PTA Reflections Contest Honors Student Creativity

by Christine Girdillo

The creativity and imagination of our students were celebrated at the annual Lakewood PTA Council Reflections Ceremony, held Jan. 30 at Garfield Middle School. Eighty artworks from preschool through high school were honored. Of those 80 pieces of art, 16 were chosen to move on to the state PTA judging, with winners to be announced in late spring.

The ceremony offered the young artists a chance to be recognized and congratulated by Superintendent Patterson, Board of Education members and other city leaders. Guest speaker was Lakewood City Councilwoman Meghan George, a Lakewood High School graduate.

The Reflections program offers students from schools with active PTAs the opportunity to create works of art for fun and recognition. Students in preschool through grade 12 are encouraged to submit works in seven arts areas: literature, dance choreography, film/video production, musical composition, photography, visual arts and special artist. All entries must follow a chosen theme, which this year was “Within Reach.”

Each school with a PTA can send up to 24 entries to the district level judging. Among works chosen for district-level recognition, the highest scoring works as deemed by a panel of judges evaluating on artistic merit, creativity and interpretation of the theme, move on to Columbus to compete with students’ work from around the state.

The following students’ work will move on to statewide judging:

- Jonah Bees, Harding, photography
- Madelyn Brooks, LHS, visual arts
- Timothy Dasso, LHS, literature
- Gabrielle Dever, LHS, literature
- Eliot Gill, LHS, music composition
- Grace Hildebrandt, Harding, visual arts
- Emily Jarecke, Harding, literature
- Julia Kave, Harding, visual arts
- Alice King, LHS, literature
- Amalija Murich, Harding, visual arts
- Eliza Richardson, LHS, literature
- Sam Stone, LHS, literature
- Meghan Walcheck, Harding, literature
- Christina Westlake, LHS, photography
- Inga Wilhelmy, Harding, photography
- Lila Wright, Harding, visual arts

Congratulations to all the talented artists who participated!

Cleveland Property Management Group Named Title Sponsor For “Loving Lakewood: Superheroes Unite” by Matt Ricenbine

LakewoodAlive’s Heroic Fundraising Event Takes Flight on February 24

LakewoodAlive proudly announces Cleveland Property Management Group as Title Sponsor for Loving Lakewood: Superheroes Unite, a heroic night of superhero fun taking place Saturday, February 24, from 7:30 to 11 p.m. at the Lakewood Masonic Temple. Tickets for Superheroes Unite, LakewoodAlive’s annual fundraising event, are on sale now. Guests are invited to assume their secret identities and defend the universe while enjoying a powerful good time in a historic Downtown Lakewood venue. This limited-capacity event is expected to sell out, so act faster than a speeding bullet to secure your tickets by visiting LakewoodAlive.org/Superheroes.

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Three Arches Foundation Continues Philanthropic Legacy Of Former Lakewood Hospital Foundation

by Kristin Broadbent

Foundation renamed and repositioned with new care of health mission

The Three Arches Foundation, formerly known as the Lakewood Hospital Foundation, has officially completed its transition from an independent hospital-focused development organization to a community-focused grant-making foundation. Along with a new name, the Foundation has been repurposed with a broader care of health mission that preserves its long legacy of philanthropic impact. Approval of this change was granted in mid-December 2017 following an extensive due-diligence and regulatory process that included consent from the Ohio Attorney General and Probate Court of...
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Bullock Kicking Off Run For State Representative
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this weekend kicked off his candidacy for state representative pledging to champion cities and urban development needs in Columbus. Bullock is running for Ohio's 13th House District, which includes Lakewood, parts of Cleveland, and Lindale. Outgoing Representative Nickie Antonio is term-limited and is no longer eligible to run.

"For ten years, I've served my community as a councilperson, and I've shown I can work collaboratively with others get things done for residents. I'm proud of my role in making Lakewood strong," said Bullock. "I'm running for state representative to continue this work to strengthen communities throughout the 13th District and our region."

"Cities are the engines of Ohio's economy. By making them stronger, we'll improve the entire state," said Bullock.

But Bullock said the state legislature doesn't understand this and in recent years has conducted "an all-out assault on cities" that has hurt communities through cuts, attacks on home rule, attempts to dictate how cities collect taxes, and underinvestment in public transit and education.

"The state legislature has cut investment in cities even though two thirds of Ohioans live in metropolitan areas. Lakewood loses $3 million annually from severe cuts to the Local Government Fund and estate tax losses. Cleveland has lost more than $200 million," said Bullock. "That's hurting communities, and many have been forced to increase local taxes to keep police officers on the street. And it harms economic development, reducing jobs and opportunities for everyone."

"We demand better results from Columbus," declared Bullock. "The

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Wednesday, February 14, 2018
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The Lakewood Division Of Aging
Is Off To Severance Hall
by Barry Wemyss

On Friday, February 16th, the Lakewood Division of Aging will be providing transportation to Severance Hall, for a concert by the world-renowned Cleveland Orchestra. This matinee concert will be a performance of Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto and Mozart's Symphony No. 40. The Division of Aging bus will be leaving Lakewood by 9 a.m., which will have everyone to Severance Hall by 9:45 a.m., Upon arrival, enjoy a continental breakfast, followed by an informative lecture on the day's concert. At 11:00 a.m., the Cleveland Orchestra will take the stage for the morning's concert. Additional concert opportunities include a performance of Samuel Barber's Cello Concerto and Dvorak's Symphony no. 8, on Friday, March 16th. On Friday, April 13th, we will be attending a performance of Prelude and Liebestod from Tristan und Isolde, by Richard Wagner, and Beethoven's Symphony no. 3, "Eroica."

There are still seats available for this concert experience. Matinee concert tickets are $25, along with a suggested donation of $3.00 to help with transportation costs. Reservations may be made at the Division of Aging/Lawther Center, 16024 Madison Ave. For more information on this and other Cleveland Orchestra concerts, contact the Activities Office at 216-529-5005, or by emailing to barrywemyss@lakewoodoh.net.

Trinity Cathedral Brownbag Concert Series
by Barry Wemyss

The Trinity Cathedral Brownbag Concert Series truly is one of Cleveland's hidden gems. Each concert features music of the day's selection by Trinity Cathedral and is the setting for a series of free lunchtime concerts performed by local and national musicians. The Lakewood Division of Aging has been taking full advantage of these wonderful opportunities. Seniors have been attending monthly concerts, featuring an eclectic mix of musical genres. In addition to the safe, worry-free transportation, the Division of Aging also provides a delicious box lunch to those who request it. Trinity Cathedral also has box lunches for sale for those who prefer to pick up something there. For many seniors in Lakewood, this monthly trip has become a regular item on their "To Do" list.

As winter leads to spring, there are some outstanding concerts to look forward to. On Wednesday, February 21, 2018, we will be attending a disco party, and bring your doll or teddy bear to join in the parade, as it winds its way through the room. Moms don't forget your cameras! There will be tickets for sale for the raffle prizes. The highlight of the afternoon will be the drawing for our guest of honor, American Girl Doll, Julie Albright.

Tickets are $15 each, which includes your chance to win Julie Albright. Purchase your tickets and reserve your place now. Seating is limited, so act quickly.

This event is sponsored by the Lakewood Department of Human Services, Division of Aging, together with the Lakewood Commission on Aging.

Please contact us at 216-521-1515 to arrange for your tickets.
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Internationally Touring Band Members To Bring Americana To The Library
by Sarah McKinsey

Prepare yourself for a rousing performance by Jen Maurer and Anthony Papaleo, who play an awe-inspiring variety of music, including blues and Americana. Join us at the Main Auditorium of the Lakewood Public Library at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 18, 2018. This concert is part of the Sunday With The Friends program series.

Anthony Papaleo (vocals, fiddle, and guitar) is from Chardon, Ohio. Originally inspired to love music by his father, he has played in groups such as Duchess, The Sidemen, Rebekah Jean, One Dollar Hat, Fishtail, and Mo’ Mojo. Anthony’s repertoire includes zydeco, blues, Old Time Fiddle, rockabilly, country, and Americana.

Jen Maurer (vocals, accordion, and guitar) has also been in the music scene for years in groups such as Jen Maurer Music, The Rhondas, Hoseff, and Mo’ Mojo. Like Papaleo, she seeks variety by playing a wide range of music including zydeco, bluegrass, Americana, blues, ragtime, and jugband.

Both Jen and Anthony are involved in the group Mo’ Mojo, which describes itself on its website as a “hard driving, high energy” band that infuses zydeco music with Americana, Cajun, reggae, rock and roll, funk, R&B, and African and Latin rhythms. The band plays at zydeco dances and clubs and has toured the country to take part in various music festivals. The group has also traveled internationally as a musical ambassador for the U.S. Department of State’s American Music Abroad program. In 2014 the band toured in the Dominican Republic and Haiti, and in 2015 its members played in Belize, Panama, Mexico, Barbados, Colombia, and Tajikistan.

Jen and Anthony have played together for years and are sure to use their vocals, instruments, and vast experience to bring a fun, rollicking time to their performance at the library.

Great Lakes Theater Performs Huck Finn At The Library
by Hiam Jawhari

On Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium Great Lakes Theater’s Classics on Tour will present the play “Huck Finn.” Great Lakes Theater’s play has been adapted by Eric Schmiedl from the novel, “The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn,” by Mark Twain. It was first published in the United Kingdom and then in the United States. It was — and still is — one of the greatest American novels.

Huck runs away from home with Jim the slave, who escaped for fear of being sold. They follow the Mississippi River to Cairo, Illinois. The pair encounter many difficulties, but their strong bond helps them overcome all obstacles.

Throughout the story, Huck struggles with the concept of slavery. At the end, he realizes why it shouldn’t exist; there is no need for one human being to control another human being’s life. It’s easy to understand why such a statement was controversial when the book was first published.

Huck and Jim have lots of adventures together. They run into burglars who are trying to deceive two innocent girls by stealing their inheritance. Luckily, their identities are revealed by Huck.

Huck also saves Jim from being hanged, after Jim is wrongly accused of murdering Huck. The story has a happy ending. Jim gains his freedom and Huck goes back to live with the two sisters.

The story is funny, exciting, and covers racism in a clever way.

Great Lakes Theater home base is at Hanna Theater Playhouse Square. Come and enjoy them as they bring this play to life here at Lakewood Public Library.

Admission is free and open to all. The play will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium, and there are no assigned seats, so arrive early to get the best seat.

Magic By Blake
by Marge Foley

An enthusiastic group of children and their parents enjoyed an entertaining versatile program at the Lakewood Public Library on a recent Saturday evening. “Magic by Blake” showcased a young illusionist who started the evening with several mystifying tricks. A juggling demonstration followed that had balls, rings, and pins flying through the air. Jaws dropped as Blake pulled a unicycle from behind the curtain and juggled as he rode the unicycle back and forth in front of captivated children. Balloon creations ranging from a flower to Superheroes were quickly fashioned by the able fingers of the magician to reward youngsters who had assisted with puzzling trickery.

Did Blake finish his show by pulling a white rabbit out of a hat? No, Blake charmed the audience by making a black rabbit appear in an empty cage. After much applause, the audience was invited to pet the beautiful Rex rabbit which was covered with short, dense, plush, velvet-like fur. It was a fitting ending to a spellbinding performance.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, February 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. when the “Amazing Jeffrey” will be presenting his lively magic and juggling at the Lakewood Public Library in the Main Library Multipurpose Room.
Schools

Lakewood Kiwanis K Kids Awareness Week

by Anna Bacho

February 19-23, 2018 is Kiwanis International recognition week for Kiwanis K Kids. Lakewood Kiwanis is proud to sponsor 3 K Kid Clubs in our community: Grant Elementary School, Horace Mann Elementary School and Family Life Before and After Care at Harrison Elementary School. K Kids is the youngest youth leadership club in the Kiwanis family. Each K Kids club has a school/administrator advisor and Lakewood Kiwanan advisor. Each club has their leadership team of K Kids selected through essays submitted at the beginning of school. After that is in place, the voting of projects by the kids are done for the year. Our K Kids projects include PenPals with K Kids around the world, community trash cleanup in the Spring and local initiatives that they have chosen to do. The kids learn that they have a voice in the club and need to make the commitment to complete their projects. As advisors, we try to have different speakers come in to connect the kids to the community service they complete. Win, win for all. Lakewood Kiwanis also sponsors Build-ers Club at Harding Junior High and Key Club at Lakewood High School.

Our K Kids have been busy this school year. Grant School K Kids just completed a successful food drive for LCAC (Lakewood Charitable Assistance Center). By making posters for their Special Days (Hat Day, Pajama Day) throughout the week, the K Kids drew attention to the importance of the food drive. Horace Mann K Kids collected toys for the Lakewood Christmas Store. Again, posters were made and the kids promoted the collection to their classmates. Family Life K Kids made Snowman Soup (hot cocoa mix, marshmallows, a candy cane and a holiday poem) for a homeless ministry in the area. The K Kids were thanked by a representative who spoke to the children about homeless initiatives in our community.

K Kids motto is to Build Leaders and Lakewood K Kids are doing it in Lakewood.

Anna Bacho is a member of Lakewood Kiwanis.

Lakewood Athletic Boosters Annual Night At The Races

by Kate Sala

The Lakewood Athletic Boosters are holding their 14th annual Night at the Races fundraiser on Saturday March 10, 2018. This entertaining event raises funds to support middle and high school student-athletes in the Lakewood City Schools district. Night at the Races is for adults age 21 and older. Doors open at 6 p.m. and races start at 7:30.

Individual tickets are $50, but come with friends and save! A table of 10 tickets is $200 and a table of 10 tickets is $250. Tickets include a dinner and beverage package, but people are encouraged to bring their favorite food and drinks to share with friends. To order tickets and buy horses, visit LakewoodAthleticBoosters.org. Feb-

night-at-the-races  Contact us by Febru-
ary 19th to place an ad in the program.

About Lakewood Athletic Boosters - The Lakewood Athletic Boosters is a 501(c)(3) organization committed to supporting student-athletes in the Lakewood City Schools district. Since its inception, the Boosters have donated over a million dollars to the Lakewood City Schools Athletic Department. The Boosters donate at least $60,000 annually to subsidize the Athletic Department’s annual budget. In addition, at least eight $500 scholarships are awarded each year to graduating seniors. In recent years, the Boosters have also donated extra funds to purchase items such as a new timing board at the LHS pool, spin bikes for off-season conditioning, and new wrestling mats. Lakewood’s $75 per sport pay-to-participate fee is one of the lowest in the area. Athletic Booster members who volunteer earn “Booster Bucks” to offset or even eliminate their pay-to-participate fee. For more information, visit LakewoodAthleticBoosters.org, find us on Facebook @LakewoodRangersAthleticBoosters, follow us on Twitter at LHS.ABOOSTERS, or email LHSAthleticBoosters@gmail.com.

Pair Of Swimmers Snap Conference Titles

by Christine Gendillo

Swimmers Maggie McHugh and Sistina Simcox captured conference titles at the Southwest Conference championship meet on Jan. 27 at Lakewood High School. Maggie, a senior, won both the 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard butterfly and Sistina, a freshman, captured the 100-yard freestyle title.

The pair were also on the awards podium for two relays, including Mag-gie with a second-place finish in the 200-yard freestyle relay (along with freshmen Ethel Woodford and sopho-more Alissa Leon) and Sistina for her second-place finish in the 200-yard freestyle.

Other girls reaching the awards podium included the 400-yard freestyle relay team of Maggie McHugh, Sistina Simcox, Ethel Woodford and sophomore Sophia Miranda. Ethel also placed sixth in the 100-yard freestyle. On the boys’ side, junior diver Joe Toole was the highest placer with a third place in only his second year of competing in the sport. For the swim-mers, senior Colman McGian placed highest with a third-place finish in the 100-yard breaststroke. Colman also earned fifth in the 200-yard individual medley. Senior Luke Healy placed fourth in the 200-yard freestyle and fifth in the 500-yard freestyle. Two of the boys’ relay teams were among the top finishers as well: Luke Healy, Colman McGian, sophomore Parker Polen and junior Wilson Reynolds made both the fourth-place 200-yard freestyle team and the sixth-place 400-yard freestyle team.

Next up for the Rangers is Section-
als on Feb. 10. congratulations to all the hard-working athletes and coaches!
## District Toasts Feb. Staff Spotlight Honorees

### Schools

by Christine Gordillo

**KAREN BAUGHMAN**

Conventional wisdom will tell you that the job of middle school In School Assignment (ISA) supervisor is a tough one. Harding Middle School’s Karen Baughman will tell you otherwise. She’s been doing the job at Harding for nearly 20 years with a smile on her face and a heart full of compassion. These, among other qualities, have earned Baughman the title of February Staff Spotlight honoree.

When students arrive in the morning for their day-long assignment in Baughman’s room, the first thing she tells them is, “I’m here to help.” She sets a tone of cooperation and compassion for the students who have come to her room following a youthful misstep.

“They’re kids, they make mistakes,” she says. “I don’t want to see them back.” With that in mind she offers homework help and anything else they need.

Says Jinny Cahill, one of Baughman’s nominators: “She truly cares about the students’ well being, often providing them with a shoulder to cry on and offering advice and guidance.”

### Lakewood Teachers Give Back

by Lisa Shaffer-Gill

Lakewood Teachers are proud to announce fund-raising efforts over the holidays have enabled us to once again give generously to Lakewood organizations that directly support our students. $300 each was given to Lakewood Community Service Center, our students. $300 each was given to organizations that directly support the holidays have enabled us to once again sponsor a Recreation Department Dare basketball tournament for fifth graders on March 3rd, and we will once again sponsor a Recreation Department youth baseball team. We are also making plans to support our newest readers with first grade book gifts, and with the help of some students, we will be tending our Adopt-a-Spot garden in front of the Bandstand in Lakewood Park.

Lakewood’s kids are our kids. We want to help and anything else they need.

Karen Baughman

Adds Harding Assistant Principal Robin Beavers about Baughman’s special touch with students: “She is kind but firm and everything comes from a place of love from her.”

She not only helps her students, but Baughman is known as the go-to person at Harding, ready to pitch in whenever she can. “We all turn to her for help,” said Baughman’s other nominator, Mary Murray. “There’s not enough words to describe everything Karen does for our students and staff.”

**STEPHANIE SEVERINO**

West Shore Career-Tech Transition

Stephanie Severino

to Work students play an important role in helping the Lakewood High community run smoothly thanks to the tireless efforts of their teacher, Stephanie Severino. Severino’s drive to keep her students engaged and learning despite their disabilities and her personal positive attitude is why she is one of our February Staff Spotlight honorees.

Severino, who joined the District in 1994, has been finding creative ways to build her students’ job and life skills since joining West Shore seven years ago. Her students’ main job is doing the laundry for the school, including the Culinary Arts program and custodial and Nutrition Services staff. In between, you can find her students doing a menagerie of tasks from stringing students’ temporary IDs to delivering mail to shredding. LIS staff members know that if they have a task that needs a lot of hands, they can call on Severino and her crew, including her classroom aides, whom she says she could not do without.

“Stephanie is constantly on the lookout for new ways in which her students can contribute to LHS and build their job skills,” said her nominator, West Shore Educational Coordinator Bill DiMascio. “Her room is a busy and a productive environment.”

One way she helps build skills is during her weekly Job Club class where they talk about teamwork, interviewing skills, and positive body language among other qualities. She takes pride in the progress her students make because she realizes how critical these skills are for success once her students graduate.

“There is such a need for them to learn these skills,” Severino said.

Severino is willing to go the extra mile for her students. She admits to sometimes lying in bed at night trying to come up with a solution that will enable her students to be successful when the standard approach is not working. The answer could be as simple as bringing on an old TV stand from home to help students measure string for the temp IDs.

While Severino’s creative and caring teaching approach is evident, DiMascio says it’s her “superhuman patience and kindness” that sets her apart.

### Happening Now

**Registrations For Recreation Youth Baseball / Softball by Rick Wallenhorst**

Registrations for our Youth Summer Baseball & Softball leagues are currently underway. From ages 4 to 15 in baseball and ages 9 to 12 in softball, we offer many opportunities to learn and play the game. Register by February 28th and receive $10 off your youth baseball or softball registration. These are fun and social leagues emphasizing fundamentals and sportsmanship.

**Registrations For Recreation Adult Summer Softball Leagues**

Team registrations for our Adult Spring/Summer Softball leagues are open beginning on February 1st. From COED and men’s Sunday double header leagues to various weekday leagues, there are many opportunities to play. Players of all skill levels are welcome. Now this season is a Women’s Classic 45+ Monday League. This is a fun and social league consisting of a regular season followed by playoffs. Get your friends together and register.

Check our website at http://www.lakewoodrecreation.com for information on all of our leagues and registration costs.

You can register your team online at http://www.lakewoodrecreation.com, or in person at 14100 Franklin Blvd. Register and have some fun.
Lakewood Is Art

Beck Center Presents The Ground-Breaking "Hair"

By Beth Kretschmar

Beck Center for the Arts is pleased to present "HAIR," the seventh annual collaboration with the esteemed Baldwin Wallace University Music Theatre Program. Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the musical that introduced rock and roll to Broadway, its limited engagement runs February 9 through 25, 2018 in the Mackey Theater. Show times are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays. Three Wednesday performances will take place at 8 p.m. on February 15, 21, and 22. Tickets are now on sale. Buy early and save with promo code: TRIBE to receive $5 off each adult/senior ticket purchased by February 8.

"HAIR" examines a group of 60s-era youth struggling to balance their lives, loves, and the sexual revolution with their rebellion against the Vietnam War and their conservative parents and society. This controversial and timely musical spanned several Top 40 hits including "Aquarius" and "Let the Sun Shine In." This special production features video art by media artist, Kasumi. "HAIR" contains strong language and content.

"HAIR" is directed by Victoria Bur-sert, the acclaimed Director of Music Theatre at Baldwin Wallace University, and features a talented ensemble of 32 students from BW's nationally recog-

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Born To Kill: Reviews Of Recent Releases By Local Bands, Pt. 64

by Buzz Kompier

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.

Ricky Hamilton - Welcome 2 Hell

-Quality Time Records - 13 songs - Cassette

This is kind of a "greatest hits" or something composed of songs from "Killed By Ricky" and "Hell Is Real" (which I think are both out of print now!), I guess "Life By The Thorns" isn't considered part of the true Ricky canon these days. Avid readers may note that I've reviewed both of those tapes, so forgive me if I repeat myself. I thought that "Killed By Ricky" was the superior of the two, but I've heard from a couple people now who disagree, so maybe I'm just stupid. For me, having the songs together on this tape serves to remind me of what I liked about "KRB" and what I disliked about "Hell Is Real." Though I will say that a few of the songs from the latter actually work better within their contexts here than they do on that tape—particularly "Amphetamine Girl". Also, as with almost any compilation ever, you're left wondering why some things were left out and others were kept in. For example, why no "666" or "Queen City?" What I liked about those tracks (and "Killed By Ricky" as a whole) was that Ricky seemed to be going in a more aggressive direction—playing faster, being more adventurous with his vocals—and that seemed to be forgotten on "Hell Is Real," which was why I was a little disappointed by it. I still think "Friday Eyes" is pretty great, and is a good example of how adding some lead guitar to these songs can really help beef 'em up, and I still think "U Look Like A Cop" is funny in a way that it isn't quite intended to be. I still think the production on the "Hell" songs is a bit midrange-y, but the fidelity is definitely improved here. I don't know, man. Nice Dead Boys interview to end the tape, though I don't think Ricky's own shows are particularly aggressive (the most danger I've ever witnessed is when Joey Pepperoni threw a beer can at Marty during The Nico Muscle record release show... was that like two and a half years ago now? Man, time flies!), but perhaps that wasn't the point he was trying to make by including it. Here's my final statement: this is an accurate representation of what Ricky's recent solo work is like. 

(qualitytimerecords.bandcamp.com)

Neo Neos - EP MK 2.2: Sailor Suit & Machine Gun SE - Cultural - 5 songs - 7", download

The second vinyl outing from Neo Neos, following many tapes and things. Not a local band, but released on a local label (though technically not a local label anymore...). Any other points I have to make before getting to the review? Oh, yeah, I know I'm on John's case a lot about this kind of thing, but I should point out this continues the Cultural trend (ha ha ha) of having mistakes. This time, it's the wrong artwork. The cover leaves off the 7" and the "SE" and two of the tracks. And the label claims this plays at 35, when it plays at 45. I'll give John (or maybe Neo Neos) the benefit of the doubt and assume that part was a joke. Any- way. Onto the actual content. I guess you could say this is sort of the "now" punk sound? I've heard some say that this sounds like Coneheads, a band I never particularly got into), but it's got some character, for sure. Sorta blown out recording, pretty tight playing (all things considered). The guy's voice is pretty snotty and distinct, which is a plus. Actually entertaining lyrics, too. It's kinda like the early Redd Kross stuff (or Red Cross, given what time period we're talking here) in a way. Catchy. The riff on "Snoo Guy" kinda reminds me of the Rik & The Pigs song "Nothing"—that might be a controversi- al thing to say. Oh well. The guitar playing on "City To City (We Rock)" reminds me of some Cruelster thing. This is good stuff. Their other record (EP MK 1) is good too. But that's just me, if you disagree that's okay! 4/5 (vedicardi.bandcamp.com)

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Agostino’s/Sushi Rock, A Unique Dining Experience

by Bill Call

Agostino’s/Sushi Rock, located at 15607 Madison in Lakewood, is a unique dining experience offering classic Italian and Sushi under one roof. Restaurateur Joe Gallo, longtime owner of Agostino’s in Brooklyn, Ohio and a group of partners opened the new Agostino’s in November of 2017.

The Italian menu includes small plates, greens and large plates with a well-balanced mix of traditional favorites and new Italian dishes. The sushi menu offers a full range of options including sushi appetizers, salads, assorted special rolls and classic rolls.

There is a full service bar that is separate from the main restaurant.

Since I have been to this restaurant three times and had three great experiences I thought I would share my experience with a review. The review offered a nice excuse to go again with some friends.

We were seated promptly and greeted by our waiter, Thomas. Thomas has a great deal of experience in the business and was knowledgeable about the Italian and Sushi menu.

We ordered two appetizers, a shrimp spring roll and tuna nachos. The shrimp spring roll was served with poached shrimp and a soy peanut sauce that was delicious. I shared the dish with my wife. There was plenty.

The couple that joined us ordered the cheese ravioli and the Dragon Roll. They said the ravioli was full of flavor and cooked perfectly. The Dragon Roll was a sushi roll made in the form of a dragon. Very artistic and quite tasty.

The service was excellent, the food was excellent and the prices are very reasonable. Give it a try.

Bill Call is a Lakewood resident. The LO and Foodwood® paid Bill Call’s bill for the dinner he reviewed.

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Agostino’s/Sushi Rock, A Unique Dining Experience

by Bill Call

Agostino’s/Sushi Rock, located at 15607 Madison in Lakewood, is a unique dining experience offering classic Italian and Sushi under one roof. Restaurateur Joe Gallo, longtime owner of Agostino’s in Brooklyn, Ohio and a group of partners opened the new Agostino’s in November of 2017.

The Italian menu includes small plates, greens and large plates with a well-balanced mix of traditional favorites and new Italian dishes. The sushi menu offers a full range of options including sushi appetizers, salads, assorted special rolls and classic rolls.

There is a full service bar that is separate from the main restaurant.

Since I have been to this restaurant three times and had three great experiences I thought I would share my experience with a review. The review offered a nice excuse to go again with some friends.

We were seated promptly and greeted by our waiter, Thomas. Thomas has a great deal of experience in the business and was knowledgeable about the Italian and Sushi menu.

We ordered two appetizers, a shrimp spring roll and tuna nachos. The shrimp spring roll was served with poached shrimp and a soy peanut sauce that was delicious. I shared the dish with my wife. There was plenty.

The couple that joined us ordered the cheese ravioli and the Dragon Roll. They said the ravioli was full of flavor and cooked perfectly. The Dragon Roll was a sushi roll made in the form of a dragon. Very artistic and quite tasty.

The service was excellent, the food was excellent and the prices are very reasonable. Give it a try.

Bill Call is a Lakewood resident. The LO and Foodwood® paid Bill Call’s bill for the dinner he reviewed.

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LakewoodAlive

by Paula Reed

The Lakewood Historical Society's biennial "Come Home to Lakewood" house tour occurs on September 9th, the first Sunday after Labor Day. While that seems far in the future, the planning process is already underway, and we need your help! We need to know the houses you want to see, those you drive by and wish you could get inside. Or perhaps you'd like to volunteer your own house. Give us the address, and we'll do the rest. We'll contact the owners to let them know they've been nominated, and ask if they'd be willing to showcase their home. If so, we'll visit, and choose from the nominees those that would make up the most unique and fascinating tour. We'll be rounding up our possibilities over the next few weeks, so don't delay, make your nominations today! You may nominate by:
E-mailing the Historical Society with the address: lakewoodhistory@bge.net
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Completing the form below and mailing to: Lakewood Historical Society
14710 Lake Avenue Lakewood, OH 44107

Come Home To Lakewood Entry Form

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Your Name (optional):

Owner's Name (if known):

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