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We go along and change to survive—the world around us changes as it conducts its annual revolution around the sun. The Earth is steadily changing as humanity continues to prosper or fail. This is planetary, this rant, but that which is around us in this town is local.

New school teachers, grading systems, programs, and many other facets of this school are changing along with the town, where our downtown lives and breathes materialism and houses hordes of persons every day. These are the ideas that populate this magazine’s pages, or maybe even the text logs on some website. Whatever medium it may be, the times, well, “they are a-changin’.” To ignore change is to not look up at the sky for a week as cloudy days change to sunny ones and vice-versa. Change, to put it simply, is a dull phenomenon, hugging us all until we start seeing another color.

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New policies:
A fresh start to a new year

By Jacklyn Voll

With a new school year comes change. In fact, there are quite a few policies that have been changed and even a few that have been added this year.

The school administrators change the policies to make our school a better place for the students.

One of the new policies that affects both teachers and students is that the hard card hall passes can no longer be used. The teachers now have to write out a green hall pass every time a student leaves the classroom.

Another new teacher policy is that, after 8:10 a.m., teachers must give tardy students a temporary ID instead of their going to the cafeteria or the main entrance. After a student receives five temporary IDs from his or her teacher, a write-up will occur.

Just like the old policy, phones and any other electronic devices are not to be used in the classroom unless allowed by the teacher, but for educational purposes only.

There are a couple new changes in the dress code. Some of these dress code changes will please some people and irk others. Girls can no longer wear see-through shirts or shirts with holes in them unless the shirt underneath is dress code appropriate.

After all the complaining that has been done about not being allowed to wear hooded sweatshirts, people should like this new policy. Hooded sweatshirts are permitted to be worn while crossing the street, but when a student reaches the buildings, he or she has to take the hoodie off. Also, jackets with a liner are not permitted to be worn in classrooms, only when crossing the street. However, you can wear jackets without a liner in the classroom.

Studies have shown that schools with a dress code are safer and therefore have less discipline violations.

There has been a slight policy change with absences. If you miss ten or more days throughout the school year, a letter will be sent home. Not only will a letter be sent home, but you may be at risk of having your driver’s license suspended. The school may contact the BMV (Bureau of Motor Vehicles), which may suspend your license or prevent you from getting your temporary license. This policy has been implemented to improve attendance throughout the year; administrators want students to come to school every day and not miss educational opportunities.
In this contemporary, business-oriented world, powerful countries lay their influence over the Earth with their dollars, cultures, and immigrants. China, with its enormous population and economic dynamite, has finally ascended to this rank locally in the form of Mandarin Chinese language classes being implemented throughout the towns of the United States, including Lakewood.

The class is being implemented in favor of weeding Latin from the curriculum, which currently only has two classes this year being taught by Alexander Kimmel. The only period of the new language occurs in the same room (A109) during fifth period.

The Mandarin Chinese class is quite small, with only 12 students, according to Roxann Ramsey-Caserio, the Director of Teaching and Learning for kindergarten through twelfth grade. Ramsey-Caserio also reported that the teacher is waiting for a visa to be permitted the right to teach in the United States — meanwhile Summer Xia, a University of Akron intern, is teaching the class.

The normal routine follows what may be expected of a standard entry-level language class, according to junior Emily Whitlock.

“We don't have an actual teacher yet, since he still needs to come in from China, but the sub for the time being is very nice. The curriculum seems fine for the time being,” said Whitlock.

“What we always do at the [beginning of class] is Summer takes attendance, then someone in the class gets a topic for us to discuss like family, interests, favorite foods, etc. Then, we start learning about specific notes that she (Xia) gives us for that day.”

The program is relatively new, as demonstrated by the small number of classes offered and Whitlock said “it may expand, although it seems like a lot of the people who joined are more into Japanese, me included, so adding a Japanese course might be a better option.”

The program’s birth here may lead to further means of cultural, and financial, exploration.

“China has always had a huge part in Americans’ lives. If you go to any store, you’ll find that most of the products there are from China,” said freshman Micah Swartz. “This language being offered in the high school is just another example of how they have always been present here in America. I think that it's pretty cool that Mandarin Chinese is offered. I feel also that it shows how diverse our school is and what amazing opportunities they give us to take,” added Swartz.

Therefore the advent of the Mandarin Chinese education revolution has begun, as a red dragon flies over the Atlantic to roost in a new place.

Famed author Robert Louis Stevenson has been attributed with the quote, “All speech, written or spoken, is a dead language, until it finds a willing and prepared hearer.”

Mandarin Chinese has certainly found life here in Lakewood.
With new principals coming in, and with new students, there should be new starts. A few weeks ago, we all had an assembly about the new rules and policies. Some of us reacted poorly to them, but most of us felt it was a great start. Personally, I think that the new policies are the greatest thing that has happened to Lakewood High School, regarding cell phones, hoodies, I.Ds, dress code, and attendance.

One of the many policies people are talking about is dress code. You go to school to get an education. This new policy clarifies that a skirt or dress needs to be one inch above the knee. Of course for guys, this new policy doesn’t matter, but for girls, this is great.

As juniors and seniors, the schools are to expect that we have cars and a license. This next policy has mostly to do with us upperclassmen concerning how we need to go to school or lose driving privileges. It’s important for us to go to school if we want to go to a good college. For some people, this policy is not that great. But trust me. It’s excessive for students to miss 10 days without being excused.

Look at it this way... if you needed dental work or surgery, you would want a certified person to do that and want someone who went to school and got an education, instead of someone who barely attended high school.

It’s a part of life. You go to school until you’re 17 or 18, go to college, get a job, get married, and start a family.

I know a lot of people who like to wear sweatshirts, especially hoodies. We’re all in for a treat this winter because the new policy allows us to wear them crossing the streets.

Students need to also learn that if a teacher, administrator or security guard asks us to take our hoodies off, then we have to do it, or we will lose that privilege.

When we’re walking into the building from outside, the school would of course have the heat on, so I think we would all not even want to wear the hoodies walking into the hot school.

If you really need to wear a type of jacket in school, then wear a North Face. I also think that the policy also addresses sweatshirts. Instead of carrying it around, you could just simply put it on the back of your chair. Then when you’re done with class, and go outside, put on your sweatshirt. Do that for every class.

This last policy may make a lot of people happy. If you were at Lakewood High School last year, you know that you were not allowed to have your cell phones out at all. Principals even recommended you to turn them off or put them in your lockers.

The new policy allows students to have their cell phones out in the L-Room or even the cafeteria.

This should be a great new start to a great new year at Lakewood High School.
New policies

By Brandon Reid

For the 2013-14 school year at Lake-wood High, the administrators have de-
cided that there should be some new rules and regulations put into place.

New principal, Keith Ahearn, and the rest of the of the house principals called an
assembly to let the students know about
the new rules on the second day of school.

At first, the principals were just telling
us the regular things we’ve heard time and
time again, but then I heard House Two
principal Joseph Takacs say, “For every ac-
tion you do here, there is a consequence.”
That’s when I started listening.

Right then and there, I knew things were
going to get serious in my fourth and final
year of high school. He first told the se-
niors about the new attendance policies
and that, for every five absences, there
would be a form of consequence such as a
detention or a ISA (in-school assignment).

Some students get very ill during the
school year and you’re going to pun-
ish them for being absent five times? There is nothing right about that.

I know that one of the requirements
from the state is for students to be in
school for a certain number of hours, but they’re not giving us that much lee-
way here. I would guess that the average
student most likely misses between three
and six days a year and, if this informa-
tion were true, then that means that ev-
ery student would receive a consequence.

After explaining the new policies on
attendance, Takacs then went on to
talk about how the school has a right to
take away a student’s driver’s license.

This is a driver’s license we’re talking
about, not some random ID card. Being
able to drive is some students’ only way
of transportation to get to school and they
want to take that privilege away from us?

However, they can only take it away
if the student is under 18 years of age.
Once you become of age, the state
or school no longer has the right to
take it away since you’re an adult.

I simply don’t see these rules gain-
ing traction or being liked by the stu-
dent body. Senioritis, in some cas-
es, will be destroyed, putting a big
damper on a student’s senior year.

Senior year should be fun, shouldn’t it?

Photos courtesy of Veronica Gordon
The name’s “Bond.” Lakewood City School District “Bond.”

By Matt Morgenstern

What seems like eons ago, the Lakewood City School District assembled a series of plans that would modernize all of the city’s public school buildings, including our very own Lakewood High School. After much time and many shed deadlines (the modules ought to have been gone by this year according to the original plan), the Lakewood Board of Education, on August 22, approved a move to put millions of dollars in bonds and levies on the Nov. 5 ballot.

The totals (which actually accumulate to a $3.25 million bond and a half-a-million permanent improvement levy) are to be used in the final stage of the “Master Facilities Plan,” which entails the destruction and reconstruction of Grant, Lincoln, and Roosevelt elementary schools, as well as the long-awaited demolition of the eastern half of LHS. The bond, if passed, will amass upwards of $50 million - with an additional $50 million coming in from the state in form of a grant - with the two being combined in an effort to have the remainder of Lakewood’s older schools rebuilt.

The permanent improvement levy (PIL), required by the state, will provide most of the funds for upkeep of the buildings. The project is due to begin, according to a Lakewood City School District report, in the summer of 2014, if the levy and bond issue are approved. The hard-hat activities are projected to last between two and three years.

At the meeting were board members Tim Einhouse and Board President Edward Favre. The former commented that, “This is a very important step for our community… and it’s about seven years overdue.” Favre had comments with similar connotations, saying, “We’ve been going down a very long road (with our school construction project). This is a huge move forward for this district to finish this project…”

The feeling for a dismissal end of the “to and fro,” across the street movements has been around for a long time, and has clashed with dress code policies and scheduling conflicts. “I think it would be neat to have some more room at the high school so we don’t have to cross the street every day,” said junior Sam Borick. “That’s dangerous because anyone could just walk into the building with us. Also it would be really great if they would take out the old building so the old parts won’t catch on fire and waste our entire [third] period!”

“Phase II” of the plan resulted in the modernization of the West Wing of the high school in 2009, which includes many math and science classrooms as well as the atrium and career-tech classrooms. The campuses of Horace Mann and Emerson were, in turn, also redone.

The “Master Facilities Plan” was ordained in 2003 and was to originally be sprinting across the finish line sometime this year. Let’s hope it’s better late than never.

Art by Brett Brown
LHS’s new principal Keith Ahearn earned his Bachelor’s degree in Arts (BA) from Fairfield University and a Master’s degree in Arts (MA) from John Carroll University. He speaks with clarity, appeal, and attentiveness to the needs of his students, coming into LHS with some new ideas and policies to rewrite the fabric of Lakewood High School. Times assistant editor Robert Searles caught up with the former principal of Harding Middle School.

What are some past jobs that qualify you for this one?
“I was a principal at Garfield Heights Middle School and was most recently the principal at Harding Middle School for the past four years. I have served on many district level committees and am very aware of Lakewood’s involvement in the Ohio improvement process.”

What are some changes that are being made this year?
“I am not planning any big changes….just incremental changes to prepare for the Common Core and new graduation requirements.”

What do you hope to accomplish this year?
“I hope to improve on the excellent academic track record of Lakewood High School and to help prepare staff, students, and parents for the new changes in curriculum and report card accountability.”

What do you love about your job?
“I love working with the staff, students and parents of Lakewood. This is such a diverse and talented community. It really is a pleasure to come to work every day. There are always challenges and it is never boring, but this is a job that is all about helping people and I love that.”

What do you think is the most important thing about your job?
“I think the most important job of every principal is setting routines and procedures that ensure the safety and security of students and staff while they are here. Second to that, is creating an environment where students feel challenged academically. Students need to leave LHS feeling ready for college or a career and it is my job to ensure that happens.”

Photos courtesy of Veronica Gordon
Last year, athletic director Bob Thayer departed the Lakewood High School administration, and consequently, the position was vacated. Into the Lakewood sports fray materialized Sean Jackson, a Cleveland State Viking who has a Bachelor’s degree in history and a Master’s in Education, concentrating in both sports management and educational administration. Prior to Jackson’s arrival at Lakewood, he worked as a social studies teacher and wrestling coach at Bedford High School, where he additionally held the athletic director position from 2008 to 2012.

With his numerous qualifications, Jackson looks to further Lakewood’s scholastic sports program and put its teams on the map. Editor Matt Morgenstern caught up with Jackson to discuss the latter’s goals, interests, and music tastes.

What are your goals for the sport spectrum here at LHS?
“For the short-term, creating a culture of excellent communication…promoting sportsmanship, ethics, and integrity…to have all coaches set with current coaching credentials… and prompt top athletes to be multi-sport athletes.”
“For the distant future, evaluate the needs of each athletic program by working with coaches and administrative personnel, increasing participation numbers among grades seven to twelve by promoting sports in the schools and instituting an incentive program…enhance recruitment range…assemble one of the premier athletic programs in Ohio with higher inclusion in off-season tournaments…create more youth programs where none exist between kindergarten and sixth grade by working with recreation centers and prospective parent coaches.”

Have you and the athletic department set any new programs in motion?
“At the moment, I am reviewing past policies and procedures, which is taking up a lot of time. We will start a Sportsmanship program at LHS, Garfield Middle School, and Harding Middle School in the next month. I have several programs that will be implemented in the next two to three years.”

What about your favorite athlete, sport, or team?
“All Cleveland sports teams, no matter their record.”

What is your favorite aspect of the galaxy that is high school?
“Watching how a student develops from a teen to a young adult. It’s a four-year journey that is a very important part of the rest of a person’s life.”

What genres of music, individual actors, and film selections do you like?
“I love all types of music from R & B, country to some heavy metal music…it depends on my mood. My favorite actors are Sean Connery and Morgan Freeman. My favorite films are Rudy, Shawshank Redemption, Vision Quest, all the Bond films, and the entire Rocky Series…except Rocky 5.”
Some new faces at Lakewood High

By Veronica Gordon

French
Jillian Certo teaches French 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 at LHS, and is filling in for Katherine Braquet while she studies to earn an advanced degree that will allow her to teach dual enrollment courses. Certo, who originally majored in psychology, was exposed to the French language when she went overseas to teach English at a teacher training college that was located in the small town of Mende, France. After she returned, she proceeded to earn a teaching degree in French. “The French language is beautiful,” she shares. “I love teaching it, and I feel like I have enthusiastic and intelligent students here at Lakewood.” Along with teaching at Lakewood, she has subbed at Hathaway Brown and Hawken Schools, taught at prestigious high school psychology summer programs at Yale and Amherst, and tutored at the Princeton Review ACT/SAT test prep for nine years. Outside of teaching, Certo’s main hobbies are reading and creative writing. She enjoys hunting for treasures at flea markets and going to farmer’s markets. In addition, she has an interest in fixing up and improving her historical house.

Math
Kaitlyn Ackerman is a new member of the math department, and teaches Advanced Algebra 2 and Math Lab. She is the first to teach Math Lab, which is a new program which focuses on teaching and reviewing basic and intermediate math skills to students who need extra help. Miss Ackerman teaches students 9-12 in the Math Lab class. “One of my main goals this year is to really motivate the Math Lab students and show them that they are good at math once they put their mind to it,” she says. “Everybody has potential, and I’m looking forward to bringing out that potential.” Ackerman has also subbed at Berea Middle and High Schools, and was a two-year long-term substitute at Strongsville High School. She is very interested in art, and loves drawing and photography. Along with her artistic talents, Ackerman enjoys singing karaoke and traveling, both nationally and internationally.

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**Family and Consumer Science**

Emily Stephenson teaches classes that focus on early childhood development and senior care. Her class, which takes up three daily class periods as opposed to only one, allows students to go to various elementary schools, day cares, and nursing homes. The students get hands-on experience with the people they are helping that exceeds any lesson learned in a classroom. Early Childhood Development and Senior Care is a West Shore program, and Stephenson has the opportunity not only to teach Lakewood students, but also students from Westlake, Bay Village, and Rocky River. “I like my classes so far. The students are so friendly and I love the diversity and having students from different schools,” Stephenson comments. “We’ve stayed in the classroom so far, but I’m excited to start the out-of-school programs,” she adds. Stephenson has also subbed at Westlake and Avon Lake previous to teaching at Lakewood. Her main hobby is swimming, and it is safe to say that the sport is one of her main passions. Along with having been on many swim teams herself and also swimming on her own time, she coaches a youth swim team at the Rocky River Lakeshore Club.

**Intervention Specialist**

Sarah Csongei teaches basic math, science, English, social studies, and cooking to students with moderate to severe disabilities. Later this year, with her help, many of her students will have the opportunity to excel in inclusion classes, where they will be able to interact with the rest of the student body. Although this is her first year teaching, Csongei is well-prepared with an Intervention Specialist - Moderate Intensive degree from Ohio University. She looks forward to adapting her teaching course to fit each student’s needs and to take advantage of peer helpers which will expand her students’ skills. In her free time, Csongei loves going to concerts. She enjoys listening to many types of music, but her favorites are country and alternative rock.

**English**

Gray Cooper teaches sophomore American Literature and junior British Literature. He moved to Lakewood two years ago, and knew ever since that he wanted to further his teaching career with Lakewood City Schools. “So far I love it,” he comments. “I’m super impressed by how intelligent and involved the kids are.” Cooper is very passionate about the subject he teaches, and encourages students to view the author’s text in their own way. “Once an author publishes a book, it isn’t theirs anymore. It’s ours to interpret and decide what message they are trying to send, and the fact that there is no solid ‘correct’ answer is the main reason I love teaching literature.” Before teaching at Lakewood, he taught at Entrepreneurship Preparatory Middle School in Cleveland and North High School, located in Eastlake, along with schools in Columbus. Naturally, as an English teacher, one of Cooper’s favorite hobbies is reading. His genre of choice is detective novels from the 1920s and 1930s. He is also a Cleveland Indians fan and loves going to games during the season.

Look for more new faces in our next issue.
With school starting again, we all reminisce about the summer experience. We remember the people of Lakewood, hosting block parties and cookouts. During the summer, we had all our own plans and expectations of what the season could offer us. Every summer, there are many events going on in Lakewood for its citizens. And there are yearly events that happen in Lakewood to bring the community together.

One popular event that ran from July 5 through August 30, hosted every year, is the Front Porch Concert Series at the Lakewood Public Library, featuring musicians from many genres. In the summer, the front of the library was reserved every Friday for bands and local singers to perform in front the Lakewood community. The following businesses and groups helped sponsor this event: Lakewood Alive Partners, Lakewood Hospital, Vance Music Studios, Discount Drug Mart, First Federal of Lakewood, The University of Akron-Lakewood, Cuyahoga Arts & Culture, The Friends of Lakewood Public Library, City of Lakewood, Downtown Lakewood, Paisley Monkey, and Quaker Steak and Lube. Everybody pitched in to help the concert become a success, while also helping to bring and spread business.

The Front Porch concerts weren’t the only thing bringing people together. Mahall’s 20 Lanes recently hosted the second year of Lakewood’s Music Festival on August 24, with nearly triple the attendance they had last year. This year the estimation was 1,500 people attending the festival inside the Mahall’s complex and outside on the street, which was reserved for the entire night. There were a total of 29 bands performing in different locations of the Mahall’s facility.

The owners of Mahall’s weren’t focusing on gaining money from the event, but wanted the residents of Lakewood to be excited and hyped for the festival. And they hoped this festival would not only bring the community together but also give people a place to go to hang out and have fun. Owner Joe Pavlick said, “Our goal as a business is a great staff experience and great customer service” and so far throughout the year, the Mahall’s staff has met this goal.

LHS student Marco Ruiz was very thrilled by the event. He said, “The Talib Kweli Concert at the Lakewood Music Festival was an amazing event with a great crowd and a spectacular performance.” Lakewood Music Festival was one of the biggest summer events in Lakewood and provided the people at the festival a memorable experience.

The 36th Annual Lakewood Arts Fest was held on Saturday, Aug 3 to display beautifully crafted art from over 160 artists who exhibited their works along Detroit Road between Elmwood and Belle Avenues.

The Arts Festival is a non-profit event and raises money for students going to college for fine arts degrees. The artists of the Lakewood Arts Festival displayed their talented artwork and sold original paintings and crafted goods. People were amazed at how imagination can be turned into artwork.

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When it comes to imagination, the Lakewood Car Show went beyond that. Many owners with customized and unique cars drove up to Lakewood Car Kulture Show to show off their flashy and rare cars. The show consisted of new cars with impressive paint jobs from top professionals or muscle cars roaring their engines through the streets of Lakewood. The car show featured hot rods, custom, vintage and classic cars as well as vintage motorcycles that were from 1972 and older. This was the 11th annual car show and it attracted thousands of people to Lakewood. The event was held August 17 from noon to 6 p.m. The purpose was not only to show off flashy cars, but also to show off great musicians. This car show was started by Chris Andrews and it encourages people who devote their life and time into their cars to come show off their work along with meeting other people with common interests and converse about the hottest new cars and talk about the good old times and their old vintage cars that are jaw-dropping to the attendees of the show.

With the Lakewood summer lasting a little over two months, there were so many events for the residents to attend and enjoy. The Lakewood community is full of many people who come together to form programs and help raise money for students graduating or just to help others.

Near the end of summer, as school blitzes upon us, LHS students go school shopping for clothes and school supplies so the parents of students attending LHS can send their kids to school with a smile, where they can reminisce about the summer.
New fall TV shows worth watching

TV Guide editors’ picks of what’s hot this season

By Emily Skeans

“The Blacklist” features one of the FBI’s most-wanted criminals, Raymond “Red” Reddington, who surrenders to the FBI in person. He convinces the FBI that they both have the same interest in bringing down dangerous criminals and terrorists. But the only way he will work with them is if the only person he talks to is the rookie FBI profiler, (Elizabeth Keen). After taking down a terrorist, Reddington explains that his method was only a sampling of his talents. He composed a list of criminals and terrorists that the FBI can’t find because they don’t even know they exist. Reddington calls this “The Blacklist.”

“Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D” is about a small team called S.H.I.E.L.D. The agents deal with weird cases that come up. Every case will test them in cooperation and ingenuity. The agents must work together to figure out new superhuman individuals in the world. Agent Phil Coulson is back with his new team.

“Brooklyn Nine-Nine” is a comedy about a diverse group of detectives in New York City. A laid-back, immature detective, played by Andy Samberg, gets a new boss, played by Andre Braugher. Due to the fact that his boss is a “strict, by-the-book” type, he is told to “respect the badge” and grow up.

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“Hostages” features a premier surgeon, Ellen Sanders, who is assigned to do surgery on the President of the United States. Agent Duncan Carlisle, a rogue FBI agent, holds her and her family as hostages in their own home. He has three accomplices - his brother-in-law, an ex-military man, and the only woman involved who was added to the team at the last minute. The only way for Sanders to save her family is for her to assassinate the president when she operates on him.

“The Originals” is a spin-off of “The Vampire Diaries.” This show will focus on the Mikaelson siblings: Klaus, Elijah, and Rebekah. Klaus returns to the city that his family helped build, from where he and his siblings were exiled a century ago by their own father. Klaus is surprised to find out that his protégé, Marcel who is now the leader of New Orleans, controls both the human and supernatural inhabitants of New Orleans. Klaus forms a team to take down Marcel to reclaim his city.

“The Michael J. Fox Show” stars Michael J. Fox as a man who is diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease. He is forced to give up his job as a news anchor to focus on his health and family. Five years later, he decides to return to work. His return causes a lot of problems and ends up having many struggles between his career and his family.
A new, yet somewhat familiar store has opened up in Lakewood that sells a variety of items that have gotten a lot of local recognition over the years. This new store is called GV Art and Design and is located at 17413 Detroit Avenue.

Some people may not know about GV Art and Design, but they probably know about the things that the store sells. Some of the products that GV sells are the infamous “Cleveland That I Love” shirts. These shirts include designs of local sports teams and their signature slogan “Cleveland That I Love” printed on them. Some may even have local “landmarks” on them or a Superman sign, but the “S” is replaced with a “C” for Cleveland. Their shirts and other apparel can range from $18 to $55, depending on if the buyer is getting a T-shirt, long-sleeved shirt, sweatshirt or hoodie.

“Our shirts are $25 and hoodies are around $50. We use softer material for our shirts, typically American Apparel or similar, nicer brands. All of our designs are done in-house,” said store designer Greg Vlosich.

Clever shirts aren’t the only things that GV is selling; they sell art as well. Most of their artwork is of athletes that may or may not be local. However, they also have artwork of prominent people like President Obama or Martin Luther King Jr. But the artwork doesn’t end there. GV sells Etch-a-Sketch artwork as well. These pieces of art can range from $44.00 to $505.00, depending on what the buyer wants.

Before opening GV Art and Design, Greg and his team had been creating art for years, but they first started to make the shirts five years ago in their house. The response to the shirts was absolutely amazing. “We were soon able to leave our day jobs to do this full-time and found the space in Lakewood, which has been a great fit for us. It’s exciting to meet fans in person and show them around our store,” says Vlosich.

According to Vlosich, they decided to open their store in Lakewood is because the GV team grew up in Lakewood and appreciate the “great neighbors and lots of new businesses moving into Lakewood. It’s great being close to family and friends,” explained Vlosich.

GV Art and Design is now open on weekdays from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., on Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. and on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Newspapers profits have dropped while competing with today’s technology such as iPod, Smartphones — and the rise of the Internet, which has made the daily newspaper hit the bottom. Also, the use of Craiglist is killing marketing advertisements. This has especially affected our hometown newspaper, The Plain Dealer.

The increased use of the Internet’s search function, such as Google, has also changed the habits of readers. Today, the Internet is thought to be the electronic version of the little boy on a bicycle who used to toss the newspaper on everyone’s front porch. Those who once relied on the daily newspaper are more likely to seek out websites rather than look for a copy of the paper. The technology revolution has meant that readers waiting for a daily newspaper can now receive up-to-the-minute updates from Twitter and other electronic sources.

Since the recent change from seven days a week home delivery, the Plain Dealer is only being delivered three days a week, on Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday. Some residents don’t seem to mind this. Lakewood resident Renee Klarse asked, “Who has time to read the daily newspaper when you’ve got a busy day at work?” Many residents find it easier to check for the news online.

So what does this mean for our school newspapers? Five, ten years from now will we still be printing issues each month?

Kristyn Miller noted, “You can access the school website from your phone, so why read the paper when all the activity information is right there online?” With the ever-rising advantages of our technology, many students find it easier, much like adults, to pull up needed information on their phones or computers. Whether it be for after-school activities, information for LHS sporting events, or even clubs, today we can literally grab our phones and it’s all at “the touch of our fingers.” The Lakewood Times link is posted on the school website and is available at any time. Students find this easier to look up recent events through the website, rather than running around the school, trying to hunt down a newspaper. Through the years, the Times has evolved from a newspaper, to more of a monthly magazine.

Though the rise of technology has increased drastically over the last decade, there are still those who read the paper. In today’s economy, not everyone can afford cell phones with Internet, or iPods, or even laptops or computers. It may not seem like it, but newspapers still play as big a part in our society today as they have for the past hundred years. The newspaper is thought to be “the voice of the people,” and no matter how advanced our technology gets, there will still be people who rely on it.
You might have previously known them as Eddie N’ Eddie’s, but after a brief closing, the restaurant is now open under a new name: Eddie Cerino’s Casual Italian.

Eddie N’ Eddie’s closed in July when owner, Eddie Cerino, decided to change menus, going away from the burger-centric motif to an Italian menu. Cerino named the place Eddie Cerino’s Casual Italian, a play off of his very successful restaurant Eddie Pizzeria Cerino in Seven Hills.

Cerino decided to briefly close his restaurant due to the heavy competition between all the sandwich-themed restaurants here in Lakewood. In an interview on Cleveland.com, Cerino felt that there was a lack of Italian-themed restaurants in Lakewood. Also, he felt that instead of competing with a plethora of places, he’s now only going up against a few.

The new menu theme is big on pasta, and features an array of dishes featuring a choice of homemade sauces over a selection of pastas, some being imported from Italy, homemade or just brought in from the Ohio City Pasta Company.

With the new menu, there is now a variety of vegetarian dishes. In his cleveland.com interview, Cerino stated that they are able to better cater to their vegetarian guests. They’re able to achieve higher quality dishes as well as provide more options than they would’ve with the old restaurant.

Even with the new menu, there are still a couple of choices from the old Eddie’s including the balsamic bleu and E’N’E burgers.

With the reopening, Eddie Cerino’s has new furnishings. One new feature is a wall that contains family photographs, as well as a few Italian sayings. Now open, the new restaurant has received a good reception.

Even with the new decorations, there wasn’t too much that was different with the layout. Besides the little knickknacks on the walls and the wine shelf in the corner, the place basically looked the same as the original restaurant.

Once seated, the waitress served a complimentary breadbasket. The bread was delicious, having great flavor and texture. Topped with what seem to be Monterey cheddar, the little starter had a nice crunchy crust. When drizzled with olive oil, the bread was even better as the oil seemed to accent the taste of the bread.

To start off, I ordered the fried zucchini planks, which were served with the usual marinara sauce along with a lemon aioli. They were perfectly cooked, as well as a new experience when it comes to foods I’ve eaten. The zucchini planks themselves didn’t pack much flavor, but the marinara and the lemon aioli added needed flavor.

For my entrée, I ordered the piccata with shrimp. The presentation was simple, but good. Overall the dish was delectable with the shrimp and spaghetti being perfectly cooked. The quantity was worthy of the price, leaving me content and satisfied.

The only problem was that the tails of the shrimp still had some of their shell, requiring me to have to remove them in order to not have a crunchy surprise with each bite. It was an unnecessary nuisance for an otherwise enjoyable dish.

For dessert, Eddie Cerino’s has a small choice of delicious Italian treats. Some of these sweet delights include tiramisu and baked cookies with vanilla bean ice cream. I ordered the classic Italian dessert: cannoli.

Wrapped in fried pastry dough, the dessert was filled with a delicious creme filling which had a slight lemony after taste. Cannolis were also a new experience for me. To top it off, chocolate chips were sprinkled on the crème filling. It was a perfect end to what was a delightful meal.

Just like the former Eddie N’ Eddie’s, the price is worth it, once you try any of their menu items. I give Eddie Cerino’s Casual Italian 8.5 out of 10.
The height of freshmen:
Some things never change

By Olivia Rinehart

Coming into a new school with new people, teachers, and new everything can be hard for some freshmen. Being shorter than mostly everyone here can make it way worse. The freshmen this year seem shorter than ever, but yet, I am just a sophomore and I am still short too. It’s never easy to be a freshman (or even a sophomore) in high school and be shorter than munchkins.

Just because they are very short, doesn’t mean they aren’t smart and intelligent students like most of them already are. Many students come into high school already enrolled in AP courses, and active in sports and school activities. It is always good to come into high school knowing people older than you and also being a part of LHS in a way that interests each individual.

I was a freshman last year and let’s be real, I am not six feet tall and it is just never easy. Walking through the hallways, you feel like you’re in, “Honey, I Shrunk the Kids.” People are talking so loudly, walking around, and not even seeing you. It certainly does not feel like winning the lottery those first couple of weeks of freshmen year in high school, but it got easier for me and I know it will for this year’s freshmen too.

I see these little kids coming in and out of the hallways and I say to myself, “Who are these little kids?” Some freshmen have a band instrument in one hand, big books in the other, and a huge backpack over their shoulders.

It is their first year being here, switching classes every period and trying to make it to class across the street. We have all been there. You can always feel that people are talking about your height right behind you, but you cannot do anything about it. It is never funny, but I promise that your height and that six minutes in between classes will get better for you sometime during the next three years.

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The Phoenix's Ashtray

The Phoenix's Ashtray is a new section devoted to that dormant literary cousin of ours--The Phoenix, which showcased small literary and poetic pieces, as well as art-renderings in an annual publication for some years. Henceforth, two pages shall be reserved each issue for such publishings, open to student submission. If you’d like to be featured, then send an email to M.Morgenstern8866@lakewoodcityschools.org or talk to a Lakewood Times staffer about entry guidelines. As per most content, the best shall be chosen for each publication, but those left behind will be kept for consideration for future editions. This issue's contributor is junior Grace Roberson, who won a gold medal (the highest distinction) in last year's Scholastic Art & Writing Awards for her poetry.

“If Love Was Not A Question”

I.
I suppose if love was not a question,
I would know why my heart pounds
like a hammer, nailing a silence
to my chest that I never knew existed.

II.
I am in a recession of my own,
searching my pockets for spare
change
to pay for the use of small words
with expensive meanings.

III.
If I ever loved you, you would dehydrate me.

“The Lost and Forgotten”

Two roads lie ahead of you. Your heart pounds. You don’t have much time to make a decision. You take a sharp turn and quicken your pace. As you walk, you watch the last of the fallen leaves dance to the soft howl of the wind. You glance over your shoulder every so often. Are you being followed? No, you think. Impossible. I chose this road to be alone. But don’t you know? In a world such as ours, you can never be alone.

You’re a prisoner of your own mind, a labyrinth of all your fondest memories, an entanglement of stories that you carelessly shoved into the archives of uncertainty. You wonder where words go when they’re left unsaid. Well, they come here. Your blood is boiling now. There’s a sudden, sharp crack of thunder, followed by a downpour. The sky opens. You catch its contents in your frostbitten hands. You read the words that cover your now soaking palms, and form fists. A familiar laughter creates an echo in the distance. You’re scared, surprised by the vastness of your mistake.

You can try to escape the past, but if left unattended and untied, all roads lead to the same memory, the same person, the feeling you thought you’d forgotten. The destination won’t change unless you do something to change it.
Trouble

One day you’re going to look at someone and get yourself into the worst kind of trouble. You were told that love is blind, but you argued and said that love gives you new eyes. And besides, you’re only stealing glances for now, so why does it matter? You’re not in debt yet, and the architect who designed the walls surrounding your heart hasn’t told you that the foundation is going to crumble. So you’re safe. But you keep looking at him, more thoughtfully each time, and you can feel something within you tremble. For the first time in your life, you’re being reckless. And it scares you. But the feeling you get from looking at him doesn’t. It sticks to you like velcro, pressing deeper into your skin, and normally you would rip it off to make the pain go away, to not make yourself suffer, but it’s too late for that now. You’re in trouble. The worst kind of trouble. And no one can bail you out this time. So you continue to look at him as a work of art, and finally his eyes introduce themselves to yours.

Alone in New York

There are 8,244,910 people living in New York City, and I haven’t diagnosed myself with loneliness but I sit on the train wondering how many of those hands have been held, how many lights burn out on the Empire State Building every time someone tries to return an “I love you” to a store that specializes in accidental declarations. Nine times out of ten, real life is not cinematic; the one you loved so honorably doesn’t come back with his arms wide open like the apartment door he walked out of, and the screen doesn’t fade to black when you reunite in Central Park. It’s hard to forgive the runners because you never know if they’ll wake up and decide to take a taxi to the nearest airport. I look up and a woman sitting across from me on the train smiles at me, and it breaks my heart more than it should. I wonder if there’s enough love to go around in all five boroughs.
Our downtown Lakewood

Photos courtesy of Veronica Gordon
The allegations go back to 2000 and end with a group called Orange Pride as a recruiting tool. The story mentions alleged cash payments to players, academic misconduct, tolerated recreational drug use, and the use of a hostess group called Orange Pride to cover up the use of performance-enhancing drugs. The NCAA has not addressed these allegations. The lawsuit against EA Sports is the first lawsuit against a video game company for using college athletes' likeness without compensation.

The NCAA doesn't have just that to worry about. They have to worry about the end justifying the means.
This year’s fall sports team are now going into a new season for a second time in the West Shore Conference. Read to see what the expectations are for this year’s fall athletes as they look to improve from the previous season.

Boys’ and Girls’ soccer

Coming into this season, both the girls’ and boys’ soccer teams are looking to improve after what could be considered less than spectacular seasons. Led by seniors David Kemp and Jameson Foran, the boys’ soccer team is going have to fill a hole left after former players Aaron Donahoe, Kevin Mann, and Zach Fehrenbach are gone due to graduation. So far this season, this loss of leadership has been evident as the team is off to a 1-10-2 start. The girls, on the other hand, have gone on to one of their better starts in the past couple of years going 7-5-2. Even with two key injuries, the Lady Rangers have been led by senior Christina Sharkin and juniors Madison Clause and Kaitlin Stanaitis. Explosive scoring as well as a stout defense have carried them so far this season.

Girls’ tennis

When it comes to girls’ tennis, the leader has been senior Erin Hoffert who is playing her fourth year of varsity tennis and is having a great year. Overall, the girls’ tennis team has won five out of seven matches. The team is anchored by senior May Ebner, sophomore Shannon Wood, and junior Taylor Shaw who play singles. The second doubles team is composed of seniors Christina Nelson and Kendall King who recently won their match at North Ridgeville.
Coming in off a 4-6 season, this year’s football team looks to become more of a factor in the chase for the conference title this season. They will be returning a total of eleven varsity letter winners to the lineup this year, including two-time lettermen Alex Wemyss and Matt Shestina. Junior starting running back Casimier Mitchell comes off of a season in which he rushed for over 1,000 yards and was named first-team all-conference. Lakewood will look to use him as the focal point of their offense. At quarterback, junior Peyton Graham along with wide receivers Anthony Ferrone and junior Andrew Lesko, will look to bring balance to the offense. Under a new defensive coordinator, the football Rangers look to bring in a new defense with seniors Maleke Norton, Mo Amawi, and Matt Shestina leading the way. They will be running a 4-2-5 instead of the stack defense from last year. So far, Ranger football is 1-3, including a 31-6 victory over the Normandy Invaders.

Boys’ and Girls’ cross country

It seems, in the past few years, boys’ and girls’ cross country has been a consistent symbol of success and it doesn’t look that will be changing any time soon. For the boys, Nick Boatman leads the pack. Alongside him is senior Nick Lacerva. Already, the boys’ cross country team has had some success, placing third at the VASJ-McDonough Invitational and the West Shore Conference Preview meet. The girls have had similar success, also placing third in a couple of events including the Ashland Invitational.

Girls’ volleyball

After capturing a sectional championship last year, the girls’ volleyball team look to repeat or go further in the state playoffs this season. Leading the way are seniors Amanda Hammad, Liz McIlwee, and Alison Keane. Junior Megan Hogya has also been a key part of the team’s success as well. Last year was one of a recent string of successes for the Lady Rangers, as they have captured several conference titles in the past couple of years, as well as having success in the playoffs, going as far as the sectionals. Unfortunately, senior Alison Keane blew out her knee and might possibly miss the entire season. The rest of the team will have to pick up the slack as Keane has been a stable contributor the last couple of years.
The Final Word
By Olivia Rinehart

Through the past few years, we have seen many changes in technology, people, and our school in general. You can go back in time not too long ago and not see smart boards on the wall in every classroom, or 15 computers in a classroom, or having the communicative technologies we do now with our teachers.

Through the years, technology has grown so fast and to the point where these are most of the resources we use today. Now don’t get me wrong, we all love it. Lakewood High School keeps going another level higher and it just keeps getting better.

Speaking of change (or lack of it), let’s not forget about the mods. Past graduates, for multiple years, have not seen the whole school as one, and have become acclimated to the mods. Every class does not want to graduate ignorant of what the whole school will look like, new or old. We’ve heard rumors about how the new school will look, and about getting rid of those mods, and how it was supposed to be done last year. We all want the new school to be done at some point, but the truth is, we’re going to have to wait that extra four years, even if the bond issue passes in November.

Be patient. Change shall come.

Of course there are opposing sentiments when entering a new place, or a new time, or having a new experience. Coming into a scary big place as a short, little, scared freshman, you worry about how you are going to become a confident, young adult. I’m only a sophomore, and I’m still trying to find out who I am inside. Looking at older friends or older siblings, you see them completing their high school careers, and you try to act upon that.

These four years are just a way for you to find yourself and become someone older and much more confident. These four years go by very fast and you have to be ready for changes in the future.

The times they are a changing, and yes, you better be ready for the ride for yourself, and for your future.

Art by Aaron Morit

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