

compiled by Elaine Rosenberger

### Wednesday, August 16

#### Swing Dance Party with Live Swing Band

Get started swing dancing by learning the Jitterbug! An introductory lesson will be taught by swing dance champion Valerie Salstrom, owner of Get Hep Swing. Valerie’s lesson will be followed by a dance party with the Scimitars Swing Band. Don’t worry about bringing a dance partner as we will rotate partners during the lesson. Iron your poodle skirt and shine your wingtips for this one.

6:30 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room

### Thursday, August 17

#### Author Event - “Deadly Homecoming at Rosemont: a Wrenn Grayson Mystery” by Connie Chappell

Historian Wrenn Grayson arrives at the Rosemont mansion expecting to receive payment from the mansion’s new owner, Clay Addison. That expectation dies when she and Clay find Trey Rosemont murdered on the foyer floor. Wrenn’s stubborn one-woman approach places her directly in the killer’s path. Connie Chappell was born, raised and still resides in Springfield, Ohio. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

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

### Thursday, August 17

#### Booked For Murder: Detectives around the World

Discover a new place and uncover a mystery, as you follow a different detective through a different location each month. Tonight we will discuss The Ice Princess by Camilla Läckberg (Fjällbacka, Sweden).

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

### Friday, August 18

#### Front Porch Concert Series

Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy fantastic music with friends and neighbors in the heart of Downtown Lakewood. Tonight we welcome Becky Boyd & the Groove Train.

7:00 p.m. Main Library Front Porch

### Saturday, August 19

#### Film - “A Man for All Seasons” (1966)

Sir Thomas More (Paul Scofield), highly respected Chancellor of England, is on a collision course with King Henry VIII (Robert Shaw). So he can divorce Catherine of Aragon and marry Ann Boleyn in hopes of having a male heir to the throne, the king insists that More sign a letter asking the Pope for an annulment. A devout Catholic, More cannot condone what he deems heresy and declines. Barbara Steffek-Hill presents a series of classic and contemporary films from her personal favorites.

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

### Sunday, August 20

#### Lakewood LibraryCon

Did you know that Cleveland is the original birthplace of Superman? To celebrate our city’s history with comics, we are hosting our very own LibraryCon! We will have local comic and graphic novel authors. There will be contests, a display from Cleveland Public Library’s Superman artifacts and a photo booth to take snapshots of your cosplay costumes.

4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room

### Sunday, August 20

#### Lakewood LibraryCon: Film Marathon

## LibraryCon Celebrates All Things Comic Sunday, August 20!

by Lisa Calfee

From that physical marvel, that champion of the oppressed, the one and only Superman to “everyman” Funky Winkerbean, Cleveland is the birthplace of many famous comic characters; not to mention generations of their enthusiastic fans.

While San Diego officially claims the first Comic-Con International back in 1970, Lakewood Public Library is getting into the spirit of things by celebrating our very own LibraryCon! We will have visits from local graphic novelists and cartoonists, a film marathon, a photo booth to commemorate your cosplay costume, a display from Cleveland Public Library’s Superman artifacts collection and other action-packed, spine-tingling adventures!

LibraryCon is happening Sunday, August 20, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Main Library First Floor Multipurpose Room at 15425 Detroit Avenue. Kyle J. Osborne, the creator

of Shquirat; and Brad Ricca, author of Super boys: The Amazing Adventures of Jerry Siegel and Joe Shurster-the Creators of Superman, which has been featured in the New Yorker and won the Ohioana Book Award for nonfiction and the Cleveland Arts prize for literature, will be stopping by.

From 1 to 8:30 p.m., the Library-Con film marathon will take place in the Main Library Basement Auditorium. We will be showing films based on graphic novels, including American Splendor, Persepolis, Crumb and Ghost World.

If you haven’t already, make your way upstairs to one of Northeast Ohio’s largest Graphic Novel Collections which is located in our very own Main Library Second Floor Film and Music Room. There are over 3000 Manga and Graphic titles on our shelves waiting ever so patiently to be devoured.

For a full line-up of LibraryCon events, check out Lakewood Public Library on Facebook.

Take a break from the action upstairs at LibraryCon to pop in on a film. The films will be played in the following order: American Splendor (2003) - an original mix of fiction and reality illuminates the life of comic book hero everyman Harvey Pekar; Persepolis (2007) – aprecocious and outspoken Iranian girl grows up during the Islamic Revolution; Crumb (1994) - an intimate portrait of the controversial cartoonist and his traumatized family; Ghost World (2001) two friends respond to a man’s newspaper ad for a date, only to find it will greatly complicate their lives.

1:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

### Monday, August 21

#### Film - “Comic Book: the Movie” (2004)

Mark Hamill directs and stars in the straight-to-video mockumentary Comic Book: The Movie, largely filmed on-location at the 2002 Comic-Con International in San Diego, CA. Comic book fan Donald Swan (Hamill) is hired to make a documentary about his favorite superheroes: Commander Courage and Liberty Ladd. Kevin Smith, Hugh Hefner, Bruce Campbell and Stan Lee appear as themselves.

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

### Thursday, August 24

#### Author Event - “Whither Thou Goest, I Will Go” by Naomi Dathan

Jem Perkins is used to her comfortable city life. But when her family’s financial situation takes a turn for the worse, she must learn to adapt to her new life, in a sod house on a Nebraska homestead. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

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

### Friday, August 25

#### Front Porch Concert Series

Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy fantastic music with friends and neighbors in the heart of Downtown Lakewood. Tonight we welcome Vance Music Studios Rock Band.

7:00 p.m. Main Library Front Porch

### Saturday, August 26

#### Film - CB4 (1993)

In the same vein as This is Spinal Tap, the gangsta rap group CB4 is the focus of this satire of rap music. Named after the prison block where it formed, Cell Block Four, the group makes its claim to fame by being the only gangsta rap group that is made up of actual gangsters. The film introduces us to A. White (Chris Elliot), a documentarian who has been filming members Albert, also known as MC Gusto (Chris Rock), Stab Master Aaron (Deezer D), and Euripides, also known as Dead Mike (Allen Payne).

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

### Sunday, August 27

#### Concert - Havana Nights Orchestra

No sounds can represent the dog days of summer better than the music of Cuba. The Havana Nights Orchestra performs music in the traditional Latin, Afro-Cuban and salsa styles. Led by local musician Chris Vance, the Havana Nights Orchestra will have you dancing in the aisles and moving your feet until the sun goes down over the Solstice Steps.

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

### Thursday, August 31

#### Author Event - “Born to Serve Book” by Dennis R. Fox

Poor grade-school results, four years of failure in piano lessons, difficulty with memorization, fear of public speaking and failure to be accepted into a college due to an entrance exam debacle left Dennis R. Fox with low self-esteem and he believed that he was worthless and even ugly. He began wondering, what happens after death? Or if there is life after death, is there a definitive answer? Fox became burdened with the horrible thought: I do not want to die! Fox was born in Lebanon, Pennsylvania. He earned a theology degree from Piedmont Baptist University in Winston Salem, North Carolina; a bachelor’s degree in English and music from Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina; and a master’s degree in reading from Baldwin Wallace University in Berea, Ohio. He is a retired Cleveland Public Schools English instructor, piano teacher, church-choir director, gospel-song composer and poet. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

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

### Friday, September 1

#### Front Porch Concert: Ernie Krivda

Jazz musician Ernie Krida will perform on September 1 at 7:00 p.m on the Main Library Front Porch.

7:00pm on the Main Library Front Porch

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**Sunday, September 3, 2017**  
**Monday, September 4, 2017**

## Children & Youth Events

compiled by Eric Knapp

### Sunday, August 27

#### Sensory Story Time

#### For you and your 3-7 year old child

This story time program can be enjoyed by all children, but it is specifically designed for young children with special needs, autism or those with sensory processing challenges. Registration required.

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. in the Main Library Toddler Story Room.

### Monday, September 11 – Thursday, November 2

#### Register for Fall Story Times

#### For children birth to 6 years old

Register for a variety of story times aimed at different age ranges. Times, dates, and locations vary by program. See program guide for details. Registration required.

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Schools

District Efforts Smooth Student Transitions

by Christine Gordillo

School transitions can be tough. Entering kindergarten, moving on to middle or high school. These big moments in a student's and family's life come with many different emotions and challenges. At Lakewood City Schools, administrators and teachers do their best to make the transitions as smooth as possible.

With school starting Aug. 21, the week before will be full of orientations, meet and greets and other events that are focused on making students feel welcome if they are new to the District or a school and providing them with the information and resources needed to be successful in their new educational setting.

It's important for both students and parents to feel like they know all they need to when it's time to send their child off to that much larger school than they were accustomed to, with new sets of rules and expectations.

Both Harding and Garfield Middle Schools hold orientations for students and parents the week prior to school. Lakewood High holds its two-day Fresh Start orientation the same week. Fresh Start is a student-run program that is primarily for incoming freshmen but also includes new students entering grades 10-12. The student leaders go through an application process to become Fresh Start mentors and complete a day of brainstorming and training in spring of

the previous school year. The LHS PTA also offers an LHS 101 session in September where new parents can ask current parents about life at LHS.

At the elementary level, many buildings' parent-teacher organizations hold back-to-school events such as pool party or picnics for students and parents to reconnect before school starts. Grant Elementary PTA is hosting a "Meet the Teacher and Supply Drop Night" to help make the first day back a smooth one.

The transition help doesn't just apply to District students. The week of Aug. 7, new teachers spent two days learning the ins and outs of District curriculum, policy and procedures.



Team building games are part of the Lakewood High School new student orientation, Fresh Start.

LHS Duo Members Of All Ohio State Fair Band

by Christine Gordillo

Two Lakewood High musicians spent two weeks this summer in Columbus as members of the All-Ohio State

Fair Band. The Fair Band and accompanying Youth Choir have been part of the Ohio State Fair since 1925 and 1963, respectively. Representing Lakewood in this year's band were juniors Lidia Logan and Kira Marjanovic.

This is the second year in the band for Kira, who earned the principal trumpet position for this year's band. Lidia, who plays tenor sax, is a first-year selection. Members must be recommended

by their band director in order to participate.


More than 200 students from across Ohio are part the band. The group spends four days prior to the fair opening in day-long rehearsals to learn its repertoire for the 10-day fair.

The band performs up to 10 times throughout the day for fairgoers, including a daily parade through the 360-acre fairgrounds. The band also traditionally performs off-site at the Statehouse and at Columbus' Park of Roses.

Kira and Lidia are two of a long tradition of Lakewood High band and choir members joining the State Fair ensembles.



Lidia Logan (left) and Kira Marjanovic were two of the more than 200 members of the All Ohio State Fair Band this year.



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Schools

Harrison Elementary Community Garden Produces Learning, First Crop

by Matt Bixenstine

It's harvest season for the Harrison Elementary Community Garden and the inaugural year has resulted in a banner crop.

Four raised garden beds at the northern end of the school's grounds have produced broccoli, cabbage, kale, peppers, radishes and tomatoes. LakewoodAlive Community Engager Mark McNamara distributes the vegetables to student families throughout the Historic Birdtown Neighborhood.

"Birdtown began in the late 1800's as a working-class neighborhood where residents often supplemented their food by planting their own vegetable gardens," said McNamara. "It's great to see it come full-circle to the point where we've been able to establish a community garden that not only produces food, but also serves as an educational opportunity for students."

The project arose this past spring when Harrison Elementary – led by



The community garden affords students valuable learning opportunities.

teacher Tiffany Hickey – was awarded a \$2,000 grant from the Whole Kids Foundation, the charitable arm of Whole Foods Market, to build and

maintain a community garden on school grounds. LakewoodAlive serves as a community partner in the grant, coordinating volunteers to support and maintain the garden.

On May 2 a group of volunteers comprised of LakewoodAlive staff, Harrison Elementary staff and students, Lakewood High School football players and community members constructed the Harrison Elementary Community Garden. Planting commenced the following week under the guidance of volunteer Emil Girod.

Campers from Camp Can Do, held at Harrison each summer, have taken the lead with watering the Harrison Elementary Community Garden. Both Girod and McNamara monitor the garden on a regular basis.

In addition to providing healthy nourishment, the community garden has already served as a valuable learning tool, and will continue to do so once the new school year commences. Said Hickey in writing the grant: "We would like to use our garden space as an outdoor classroom for all grade levels. The students will reconnect with nature and understand real sources of food. They will learn about agriculture and gardening, which are priceless life skills. The students will also learn personal responsibility from caring for the garden. The garden will provide opportunities for learning across subject areas including: science, health, social studies, and math. The students will learn focus and patience, cooperation, teamwork and social skills."

Through its Housing Outreach Program, LakewoodAlive places strong emphasis on fostering community vibrancy in Birdtown, a low-to-moderate income neighborhood on the eastern edge of Lakewood that's steeped in history. For more information, please visit [LakewoodAlive.org/HousingOutreach](http://LakewoodAlive.org/HousingOutreach).



The community garden has produced a strong first-year crop.

Tag! Lakewood Is IT!

by Regina Westlake

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Sports

# Fall School Football Preview

by Mike Deneen  
HANNAN ERA BEGINS AT LAKEWOOD

The Lakewood Rangers football team enters the 2017 season under new Head Coach Tom Hannan, who brings an “old school” mentality to the program. He and his staff have seen an improvement in the team’s offseason conditioning and training. The players are in better shape than last year, and they are more disciplined. However, the program is still limited by a modest roster size and faces a tough Southwestern Conference schedule. After going winless last year, the players and coaches are all anxious to get into the win column. Here is an overview of the team:

**OFFENSE**

Hannan brings a new offensive system to the Rangers. They will use both a “Wing T” and a spread offensive system, depending on situation. Senior quarterback Austin Mahar is expected to start, and his combination of running speed and arm are well suited for the system. Mahar threw for over 1,000 yards last year, but he also suffered 19 interceptions. “His job in the Wing T is to manage the offense and make good decisions,” says Hannan. Sophomore Albert Wilhelmy, starter for last year’s JV team, will be the backup.

The offensive backfield will consist of a fullback, a halfback, and a “wing-back,” Senior Jared Naida, a hard runner, will start at fullback. Backups will include junior Nate Bilski and senior Eric Byous. Junior Will Adams will start at halfback, backed by junior Dwighski Jackson and sophomore Milan Jackson. The wing-



Coach Hannan speaks to the team at practice.

back position -- which is responsible for running the jet sweep or being a receiver in the spread -- will be filled by Milan Jackson and senior Basho Khawam. Other offensive “skill” positions include the “X” receiver and Tight Ends. The X receiver position, which is also the “play runner” that brings in the plays from the sideline -- will be filled by senior Jay Boyd, senior Dayvon Hanible, junior Kyren Jefferson, and senior Joe Byczek. Seniors Camryn Cole and Andres Garcia will play the tight end position.

The offensive line will include senior Joe Giffels as starting center. Giffels started all ten games last year at guard. Sophomore Spencer Reynolds will be his backup. Junior Alvin Musai, described as “very smart” by Hannan, will start at left guard. Junior Keegan Frear will start at left tackle; senior Jacob Brown, who started all ten games last year, will be at right tackle; the right guard starting spot is a four-way battle among Reynolds, sophomore Justin Steiner, senior Kyle Palmer, and junior Belal Snobar.

Senior Attila Nagy, who also plays on the LHS soccer team, is battling junior Justin Creslip for the starting spot as kicker. Kick return duties will be handled by Milan Jackson or junior Michael McCollum.

**DEFENSE**

The Rangers gave up nearly 44 points per game last year. Hannan has made defensive improvement a high priority

this offseason -- so much so that starting quarterback Austin Mahar will also start at safety. Hannan believes athleticism is the strength of this unit. The key to improvement will be proper execution of alignment and assignment. Mahar will not be the only offensive player doing double duty -- Byczek and Boyd will fill the cornerback position, with Milan Jackson and Jefferson in reserve.

The defensive line will include Naida, sophomore Yousef Awad and senior Anthony Mahoney as tackles. Defensive ends include Musai, Snobar, Brown, Palmer, as well as seniors Patrick Gilman and sophomore Will Rosenberger. Dwighski Jackson, described as a “very physical” player, will start at outside linebacker along with senior Dayvon Hannible. Starting inside linebackers will be Khawam -- last year’s leading tackler -- and Will Adams. Bilski, Byous, and Reynolds are also expected to play at the ILB position. Senior Dalton Pringle will handle the team’s punting duties.

**TICKET AND SCHEDULE INFO**

Varsity games will all be on Friday evenings at 7 p.m. Home games are at First Federal Lakewood Stadium. The home opener is September 1 against Amherst Steele. The homecoming game is September 29 vs. North Olmsted. Tickets to Ranger home games are still priced at \$6 for adults; \$4 for student presale; FREE for Lakewood senior citizens (60 and up); \$4 for non-Lakewood senior citizens.

**EAGLES HOPE TO GO FULL CIRCLE**

The St. Edward football team had its first scrimmage against McKinley High School last week at the newly remodeled Tom Benson Stadium (formerly Fawcett Stadium) in Canton. Their hope is to make a return trip to the same place for the state championship game in early December. Head Coach Tom Lombardo has plenty of talent on the roster, but has many starting positions to fill from last year’s squad.

The Eagles offense was hardest hit by graduation -- gone are last year’s starting quarterback, leading runner, and offensive line. Those holes should be filled by rising talent such as junior Jordan Castleberry, who showed great potential last year as backup running back. Many offensive players got some playing time last season, which will help them to adjust quickly to the starting role.

The team’s highest-profile players are on the defensive side of the ball, which returns most of the secondary. That group includes Michigan State recruit Michael Dowell at cornerback; Cincinnati commit Darnell Shields; and junior Caden Kolesar. Senior Omar Fattah will lead the linebacking group. The line will include Division 1 recruit William Henry, a senior.

As always, the Eagles face a rugged schedule. They will have six games at First Federal Stadium, including the “Holy War” matchup with St. Ignatius on October 28. Other opponents at FFL Stadium include Glenville, Akron Buchtel, and Cincinnati Moeller. Due to a scheduling conflict with the LHS Marching Band Festival, their September 16 “home” game with Cincinnati Elder will be at Bedford. All three of their road games are out of state -- one each in Pennsylvania, Illinois, and Indiana.

This season brings a new twist to the “Holy War” with west side rival St. Ignatius. In addition to its season ending varsity game, the two schools will play a varsity “B” game in October at Wasmer Field. Both teams have very large rosters this year, and have many senior players that will get little or no playing time in the normal ten game schedule. This “B” game is designed to give those players a chance to take the field. The event is akin to a soccer “friendly” -- it will not count in the computer playoff rankings. However, based on experience, you can expect that each school’s fans will want to win anyway.

## Community Kickball Tournament & Carnival

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Sports

# Fall High School Sports Preview

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Friday night game in the history of the program.

“This is the most excited I’ve been in eleven years,” said boys Head Coach Andrew Toth. His team opened its training camp with a midnight practice, which started one minute after the OHSAA practice period officially began. The practice was labeled “first in, last out,” reflecting the determination of this year’s squad. A large senior class is a strength of the team, which has been working very hard all camp. “We embrace the grind,” Toth says of his team, which expects to contend for the SWC title. Their first conference matchup will be at home against Amherst on August 23rd. The schedule includes high-caliber nonconference opponents. The annual “Community Cup” game with the Eagles will be at St. Edward on September 23rd; the regular season-ending “Riverwood Cup” game will be at Rocky River on October 14. When asked what his players must do to reach their goals, Toth said, “They need to trust each other.”

Head Coach Roman Hubach returns for his second season with the LHS girls team. The team lost key players to graduation, including goalkeeper Rachel Lowell and leading scorer Halle Krebs. The Rangers will be very young, but have a talented freshman class. “Being so young, we will need to gain and play with confidence and com-



LHS Boys Soccer Head Coach Andrew Toth watches his team during a recent scrimmage. “This is the most excited I’ve been in eleven years,” he says of this season.

posure,” says Hubach. The team faces a tough schedule, including a home nonconference matchup with nearby St. Joseph Academy on September 16. Hubach expects the program to grow into a conference and playoff contender. “My objective for this season is to make this season the start of a long running winning tradition for the girls soccer program at Lakewood High School.”

### ST. EDWARD SOCCER

New head coach Emil Haitonic leads the Eagle soccer team into the 2017 season. The team held an overnight camp recently to help build team chemistry. “[It] gave us the opportunity to strengthen the relations between the team players, as well the relations between coaches and players,” said Haitonic. The new coach is a former professional player with extensive experience in sports and youth development. He describes his style as “a mix of tradition and innovation.”

Haitonic has a young roster, but likes his players. “The team has high potential. Players are talented, strong willed with a passion for the game,” he says. Discipline and hard work will be the key to building the team in this first season. “Excellence is not a singular act but a habit,” he says. The Eagles face a tough schedule, which will be highlighted by its annual rivalry games. They host Lakewood for the “Community Cup” on September 23rd. They travel to Ohio City on September 13 to face defending state champion St. Ignatius in a highly anticipated matchup.

### LHS VOLLEYBALL

Head Coach Maggi Szczepaniak enters her second season at the helm of the Rangers, who lost many key players to graduation. The coaching staff also includes Kelli Lamberti, Grayson Szcz-

epaniak, and freshman coach Lindsay Field. The team returns only one senior, Tori Donegan. Despite losing much of its height and experience to graduation, Coach Maggi sees bright spots. “Our front row isn’t as tall as most teams, but our girls can jump!” she says. “Our team this year has a very strong defense. Our back row is quick and accurate.”

The Rangers home schedule begins August 22 against Amherst. They face a tough SWC schedule, as well as nonconference road matchups with VASJ and St. Vincent-St. Mary. “Our goal every year is to improve and work toward Columbus,” coach says. The program has already made strides in increasing its numbers, with higher turnouts this year. In addition, Coach Maggi launched the new Junior Ranger Volleyball League in July. It had four teams of 4th-6th graders, and will be key to improving the high school program in future years.

## Cheer On Our Eagles At The Foundry

by Coach Meininghaus

The St. Edward High School Rowing Team is entering its 6th season since being established in 2012. The Eagle rowing program has been building a legacy of success with each season.

In the 2016 – 17 season, the Eagles continued to build on this legacy. The team sent crews to two of the largest stages for rowing in the United States, The Head of the Charles in Boston, MA and the USRowing Youth National Championship in Sarasota, FL. In both regattas the crews showed the programs great resolve, at the Head of the Charles the Eagles placed 17th out of 88 entries, at the USRowing Youth National Championship they placed

7th in the nation.

From last year’s team the Eagles graduated five seniors. As the team looks to return to action, the Eagles are returning with hungry and energetic freshmen, sophomore, and junior classes. The SEHS Rowing Team is looking to build on this legacy of success, as they will begin their 2017-18 Season at the Head of the Cuyahoga on Saturday, September 16th, 2017. We welcome everyone to come out to cheer on the Eagles as they begin their 6th season!

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# Lakewood Is Art

## I Never Should've Allowed Noah To Convince Me To Play Words With Friends: Reviews Of Recent Releases By Local Bands, Pt. 53

by Buzz Kompier

*Obligatory Disclaimer: Record reviews are a tricky business. It's one thing to enjoy music, but to, like, pick out what you like about it? That being said, if I review your thing and I didn't like something, don't feel too bad. My opinion doesn't matter all that much.*

**Dana - Dana - Heel Turn Records - 10 songs - LP**

This record had two negatives going for it right off the bat: 1, it was mega hyped up to me by various people, and 2, I'd seen comparisons of Dana to The Gun Club and The Scientists. Two bands that I like but frequently dislike bands that are influenced by them. Fortunately, it's not all that bad. There's some slow groover numbers ("Shadow Of A Self-Doubt," for example), one that goes back and forth between fast and slow, which is one of my favorite things to hear bands do ("Gas Station Exclusive"), one that's actually kinda punk ("Bastard Child")...they do everything! Actually, I guess I would call this post-punk? It's hard to put labels on these things. I'll say this: this band begs you to compare them to Pere Ubu. The theremin noise all over the place is very reminiscent of Allen Ravenstine's synth work on the early Ubu albums, one song has some horns that they might've just taken right from "Dub Housing," there's an edited Wendy's logo on the cover (Wendy's founder David Thomas... Pere Ubu's David Thomas)...most damningly, they cover "Street Waves," marking the second Ubu cover on a Heel Turn release, to my knowledge (see also: Bloody Show's take on "Nonalignment Pact"). It's a decent cover, too, but like a lot of Ubu covers, it just leaves me thinking "did we need to hear an Ubu cover?" What do I know. I think my favorite one here is probably "Bastard Child," but I have a soft spot for "Gas Station Exclusive" as well. I can't decide whether I like this or not. There are certain songs where I'm digging it and then it just goes on too long. Like, if I were to see this band live, I think I'd be standing their going "alright, get on with this so I can see whatever Quality Time band is on this bill." Maybe that sounds mean. I don't know. I actually think this is a solid record altogether. Not my favorite Heel Turn release, but a decent one. Oh



Cover art from this issue's reviews.

yeah, and someone on Discogs pointed out something cool that I wouldn't have noticed: the center labels on the record are based off an old polka label, Dana Records. Don't know whose idea that was, but props to them. 3.7/5

([heelturnrecords.com](http://heelturnrecords.com))

**Manswerk - Urban Macho - 100% Zero Records - 6 songs - CD**

I thought Manswerk was a Lottery League band for a second, but they're not. Musically, I don't really know how to describe them. Doom metal? I don't know, it's heavy though. And I promise I'm not bringing this up just to pick on these guys, but when did the no guitar all bass sound become a trend, specifically with local bands? I can think of three off the top of my head. Not much of a fan of that, sorry. Exception: Meanderthal. Anyway. Once you listen to this, it will come as no surprise that there are several Sockeye connections. I do quite enjoy Scott McHenry's over the top vocals, and "Ravenna" is a pretty good song. I can't attest to the truthfulness of it, having never visited Ravenna, Ohio, but the lyrics sure don't make me want to either. I think the best lyrics are probably in "Presbyterian," in which God urges your immediate conversion to Presbyterianism, lest he send down Marvel Comics character Thor to smite you. I want to like this more than I do, but this kind of music usually just doesn't do it for me, and it just doesn't do it for me here. However, if you like goofy, Wheelchair-style stuff and heavy music, you'll probably like this. 3.5/5

([100zerorecords.com](http://100zerorecords.com))

**Obnox - Niggative Approach - 12XU - 15 songs - LP, download**

After 3 full-lengths in 2015 and no releases in 2016, Obnox has returned with his first (but definitely not only) release of 2017. After John Brannon (of Negative Approach, man) weighs in on the intro track by saying "man" more times than I can count, the record kicks into "Hardcore Matinee," which is maybe one of the best of Obnox's more heavily R&B-influenced tracks yet. In fact, despite one song having the word "hardcore" in the title, the general Negative Approach theme, and the total rock star shot of Bim

on the cover, this is probably his least "punk" album yet. But that's not actually a bad thing, despite my love for punk. Whenever someone compiles an Obnox best of (which, at this point, has gotta be at least a double LP set just based on sheer volume of material), I'd say "Hardcore Matinee," fellow soul ballad "Carmen, I Love You," and "You" would all make it in. And there's quite a few A- tracks as well, like "Sexy Librarian" and "Never Gonna Beat Myself Up Again." Yes, most of these tracks are more representative of Mr. Thomas's soul/hip hop/R&B side, but Bim doesn't let down his rock side fans either, with "Jack Herer" and "Skywalker OG" both bringing the hard rock groove to the record. On "Skywalker OG" there's some real shredding lead guitar and everything (courtesy of Chuck Cieslik, who also brings the guitar action to "Carmen..."). In the grand scheme of Obnox records (and there's quite a few to consider), I'd rate this as different but with no loss in quality. Why isn't Obnox more popular with the kids? 4/5

([12xu.bigcartel.com](http://12xu.bigcartel.com))

**The One Way Street - The One Way Street - B-W Records / My Mind's Eye - 4 songs - 2x7"**

Here is the long-awaited official reissue of the classic "We All Love Peanut Butter"/"Jack The Ripper" two-sider from 1967. You may remember it from "Back From The Grave." Lucky for you, this comes with a bonus 7" of never-before-heard songs. "We All Love Peanut Butter" is basically "The Little Black Egg" but with lyrics about injecting peanut butter and the consequences. Something about the plaintive way Allen "Sonny" Dikun sings this one reminds me of Bob Dylan, at least until they get to the chorus and he shows some enthusiasm. I also love the falsetto backing vocals during the "ooh, bop, peanut butter" in the chorus and the amateurish little guitar sweeps after the first chorus. There's also a serious blast of fuzz guitar at the end— not a killer lead or anything, just the fuzz box getting stomped for some added effect. And back to the lyrics for a second just in case the topic itself didn't clue you in to how genius they are. In addition to warning you that peanut butter will perhaps cause you to "maybe do a

swan dive from a roof," our narrator also gets to the why of the song: "peanuts are nice but the acid is rare." I don't even have to say another word and that should've convinced you of how great this record is. On the flip of the first record, we have "Jack The Ripper," where some ominous bass leads into a scream and then a "Peter Gunn"-esque riff. There's some equally great moments in this one— for example, the lyrics "every now and then my mother calls... Junior, get home!" or when he yells "the psychedelic sound!" before the mad-cap proto-noise guitar break. I also really dig how there are a few moments where the whole thing seems like its on the cusp of falling apart before it somehow finds its way back together. The second single is quite a change from the first one: most notably, Allen Dikun was replaced by John Smith, a singer/guitarist who, based on the songs of the second record in comparison to the first, was at least a little bit more, uh, professional. "Sally Sa-Li" is a cool garage thumper with a Bo Diddley sorta beat. There's a few clean guitar solos that make you worry whether lead guitarist Rick Yarnell lost his pedal before you get to the end and, ah, good, there's that fuzz again. Side B is "(She's) Dreaming Away," definitely a more pop number with some psychedelic leanings. It's got a riff you've heard a billion times but you still love it and a sorta psychedelic chorus with harmonizing clean and fuzz guitars. It really reminds me of the Monkees a lot (no wonder multiple members of New Salem Witch Hunters like this record...). I also quite enjoy the little guitar slides you hear in a couple places. The backing harmonies on the second single really drive home the point that the members of this band are basically teenagers (a few of them were 20)— at first listen, you might think it's a girl doing the backing vocals. Nope, just a guy with a high voice. Teenagers make the best music: for punk, you've got "Break My Face" by Tapeworm, and for garage rock, you have The One Way Street. The singer's mom drove them to the recording session for the "Peanut Butter" single. That's awesome. Some snobs may turn their nose up at the second single, given how it's just not as sloppy as the first one, but you really should give it a chance. Yeah, it's different, but it's still primo garage rock. A darn solid package. You can tell this thing was prepared with love from all involved. Great and informative liner notes by Tom Fallon (hey, there's the Witch Hunters again...) tell you the story of the group and both the records. And take a look at the cover: if that blue jeans/wrongly-tied tie combo on the guitarist (I wanna say it's Rick Yarnell, but there were several membership changes... ah, you'll just have to read it) aren't the epitome of garage rock, I don't know what is. Oh yeah, and both of the records sound great. Play it loud. 5/5

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Lakewood Is Art

Perfectly Imperfect:

Chloe Simone Derethik Photo Show At Root Café

by Jim O'Bryan

Many artists and photographers do not get their own show until middle age, if at all. Many of even the most talented find putting a show together an overwhelming task, and many never even try. Not Chloe Simone Derethik. This 14-year-old photographer who currently attends Magnificat High School will roll out her show at the Root Café, August 14.

Her show called: "Photography Exhibit: Perfectly Imperfect: An exploration of life through the eyes of a 14-year old girl" does just that, it allows the visitor to see life through her eyes. You ask, what is the big deal? Anyone can take photos. While most of us have cameras on our phones, as Ansel Adams once pointed out, "Owning a Nikon does not make a person a photographer, merely a Nikon owner."

Movie Review Of

"Wonder Woman"

by Bob Rittenhouse

The movie, "Wonder Woman" is a 2017 one hundred forty one minute action American movie featuring a partial mythological and partial human D C Comics superhero woman and her adventures. In the current movie scene, there are two woman superhero movies, Wonder Woman with Gal Gadot as lead, and Atomic Blonde with Charlize Theron as the star. The characters of these two superheroes are an interesting contrast with both being warriors. Wonder Woman has a variety of mythological strengths and mysterious powers including a magical powerful wide wrist band and a special Lasso of Hestia. Atomic Blonde is an intelligent, tough killer British spy, an expert with guns, and has amazing karate-like fighting skills.

The basic plot of the Wonder Woman film involves a heroine, Diana Prince (Gal Gadot, an Israeli actress and former soldier in Israel Defense Forces, Batman vs Superman, Fast and Furious 6, TV The Beautiful Show, Miss Israel 2004) is the daughter of Queen Hippolyta of the Amazons. The D C Amazons are described in Greek mythology as part of traditions of the Greek Gods on Mount Olympus, both a mythical home of the Greek Gods and a real mountain in Greece. The Amazons were the children of Ares and Harmonia. Ares, the God of Conflict, War, the Dead, Ruler of the Underworld, is the son of Hera and Zeus, God of the Sky and Earth, and Ruler of the Olympian Gods. Ares was supposedly slain, in disgust, by Zeus, and is the DC Comics supervillain. Harmonia was a goddess of concord and harmony. In the film, Ares, playing role of Sir Patrick Morgan, (David Thewlis, Harry Potter and Deathly Hollows), is a member of the allied Supreme War Council in London. He deceptively appears to support peace during World War I, but has a plan of conquest and destruction. He is later revealed and killed by Diana. The Amazons were a mythical race of superhuman women war-

riors, who lived isolated and opposed to the rule of men. They called their hidden island and nation, Themyscira, probably in the Aegean Sea near Greece. Patty Jenkins (Monster, The Killer), the film's director, is the first female director of an American superhero movie, and is slated to be a writer in the sequel. Diana's mother, Queen Hippolyta, (Connie Nielsen, The Confessions, Music, War, and Love, TV boss) believes Ares will not return, and forbids Diana from training as a typical Amazon warrior. However, Diana's Aunt and the Queen's sister, General Antiope, (Robin Wright, Everest, Forest Gump, TV House of Cards, previously married to Sean Penn) continued secret training of Diana.

Life had become a routine of warrior training on their island, and Diana's mother had reconciled to her daughter continuing her training. An American pilot and spy Steve Trevor, (Chris Pine, The Finest Hours, Star Trek Beyond, TV Saturday Night Live, SuperMansion) crashes offshore of their island, and is rescued by Diana. His arrival drastically changes the routine life on the island when German troops arrive from their cruiser looking for Steve. A battle ensues, and, in spite of the German's having more modern weapons like rifles and machine guns, the skilled women warriors kill all of them Diana's Aunt General Antiope takes a bullet meant for Princess Diana.

Princess Diana has special strengths, agilities, a special large wrist bracelet which deflects bullets, a special golden Lasso of Hestia which can reveal secrets when lassoing a person, and a special sword called the "Godkiller" from Zeus for killing Ares. Hestia is a Greek mythical god of the hearth, architecture, right ordering of domesticity, family, home, and the state. Diana using the Lasso finds out that Steve is involved in World War I, which was not known to the Amazons. He is revealed as an Allied spy, who has stolen a special notebook. This note-

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One of the pieces featured at Root Café by Chloe Simone Derethik.

digital media, film, and most recently photography."

Her interests: "I am considering going into the Arts and possibly Public Relations. Travel is very important to me as you will see through my photography from our 2016 trip to Portugal, Maine's rustic beauty, and in my own backyard of Cleveland, Ohio. I am inspired by different things at different times. Photography lets me be in the moment."


The Root Café has been a good home to talented artists, musicians, and photographers for over a decade. There is a long wait to even get consid-

ered for a show, and Julie Hutchison, owner, entrepreneur, and dancer is a tough judge of who get onto the walls for thousands to see. Chloe deserved the shot, and now you deserve the break to stop by the Root Café and enjoy some great coffee, tea, vegetarian food, and Chloe Simone Derethik's photos.

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## Lakewood Cares

# Lakewood Elementary School Boys Invited To Join Cub Scouts August 28 At Harding

by Brian Fallon

Lakewood’s Cub Scout Packs announced an Open House Recruiting night Monday, August 28 at 7:30 p.m. The location is Harding Middle School. All boys in first through fifth grades can join Cub Scouts for camping, community service, and fun filled activities. The event is sponsored by the four Lakewood Cub Scout Packs. Prospective Scouts can race a Pinewood Derby car, sail a rain gutter regatta boat, test out camping equipment, and - weather permitting – launch a rocket made only of construction paper!

“When it comes down to it, boys join Cub Scouting because they want to have fun. But fun encompasses a lot more than just having a good time. It comes from the satisfaction of meeting challenges, making new friends, feeling good about himself, and feeling he is important to other people,” said Bruce Banfield, Cubmaster for Pack 68 (Lakewood United Methodist Church).

Through the year, Scouts meet in small groups of boys from the same grade level called dens. Trained volunteers and parents/guardians lead the Scouts through a series of achievements, activities, events and community service. All Parents/guardians are highly encouraged to attend the Scout’s meetings with him.

In addition to Den meetings with

boys his own age, all of the Cub Scouts meet as a Pack typically once a month. Dens report on their activities and Scouts meeting the requirements to earn recognition are honored.

Cub Scout Packs – while each having a customized schedule and calendar - plan overnight camping trips, the Pinewood Derby, the Rain Gutter Regatta (model boat races), rocketry, seasonal parties, trips to area parks and local civic institutions. During the summer, Scouts participate in the Lakewood Fourth of July Parade, Cub Scout Day Camp, and other activities. Prospective Scouts can get a preview of that at the Open House.

“We’ll have a Pinewood Derby track set up for the boys to give a trial run of a race car and have a Rain Gutter for a quick boat race,” said Erica Tkachyk, Cubmaster for Pack 76 (Lakewood Catholic Academy). “We’ll even set up a mock camping site. We think the highlight will be as the boys build a rocket that night – using just a few pieces of paper!”

Lakewood’s Scout leaders point to the Cub Scout program of events planned throughout the year as a reason that the Cub Scout Packs are successful. Parents/grandparents/guardians and the Cub Scout have an opportunity to spend quality time together while the Scout builds friendships and learns life skills.

“More than ever, today’s families can struggle to find time to spend together. Cub Scouting helps to support your family by providing ready-made opportunities for you and your boy to do things together,” said Chris Salzer, Cubmaster for Pack 115 (Lakewood Presbyterian Church).

“Cub Scouts do a lot,” agreed Jeff Platt, Cubmaster of Pack 72 (St Clement Church). “Camping with Cub Scouts is a fun experience – particularly if the Scout has never camped

before. It’s something to see the Scouts gathered around the campfire with their den skits, songs, and s’mores!!”

Prospective Scouts that cannot make the Open House night are invited to contact Mary Steele at the Lake Erie Council, BSA at 216-458-8918 or via email at [mary.steele@scouting.org](mailto:mary.steele@scouting.org) to get in touch with the Lakewood Cub Scout Packs. Boys in sixth grade are eligible to join Boy Scouts. Ms. Steele can connect prospective Boy Scouts with a local Troop as well.

## Dogs Ready To Splash And Swim In Foster Pool

by Karen Karp

Got dogs? Got water? Mix the two together and you have the recipe for a splashing good time. Join Friends of the Lakewood Dog Park (FLDP) for the 2017 Dog Swim at Foster Pool in Lakewood Park, 14532 Lake Ave., on Tuesday, September 5 from 5-7 p.m..

Grab your towels, round up the four-legged family members, and you’ll be ready for the most anticipated event on the K-9 calendar. Dogs must be up-to-date on their vaccinations and owners are responsible for cleaning up after their dogs, as well as for their safety.

Cost for admission to the annual fundraiser, now in its thirteenth year, is \$8 for 1 dog and \$7 for each additional dog. Proceeds will benefit FLDP, the all-volunteer, non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization that works with the City of Lakewood to care for the Lakewood Dog Park and raises funds for dog park improvements.

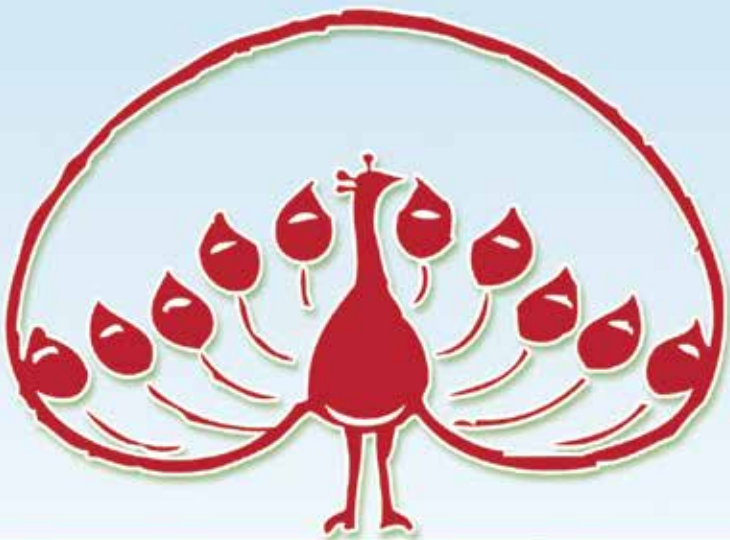
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To learn more about FLDP, visit our website, <https://www.lakewood-dogpark.com> or find us on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/LakewoodDogPark/>

We have three events scheduled before the end of 2017. First, please join us for our annual World Animal Day celebration, pet food drive and pet blessing on September 30. Second, on October 21, FLDP will have a booth at Spooky Pooch. Be sure to stop by to say hello and show off your dog’s costume. And finally, it wouldn’t be Christmas without “Pictures with Santa Paws.” Pet’s General will host and “Portraits by Martha” will be behind the camera on December 3.

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Forum

# Cleveland Stonewall Democrats Announce First Endorsements In 2017

by Kyle Weigand

On Thursday, July 13, 2017, the membership of Cleveland Stonewall Democrats (“CSD”) heard from almost thirty candidates and then spent nearly two hours discussing endorsements before voting via private ballot on races for Cleveland Mayor and Council, East Cleveland Mayor, Lakewood City Council At-Large, and North Olmsted City Council Ward 2. In order to receive the endorsement a candidate must have completed a questionnaire and was also given the option to participate in a screening committee interview and speak to the membership at the endorsement meeting. A candidate must receive the support of 60% of the membership present to be endorsed.

“This process allows us to build bridges in our mission to promote the pro-equality agenda across our region with both new and familiar community leaders. We view this process as an opportunity to advance this shared mission by building relationships with both familiar and new leaders across our region.” said CSD president Rob Rivera.

Established in 2000, CSD is a volunteer independent Democratic club of LGBT and allied Democrats from across Northeast Ohio with the mission of educating, endorsing, electing and holding accountable pro-equality Democrats. The endorsement process and working to elect endorsed candidates is the primary means for advancing this mission.

Cleveland Stonewall Democrats is proud to endorse the following candidates in Election 2017:

- Cleveland Mayor: Frank Jackson
- Cleveland City Council Ward 1: Terrell Pruitt
- Cleveland City Council Ward 2: Debra Lewis-Curlee
- Cleveland City Council Ward 3: Kerry McCormack
- Cleveland City Council Ward 5: Phyllis Cleveland
- Cleveland City Council Ward 6: Blaine Griffin
- Cleveland City Council Ward 7: Mansfield Frazier
- Cleveland City Council Ward 8: Michael Polensek
- Cleveland City Council Ward 10: Anthony Hairston
- Cleveland City Council Ward 11: Dona Brady
- Cleveland City Council Ward 12: Anthony Brancatelli
- Cleveland City Council Ward 13: Kevin Kelley
- Cleveland City Council Ward 15: Matt Zone
- Cleveland City Council Ward 16: Brian Kazy
- Cleveland City Council Ward 17: Martin Keane
- Lakewood City Council At-Large: Tom Bullock, Cindy Marx, Ryan Nowlin
- North Olmsted City Council Ward 2: Chris Glassburn

No candidate earned the necessary 60% support for Cleveland City Council Wards 4 and 14. No candidate earned the necessary 60% support for East Cleveland Mayor. No candidate sought CSD’s endorsement in Cleveland City Council Ward 9. These races may be reconsidered at the next endorsement meeting on Sep-

tember 14. On September 14, races in the following communities will be considered: Berea, Beachwood, Cleveland Heights, East Cleveland, North Royalton, Olmsted Falls, Parma, Rocky River, Shaker Heights, South Euclid, and University Heights.

For more information visit [www.clevelandstonewalldems.org](http://www.clevelandstonewalldems.org).

## Movie Review Of “Wonder Woman” continued from page 11

book has information from a Spanish chief chemist Isabel Maru, (Elena Anaya, The Infiltrator, Skin I Live In, Room in Rome) who is developing a deadlier mustard gas for war. She is doing this weapon research under the orders of the evil General Eric Ludendorff (Danny Huston, Clash of the Titans, Birth with Nicole Kidman). Princess Diana mistakenly thinks he is Ares. Steve takes Diana back into modern life in London, and slowly, they fall in love. Going to London, Steve returns Maru’s notebook to a Supreme War Council, which unknowingly includes the evil Ares disguised as Sir Patrick Morgan. Diana’s translation of the notebook reveals that the gas is to be used against the allies.

Steve recruits a team of specialists with him and Diana to go to the front in Belgium to stop release of the poisonous gas. Diana with her fighting skills pushes through the no man’s land, rallies allied troops to follow, and they liberate the Vil-

lage of Veld. Steve, Diana, and their team infiltrate a party at the German High Command to try to locate and destroy the gas. General Eric Ludendorff, however, ordered releasing the gas on the Village of Veld, killing everyone. She locates him.at the base where the gas intended for London is being put in a bomber. Diana thinking he is Ares, fights and kills him. She is confused when his death does not stop the war. Later, she encounters Sir Patrick Morgan, who says he has given humans the propensity to do violence and war since they are basically corrupt. He attempts to persuade Diana to help him to destroy mankind to have paradise on earth, and destroys the “Godkiller” sword. Diana thinking of the nobleness and love of Steve believes that humans are basically good. She is revealed as the true “Godkiller,” she and the team spare Maru, and she kills the evil Ares. In typical Hollywood fashion, the movie has a very sad and happy ending paving the way for a sequel.

This movie is recommended for older youth and on up.



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## Forum

# Gerrymandering: A Threat To Representative Democracy

by Suzy Scullin

The 19th century brought us President Abraham Lincoln, suffragist Elizabeth Cady Stanton, philosopher Henry David Thoreau, abolitionist Harriet Tubman, and artist James Whistler - people who positively contributed to the world in which we live today.

The 19th century also brought us gerrymandering, which has had a negative impact on our world. Massachusetts Governor Elbridge Gerry approved a congressional map in 1812 with lines so squirrely that one district looked like a mythological salamander. The political process has never been the same, with each party employing it to their advantage in turn. Gerrymandering stacks the deck and sorts people into congressional districts based on how they are expected to vote.

Today in Ohio, district lines are drawn to maximize political power no matter how skewed they may be. While the issue has been a problem since Governor Gerry introduced it, it's getting worse. Technological advancements will allow the people drawing the lines to skew the districts up to an estimated 30% after the next census. Politicians are picking their voters instead of voters picking politicians. It is past time to stop this assault on representative democracy.

The issue spans the political spectrum -- whichever party is in power

will do their best to retain that power. It's human nature, so we cannot expect politicians to miraculously change the process on their own. We, the voters, need to act.

Ohioans did act in 2015. You may remember the 2015 ballot measure -- which passed by over 70% -- to correct how our Ohio congressional districts are drawn for our representatives in Columbus. Now Fair Districts Ohio and the League of Women Voters are

collecting signatures to put a similar measure on the ballot to address the issue for the U.S. representatives that we send down to Washington, D.C.

It is now up to each of us to actively participate in the democratic process by signing the petition to place the redistricting constitutional amendment on the ballot. This initiative will transfer responsibility for redrawing congressional district lines to the bipartisan Ohio Redistricting Com-

mission -- the same one that is going to redraw the lines for our representatives in Columbus.

If you would like to learn more about the issue or sign the petition, you can find more information at [fairdistrictsohio.org](http://fairdistrictsohio.org). Our truly representative democracy depends on it!

**Suzy Scullin is a Lakewood resident and is active in Indivisible CLE. You can find the group at [indivisible-cle.com](http://indivisible-cle.com) and on Facebook.**

## Meghan F. George's City Council Campaign Gains Momentum

by Dan Finlin

Meghan F. George's campaign to become an At-Large Lakewood City Council member continues to gain momentum with the support of an organization representing over 150 Lakewood City workers.

A letter to Ms. George from AFSCME Council 8 (American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees) stated, "your candidacy has been endorsed by AFSCME Power in Action. AFSCME Power in Action represents more than 80,000 working men and women who daily perform the services of our school boards, cities, counties, state universities, townships, special districts, libraries."

"The AFSCME endorsement will be conveyed to all active and retired members of AFSCME Ohio Council 8 and Retirees Chapter 1184. In addition, our grassroots political operations in the 17 Regional Area PEOPLE Committees are encouraged to participate in your election."

"We wish you every success and look forward to working with you in the future for the betterment of Ohio," the letter stated.

"Administrations come and go, but the hardworking employees at City Hall are the backbone of the services Lakewood residents rely upon year in year out, decade after decade. I am deeply appreciative of the support by these hardworking employees," said Meghan.

This support comes on the heels of the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 25 and Lakewood Association of Firefighters Local 382 endorsements of Meghan George for Lakewood City Council At-Large. The endorsement of all three solidifies her focus on safety and high quality city services as keystones in her campaign. In addition, her campaign urges



Meghan F. George

quality senior services, addressing traffic congestion, stricter housing and building code enforcement and keeping a lid on Lakewood's taxes. She is committed to open, honest and accountable government.

Election Day is Tuesday Nov. 7. There are six candidates vying for three open at-Large positions. Voters can vote for up to three candidates. The fall ballot includes statewide initiatives and local School Board candidates.

## Lakewood Division Of Aging Responds To The Changing Needs Of Older Home Owners

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housing for a wide range of audiences in Northeast Ohio, including seniors. The Anderson Center's Senior Summer Seminar Series is scheduled for September and October in Lakewood. Participants will have the opportunity to discover simple, affordable modifications for a safer home, kitchen and bathroom, as well as best practices and resources.

**Aging in Place.... On a Budget! Accessibility, Features, Resources: Thursday, September 21 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

**Aging in Place: Focus on the Bathroom! Renovation versus Pure Modification: Thursday, October 5 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

**Aging in Place: Focus on the Kitchen! Efficiency, Ease of Use: Thursday, October 12 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

If you would like to register for this series, or have further questions, please call Barry Wemyss, Lakewood

Division of Aging, at 216-529-5005 or email at [barry.wemyss@lakewoodoh.net](mailto:barry.wemyss@lakewoodoh.net). Seating is limited; registration is required and group registration is available coffee and light refreshments will be served.

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## News Release: Theft Of Wheels And Tires continued from page 1

area of one of these thefts.

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LakewoodAlive To Host

“Knowing Your Home: Electrical 101” Workshop

by Matt Bixenstine

You make use of it every day, yet how much do you truly know about the electrical system flowing throughout your home?

LakewoodAlive will host “Knowing Your Home: Electrical 101” on Thursday, August 17, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Clock Electric, Inc. (1624 Coutant Avenue in Lakewood). The 12th workshop of 2017 for this popular home maintenance educational program seeks to equip attendees with a comfort level regarding electrical basics.

Led by friend of LakewoodAlive John Turner, this workshop is designed to provide the average homeowner with a basic understanding of electrical current, a home’s electrical map and structure, the different components comprising your electrical system and important safety tips. Our goal is to empower residents so that they feel comfortable discussing, contracting and working with their electrical systems. We want to take the shock out of electricity!

Visit [LakewoodAlive.org/KnowingYourHome](http://LakewoodAlive.org/KnowingYourHome) for more information and to reserve your free spot.

Now in its fourth year, LakewoodAlive’s “Knowing Your Home” series draws hundreds of attendees annually. Our workshop series is generously supported by: Citizens Bank, City of Lakewood, Cleveland Lumber Com-

pany, Fifth Third Bank, First Federal Lakewood, PNC, Remax Beyond 2000, The University of Akron Lakewood and Third Federal Savings & Loan.

In lieu of charging for these events, we are asking participants to consider either making a donation to LakewoodAlive or bringing canned foods or other non-perishable items for donation to the Lakewood Community Services Center. We appreciate your support.

Matt Bixenstine is the Marketing & Development Manager for LakewoodAlive. He enjoys all things Lakewood, especially walking his bas-

set hound through Madison Park.

Discount Drug Mart Named Title Sponsor For

LakewoodAlive’s 10th Annual Spooky Pooch Parade

by Matt Bixenstine

LakewoodAlive, a nonprofit community development organization, proudly announces Discount Drug Mart as the Title Sponsor for the 10th Annual Spooky Pooch Parade. Dogs will rule the day on Saturday, October 21, when this popular costumed canine event returns to Downtown Lakewood from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

The Spooky Pooch Parade consists of a festival at Kauffman Park (15450 Detroit Avenue), a parade through Lakewood’s downtown business district on Detroit Avenue and an awards presentation. A favorite Halloween tradition for Northeast Ohio dog lovers and their families, this popular community festival represents one of the only events of its kind within the region, providing a tail-wagging good time for canine and human guests alike.

Discount Drug Mart, an Ohio-based, full-service drug store, has served Northeast Ohio for nearly five decades, priding itself on superior customer service, low prices and convenient one-stop shopping. This longtime local chain has two locations in Lakewood (13123 Detroit Avenue and 15412 Detroit Avenue), the latter of which is located just south of Kauffman Park, site of the Spooky Pooch Parade.

“We are thrilled to have Discount Drug Mart serve as the Title Sponsor for our Spooky Pooch Parade for a third consecutive year,” said Ian Andrews, LakewoodAlive’s Executive Director. “Discount Drug Mart represents a tremendous partner to LakewoodAlive and we appreciate its many valuable contributions to our community.”

Sponsorship opportunities and vendor applications are now available for this much-anticipated autumn event. For more information regarding serving as a sponsor or vendor for the Spooky Pooch Parade, please contact the LakewoodAlive office at 216-521-0655.

Registration for the 10th Annual Spooky Pooch Parade will open in the coming weeks. For more information, please visit [LakewoodAlive.org/SpookyPooch](http://LakewoodAlive.org/SpookyPooch).

The Spooky Pooch Parade is generously supported by the following sponsors:

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Abandoned Property Listing

From The Lakewood Historical Society

by Jess Yenni, Curator at Lakewood Historical Society


Property Description: 2 large format photographs, Hiram Preparatory Conference, 1932-1933; signed by Lakewood Participants. 1 Sunday School certificate, presented to Mrs. Harry E. Garner for her service.

Date of Acquisition: 6/29/2015

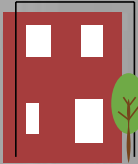

Property Owner Name and Last Known Address: Kenneth Sullivan, 1348 West Clifton Blvd., Lakewood, OH, 44107

This listing is a formal declaration of abandoned property currently in the care of the Lakewood Historical Society. If the owner of the property does not contact the Lakewood Historical Society within 90 days of this listing, the Lakewood Historical Society will become the new legal owner of this property under the Ohio Museum Property Act (Ohio Revised Code sections 3385.01-3385.10). Please contact the Lakewood Historical Society at 216-221-7343 or [curator@lakewoodhistory.org](mailto:curator@lakewoodhistory.org) for more information regarding the reclamation or donation of the objects listed here.

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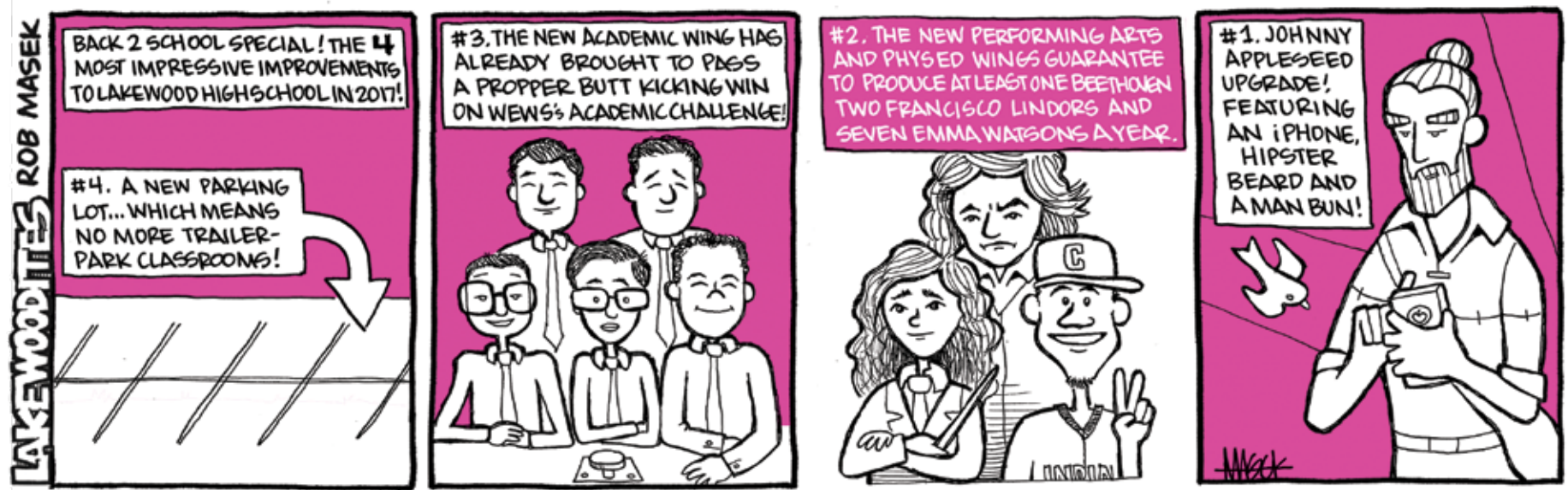
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