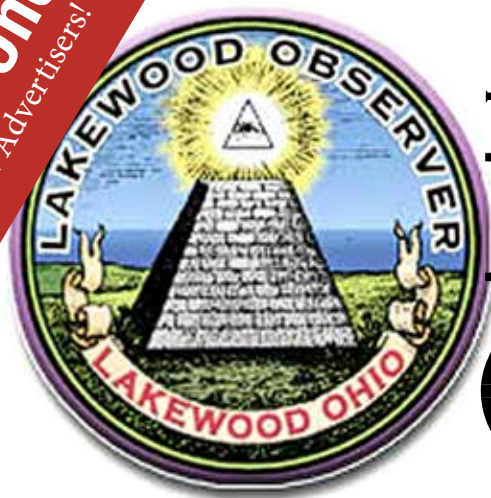


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YOU CAN WIN! See Page 11



Artist rendering of how they are thinking of the handling the historical aspects of the "Curtis Block" as laid out by the historical designation.

## Latest Meeting On Hospital Space Mostly Clarifications

by Jim O'Bryan

The most recent meeting of the Architectural Review Board saw representatives from the downtown development provide clarifications on many items, mostly regarding access, and the Curtis Block Building.

The first clarification was that there will be entrances and exits from the garage on both Marlowe and Belle. There will also be an access drive running from Marlowe to Belle so that deliveries and trash collec-

tion can happen safely off the city's streets. It was noted at the meeting that the presenters figured these would be heavily trafficked access points. To keep pedestrians safe they will be moving them away from the access road.

The meat of this meeting was the treatment of the Curtis Block. From the presentation: The Historic Detroit and Marlowe facades are to be preserved/restored.

The new construction por-

tion levels 3-5 are to be set back from Marlowe and Detroit and the new 2 story west façade will match the cornice height and approximate existing footprint to maintain the legibility of the original massing. The design seeks to incorporate the historic facades into a new larger structure in a manner that enhances the appearance and function of both the historic and the new building.

Next meeting on this will be October 26.

## Two Events, One Weekend

by Greg Palumbo

The Lakewood Historical Society has two not-to-be-missed events coming up this weekend: the final weekend for the Peek into the Past exhibit and the annual Fall Sale. Come to both, don't miss either.

Peek into the Past is an exhibit of a wide variety of items from the Historical Society archive. In 1952, seventy years ago, Margaret Manor Butler was instrumental in establishing the Lakewood Historical Society and began the development of the archive. Since that time, the archive has continued to grow. This exhibit spotlights a small portion of the contents of the archive, including clothing items, photographs, home furnishings, books, toys, even Mrs.



Ezra Nicholson's trunk. See this ticketed exhibit on Saturday and Sunday, October 8 and 9, from 1:00pm to 4:00pm, at the Nicholson House, 13335 Detroit Ave.

The annual Fall Sale will take place at the Haber Center, 13314 Detroit Ave. on Thursday,

October 6, 4:00pm – 7:00pm, Friday, October 7, 9:00am – 7:00pm, Saturday, October 8, 10:00am – 6:00pm, and Sunday, October 9, 11:00am – 3:00pm. There is a large selection of gift and decorative items, furniture (including many chairs), lamps, linens, window and door hardware, doors and other salvage items, even a fireplace mantel, and much, much more. There is something for everyone!

Don't miss these two events and support the Lakewood Historical Society while you enjoy a look at the past and a purchase from the present. Proceeds from both events support the Lakewood Historical Society. More information about both events is available on the website: lakewoodhistory.org.



Las Vegas/Casino Night was this year's homecoming theme.

## HOMECOMING



Homecoming Royalty, Helen Hylton and Jacob Mariani

by Christine Gordillo

The Lakewood High School Ranger Royalty were crowned at today's Homecoming Pep Rally. Congratulations to Helen Hylton and Jacob Mariani and all the Homecoming Court members!

Court members were Alex Hodson, Lilly Metzger, Maya Stewart, Lydianna Trudel, Gabe Constantine, Rocco Crino, Eli LaDue, and Mui Salti. What a fantastic Friday night for Homecoming Week-

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## Great Work Lakewood Police/Lakewoodites



Police talking with a suspect in a recent robbery.

by Jim O'Bryan

Some days life is a wonderful machine, poetry in motion so to speak.

On September 29th Lakewood Police Dispatchers got a call from a woman in

the back room of Subway on Detroit Avenue. She was listening to the clerk out front being robbed and called the police.

The man demanded all the money, settling on the twenties, continued on page 11



THE MAYOR’S CORNER

Lakewood Gets High Marks From State Auditor

Recently, the City of Lakewood was honored to welcome the State of Ohio Auditor’s office once again to a meeting of City Council where Lakewood received the Auditor of State Award with Distinction. Less than 5% of the roughly 4,000 state and local government entities audited by the State are able to achieve this status, which demands a perfectly clean audit that is filed accurately and on time, conforming to all governmental accounting guidelines.

This is the third consecutive year that our top-notch team at City Hall has

achieved this exclusive status and speaks to our deep commitment to fiscal excellence and integrity as the stewards of your public dollars. Additionally, this award provides evidence to the investment community of our financial integrity and trustworthiness, which helps maintain our bond rating and keeps borrowing costs low for Lakewood’s major capital projects when we bond out debt.

While the State Auditor was here examining our accounting and financial

reporting, they were also analyzing our transparency. Lakewood was assigned the State Auditor’s highest transparency rating of 4 “StaRS” in its examination of how Lakewood responds to public records requests. This high rating confirms our deep commitment at the City of Lakewood to providing full access to information and records to members of the public.

Finally, in addition to the Government Finance Officers Association Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting, the City was also awarded the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the second consecutive year, and only the 6th time in Lakewood’s history. I’m very proud of our Finance staff, and all my directors and division heads that work diligently to compile information that the city needs to develop an exemplary budget book.

As we enter October, the annual budget season is well under way, and I continue to work with my departmental directors and division heads to prepare budget allocations that reflect our community vision, values, and priorities. There will also be opportunities to invest in the City’s long-term goals and needs with select capital and other special projects that maintain or improve the quality of life for our residents. As always, my core focus is to remain financially realistic and responsible with a balanced budget while keeping the excellent level of service that our residents, businesses, and visitors have come to expect and deserve.

I look forward to continuing conversations with the community about important budget priorities while working with City Council to align our budget with the needs of the City of Lakewood. Look for more on the budget process in the weeks to come.

**2022 Firefighter Recognition Ceremony To Be Held On Sunday, October 9th**

The Lakewood Fire Department will host its annual Firefighter Recognition Ceremony on Sunday, October 9, 2022 at 12:00 PM at Fire Station No. 1, 14601 Madison Avenue. Join Mayor George, the Lakewood Fire Department and community leaders as they honor new firefighters who have joined n the Lakewood Fire Department as well as firefighters who have retired or have been promoted over the last year.

All on-duty fire personnel will gather with fire apparatus at the site of the Firefighter’s Memorial in front of the station for the ceremony. Members of the public are invited and encouraged to attend the event.

This event kicks off National Fire Prevention Week (October 9-October 16). This year’s theme “Fire Won’t Wait. Plan Your Escape.™”



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LAKEWOOD EXCELLENCE

LHS Has 67 AP Scholars And A Rare Perfect Score

by Christine Gordillo

Each new school year the Lakewood City Schools celebrates its numerous Lakewood High School students who have earned the designation of AP Scholar by virtue of their scores on the college-level Advanced Placement exams taken in May. This year, we add a special congratulations to 2022 graduate Inga Wilhelmy, who was one of only 197 students in the world to earn every point possible on the 2-D Art & Design Exam!

“This outstanding accomplishment is likely a direct reflection of the top-quality education being offered at Lakewood High School,” said Trevor Packer, head of the Advanced Placement Program. “We applaud Inga’s hard work and the AP teacher responsible for engaging students and enabling them to excel in a college-level course.”

Inga’s AP teacher is Dayna Hansen.

She has high praise for her exceptional former student:

“Inga Wilhelmy is one of the most brilliant and humble student artists that I have come across. Her dedication is unmatched which earned her exceptional awards during her senior year, and now a perfect score on the AP 2-D exam. Everything she does from her sketchbook planning to the finished piece is done with exceptional skill and thought. She was a leader within the art community at Lakewood High School and was an active member of the National Art Honor Society,” Hansen said. Inga is currently attending The Rhode Island School of Design majoring in painting.

2-D Art & Design is one of 20 AP courses at Lakewood High School. The District proudly congratulates the 67 current students and recent graduates who have earned AP Scholar honors

thanks to their performance on their AP tests:

**AP Scholars with Distinction (earned by averaging at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams):**

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**AP Scholars with Honor (earned by averaging at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams):**

Charlotte Beno, Helinor Clark, Katherine Coleman, Rocco Crino, Tyler DiLoreto, Greta Frantz, Ava Hitter, Veruca Jouriles, Julia Kavc, Jill King, Clare Morrissey, Baily Rohrs, Carly Voltz, Sophia Weiss, Megan Winters

**AP Scholars (earned by completing three or more AP Exams with grades of 3 or higher):**

James Allio, Sidney Bacon, Sylvie Ballou, Lauren Barber, Anne Bartos, Kaitlyn Bitter, Gretchen Breud-



Inga Wilhelmy

igam, Ainsley Bronson, Ava Bruening, Amanda Chanter, Sarah Donaldson, Amal Elhachdani, Josephina Filice, Gavin Fulmer, Grace Hildebrandt, Alexandra Hodson, Alexandra Horton, Benjamin Jablonowski, Ivy Keeper, Alexis Lindsay, Rose Lipka, Abigail Marsh, Emma Murray, Griffin Norris, Alexandria Russell, Madeleine Rybak, Julia Shields, Skylar Smith, Samuel Stallbaum, Scarlett Wankowski, Jonathan Weisbarth, Lila Wright.

LHS Grad Sydney Wilhelmy Wins Obama-Chesky Scholarship

by Christine Gordillo

Congratulations to Sydney Wilhelmy LHS class of 2020, for being one of 100 inaugural recipients of the Obama-Chesky Scholarship for Public Service, also known as the Voyager Scholarship.

The initiative, designed to shape the next generation of public service leaders, is a creation of the Obama Foundation and supported by Airbnb co-founder Brian Chesky. The Scholarship is composed of a \$50,000 in tuition assistance to cover the difference remaining after university scholarships and loans for the balance of his undergraduate degree studies; \$10,000 + free Airbnb accommodation for this coming summer, for a “summer voyage” to gain exposure to new communities and experience in his field pursuant to a project or internship; \$2,000 every year for the next ten years after graduation as a travel stipend as well as fully covered flights and hotels to a four-day Fall Summit conference in New York City to hear from high profile speakers, meet other recipients, and meet with President Obama and Airbnb CEO Brian Chesky.

Sydney is a junior at the University of Pittsburgh majoring in Political Science, minoring in Economics, with certificates in Arabic and European Union Studies. This past summer, he won a \$7500 grant from the US Department of Education to study the Syrian dialect of Arabic in a city in eastern Germany called Halle, where he was able to do intensive Arabic study and utilize German to connect with both the large refugee diaspora and the German community simultaneously. In speaking about the honor to the Pittwire publication, Sydney said, “Receiving the Voyager Scholarship is an incredible honor, and I am still trying to wrap my head around what it means for the rest of my time at Pitt and beyond. I am especially grateful for the opportunity to lighten the burden on my parents of



Sydney Wilhelmy

putting three children through college at the same time. They are the most loving, supportive and hardworking people I know, and I am endlessly proud to be their son. I would not be the person I am today without them. I am planning to return to Europe for this summer voyage where I want to explore further the political and social relationships between Europe and the MENA (Middle East and North Africa) region as they pertain to migration, foreign policy and human rights.”

“My dream job is with the United States Foreign Service, although I am interested in the entire field of international affairs and international development. I’ve always held that a measure of professional success is whether the work I do leaves a positive impact on other people’s lives — and combining this measure with my interest in international affairs and policy has led me to my current career trajectory towards internationally oriented public service.”

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SPORTS

Dr. G's Ranger Round Up  
FOOTBALL - 9/30/22



by Dr. Charles Greanoff

The Lakewood Ranger Football Team placed an exclamation point on a perfect Homecoming Friday, outlasting a determined Parma squad 36-24. With the game tied at 18 at half, the Rangers finished strong, thanks in large part to the legs and arm of junior QB Alex Symons, who threw 4 TD passes and ran for 2 more. Senior Mason Ivinskas, who only started playing football in 9th grade, had two TD's and an interception, while sophomore Jaylen Chappel also caught two TD's and played strong defense. The game was still in doubt when junior Aidan Maxwell forced a fumble with 5 minutes remaining. This was a great team effort!

Today's magic was created by endless hours of work by our football team, our cheerleaders, the Lakewood Ranger Marching Band and staff members who manage the logistics of the pep rally, parade and game. I sat with my friends Emma and Tom Bangert, whose son Aidan is a first year player (he made a nice play on special teams). Emma grew

up in England, so I asked her how she would describe "Friday Night Under the Lights" to one who had never experienced it. She said (paraphrasing) "It's a celebration of the community. So many elements—dancing, athletics, music—come together to create a beautiful picture." Emma actually summed up the whole day, from the pep rally to the parade and then of course the game.

Thanks to all those who help to paint the gorgeous picture that was the Friday of Homecoming weekend. This includes a fabulous, energetic purple and gold splashed student section. I was so happy to see alumni Mason Orlando, Nikki Sullenberger, Kim Banek, Camille Seiler, Joshua Mika, Joe Twardesky, among others, back home supporting their alma matter. Rangers for Life.

The Lakewood Rangers are one team, from one town, that gives it their all. Congrats to Coach Thome for all his hard work and dedication, and to all the players who have made the commitment to play a tough sport. Long Live Lakewood.

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Reka Sundem's Winning Essay

by Reka Sundem

"How can our federal, state, and local governments better provide for basic human needs?"

Every human being should be entitled to having their basic human needs met. If they can't provide for those needs themselves, then the government should help fill in the gaps. Basic human needs include things like food, water, shelter, and healthcare.

You need money for all these things. And how do we get money? Jobs. Jobs, jobs, jobs. Our state and federal government should be focusing on helping more people get education geared toward employment that provides a living wage. The government should help people in job searches, as well as job retention counseling. If you are constantly changing jobs you don't get the benefits that come with staying at a job for a long period of time.

Once you have a job, you can start to pay for food and water. But those aren't the only things that are important for survival. You need a place to stay — a home. State and federal governments should implement better programs that provide for affordable housing. Many people's annual salary is not enough to cover a house or even an apartment. Even those who can initially afford housing, if they fall into a



Reka Sundem with Mary Warren

hard time and lose their house, it can cause a snowball effect.

Healthcare should be considered a basic human need and not a luxury item — as it once was. The government should be involved in helping make healthcare affordable for everyone. People need ways to get back on their feet after an unexpected major medical cost. Many people have to file for bank-

ruptcy because their medical expenses are so high. This shouldn't happen to anyone.

We need universal recognition that mental health is just as important as physical health. Preventative care for mental health — just as physical preventative care — reduces overall medical costs, as well as the negative impacts on jobs, families, and commu-

nities. The state governments should ensure that people should get days off of work for mental health too, not only physical health. It is a benefit that every working person should be provided with.

Government programs aren't created instantaneously. People need to vote for those kinds of people that will make these changes. The key word here is voting. It is important that everyone plays a role in the government when they come of age. While everyone is entitled to having all their basic human needs met, everyone also has a corresponding responsibility to vote. All levels of government should make voting easier. Local governments should encourage people to get registered and go vote at elections. State and Federal governments should provide protections like the Voting Rights Act of 1965 which prevented especially black voters from being discriminated against. If you don't vote, you can't help foster change. The government should be helping people fill their basic human needs, but the people have to do their part too!

Reka plans on studying biomedical engineering at Boston University and also minoring in psychology and philosophy.

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Love's Foundation

by Gregory Norris

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not boast, it is not proud, it does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth, it always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres." 1 Corinthians 13:4-8.

With Sweetest Day around the corner I was thinking about about this verse and what it means for love today, it is used in weddings so often.

In a committed relationship there



are several elements that build a strong foundation. They are Trust, Respect, Friendship and Communication.

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A couple must have respect for each other. When you have respect you foster a feeling of esteem and admiration. We feel good about who we are and who our partner is. We see them in a positive light.

Friendship grows out of intimacy which is the willingness to know and be known. You must be vulnerable.

Trust is the cornerstone of a relationship. When trust does not exist their is no space for safety, no partner to lean on and no place to rest. If trust is not present the heart shuts down and that causes respect and friendship to suffer.

Trust is something you build everyday with your attitudes and actions. You either add to it or take away from it. You want to build trust for tough times a relationship may go through. An affair or inappropriate relationship while in a committed relationship can destroy trust and the relationship and cause a lifetime of pain and other emotional issues for parties involved.

To foster trust you must communicate. Do not keep secrets from each other. Secrets lead to resentment and bitterness. We don't need to share every little thing, but those items that cause a move away from the relationship and can cause it to blow up need to be shared no matter how difficult.

The bottom line is good communication in a relationship which allows for openness, which allows trust, respect and friendship to grow and your relationship's foundation to become solid.

So use this Sweetest Day to strengthen your relationship foundations. Because with a strong relationship you have a good friend you can trust and build a future with.

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Letter To The Editor

And Now The Rest Of The Story:  
Three Arches Foundation Should Cover  
The Cost Of A Second Ambulance  
From Lakewood Family Health Center  
To An Actual Emergency Room

The September 21st issue of the Lakewood Observer contained a letter entitled: "It's Past Time For Lakewood To Partially Mitigate Its Error In Tearing Down Lakewood Hospital." Unfortunately, the article, as printed, was incomplete and ended with a notice "Read the rest of this article online at LakewoodObserver.com."

That article concerned the deficiency of the Emergency Department of the Cleveland Clinic medical building at Belle and Detroit Avenues. The published part of the article ended with an incomplete sentence beginning with the words, "Some ambulances."

Not all readers of the Observer are equipped to read the full article online at LakewoodObserver.com. For the benefit of those who have not been able to read the remainder of the article, as the late Paul Harvey has said many times on his radio program, "and now the rest of the story:"

"Some ambulances charge more than \$1,000.00 for that second transport whether they provided any medical service on the way or not. Lakewood citizens should not have to pay for a second ambulance.

If Lakewood still had a hospital a second ambulance ride would not be necessary. Lakewood has up to four EMS teams. Under ordinary circumstances one should be available for transporting Lakewood citizens from the inadequate "Emergency" facility on Belle Avenue to a hospital that has an actual emergency department.

The City could seek grant money from the Three Arches Foundation to cover the expense of such hospital runs. After all, the many millions of dollars funding the Three Arches Foundation came from the Lakewood Hospital Foundation that existed to help keep Lakewood Hospital an excellent City asset.

Closing the hospital down knowing it could still be in operation was wrong. Tearing down property worth over one hundred million dollars was wrong. The City has a duty to mitigate its wrong prior action, at least to a small extent, by relieving its citizens from the expense of paying for a second ambulance."

Edward Graham is a former member of Lakewood City Council.

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# LAKEWOOD TRAVELS

Hello People, I'm back, and with this opportunity I want to share with you this lovely story about my favorite animal in the world, Marley.

When I was still living in Chile, one of my friends got married to a beautiful lady from Costa Rica, and she knew one of the most generous biologists and vets in Santa Ana, CR, his name is Rodolfo. He founded a sanctuary that is also a refuge and Vet clinic, called Animals Refuge of Costa Rica (Refugio de animals Costa Rica). They return more than 75% of the animals back into their wild life which is a very high percentage; not all of them can go back into the wild because one the most important promises for the animal is that they will live. The Animal Refuge finds animals that have been in accidents or some who have lost their families, so there is a whole process because if they have any injury, they should be sure that they are well enough to be back in their natural habitat, or if they lose their families and are babies the refuge staff must make sure that they will be able to survive by themselves. So it's not just a place to have animals stay and keep alive, it's more for training them in how to survive on their own, and they take as long they need to make it happen. Another important thing about this place is how active they are with the community and pre-schools, doing workshops to create a conscience with the people and children. Sometimes, when Rodolfo visits the schools, he brings some of the quiet animals to explain how important it is to protect them for our ecosystem. He also teaches how to react in case that they see any of the animals in danger and how to assist them.

When I arrived there, I was so impressed by the place, it was very clean and organized. Everyone knows what to do, and they were very kind and generous to explain what I could do.

My first day I was mostly learning and introducing myself. When they realized that I speak English my first job was to learn the whole tour for people and do it in English, most of the the people visiting are foreigners. This part was very useful to help me understand all about how the refuge works, like where all the animals were, important facts about each of them, what they eat, and the most important I think, why they are still there and how they ended up in the refuge.

## The Sweetest Sloth, Marley

by Fernanda Quiroga, Travel Reporter



Fernanda and Marley.

The next day and for the rest of the week, I was working in the kitchen, which is the best part because all animals will love you if you feed them. I learned what they eat, how much they eat, what time they eat and how to feed them. I have to say, this was my favorite part because it was my first real connection with the animals. I was so excited because part of my week's tasks was to feed Marley, the only sloth in the refuge. Everyone told me how chill he was, and that he would love me, I hoped so!

I recall we started with Toucans, they are very naughty, jumping around, stealing food, and biting us. It was a very fun time, and I touched one of them, he was a little shy, his name was Joe.

Another day we fed the monkeys, from outside of their house space. There were three, Nala, Tito and Noa. They are still in the refuge because they were babies when they lost their mom and they are still in training to learn how to survive by themselves. They are the most spoiled animals in the sanctuary, they play with the vets and volunteers, they are so smart and up to have fun all the time. It was very beautiful to see how Tito and Noa protect Nala all the time, they are a real family.

while and then we gave him a shower, he enjoyed it so much, surprisingly he loves water, but we were fast because his hair takes longer to dry. After the shower we hugged him with two dry towels, and I used that time to hug him for a while. He is so beautiful. After the shower I made some food for him, I thought he would be hungry because he did not eat anything since he left the school, so I made his favorite veggies to treat him. When I started feeding him a big rain started, just right after he got dry, so I ran around to get a blanket or something to protect him and went to somewhere dry, so I could feed him in a dry place. He was happy to eat and be dry.

The refuge has some locations for rainy days to keep some of the animals dry, like Marley. He doesn't know how protect himself from the rain because he got to the sanctuary when he was still a baby, his mom died in an electric fence, so when Rodolfo found Marley, he still did not know the main things to survive that his mom was just about to teach him. He is being trained now, but is still not ready. I remember that night I asked to stay longer than my shift, just to spend more time with him because my stay there was just for 3 weeks. So that night I stayed with him until he fell asleep. I spoiled him and played with him for a while, and when I covered him with the blanket to sleep, he went close to me and gave me some kind of kiss and a little smile! I was freaking out but mutely and my only reaction was to cry with happiness. He just did something that I always dream about, connected with me, I think because I made him feel safe and loved, I don't know, but this is what I want to believe. I'll always keep that memory in my heart.

Today Marley is happy, he still is at the refuge but now he has Wanda, another just rescued sloth and she is the same age as Marley. They are helping each other to learn more about the wildlife, and I think they are in love.

Fernanda Quiroga is a Traveler from Chile, working at the Root cafe.

We fed all the animal but at the end of the week I finally got close to Marley. He was in his tree sleeping of course. We started calling him but he did not pay attention, so one of the vets told me to climb the tree and show him some carrots to get his attention, and I did. He started to move so slow, close to me, and I started feeding him, trying to be respectful with his space, but he was so chill. I swear to god he smiled at me. My heart was full of happiness. After that day, and for the rest of my volunteer time, I was the only one who fed him. They said we connected.

One day of my last week, I remember I got there and Marley wasn't there. I went to ask to the vets, and they told me he was visiting a school with Rodolfo, so I waited for him all morning. When they got back Marley was sick, the car did not help, and he vomited for a few hours. I was so worried. We let him rest for a little

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Presentation:

# Getting Students Involved In History



by John Vacha

How can you get intermediate and high school students interested in history? A Case Western Reserve history professor nearly forty years ago came up with an idea: a history contest. He called it History Day, and it has since grown from a local to a state and then a national competition—National History Day.

Mary Manning, coordinator of the Ohio District 3 contest at the Western Reserve Historical Society, will visit Lakewood Public Library to explain the program at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 19, 2022. The event will take place in the Main Library Auditorium.

The contest is open to students of all schools, including home schools, from grades six to twelve. Students compete individually or in small groups in five categories: historical papers, websites, documentaries, performances, and exhibits. Winners in each category may go on to the state contest in Columbus and from there to the national contest in College Park, Maryland.

Besides knowledge, interest, and experience gained along the way, students are also eligible for special prizes ranging from cash awards to college scholarships. In recognition of its role as the “Birthplace of History Day,” Case Western Reserve has offered a full four-year scholarship as a prize at the national level.

“Frontiers in History” will be the theme for History Day 2023. District 3 History Day will take place at University Circle in early March 2023. After two years of virtual contests, Manning has high hopes for hosting a live event.

Please join us at Lakewood Public Library on Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. as Mary Manning discusses the benefits for participants and provides samples of local National History Day entries. This program is presented in partnership with the Lakewood Historical Society.

*John Vacha is a former board member of the Lakewood Historical Society.*

## You Did It, Lakewood!

The scents for single moms in the projects collection drive at Grace Presbyterian Church showed an outpouring of love and giving from the community. The single moms will enjoy their items, just for them, for a while.

Thank you,  
Tina Francis

## Rotary Seeks Grant Applications

by Lynn Donaldson

Each year, the Rotary Club of Lakewood & Rocky River provides grants to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations that serve youth, adults and the community-at-large within Lakewood and Rocky River.

The Club is now accepting applications for its 2022-23 grant cycle. The deadline for applications is Friday, October 28, 2022; grants will be announced in late December. Grants generally range from \$500 to \$5,000.

The Rotary Club focuses its funding primarily on programs and projects that benefit residents of Lakewood and Rocky River in the following areas: hunger, health services, housing, job training, youth leadership, and community projects. Special consideration

is given to applications that request seed money for new initiatives, offer hands-on opportunities for Rotarians to volunteer, or are submitted by organizations with which Rotarians are involved.

Organizations may submit more than one application (i.e., one for an ongoing program and a second for a special start-up project). Each request should be submitted separately and include all the attachments listed on the application form.

The grant application form can be accessed on the club’s website, [www.lakewoodrockyriverrotary.org](http://www.lakewoodrockyriverrotary.org). The completed application form and requested attachments should be submitted via email to [grants.lrrrotary@gmail.com](mailto:grants.lrrrotary@gmail.com).



Helen Hylton and Jacob Mariani and all the Homecoming Court members as pictured: Lydianna Trudel, Maya Stewart, Lilly Metzger, Alex Hodson, Helen Hylton, Jacob Mariani, Gabe Constantine, Rocco Crino, Eli LaDue, and Mui Salti.

## HOMECOMING

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end! A super Spirit Parade ending with a big victory for our Rangers!

Last night’s Homecoming Dance capped off a great week of Homecoming activities across the district. LHS Student Council members and adviser

Aimee Guzowski did a fabulous job transforming the gym and cafeteria to fit the Las Vegas/Casino Night theme.

It was a great week to be a Ranger and a reminder of just how much #LKWDRocks!



School Board Member Nora Walsh Katzenberger and Lakewood Public Schools Superintendent Maggie Niedzwiecki let loose with some candy during the Spirit Parade.

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You Can't Kill Stupid Act 1:

Reviews Of Recent Releases By Local Bands, Part 125

by Buzz Kompier

Butterfield 8 - Luckiest Guy In The World

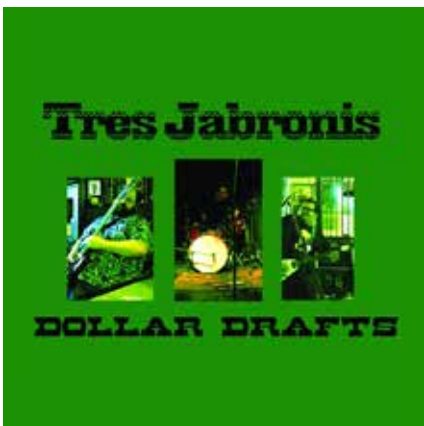
Banana Records -  
10 songs - CD, digital

I don't know if this counts as a reunion as I'm not sure Butterfield 8 had a stable lineup outside of Jim Butterfield himself, but here it is: their first release since 1990's "Euclid Avenue." I don't know how remembered this band is in the grand scheme of '80s local power pop/new wave/alternative rock bands, but I know at least one person that insists that "I Just Came To Dance" is actually the best record ever from Cleveland, so there you go. There are names on this that you'd recognize from other Banana releases and beyond: Rick Christyson, Jinni Fontana, La Farrell, etc. I've listened to this several times and I'm slightly baffled by it. I like it and I'm baffled by that too. It's power pop, basi-



cally, and of course I like that kind of thing a whole lot. I hear music all over the production spectrum and I am most confused by this record—it's bizarre. The drums are super clean and way too upfront most of the time (which draws attention to missed fills in a couple places) and the vocals are also very forward and swamped in reverb. Some of the songs are way too long—the opening "How It Goes," which despite

this is kinda really good, clocks in at five whole minutes. "Let Me Out" (another highlight) has keyboards that sound like strings AND keyboards that sound like horns. I really like "Misinformation" with its ridiculous keyboard (the line about someone thinking he's having a breakdown despite the fact that it wasn't in the newspaper is a good one— Jim, I'm sorry, but I have now reported this information (misinformation?) in a newspaper). Lowlight "Tropical Shuffle" is way too beachy for my tastes and also features one of the worst keyboard horns I've ever heard. "Fine, Fine, Fine" all of a sudden takes a turn into Alice In Wonderland references (including this line: "just like Alice, I mix love with malice"). There's a lot here that is so weird and maybe objectively speaking shouldn't (some would say doesn't) work at all and yet I am so charmed by this record. Jim has a really interesting voice— sometimes it sounds like old comrade Kevin



McMahon, sometimes it sounds like a more normal Doc Dart, like on Doc's solo album. There's over the top keyboard, there are some excellent guitar parts a few times, and, I've gotta say, some really good songs on here. I found myself genuinely touched by "Luckiest Guy." I don't know what kind of audience this is gonna reach nor what kind of audience it's looking for, but hey, give it a chance. It's a nice little record. 3/5 (bananarecords.net)

Dollar Drafts - Tres Jabronis

4 songs - 7", digital  
A source of mine told me my review of this record could just be "fat guy punk rock from Cleveland" and I cannot really dispute that. Musically, these Dollar Drafts have a pretty good thing going on: punk with notable hard rock leanings, catchy riffs and tunes, tightly performed. Where it falls apart a bit for me is in the lyrics, which, while I can appreciate the intentions of a song like "Racist Fuck" or "Too Old For The Pit..." tends a little too close to novelty for me to fully enjoy. Those with a higher tolerance for that kind of thing should check it out because if you can ignore the words or don't mind them, it does rock, I can't lie. 3/5 (dollardrafts.bandcamp.com)

Are you a local-ish band? Do you have a record out? Email vaguelythreatening@gmail.com or send it directly to the Observer: PO Box 770203, Lakewood, OH 44107.



OCTOBER

ARIES:  
It's about the Ram this month; however, the Sun is shining in your 7th house of relationships, so instead of flying solo, think about taking your sweetie with you to the races.

TAURUS:  
Jupiter is lurking behind the scenes

in the Bull Pen; nobody does it better than the Bull when it comes to chocolates, fine wine & romance (except Libra) – remember moderation.

GEMINI:  
You couldn't have written the script better Twins. Jupiter in the house of friends, the more, the merrier, the Sun shining on romance, creativity & fun, double the party, & the LOVE.

CANCER:  
Home & Career is where the Crab rides the waves this month, flip a coin, who gets dibs on the home-cooking & who gets to nurture the Crab for a change, hint, by the Lake.

LEO:  
Lady Luck is ready to take off for foreign lands; time to leave the Jungle for warm weather & tropical shores; take care of the community, tie up loose ends; then ROAR.

VIRGO:  
It's about finances for you, Virgo, other people's money; when you feel the hunch, play the Lotto, just don't bet the farm; \$\$\$ is looking good; keep an eye on the details, & the chocolate.

LIBRA:  
Jupiter lands in the relationship house, & the Sun is shining on YOU; if you play your cards right, you could come out with a triple. How about taking sweetie on the chocolate walk?

SCORPIO:  
Take it easy on the sweets this month; Jupiter is in your house of health, everything expands. You have some secret stuff going on; no surprise there; make sure you have the key...

SAGITTARIUS:  
Jupiter takes a visit to the Centaur's house of children & creativity while the Sun is lighting up your house of friends; take the high road & keep the light shining brightly.

CAPRICORN:  
Jupiter has landed on your doorstep; the focus is still on the place you call home; although your Career is getting a nice dose of sunshine from the Sun in the 10th, enjoy!

AQUARIUS:  
Always looking for something different, join the local Chocolate Walk, bring a sweetie along; that way, you can remain detached within the crowd, check out a foreigner.

PISCES:  
The Fish's Pond just had the Brinks truck make a deposit, just in time for Sweetest Day; you might even see a bit extra green arriving from an outside source, just in time for love.

Eva Starr, the local astrologer, has been studying the moon & stars since she could read. You can reach Starr at evastarr.com.

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CONTEST

Halloween Decorating Contest

by Jim O'Bryan

It's beginning to look a lot like Halloween! Let's give some stuff away!

The Lakewood Observer is looking for houses and apartments with the best Halloween/Fall decorations to give some prizes to in appreciation of the residents of Lakewood.

So many work so hard putting on a show for the kids, neighbors, and visitors – join with us in calling them out and thanking them.

People can nominate up to five houses a day until midnight, October 29, 2022. The sooner a home is nominated, the earlier it will appear in voting.

Then October 30, 2022 – November 05, 2022 we will all vote for the top ten and give out some prizes from our prize basket.

First prize will be \$100.00 in fine



dining at a Lakewood restaurants.

There are more prizes for 2nd through 10th. Once again we will offer prizes to one person nominating and two people voting.

So let's get this party started by going to: <http://lakewoodobserver.com/daily-question/2022-10-02>

Great Work Lakewood Police And Lakewoodites

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and took the tip jar.

Description was, “man wearing a mask, grey sweatshirt, dark pants, running out the back door.”

The police arrived within a minute and started to block off the area. Meanwhile the man had fled into Dollar General where he pulled off his mask and sweatshirt, placed them in a bag, walked out the front door and headed east on Detroit.

Within a couple minutes the man was located at the corner of Detroit and Warren Road. He was detained, and

talked with. He had a plastic bag with money in it. About ten minutes later police found a bag with the grey sweatshirt and mask in it.

The man was arrested and booked for robbery. This is how a city works together to keep all of us safe.

We cannot expect the police to be everywhere, but with the help of residents, they can have eyes and help everywhere. The dispatchers were a key part, knowing the buildings and streets intimately. The police were fast, and efficient, just the way we like them.

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