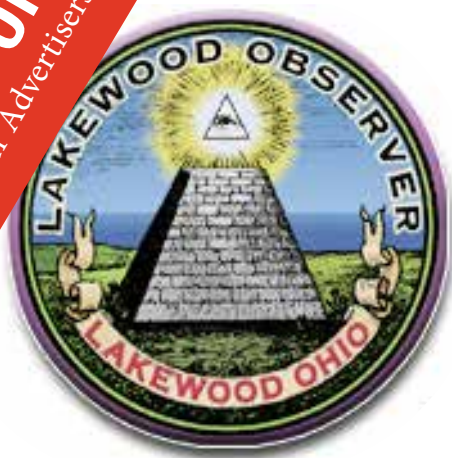


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30th Annual Lakewood Community Festival Caps Off Another Summer

by Karen Karp

Celebrate family, community and cultural heritage at the 30th annual Lakewood Community Festival on Saturday, September 9, 2017 at Madison Park, 13029 Madison Avenue. The day of fun and activities for the entire family will take place from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain or shine.

For the kiddos, the festi-

ties will include craft and game booths, a bounce house, an inflatable obstacle course, and children's games.

The festival is known for a delicious array of foods including stuffed cabbage, pierogis, cabbage and noodles, potato pancakes and kielbasa with sauerkraut. There will be pizza, of course, and other dishes as well. Save room for

traditional ethnic pastries and additional desserts.

Throughout the day musical entertainment will be provided by 2 Guys/12 Strings, Victor Samalot, Crawley & Hopper, Birdtown Boys, the Polka Pirates, The Riley Broth-

ers and Euclid Squeezeboxers.

The City of Lakewood will be selling old street signs at the Community Festival for \$25, cash only. They are in good condition and would make a one-of-a-kind gift for that person who is impossible to shop for.

The festival, sponsored by the Lakewood Community Festival, Inc. and the City of Lakewood, is traditionally the last event of the summer. Proceeds from the festival will be donated to various Lakewood community organizations.

Lakewoodites Respond With Love



Photo by Jim O'Bryan

The colorful chalked sidewalks celebrating love and diversity outside of Harding Middle School are just one example of hundreds of Lakewood sidewalks that were quickly covered with messages of love in response to an incident on Belle Ave in which a swastika was drawn on a driveway.

Thank You To All Our Supporters Congratulations To 671 Lakewood Summer Readers!

by Julie Strunk

Congratulations to 671 Summer Readers from birth through twelfth grade who finished the Lakewood Public Library summer reading club by reading either 30 books, 30 chapters or 30 hours from May 15, 2017 through August 7, 2017. A total of 2,792 children and students were registered for the Summer Reading Club this summer; 21,803 books/chapters and 3,090 hours of reading were completed. WOW! Readers recorded their reading and checked in at the Main Library

and/or the Madison Branch throughout the summer and received support and encouragement from library staff, parents, caregivers, and community supporters as we all joined together to prevent the "summer slide."

A culminating celebration occurred at the Madison Park Pavilion on Wednesday, August 9, 2017 with readers from birth through 5th grade and their families. We had a wonderful time playing games and soaking library staff with
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Photo by Jacob Chabowski

At center, LHS students Ella Atfield, Nate Bilski, Gabby Eisel, and Brian Donahoe cut the ribbon to the highly anticipated LHS Arts & Physical Education Wing as members of the Board of Education look on (from left: Ed Favre, Betsy Shaughnessy, Linda Beebe, Emma Petrie-Barcelona, and Tom Einhouse). For more photos of the final phase of the LHS rebuild, check out more photos on page 6 inside or online!

Community Celebrates Opening Of New LHS Wing

by Christine Gordillo

Hundreds turned out to enjoy the dedication of the new Lakewood High Performing Arts & Physical Education Wing on a hot but beautiful Sunday afternoon on August 20. The dedication marked the near completion of the final construction project of the District's Facilities Master Plan. The gym and fitness center, which is partially funded by First Federal Lakewood, is scheduled to open November 1.

Superintendent Jeff Patterson, Board of Education President Betsy Shaughnessy, and Principal Keith Ahern made remarks that included thanking the community for its longtime strong support that has made the construction of our new schools possible and also thanking them for their patience through the

many ups and downs of the 12-year process of rebuilding or renovating our 10 schools.

"We wouldn't be at this point today without the patience, understanding and cooperation of the Lakewood High students, parents and staff – both current students and those who endured the years of life in the mods without knowing when they would see the light at the end of the tunnel. It has been a challenging few years for the LHS community, but I think we can all agree the end result was worth the journey," said Superintendent Jeff Patterson.

The new LHS wing, along with the Academic Wing that opened in January 2017, is the final piece of the final phase - of which the State of Ohio contributed half the funds - of the master construction plan.

Board President Shaugh-

nessy recounted all the people along the way who made the completion of the Facilities Master Plan possible, from the 50 Years Committee members to the parents and students adapting to so many transitions to the administrators that kept the projects on task.

"On behalf of the Board – thank you all for your efforts – your support, commitment and vision," Shaughnessy said. "If we can come together to accomplish this massive undertaking there is no reason to believe we can't meet any challenge that comes before us."

State legislators Mike Skindell and Nickie Antonio were also on hand to present proclamations on behalf of their legislative bodies. The ceremony ended with the highlight of the program: stu-

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Senator Skindell Introduces Bill To Reinvigorate Wind Industry In Ohio

by Michael Skindell

Senator Michael Skindell (D–Lakewood) recently introduced Senate Bill 184, which would return wind farm setback standards to what they previously were before the passage of House Bill 483 in 2014.

The standard established in House Bill 483 was inserted in the bill at the last minute and had no public hearings. The legislation more than doubled the distance wind turbines have to be from “the nearest, habitable, residential structure.” The change significantly reduced the number of turbines that could be placed in a wind project.

“Current restrictive setback standards have created a barrier to wind development in Ohio,” said Senator Skindell. “Since 2014, our state has seen a sharp decline in the number of new wind farm applications. Because of such stringent standards, we have lagged behind neighboring states, losing out on local

economic development and jobs for our communities. Ohio should be embracing the renewable energy industry and securing clean energy for our future.”

Senator Skindell’s bill would simply measure the setback distance from

the nearest habitable residential structure rather than the property line.

Many of the biggest companies such as Google, Amazon, and Facebook have made renewable energy a priority when looking for places to expand. In

2016, a representative from Amazon, John Stephenson, testified to the House Public Utilities Committee that the current requirements “have significantly diminished the attractiveness to further investments in wind generation in Ohio.”

Rock Stars Of The 50’s, 60’s And 70’s

Spend Some Time With The Musicans Of Your Youth

by Barry Wemyss

Get ready for a fun and informative musical tour of the music of the 50’s, 60’s and 70’s. The Lakewood Division of Aging and the Lakewood Public Library are pleased to offer yet another in a series of classes by “the Doc of Rock and Roll”, Dr. Joel Keller. Previous courses, including “The Early Roots of Rock n’ Roll”, “The Baroque Era” and “The Turbu-

lent Decade of the 60’s” were hugely entertaining and informative. We are expecting more of the same for this class.

The 50’s, 60’s and 70’s were a rich time for Rock n’ Roll music. The class, “Rock Stars of the 50’s, 60’s and 70’s will concentrate on the careers and music of many of the artists of the period, including Nat King Cole, Elvis Presley, ABBA, Aretha Franklin, Carole King, Neil Diamond, Chicago, The Bee Gees, and Barry Manilow. Other groups and artists will be given their fair share of coverage as well. Joel will provide a bit

of biographical information and play many of their songs. There will be a few “One Hit Wonders” that will also be shared.

This class is free for seniors, age 60 and over. It will be held at the Lawther Center, 16024 Madison Ave., and offered on four successive Mondays: September 18th, 25th, October 2nd and October 9th. The hours will be 1 to 2:15 p.m. Why not come in for lunch at the senior center, and then stay for the class? For more information, or to make a meal reservation, please call the Activities Office at 216-529-5005.

Lakewood Seniors Explore 21st Century Technology At Tri -C

by Barry Wemyss

The senior participants at the Lakewood Division of Aging are eagerly looking forward to an upcoming trip on Friday, September 15th, to the Westshore campus of Cuyahoga Community College. This trip will expose attendees to a variety of cutting-edge technology in the field of medicine, and beyond. These curious and intelligent older adults set straight the commonly held misconception that seniors are uninterested, and even afraid of modern technology.

The Tri-C Westshore Anatomy Lab tour will include a study of the function and care of the heart. While in the Chemistry Lab, they will participate in an experiment, comparing the relative effect of TUMS and ROLAIDS on stom-

ach acids. In the Educational Technology Labs, participants will explore the features of the 3D printer, as well as the new 80” Green Board as they apply two innovative applications for holography. The visitors will have the opportunity to use Hololenz equipment as they take part in an augmented reality experience.

This unique opportunity is for any interested senior, aged 60 and older, although space on our vehicle is limited. We will be traveling to the Tri-C Westshore campus on Friday, September 15th, from 11:15 AM to 1:15 PM. This program is free, but there is a suggested donation of \$3.00 for transportation. Interested individuals should call the Lakewood Division of Aging Activities Office at 216-529-5005 for more information.

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Calendar Of Events

compiled by Elaine Rosenberger

Wednesdays, September 6 & 13

Financial Literacy Workshops for Burmese and Nepali Speakers
Presentation by Asian Services in Action

Asian Services in Action (ASIA Inc.) will present Financial Literacy workshops for Burmese (Sept. 6, 2017) and Nepali (Sept. 13, 2017) refugee families to learn about budgeting, banking, credit and more. This program is being held in conjunction with the Thinking Money exhibit, which is will be on display at Main Library from September 1st through October 6th. Thinking Money strives to teach tweens, teens and their parents, caregivers and educators about financial literacy topics—like saving, spending and avoiding fraud—in a way that is not only understandable, but fun.

7:00 p.m. in the Madison Branch Meeting Room

Wednesdays, September 6, 13, & 20

1984: the Facts in the Fiction, Literature Series presented by Barbara Parr

“If the Party could thrust its hand into the past and say of this or that event, IT NEVER HAPPENED—that, surely, was more terrifying than mere torture and death?” George Orwell, 1984. This quote shows how relevant a book written in 1949, about a futuristic and autocratic society in 1984, can be to us in 2017. Orwell’s prophetic voice rings true today. This is what led 1984 to rocket onto bestseller lists this year, more than sixty-years after its publication date. Let’s see if you can tell the similarities and differences between the novel and our society during this free, four-week course presented by Barbara Parr, an instructor with Case Western Reserve University’s Laura and Alvin Siegal Lifelong Learning Program. Please Read the first fifty pages for the first class. Registration is required. Register online at lifelonglearningcleveland.org

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

Thursday, September 7

Author Event - Running with a Police Escort: Tales from the Back of the Pack, Book by Jill Grunenwald

Introduction by Jakub Mejstrik of the Lakewood Police Department

Jill Grunenwald is a blogger, podcaster, and author. A 3x half-marathoner, Grunenwald proudly represents the back of the pack at every race and has been an Ambassador for the Cleveland Marathon series since 2015. Grunenwald chronicles her racing adventures, proving that being a slow runner takes just as much guts and heart as being an Olympic champion.

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

Non-Fiction Book Club

Come and join the conversation during our newest book club. There are sure to be serious and thought-provoking discussions about many subjects inspired by these non-fiction works. Tonight we will discuss. Drive: The Surprising Truth about What Motivates Us by Daniel H. Pink.

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

Saturday, September 9

Film - Little Big Man (1970), Presented by Terry Meehan

In the 1970s, filmmakers began to question the conventional narrative of the Hollywood western. They wanted to tell what life (and death) was really like in the American west. Terry Meehan rides back into town with a new film series, Revisionist Westerns of the 1970s, introducing each film with an original video, followed by audience reaction and a lively discussion. First up is Little Big Man, the story of Jack Crabb (Dustin Hoffman), a 121-year-old survivor who lived through the entire Old West era. He was raised by the Cheyenne, played poker with Wild Bill Hickok and was the only white survivor of the Battle of Little Bighorn.

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

Sunday, September 10

Performance - The Creature from Jekyll Island, Presentation by WordStage

A secret gathering at a secluded island off the coast of Georgia (held under the guise of a recreational duck hunt from November 20, 1910 – November 30, 1910) laid the foundations for our current Federal Reserve System. The scheme was predominantly devised by six men – Nelson Aldrich, A. Piatt Andrew, Henry Davison, Arthur Shelton, Frank Vanderlip and Paul Warburg - aided and abetted by America’s foremost financier, J. Pierpont Morgan. The meeting and its purpose were closely guarded secrets, and participants did not admit that the meeting occurred until the 1930s.

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

Tuesday, September 12

Talk - Credit Reports & Cyber Security

Presentation by Cuyahoga County Department of Consumer Affairs

Did you know that 20% of all credit reports contain errors? Learn how to get your credit report and what the numbers mean. Danelle Musil, Consumer Affairs Specialist at the Cuyahoga County Department of Consumer Affairs will help you understand your credit report and learn how to stay safe and secure online. Cuyahoga County’s Department of Consumer Affairs mediates consumer complaints against companies and helps county residents spot and avoid scams.

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

Thursday, September 14

Book Discussion: The Opposite of Spoiled: Raising Kids Who Are Grounded, Generous, and Smart About Money, Led by Andrea Fisher

Parents and caregivers are invited to take part in a book discussion based on this New York Times Bestseller. In the book, Ron Lieber explains how talking openly to children about money can help parents raise modest, patient, grounded young adults who are financially wise beyond their years. The discussion will focus on Chapter 2: How to start the money conversations and Chapter 4: The Smartest Ways for Kids to Spend. The first twenty children and/or parents attending the Great Minds Think: Time to Think About Money on September 5th will receive a free copy of the book. Copies of the book and audiobook are available at the Library and on Ohio Digital Library, as well as Hoopla.

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

Saturday, September 16

Film - Race (2016)

Cleveland’s Jesse Owens (Stephan James) attends Ohio State University, achieving track and field prominence. His coach Larry Snyder (Jason Sudeikis) recognizes Owens’ Olympic potential. The U.S Olympic organizations are debating if a team should be sent into Adolf Hitler’s

Third Reich for the upcoming 1936 Games. Avery Brundage (Jeremy Irons) makes a compelling case to go, and Owens qualifies for the squad. In the running long jump event, Germany boasts reigning European champion Carl “Luz” Long (David Kross), Owens’ most formidable challenger. With the Games about to begin, excitement and tensions run high. Barbara Steffek-Hill presents a series of classic and contemporary films from her personal favorites.

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

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

Talk - Understanding the Wizard of Oz: Reading behind the financial headlines, Presentation by Cuyahoga Community College

Financial headlines can leave you frightened. We will learn how to interpret positive and negative financial headlines as they relate to your wealth development. This talk is presented by Todd Allyn Williams, Associate Professor of Business and Economics at Cuyahoga Community College, and the host of The Todd Allyn Show on WELW 1330 AM.

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

Talk - Investigating the 5th Amendment

Presentation by Magistrate Barbara Greenberg

“I plead the fifth” is the Constitutional protection from being compelled to be a witness against yourself in a criminal case. But this amendment also encompasses rights to due process, implied equal protection, grand jury review of evidence, double jeopardy, plus the requirement for just compensation when private property is taken for public use. We will discuss this amendment and its landmark cases in this four week class led by Barbara Greenberg. Registration is required. Register online at lifelonglearningcleveland.org or call (216) 22608275, ext. 127.

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

Knit & Lit Book Club

Come share your passion for great literature and show off your knitting, crocheting, counted cross-stich, embroidery and quilting works-in-progress. Tonight we will discuss Call the Midwife: A Memoir of Birth, Joy, and Hard Times by Jennifer Worth

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

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

Talk - Scams Which Target Seniors

Presentation by the Better Business Bureau, Greater Cleveland

Have you ever received a call or email that you won a large sum of money? Or had an uninvited guest who offered to make repairs but ended up doing shoddy work? Maybe you received a letter in the mail that guaranteed large returns on your investments and invited you to a “free lunch.” Every day, scammers bombard older Americans with age-old scams and new types of fraud. Learn how to protect your money and how to avoid being a victim of this pervasive criminal activity.

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

Children & Youth Events

compiled by Eric Knapp

Good financial habits can be taught at an early age. The Library is proud to feature a number of programs aimed at youth of all ages. To celebrate, we’ll be hosting a money-themed scavenger hunt for children of all ages throughout September.

Tuesday, September 12

The Allowance Game®: For Students in Second and Third Grade

Whether you’re starting your own business, doing chores around the house, earning interest on bank deposits or spending money at the mall, this exciting game teaches you how to use money and make change.

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Main Library Activity Room.

Wednesdays, September 13, through October 4

Money! Money! Money! For Students in Third through Fifth Grade

Each week a different board game will be played including Monopoly Jr., Pay Day, The Game of Life and a mystery game.

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Main Library Activity Room

Sunday, September 17

Wild Bills: For Students in Third through Fifth Grade

Turn money into art by decorating some play bills in neon colors and collaging them together to create a really wild work of art.

3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Main Library Activity Room

Dollarigami: For Students in Sixth through Twelfth Grade

If you’re a fan of paper folding you will enjoy this special form of origami, designed specifically for dollar bills. It’s a fun way to give a gift, leave a tip or just impress a friend.

7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Main Library Activity Room

International Dot Day Fun

by Marge Foley

International Dot Day was created to encourage students to explore their creativity. The inspiration behind the event is the children’s book The Dot by Peter H. Reynolds. It tells the story of a teacher who motivates a doubting student to trust in her own abilities and from a dot on a page the child goes on to make her mark. The book The Dot has been translated into over 25 languages, including Braille. Since the first Dot Day in 2009, the number of involved students in both schools and libraries around the globe has skyrocketed. It has grown to a world-wide celebration with children from 168 coun-

tries expected to participate in 2017.

Students in kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to join the fun of International Dot Day at the Lakewood Public Library on Friday, September 15, 2017 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the Activity Room. Following a reading of the book *The Dot*, participants will be given the opportunity to express themselves by making a dot filled art project to take home and by contributing to a group dot art project that will be displayed at LPL. The program will include playing the ultimate dot game, Twister. Registration is required. Register online at lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/youth or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 140.

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Girls Who Code Club

by Nicka Petruccio

Technology is developing and expanding at a rate more rapid than at any other time in history. One might assume that the tech savvy youth who are highly immersed in a world that is practically half digital would be heavily focused on the whats, hows, and whys of that world's inner workings. To some extent many are, but there is an issue regarding technological education that has fallen through the cracks; one which a national fellowship program has chosen to make its focus. Girls Who Code is a national non-profit organization dedicated to closing the gender gap in technology. The problem is that tech jobs are among the fastest growing in the country,

yet girls are being left behind. While interest in computer science ebbs over time, the biggest drop off happens between the ages of 13-17. Data shows that 66% of female students between the ages of 6-12 show interest or are enrolled in computer programming classes, but that number drops to 32% in the 13-17 age range and to an even more drastic 4% among college freshman. By 2020, there will be 1.4 million jobs available in computing related fields. US graduates are on track to fill 29% of those jobs. Women are on track to fill just 3%.

The Lakewood Public Library has taken up the banner of this mission and joined the Girls Who Code fellowship, offering coding workshops for girls in 6th

through 12th grade which are facilitated by an experienced and vetted coding professional. Technologically minded teen girls in Lakewood (and beyond) are encouraged to join this free 12 week program where beginners can learn the basics of coding language and girls with more experience can take it even further by developing their

own projects under the guidance of the facilitator. This coding club will be Monday nights from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and runs for 12 weeks beginning on September 11. Contact the Lakewood Public Library Children & Youth Services desk to register or for more information by calling (216) 226-8275 ext. 140

Space: Above & Beyond Roleplay

by Eric Knapp

What role would you play if you were given the opportunity to be one of the first colonists on Mars? What skills would you need to survive years in space with no help from Earth? How would you design the perfect space station or colony using Lego bricks? Just how different would the world be now if the Russians had won the space race instead of the Americans? Join us and find out!

Each week, we'll explore a different space-based scenario, participate in

interactive discussions, then explore the cosmos and our imagination through trivia, games, challenges, and science. On our final meeting, we'll have a costume contest, photo opportunities, games, and prizes! Space: Above & Beyond is a six-week program for students in fifth through eighth grade. Register online, stopping by Children's and Youth Services, or call (216) 226-8275 ext. 140. Wednesdays, September 20 – October 25; 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the Main Library First Floor Multipurpose Room.

Thinking Money: Financial Literacy Lessons For All Ages

by Andrea Fisher

Lakewood Public Library is pleased to announce that Thinking Money, a traveling exhibition designed to teach tweens, teens and the adults in their lives about financial literacy, will be on display from September 5th to October 6th, 2017 in the Main Library 2nd Floor Gallery. Lakewood Public Library was one of only fifty libraries nationwide chosen to host the exhibit and receive programming allowance.

Thinking Money was created by the American Library Association (ALA) in partnership with the FINRA Investor Education Foundation. The exhibit explores financial literacy topics like wants vs. needs, preparing for a rainy day, avoiding financial fraud and more through an adventure-themed storyline, interactive iPad content and other fun activities.

The Library will also be holding programs on topics in financial literacy for youth, adults and families. Programming for families and adults include:

Financial Literacy Workshops for Nepali Speakers: Asian Services In Action (ASIA Inc.) will present a Financial Literacy workshop for Nepali refugee families to learn about budgeting, banking, credit, & more. **Wednesday, September 13th at 7 p.m. in**

the Madison Branch Meeting Room

WordStage Presents: The Creature from Jekyll Island: A secret gathering at a secluded island off the coast of Georgia, held under the guise of a recreational duck hunt from November 20, 1910 – November 30, 1910, laid the foundations for the Federal Reserve System. **Sunday, September 10, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium**

Credit Reports & Cyber Security, presented by Cuyahoga County Department of Consumer Affairs: Danelle Musil, Consumer Affairs Specialist at the Cuyahoga County Department of Consumer Affairs will tell you everything you need to know on how to understand your credit report. This program will also include information on how to stay safe and secure online. **Tuesday, September 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium**

For a complete listing of all Thinking Money programs for families and adults, go to: <http://lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/programs/more>.

For more details about financial literacy programs for tweens and teens, please read page 4 by Eric Knapp in this issue.

As always, Lakewood Public Library programs are free and open to all.

It's Time For A Teddy Bear Picnic!

by Fran Storch

The teddy bear is over 100 years old but it's still a popular children's toy. This lovable stuffed animal has a day all its own, National Teddy Bear Day. To celebrate, Lakewood Public Library is hosting a Teddy Bear Picnic on Friday, September 8, 2017 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Main Library.

You and your three- to eight-year-old child are invited to bring a favorite teddy bear and join the Library staff for a special story time that includes listening to teddy bear stories, singing teddy bear songs and making a teddy bear craft. After the craft, kids will enjoy a

tasty treat to wrap-up this bear-ific program. This is a free program, but space is limited and registration is required.

Weather permitting, the Teddy Bear Picnic will be held on the front lawn of the Main Library. In the event of rain, the program will be moved to the Main Library First Floor Activity Room. Please check in at the Children's and Youth Services desk on the day of the event for the exact location.

To register for the Teddy Bear Picnic, stop by the CYS desk at the Main Library, call (216) 226-8275, ext. 140 or visit www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/youth and click on the yellow Register for Programs box.

Family Fun With Magic Bob

by Marge Foley

Witness a fascinating display of tricks and illusions and be dazzled by this versatile performer when Lakewood Public Library presents Family Fun with Magic Bob. Children and their families are invited to join in the fun as Magic Bob executes dazzling illusions and clever sleight of hand tricks. Classic magic fills this child friendly presentation that will be a delight for all ages.

These mystical maneuvers will

take place on Saturday, September 16, 2017 at 7 p.m. in the Main Library First Floor Multipurpose Room, which is located in Children's and Youth Services. This show is free and open to the public and no registration is required.

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Schools

LHS History Club To Present

“Cleveland - A City: Legacy Of Housing And Race”

by Christine Gordillo

The Lakewood High School History Club will kick off its 2017-2018 teacher/student lecture series on Sunday, September 24 at 7 p.m. at the Lakewood Public Library Auditorium. The featured speakers will be Mr. Joe Lobozzo, facilitator of the LHS Social Studies Department, and senior Erika Hakko. Their presentation will include a history of Cleveland’s housing patterns, including the underlying political, social and economic factors.

The LHS History Club aspires to engage students, staff and the citizens of Lakewood in dialogue about the history of our town, region, nation and world. All presentations are created and delivered collaboratively by teachers and students. President Faiza Manaa and the entire club would like to invite anyone who is interested to join them at this and all other events. Hope to see you there!

Community Celebrates Opening Of New LHS Wing

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dent leaders, flanked by the Board of Education members, cutting the ribbon on the new wing. Class presidents Gabrielle Eisel (2018), Nathan Bilski (2019) and Ella Atfield (2020), along with Student Council President Brian Donahoe, had the honor of cutting.

Following the dedication ceremony, which included music from the Lakewood Ranger Marching Band and a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem by senior Hannah Cogar, the community was invited in to tour the new building.

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Lakewood High Marching Band Festival

by Christine Gordillo

On Saturday, September 16, the Lakewood High School Ranger Marching Band will host the 31st Annual Lakewood High School Marching Band Festival at First Federal Lakewood Stadium. Visiting marching bands performing at this year's festival include Avon, Brush, Fairview Park, North Olmsted, Strongsville, Valley Forge, and Bay high schools.

The evening will begin at 6 pm with the traditional "pass and review" introduction of each band as it enters the stadium. Individual field shows of each band will follow, culminating with the performance of the 2017 Lakewood Ranger Marching Band. Concessions will be available.

Gates open at 5:30 pm and tickets

can be purchased at the gate.

Adults-\$7

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The Lakewood High School Marching Band Festival is a great evening of family fun for an affordable price. Come see all the different marching and uniform styles from a variety of Northeast Ohio bands. The festival is organized not only to showcase the students' talents but also as direct fundraising for the Lakewood High School Ranger Marching Band's seasonal expenses and out-of-town performances. The Lakewood Ranger Marching Band will be purchasing much needed new uniforms in the near future.



Lakewood High School's top notch Marching Band will be one of eight high school marching bands featured at this year's festival.

LHS Musicians Chosen For All-State, Region Orchestra Ensembles

by Christine Gordillo

Lakewood High will be well-represented at the Ohio Music Educators Association's Northeast Ohio Region Orchestra as five student musicians were selected for the honors ensemble. Of the five chosen, sophomore cellist Grace Gill was also selected to be part of the All-State Orchestra.

Students must qualify for the Region Orchestra to be eligible for a spot with the All-State Orchestra. The All-State ensemble performs at the OMEA annual conference in February in Columbus. In addition to Grace Gill, the following students were selected for the Region Orchestra, which will perform November 19 at Cleveland State: seniors Grace Cooper (bass) and Maggie McHugh (violin) and juniors Violet Jouriles (violin) and Sean Miller (viola).

"The results of the North East Region Orchestra auditions is a testament to the strong commitment our Lakewood students show to excellence," said LHS Orchestra

Director Elizabeth Hankins. "I am very proud of all of the students for taking a risk and accomplishing a major goal."

Maggie McHugh summed up how the students are feeling about the honor: "I think it's a really cool opportunity to be able to play with the most talented kids in Northeast Ohio."

Eclipse Boosts Excitement For First Day Back



Lakewood City Schools students across the District enjoyed viewing the solar eclipse or participating in other eclipse activities on the first day back to school.

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Lakewood Cares

Check Out The Lakewood Abbey Sept. 1

by Mark Rollenhagen

What's the Lakewood Abbey? Find out more and explore when the Abbey opens its doors for tours of this unique community space in southwest Lakewood on Sunday, September 17, from 3. to 5 p.m.

The Abbey is operated by Faith Lutheran Church as an alternative for office space for community non-profits and small businesses that provide health and counseling and spiritual services.

It also offers co-work space for freelancers or independent contractors.

Rates for exclusive office space begin at less than \$300 a month. Co-work space begins at \$25 a month. A conference room and other shared spaces are available to tenants and for one-time use by groups or organizations.

The Abbey also offers space and venues for one-time events, including performances or meetings.

The open house will offer an opportunity see what spaces are available and to meet community partners

who share the Abbey, including:

- Patrick Cleary-Burns, spiritual director;
- She Collective, a holistic community for Cleveland women offering yoga and educational activities;
- and Work in Progress, a coaching and consulting firm.

You can also learn about:

- The Lakewood Abbey Community, a new Lutheran ministry that

offers monthly films and discussions that explore current issues and offers "Holy Hikes," a monthly spiritual hike in area parks.

- RefugeRecovery, a new Lakewood group that uses Buddhist principles to address addiction issues.
- Alcoholics Anonymous groups that meet weekly in the Abbey.
- Opportunities that Faith Lutheran offers to anyone interested

in feeding the hungry, clothing those in need and helping young adults who grew up in foster care get adjusted to life on their own.

The Lakewood Abbey — at 16511 Hilliard Road, Lakewood, across from Harding Middle School and convenient to I-90 — is a community hub operated by Faith Lutheran Church.

For more information call 216-226-6500 or e-mail space@lakewoodabbey.org.

100 Years Of Women's Suffrage In Lakewood

by Pam Smith

Not many women stop to think that for many years in the history of the United States, they were denied the right to vote. Women went to school, often high school, and college. They managed households, often large households, efficiently and economically. In shops and offices they may have worked side by side with their husbands. But they did not have the right to vote

Now, you may be thinking that the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, adopted in 1920, remedied that problem.

But did you know that women in Lakewood were granted the right to vote in 1917, three years before the adoption of the 19th amendment?

Yes, it's true.

Lakewood's City Council, seven men, voted to put the issue of suffrage in Lakewood on the ballot in 1917. It passed two to one.

Those seven men on Council were not surprised. They expected a positive vote.

After all, the Ohio State Legislature had put the issue of suffrage on the state wide ballot in 1910, and 1912, and 1914.

The voters (all men, of course) defeated the statewide issue every time.

But, within the borders of Lakewood, the issue passed every time.

This year, the Lakewood Chapter of the League of Women Voters will celebrate this important Centennial with a party at the Womens Pavilion at Lakewood Park on Wednesday, November 15. Mark the date and watch for further details.



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Dog Days: Registration Now Open For LakewoodAlive's 10th Annual Spooky Pooch Parade

by Matt Bixenstine

This one is for the dogs...but you're invited, too. Registration is now open for LakewoodAlive's 10th Annual Spooky Pooch Parade, a celebration of costumed canines taking place on Saturday, October 21, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Kauffman Park in Downtown Lakewood.

Sponsored by Discount Drug Mart, the Spooky Pooch Parade consists of a free-to-attend festival in Kauffman Park, 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 community festival represents one of the only events of its kind in the region, providing a tail-wagging good time for canine and human guests alike.

Pre-registration for the parade is \$10 per dog and day-of registration is \$15 per dog. Multiple dog discounts are available with pre-registration

only. Humans are free. This community event takes place rain or shine, and proceeds from the parade benefit LakewoodAlive, a nonprofit community development organization.

For more information and to register your dog now for the 10th Annual Spooky Pooch Parade, please visit LakewoodAlive.org/SpookyPooch.

Festivities get underway with the Spooky Pooch Festival beginning at 12:30 p.m. at Kauffman Park. Enjoy entertainment, kids' games and dog-related vendors, including rescue groups and other nonprofits offering canine-oriented goods and services. Kids are encouraged to wear Halloween costumes.

The much-anticipated dog parade commences at 2 p.m. Dogs of all shapes and sizes dressed in their finest Halloween fashions will strut their stuff along Detroit Avenue. Judges will award prizes beginning at approximately 3:15 p.m. in a number of categories, including Best Dog

& Child, Best Dog & Adult, Best Dog & Group, Spookiest Pooch and Best in Show.

"We're thrilled to have our Spooky Pooch Parade return to Downtown Lakewood for a 10th consecutive year," said Ian Andrews, Executive Director of LakewoodAlive. "This crowd-pleasing community event not only showcases our city's vibrancy, but also results in a great deal of fun for everyone who participates."


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

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CLE Diaper Drive

by Joannah Lynch

WHAT: Cleveland is hosting a city-wide, East vs West diaper drive to support our neighbors in need.

WHY: One in three families in the U.S. struggles with diaper need, and things are even worse here in Cleveland, where half of children live in poverty. It's no wonder families are struggling to afford diapers when the cost of diapering

one child can cost about \$1,000 per year. This need is compounded by the fact that no government subsidies currently cover or assist with the cost of diapers.

WHEN: September 23rd-30th

Special Kick-off Events

Friday, September 22 from 6-9 p.m. CLE Diaper Drive Fundraiser!

The BottleHouse Brewery in BOTH Lakewood & Cleveland Heights

Join us at either location for a dollar raffle and fundraiser! Bring a pack of diapers to donate, bid on raffle items and mingle with some great people. Which location will collect the most? We'll find out and let you know if the East Side location wins, or if the West Side is truly the best side!

Saturday, September 23 at 8:30 a.m. Stroll & Roll 5K and Fun Run

West Park Station Restaurant & Bar Cleveland ON YOUR MARK – GET SET – GO!

Join us to help raise money to support the MetroHealth Friends of Mothers & Infants, serving families in need in the Cleveland area.

8:30-9:15 a.m. Race-Day Registration
9:30 a.m. 1 mile Fun Run 10:00am 5K Race & Stroller Division Wraps through the tree-lined streets of the family-friendly West Park neighborhood, starts & ends at West Park Station Restaurant and Bar

Pre-registration: \$25 Race Day Registration: \$30

Saturday, September 23 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. CLE Diaper Drive Fall Carnival

Kauffman Park in Lakewood We're having a kids' carnival! Stop by for fun and games with the littles! Bring a pack of diapers to donate, and enjoy face painting, crafts, games and prizes for the kids.

Tuesday, September 26 fome 4-10

p.m. Dewey's Pizza Giveback Night

BOTH Lakewood & Cleveland Heights locations

You're invited to dinner at Dewey's! On this night, both locations will donate up to 20% of all food sales for friends who bring in a diaper donation or present the promotional flyer! A tasty way to support the cause!

The Drive

During the week of the drive, you can participate by bringing a donation of a package of diapers to any participating drop-off site. At the end of the week, we'll tally all of the donations, and see which part of town comes out on top! Participating Drop-off Sites

WEST SIDE: Lakewood Public Library; Beat Cycles, Lakewood; The Beck Center for the Arts, Lakewood; STEM Handmade Soap, Lakewood; Birdtown Crossfit, Lakewood; Lion & Blue, Lakewood; Fear's Confections, Lakewood; Paisley Monkey, Lakewood; The Sweet Spot, Lakewood; Nature's Oasis, Lakewood Barroco, Lakewood; Lakewood Family Room; Lakewood Congregational Church; Partners in Pediatrics, Westlake; YMCA, Lakewood; YMCA, North Royalton

EAST SIDE: Heights Libraries, Cleveland Heights-University Heights; 121 Fitness, University Heights; Senders Pediatrics, South Euclid; Barroco, Larchmere; Tommy's, Cleveland Heights; YMCA, Hillcrest; YMCA, Parker (Downtown)

Grab Your Cape And Run For A Good Cause!

by Kathy Rigdon

Hundreds of runners, walkers and rollers (participants in wheelchairs) will be dressing as their favorite Superheroes and helping raise money for young people with physical disabilities at the Youth Challenge Superhero Dash. The 32nd Annual Race Day, in memory of former Trustee Dave Hardman, will take place Saturday, September 16 at Lakewood Park.

The 5K run and 3-Person Relay kick off at 9:15 a.m. and the 1 Mile Walk/Roll starts at 10 a.m. Awards will go to the top three men and women overall and in each age group, as well as the challenged division. Achievement ribbons will go to all 1 Mile finishers. There will be fun for the whole family - Superhero costume contest, face painting, Chinese and 50/50 raffles, and post-race refreshments!

Adult runners and walkers are \$25 per person for early registration, \$30 on Race Day; 3-Person Relay fee

is \$75 early registration, \$90 on Race Day. Children 18 and under are \$10 (pre-registered and same day). Register online at hermescleland.com.

The Superhero Dash will raise funds for Youth Challenge, a nonprofit that provides adapted sports and recreational opportunities to young people with physical disabilities. Trained teen volunteers are paired one-on-one with participants to play sports, make friends and have fun. YC serves children throughout Northeast Ohio and has offices in Westlake and Shaker Heights. All programs and transportation are offered at no cost to participant families.

Sponsors for the Superhero Dash are American Tank & Fabricating, First Federal Lakewood, Dick's Sporting Goods, Linda & Doug Hardman, Oatey Foundation, and Warwick Products Company, with support from Bruegger's Bagels.

Visit youthchallengesports.com or call 440-892-1001 for more details.

7th Annual "Let's Love Lakewood" Community Outreach Event

by Ellen Stephens

Lakewood New Life Church (LNLC) celebrated its 7th annual "Let's Love Lakewood" community outreach event on Saturday, August 12th. At the event, LNLC gave away 530 backpacks filled with school supplies to children in need, offered prayer to families, and provided a place for families to register for Toys for Tots. LNLC will be contacting the families selected to receive their toys sometime in December.

LNLC has an Outreach Ministry dedicated to serving this community. The Director of Community Outreach, Eric Stephens says "We just want to be an aid

and a blessing to the people in Lakewood. We love this city. There's a lot of good that can be done in this community and it feels really good to give back in some way. We are always looking for new ways to serve, so please contact me at LNLC, 216-221-6174, with any volunteer opportunities you have for your business or organization." LNLC partners with LakewoodAlive several times a year through their Housing Outreach program by doing yard clean-ups for families in need.

Next year's backpack and school supply giveaway will be on Saturday, August 11th at 12 p.m. at 14224 Detroit Ave.



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Please Take The Time Out Of Your Day To Read About Music:

Reviews Of Recent Releases By Local Bands, Pt. 54

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.

The Cowboy - The Cowboy Album - Fashionable Idiots - 12 songs - LP, download

The first thing I wanna address here is the press release, which falsely claims that this band contains half of Pleasure Leftists. Okay, now that we have that out of the way, this is a darn good album. "Everyday We Grow" starts out with a riff that kinda reminds me of that one My Chemical Romance song (you all know which one I'm talking about, I know it's not "cool" but we all know it). This is a song that every time I've heard them play it, I've thought to myself "I really like this song." Something about that chorus ("the long hand of my best man...") just inspires me. The perfect way to kick the record off. Then, "The Cowboy" kicks in as the second track as more of a punker tune, and boy, it's another great one. "Hear my voice, it's always twangin', and ZOOMIN'! past the trees." You're telling me you don't like that? Come on. I'm gonna take the easy way out and tell you that the band this really reminds me of is Homostupids. I know, that's shocking. I think where they differ from Homostupids (besides the different drummer) is a clearer, more together sound. Your opinion may vary on whether that's a good or bad thing. "Golden Man" is the third great song in a row here, nice throwback to "The Glow" in the lyrics, and I just keep thinking of all the times I've seen them start this over live. I kinda wanted to say something about how the lyrics are childlike in a way, how they talk about the simple things in life and are sometimes nonsensical, or whimsical even, and then a little voice in my head went "Every time I ride the bus..." so I'm not gonna say that. The next song, "My Champion" really makes you think about how different Josh's vocal approach here is as opposed to, say, "Apeshit." They're older, wiser, and don't need to yell to get their point across. Or something like that. You may remember "Sneaking Leaker" from being the phenomenal A-side of the last Homostupids 7", but I wasn't tired of it yet and was happy to hear it again here, as it's an A+ tune. "The Door" closes out the first side of this and gets me thinking about whether The Cowboy actually does have more of a post-punk sound than Homostupids did or whether the cleaner production (courtesy of Mike "Yes Yes" Gill) just helps reveal what was always there. Really makes you ponder. Take a moment here to flip the record over. "Peaceful Dreamer," which opens with a decidedly not peaceful guitar solo also has a great middle instrumental section that I just can't get enough of. I gotta say, I like this band. "Smaller Rider" also has a great opening riff/solo thing, and I think this one and "Everyday We Grow" probably have my favorite sets of lyrics on the record ("The Cowboy" is up

there as well). I also like Steve laughing at the end. I assume it's Steve, anyway. Sounds like Steve to me. Hold on, let me say Steve one more time. What was I talking about? "The Burner" has what I referred to in my notes for some reason as "softer" in-between verse instrumentals which juxtapose (there's a good bad reviewer word for you) nicely with DIVE RIGHT IN JUST RELAX. Following up on that one is another killer tune, "The River." I like the stop-start thing the drums are doing. For some reason, this one makes me think of what a movie scored by this band would sound like. Someone should get on that. "Beyond The Yard," as an instrumental, furthered this line of thought for me. And then the album closes with "Back On The Farm," another great tune and the perfect way to end. This is a darn good record. Darn good, I say. Oh, and it's also available on cassette via Blow Blood. Once I get a copy of that, I'll write another review. 4.8/5

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Bill Fox - Before I Went To Harvard - Eleventh Hour Recording Company - 14 songs - LP, download

I've long wanted the cassette version of this that came out in 2011 and feared that I may never hear the songs contained within. Fortunately, Eleventh Hour comes through with a reissue. This is a compilation of various, otherwise unreleased Bill Fox tunes that I would guess are probably early '90s through early '00s, but I really have no idea. There's lots of great folk songs of the kind that Bill does so well, my favorites of which are "Standing On Nothing Now," "Greenlove," "On The Way," and especially "Chain To Your Heart." Also, a Peter Laughner cover ("Baudelaire") that I wouldn't have recognized if not for the lyrics (Bill does it his way, you see) and two traditional folk songs that, to be honest, are the weakest links here. Especially "Sal's Got A Meatskin." Of all the great unreleased Bill Fox songs, I'm not quite sure why that one made the cut. Anyway. The real big plus for me here is the inclusion of three tracks by The Radio Flyers, a group featuring Bill, Tom Fallon (New Salem Witch Hunters), Rick Brom (Revelers), and Dave Swanson (New Salem Witch Hunters). "I Only Did It Cuz I Felt So Lonely" is a great power pop tune (written by Wally Bryson-- doesn't get much more power pop than that) that is just such a great song I can't even find the words to talk about it. "Alienated" is another amazing tune, this one a Bill original. Somebody really, really should put out a record of all the Radio Flyers songs. I'd buy it. Their final appearance here is "Whenever I," which, believe it or not, is another absolutely killer tune. I mean, I like Bill Fox on his own quite a bit anyway, but the inclusion of these tracks really sold me. Quite a fine addition to your Bill Fox collection, or any collection of lo-fi folk really. Now I'm just waiting on that vinyl pressing of "Transit Byzantium..." 4.4/5

(eleventhhourrc.bandcamp.com)

Part-Time Lover - Animal, My

by Buzz Kompier

Soul - self-released - 5 songs - Cassette, download

This is the second tape from Part-Time Lover, and I think they've got a 7" coming out eventually as well. "Here Comes The Worms" starts this out with what might be my favorite song of theirs yet. A droning guitar intro goes into an upbeat garage/psych tune with slower, psychedelic bridges in a few places. I think there are six people in this band these days, and you can hear it. They've got a real full sound. I also like when they really jam out on the coda, particularly the synth and guitars. Following that, they do "Love Has Taken Over My Brain," obviously a cover of the 1971 tune by Buster Jangle's Flying Mattress. I like it when bands choose weird or obscure things to cover, and it doesn't get much more obscure than a song from what, according to my extraordinarily quick Discogs check, was a promo-only 7". It's a good tune, and Part-Time Lover do it well here. I hate to say this because I've already proved myself to be uncool this week by mentioning My Chemical Romance in a review, but the opening of "It Stresses My Beast" really reminds me of "December" by Collective Soul. Fortunately, (as do The Cowboy with the reference I've foisted upon them) they do quite their own thing with it, and darned if this isn't also a really good song. Softer, not as garage rockin' as the first two, but definitely mining that same vein of music, if you know what I mean. Sunshine pop? I don't know. It's good though, melodic and I kinda wanna say Beatlesque. For "The Rhythm In Our Blood," they slow it down even further for a realllll psych groover. I like the harmony vocals between Jason Look and, I assume, Mandy Look (drummer Roseanna Safos is also credited as performing vocals on this tape, but this song sounds more like Mandy to me) and they go into a sorta-faster instrumental jam where the keys (played by newer member (or at least he wasn't on the last tape, I don't know how new he actually is) Aaron Terkel) really get a chance to shine. I was going to say that the little guitar riff in there reminds me of something, and then I realized that it reminds me of "Living In The Past," which is a different Part-Time Lover song. Oops! I'll say that "The Rhythm In Our Blood" is my least favorite here, but maybe I just wasn't in the zone. I really do like the fake-out ending on it though. "Monday Hill" closes out the tape, and I'll just come right out with the term Beatlesque for this one, especially with the acoustic guitar interlude after the first chorus. Speaking of "the zone," this one actually does get me in it. Good closing track for this whole thing. There's some folk, there's some garage, there's lots of psych. Not bad stuff, man. The more I listen to this tape, the more I like it. Oh, but I will say that they need to get a better graphic designer. This cover on this thing's printed real blurry. 4.2/5

(part-timelover.bandcamp.com)

Rubber Mate - Cha Boi - Total Punk Records - 2 songs - 7", download

I was curious as to how Rubber Mate would do given only two songs to work with, as their previous releases have been EPs. Don't know why I was thinking about this, but I thought you should all know. "Cha Boi" starts out with a slow intro then goes into a fast part. I think I mentioned last week that I like that kind of thing. It's Rubber Mate's typical very noisy hardcore punk stylings. Fear not, their jump to a major label doesn't mean that the sound quality improved, despite the fact that Paul Mac actually does know how to not make things sound like garbage. I guess that's just how they like it. More power to them. There's a guitar in there that sounds like a synth, which is enjoyable, and I like the lyrics more than I usually do. A good song, despite the dumb name. "Hogtied" on the flip side is less my thing, though I do like that it sounds like 4NR is trying to merge his standard Doc Dart impression with a southern accent. Decent enough, but "Cha Boi" is definitely the hit here. And hey, what are b-sides for anyway? I go back and forth on whether I like Rubber Mate or not (for reasons that I thought about getting into here but actually no one cares so I decided against it), but I think this one is good. They cut their own stamp for the cover as well, which is pretty cool. 3.7/5

(floridasdying.com for the 7", rubbermate.bandcamp.com to download)

Rubber Mate - Tour Tape MMXVII - self-released - 2 (3) songs - Cassette, download

I'm reviewing this along with the 7" because they're kinda companion pieces. This tape was made for Rubber Mate's spring tour with Atlanta hitmakers (and Total Punk label mates) Nag, a match made in...I don't know. Probably somewhere gross. The first track is "Hogtied." See above to hear my thoughts on that. Following that is "Gotta Get Off," a nice long one that I was told they closed with on tour. I can definitely see that. They grind that riff into your head so many times that it somehow becomes catchy while 4NR spews his normal spew, the only lyric of which I can make out is "gotta get off." Actually a pretty solid track. It's followed by "Gotta Get Off," the "noised out" version, which seems to be the same recording played slow, which takes Rubber Mate from sounding weird to sounding evil. Maybe not the first RM release you should listen to, but if you've been a fan thus far, "Gotta Get Off" is worth adding it to your collection. These were all done on thrift store tapes, and mine was supposed to return me to Dolly Parton and Kenny Rogers but instead someone else had taped over that and it was some kind of eastern European music in a language that in a language that I do not know. 3.7/5

(rubbermate.bandcamp.com)

Are you a local-ish band? Do you have a record out? Email vaguelythreatening@gmail.com or send it directly to Observer headquarters: The Lakewood Observer, c/o Buzz Kompier, 14900 Detroit Avenue, Suite 205, Lakewood, OH 44107.

Lakewood Is Art

“One Flew Over The Cuckoo’s Nest” Opens Beck Center’s Exciting Theater Season

by Beth Kretschmar

Beck Center for the Arts proudly opens its 2017-2018 theater season with the dramatic comedy *One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest* Sept. 15 through Oct. 8, 2017 in the Mackey Theater. Show times are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 3 p.m. Sundays. An additional performance will take place Thursday, October 5 at 8 p.m., and the September 17 performance will be held at a special time of 7 p.m. Tickets are now on sale. Buy early and save with promo code: **RATCHED** to receive \$5 off each adult/senior ticket purchased by September 14.

One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest tells the story of institutional madness where obedience and conformity are the only acceptable indications of good mental health. Randle Patrick McMurphy, a charming rogue, instantly questions the asylum’s procedures. He begins to rally his fellow patients in acts of independence. When these acts are not tolerated, McMurphy learns the authorities and Nurse Ratched have terrible ways of enabling conformity. *The New York Times* calls it “Scarifying and powerful.”

Beck Center’s former artistic director, William Roudebush, returns to direct this meaningful play for the new theater season. “This is one of the best adaptations to the stage of a classic novel of all time,” remarked Roudebush. “The tale of escape from the emotional bonds we place on ourselves resonates even louder today than it did over 50 years ago. It has always been at the top of my list of plays to direct and I couldn’t be more pleased that the Beck Center has given me this unique opportunity.”

Based on Ken Kesey’s 1962 novel of the same name, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest* features Bryant Carroll as McMurphy and Katherine DeBoer as Nurse Ratched. Both actors appear courtesy of the Actors’ Equity Association (AEA), the union of actors and stage managers.

Tickets are \$31 for adults, \$27 for seniors (65 and older), and \$12 for students with a valid I.D. A \$3 service fee per ticket will be applied at time of purchase. Preview Night on Thursday, September 14 is \$10 with general admission seating.

Group discounts are available for parties of four or more. Purchase tickets online at beckcenter.org or call Customer Service at 216.521.2540 x10. Beck Center for the Arts is located at 17801 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood, just ten minutes west of downtown Cleveland. Free onsite parking is available.

This production of *One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest* is presented through special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc. It is generously sponsored by the residents of Cuyahoga County through Cuyahoga Arts and Culture and the Ohio Arts Council.

One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest opens Beck Center’s 2017-2018 theater season, which also includes the return of the award-winning production of *Disney’s The Little Mermaid*, the regional premiere of *My First Time*, Broadway triumph *Gypsy*, and the timely and thought-provoking *Bent*. This season’s outstanding lineup also includes the classic masterpiece *Waiting for Godot* and celebrates the 50th anniversary of the ground-breaking musical *HAIR* in collaboration with the Baldwin Wallace Music Theatre Program. “I am very excited by this mix of musicals and plays, as they collectively have such an amazing pedigree,” commented Artistic Director Scott Spence. “I’m especially excited to kick off the season with such a fine example of a contemporary classic—one that has become part of our American landscape.”

WordStage Opens Its 2017-18 Wright Chapel Series With Shaw’s “The Dark Lady Of The Sonnets”

by Tim Tavcar

Friday, September 22, 2017 at 7:30 pm - The Wright Chapel at The Lakewood Presbyterian Church

This 1910 short comedy by George Bernard Shaw in which William Shakespeare, intending to meet the “Dark Lady”, accidentally encounters Queen Elizabeth I and attempts to persuade her to create a national theatre. The play was written as part of a campaign, ardently supported by Shaw to create a “Shakespeare National Theatre” by 1916.

The play refers to the “dark lady”, who is the addressee of Shakespeare’s sonnets 127 to 152 - so-called because her hair is said to be black and her skin “dun”.

In the sonnets, the poet is apparently involved in a sexual relationship with the Lady, but it is implied that she is unfaithful to him, perhaps with the “Fair Youth”, the young man who is the addressee of most of the other sonnets

This performance features actors Agnes Herrmann, Marci Paolucci, Paul Slimak and Tim Tavcar and features incidental music of the period by Patrick Wickliffe on the harpshichord.

The Wright Chapel is located at the Lakewood Presbyterian Church - 14502 Detroit Ave. at Marlowe in Downtown lakewood, OH Admission is by suggested donation of \$10, WordStage also maintains a “Pay What You Can” policy to encourage all who are interested to attend.

For more information, please visit www.wordstageoh.com or phone us at 216-712-6926.



Just a few photos from the Maria Calanni Collection.

Artist Maria Calanni Showcase

by Eric Swinderman

Be sure to mark your calendars for the September 8 art exhibition at Lakewood Young Filmmakers Academy Studios. Lakewood artist Maria Calanni will be on hand showcasing her stunning photography. Come by, meet some fellow art lovers, have some food and drinks and maybe take home a new piece for your home or office.

LYFA Creative Director Eric Swinderman says “We love Lakewood and the talented artists that live here and encourage everyone to stop by support one of our own at this free event.”

The show will be held at LYFA Studios located at 15022 Madison Avenue starting at 7 p.m. Free refreshments will be served.



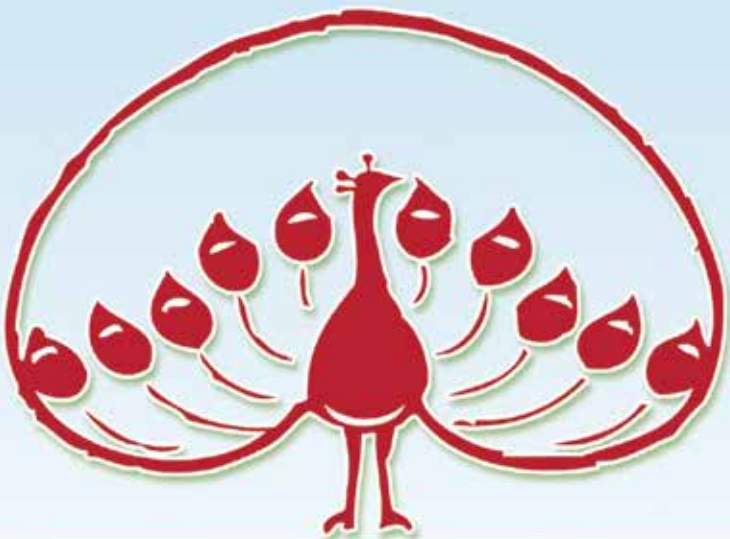
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Local And National Endorsements Praise Tristan Rader For City Council

by Matt Kuhns

Local groups, national organizations and regular people alike are endorsing Tristan Rader's candidacy for Lakewood City Council At-large.

AFSCME Council 8 became one of Rader's first official endorsements, in July. AFSCME represents nonprofit and public employees, including correctional officers, school employees and health care workers.

Rader has emphasized the importance of high-quality public services, and says the endorsement by AFSCME is a welcome vote of confidence. "Instead of privatizing important services with poor accountability, we need to have proven, union professionals doing work we can count on," he says. "AFSCME represents people who keep our communities running, and I'm honored by their support."

Two local activist groups have also declared their confidence in Rader. All Breeds Lakewood endorsed Rader's candidacy, following his early statement of opposition to the city's breed-specific legislation, which bans pit bull type dogs. Since then, many have embraced the group's "I'm with Charlie" sign campaign, in support of a local dog previously approved by the city but now threatened with banishment.

"Some dogs are a safety threat, but we won't detect them through head shape or expensive DNA tests," says Rader. "Local government has more important ways

to spend time than hearings on whether a dog is a pit bull or not. I'm entirely in favor of replacing breed-specific legislation with an ordinance like Cleveland's, which focuses on real problems of dangerous behavior and irresponsible owners."

Rader also enjoys the endorsement of the Cuyahoga County Progressive Caucus (CCPC), which is headquartered in Lakewood. Since he helped found the group in 2016, along with other members of Bernie Sanders's local campaign, Rader has stepped down from his role as CCPC operations director. The group has remained a focus for greater Cleveland activism, how-

ever, and recently passed 3,000 members.

The endorsement of Lakewood CCPC members, perhaps unsurprising in itself, was recently seconded by the group's national counterpart. Our Revolution carries on the work of broad political change which Senator Bernie Sanders inspired, and encourages activists to effect change at every level of government. In August the group named Tristan Rader as one of its first two endorsements in Northeast Ohio.

As one of the first to join the Sanders campaign, which Lakewood eventually voted for by a substantial margin, Rader welcomed the endorsement warmly. "To be endorsed now by [Bernie Sanders's] successor organization, Our Revolution,

just means the world to me," he said.

Nonetheless, Rader says that the endorsement of the Lakewood community is his ongoing priority. He takes pride in comments of Lakewood residents, like Stanley D. Austin who wrote online "I'm voting for Tristan because he has obviously thought through and studied the issues."

"I will be working for Lakewood's 'endorsement' every day, and won't stop if I'm elected," says Rader. "We have already held four town halls throughout the city, and the community's willingness to show up and share their views with me remains just as important as a formal group's endorsement. No one's support should be taken for granted."

Why I Support Tristan Rader For City Council-At-Large

by Tim Collingwood

There are so many issues and events happening in this city, and when I moved to Lakewood close to three years ago this October, there was one person I knew who respected people and got around issues and causes that people supported simply because he cares about the community he lives in. That person is Tristan Rader.

Now, I am not going to lie to you, the first time I met him, there was a bit friction between us. This was around the time of the Hospital issue, and while I was involved with Save Lakewood Hospital at the time, I

couldn't see eye to eye regarding the tactics used by activists when the cause seemed to appear lost to me. In activism, you might not always agree with the people you work with, and you find ways of centering the cause to overpower your sense of need because the cause matters more to you than the people you work with to advance it. I left Save Lakewood Hospital and stayed away from any involvement because in my opinion, I didn't agree with the tactics being used and didn't feel comfortable supporting some of those tactics. Now, it didn't mean that I had anything against the right of citizens to have a say in their healthcare options. It didn't mean I didn't believe in the cause, but I also felt tokenized and undervalued and people do need to be affirmed in their work especially when they go out of their way. After Issue 64 didn't pass, I had a talk with Tristan about the effort to save Lakewood hospital, and while we disagreed on tactics and their impact, he respected me and where I was coming from to listen and hear me out. I don't know if I allowed myself to be more heard whether that would matter, but Tristan did hear me and I think that's all anyone wants in this world right now. To be heard, to respectfully disagree with each other, and to collaborate on better solutions. A friendship was born in that moment.

Of course, Tristan and I share similar political ideas, beliefs, and we stood together through the Bernie Sanders campaign, the Hillary Clinton campaign, and the creation of the Cuyahoga County Progressive Caucus for which I am a member, so you might think that when disagreements come, it's the end-all, but in the time I have gotten to know Tristan, and I see his genuine effort to be of public service in communities, I have only admired him more. He took the time to listen when adversities seemed impossible to go through and find human connection and re-center. To me, he is a living example of what a public servant is.

I see it in the Town Halls he has put on which are less about him and more about hearing what the community wants from local leadership to base his future tenure as City Councilperson on. I see it when he stands up for issues affecting the Lakewood community that it seems that other City Council members are too scared to touch, like the police brutality case I've been writing about, the pit bull

ban aka I'mWithCharlie, the Nazi vandalism on Belle, the rent increase, the closing of basketball areas in parks, the high rent for storefronts- he is right there. Unafraid to talk about the real issues affecting the real people of Lakewood. I feel affirmed that he isn't afraid to talk about these issues, and he is a person I want on City Council, which isn't to say that there aren't people in City Council currently that aren't doing their jobs well, but City Council does have listening issues that explain their disconnect with the Lakewood public.

There are other candidates on the ballot for City Council at large that are doing what the current establishment way of running a campaign and getting the endorsements and the usual carbon copy. Tristan is doing something different. Rather than get the right endorsements, he is hearing from the people, the first and most important endorsement to have. He gets endorsements from people who get validated by his centering of issues affecting their lives that he thinks Lakewood can improve upon. Rather than do a play it by ear, he is meeting people where they are in their own communities through the town halls and through neighborhood gatherings. Any and about every Lakewood neighborhood event, he is there meeting the people, having conversations and using those conversations as a means to develop policy ideas for his term as City Council member. Those running against him are afraid because of the work he is doing is actually creating an effect that they don't want to see succeed. His back-to-basics approach of who a community leader and a public servant who emphasizes "public" appears upsetting to those who wish they could connect the way he has. But, Tristan is willing to work with those in council and the future council because disagreement or not, he gets work done what needs to be done.

There are things right now in Lakewood that do concern me. I worry that with rent increase, I won't be able to live in Lakewood because of affordability, and I do want to stay in Lakewood as long as I am able to. I can't afford the townhouses that are being built to attract young professionals like me to Lakewood. I can understand the draw of a new building in a neglected space, but gentrification

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Lakewood Living

O'Neill Healthcare Lakewood's 10th Annual Dog Show

by Tammy Sibert

O'Neill Healthcare Lakewood hosted their 10th Annual Community Dog Show on Sunday, August 13, 2017. We would like to extend a very special thank-you to all of the vendors and raffle sponsors:

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Celebrate Another Harvest With LEAF

by Margaret Brinich

Every year LEAF's annual Harvest Festival is your chance to get a taste of great local food in front of Lakewood Public Library. This year's celebration of the local fall bounty will be held on Thursday, September 21 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on the front porch of the Main Library.

Food: Sample a delicious variety of soup from some of LEAF's very own amateur home chefs. Get a delicious, healthy dinner for the whole family (with an at-will donation)!

Pie Bake-Off: Break out your best

pie recipe to enter in our annual Pie Bake-Off! All pies should be dropped off at the Harvest Festival no later than 5:30 p.m. along with a list of ingredients. Or, just come ready to taste test from the best of our home bakers.

Activities for the Whole Family: H2O volunteers will be doing face painting and selling repurposed containers that make great planters or organizers. Plus local food themed arts and crafts for the kids (and adults) will help remind them of the bountiful harvest in the winter months ahead.

Vendors: All of your favorite LEAF Night vendors in one night - get out and shop local!

Music: Listen to some of the best in local music with your friends and family on the front porch of the Library

- and break out those dancing shoes!

LEAF Merchandise: Be sure to stop by the LEAF information table and pick up your official LEAF merchandise. All proceeds from the sales of these official LEAF items, ranging from cook books to t-shirts to coffee mugs, benefit LEAF's local food programs!

We will also have a raffle of two water-bath canners filled with produce and other goodies that night - all proceeds will go to support LEAF's mission for the continued development of a more sustainable, healthful and economically viable community through environmentally responsible actions producing broad access to fresh, local foods, knowledge and culture.

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I am Lina, a 17-year-old girl from Germany. After graduating earlier this year from high school, I am taking a gap year now, a very common thing in my home country. That means I won't go to school or college for one year. Instead of spending my time on homework and studying, I am spending four months in Lakewood with my host family, whom I got to know on a school exchange last year. While here again, I'm going to write about all the things I experience every day, sharing what daily life here is like through the eyes of a foreigner.

I'm deeply in love with your language and hope that my writing will enhance my English. I hope to speak it fluently one day.

If you're interested in my view on your world, feel free to keep reading my articles. I believe that home is where one's heart is and mine is here in Lakewood.

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Lakewood Living

LakewoodAlive Hosts Social Media Workshop For Lakewood Small Businesses

by Matt Bixenstine

The power of social media today is undeniable. Roughly 7 in 10 Americans use social media sites to connect with the digital world, and Facebook ranks among the top-three most visited websites worldwide. Yet how can you ensure your small business is capitalizing on our social society?

The Downtown Lakewood Business Alliance, a program of LakewoodAlive, sought to address this question during its recent “Social Media Workshop for Lakewood Small Busi-

nesses” at Lakewood Public Library. Free and open to any Lakewood business, this two-part workshop aimed to help businesses maximize the benefits their brands receive from social media usage, while learning how to prepare for (and hopefully avoid) a crisis on social media.

Part 1 of the workshop kicked off August 10 with a session entitled “Social Media 101 for Small Businesses.” Led by presenter Jack Tibbitts, a professional social media marketer who provides

consulting services to small businesses, this session covered topics ranging from selecting social media platforms to post frequency to maximizing engagement.

Workshop attendees particularly benefited from Jack’s presentation regarding the importance of claiming your business on Google. Running through various examples, Jack demonstrated how small business owners can help ensure their businesses produce strong visibility in online search results.

One week later, on August 17, work-

shop participants reconvened at Lakewood Public Library for Part 2 entitled “Social Media & Crisis Communications Management.” Barb Paynter, a Lakewood resident and longtime crisis communications consultant, spearheaded this session. Barb, president of Paynter Communications, has spent her distinguished career helping business clients communicate effectively during high-stake situations that threatened their reputations.

Part 2 of the workshop featured a presentation by Barb regarding crisis management from a social media standpoint. Barb delved into effective strategies for handling a crisis situation on social media and also detailed techniques to prepare for and safeguard social accounts before a crisis takes place.

Thirty Lakewood small business owners attended each session, and both workshop portions included question-and-answer opportunities for the audience.

“You can’t overstate the importance of social media as a marketing tool for today’s small business owners,” said Ian Andrews, Executive Director of LakewoodAlive. “On behalf of the Downtown Lakewood Business Alliance, we hope attending merchants received value from this workshop series. We’d be remiss not to thank Jack and Barb for offering such insightful presentations, and our friends at Lakewood Public Library for providing our workshop venue.”

For more information regarding the Downtown Lakewood Business Alliance, please visit LakewoodAlive.org/DowntownLakewood.

Free Picnic With Lakewood Democratic Club & Friends

by Kristine Pagsuyoin

The Lakewood Democratic Club is hosting a free community picnic on Saturday, September 23, thanks to the generosity of Representative Marcy Kaptur.

“It’s incredibly thoughtful of Representative Kaptur to sponsor this picnic for Lakewood, on top of all the great work she does for our district,” says Democratic Club President Grant

MacKay. “I hope people will bring along friends and family, and enjoy some good food with neighbors.”

The picnic will take place in the Kiwanis Pavilion in Lakewood Park. MacKay notes that “the Democratic Club always meets in Lakewood Park, but indoors. It seems like we ought to get outside and enjoy one of the best parks around, once in a while, so we decided to have a picnic.”

This event is purely casual, open to the entire community. Anyone interested in the club can take the opportunity to chat about it with members. But, “The only agenda item is to enjoy the park, and help eat the food so we don’t have to take it home” says MacKay.

Hot dogs, brats, hamburgers and black-bean burgers will be served at the picnic, along with juice, pop and water. Attendees are welcome to bring their favorite side dish or dessert to share.

The Lakewood Democratic Club’s picnic takes place from noon to 2 p.m. on September 23, at Lakewood Park. There is no cost to attend, but online RSVPs are requested; please visit tinyurl.com/lkwdpicnic to let the club know you’re coming.

LakewoodAlive To Host

“Knowing Your Home: Plumbing 101” Workshop

by Matt Bixenstine

It’s difficult to overstate the vital role plumbing plays in our everyday well-being. Modern plumbing, after all, carries all the water that enters and exits your home.

LakewoodAlive will host “Knowing Your Home: Plumbing 101” on Thursday, September 14, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Turkish Cultural Center (13303 Madison Avenue in Lakewood). The 13th workshop of 2017 for this popular home maintenance educational program represents our inaugural plumbing workshop.

Led by friend of LakewoodAlive Fred Cortright, this workshop is designed to equip homeowners with a basic understanding of their home’s plumbing system. Ultimately, the goal is to empower homeowners to feel more confident addressing common plumbing problems and repairs.

Topics to be covered during this workshop include:

- Plumbing as a system

- How the system works
- What types of materials plumbing is made from
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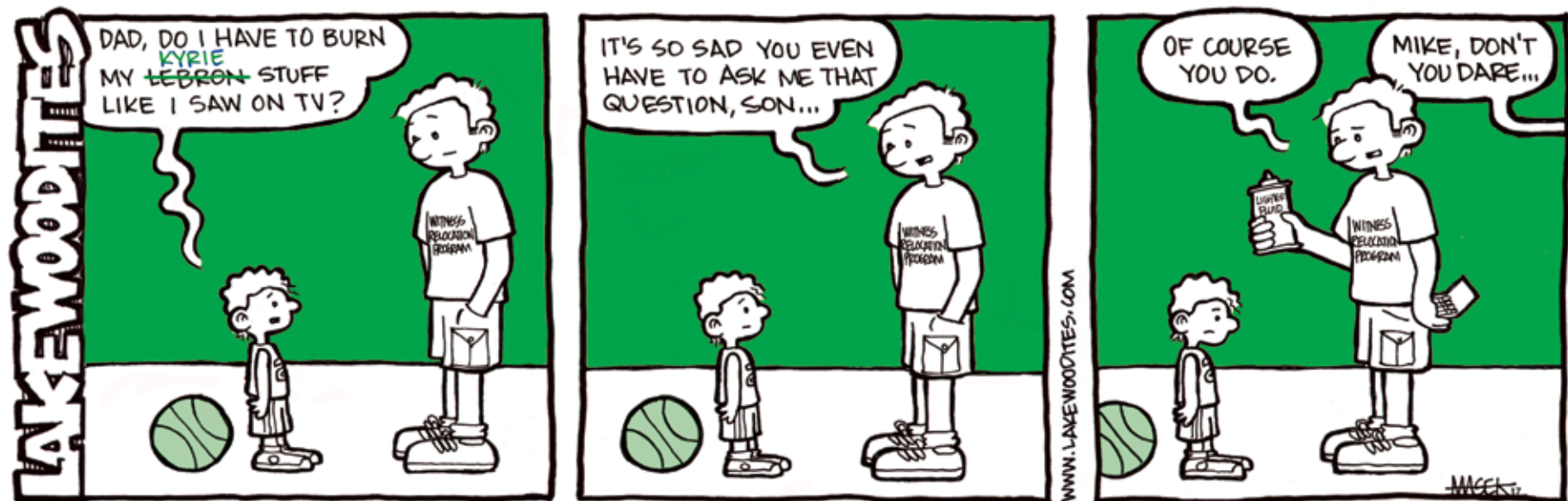
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