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Bay Village Schools announce November levy

The Bay Village Schools will place a tax levy on the November 2 ballot. The district deferred a planned levy in 2009 due to a poor economy, but it cannot wait another year. A small bond issue also being discussed.

The 6.9 mill levy is for basic operating costs including utilities, supplies, salaries, transportation, etc. The requested millage would also allow the gradual transition to all-day kindergarten, a new state requirement. The cost of the levy to homeowners would be approximately \$17.60 per month (\$211 annually) for each \$100,000 of home valuation.

"We were able to make our 2006 levy stretch to four years because we've really kept a tight lid on overall spending," said Bill Selong, Board of Education president. "It's now necessary that the increase is a little higher than what we've seen on the previous three-year levy cycle. But we felt that a large proportion of our residents were being affected by the economic downturn in 2009. We've kept this levy request, after four years, as low as we can while still protecting our educational program."

Vice president Amy Huntley acknowledged that it is difficult to ask taxpayers for additional dollars in an economy that has not fully recovered from a recession. "We hope residents will understand that our district already falls far below the average in spending per student for school districts in Cuyahoga County – the Bay Village district ranks 27th out of 31 districts in spending, and it spends \$2,210 less per student than the county average," she said. She also noted that teacher salaries average

15th out of the 31 districts in the county, and administrator salaries are also about average.

"Despite the lower spending levels, our student achievement measures are always near the top," she said. Huntley pointed out that while Bay Village has a residential tax rate among the highest in the county (16th out of 80 taxing districts), it is because the city is more than 95 percent residential (compared to county average of 66 percent), and not because the schools spend more. "We spend relatively less than others in the county," she said. "But we get a great return on the taxpayer's investment."

Board members and administrators are also studying a possible bond issue for replacement and upgrades to big-ticket facilities items like electrical and heating systems. Space for the state mandated all-day kindergarten program is also being considered. The bond issue decision will be made at the board's June 29 meeting.

"We walk a tight line with these low levels of spending relative to other districts," Selong said. "Should the operating levy fail, we would need to quickly reduce our budget significantly. It's a fast slide downhill when levies fail, and it's tough to rebuild programming you've lost."

A more detailed announcement on the levy can be found at www.bayvillageschools.com and on the Observer website at www.wbvobserver.com. The board will hold a series of informational meetings to answer questions, and the district will provide more information before the election through the mail and the district's website. ●

PurpleStride raises awareness and funds for cancer research



PurpleStride runners head out on the 5K run at Cahoon Memorial Park.

by Teresa Young

PurpleStride Cleveland 2010 took place Saturday June 12th at Cahoon Park in Bay Village. The event was a 5k run and 2 mile walk to benefit The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network. The event was a huge success, attracting more than 1500 people and raising over \$115,000. The run/walk included a silent auction and other family-friendly festivities in the park. Pancreatic cancer is the fourth leading cause of cancer deaths but has the least amount of federal funds being spent on it's research. The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network wants to change that by advancing research, supporting patients, and providing hope to those affected by this horrible disease. Please visit www.pancan.org. ●



BAYarts participated in Parade the Circle – an annual Cleveland Museum of Art event in University Circle – with "Birds of Bay" on June 12. The visual parade art was carried by BAYarts students and Erin Stack (center, in red), Director of Education at BAYarts and coordinator of BAYarts Parade the Circle Workshops.

Photographers wanted!

by Bob Zak

A new camera club for adults, The Westlake Photo Guild, is forming at Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd. Anyone who owns a camera and enjoys photography, from hobbyists to professionals, are encouraged to attend the next meeting which will be on the first Thursday of the month, July 1, starting at 7 p.m. We will be meeting in the library's Craft Room.

The meetings are a fun and social way to spend a few hours a month, talking photography with like-minded people. One of the subjects to be discussed is Adobe Photoshop Elements and its tutorials. Membership is free. For more details, contact me by e-mail at putrguy12@yahoo.com or call me at 440-835-1185. Hope to see you there! ●
Bob Zak lives in Westlake.

Bay organizations meet to discuss activities, Bicentennial

by Cynthia Schuster Eakin

Plans are underway for the city's Bicentennial and, if discussions at a recent Community Council meeting are an indication, it will be a grand celebration.

Representatives from area community organizations gathered at Huntington Park on May 27 to report on recent activities and discuss Bicentennial news.

The Bay Village Bicentennial Committee will begin the Bicentennial weekend festivities on Oct. 9 with a 9 a.m. race. It will be followed by family fun activities in Cahoon Memorial Park from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lolly the Trolley will provide shuttle services between the park museums and Bay Arts, the Lake Erie Nature & Science Center and the Bay Village Branch Library. Special programs are planned at each destination.

Sunday, Oct. 10, is the date of the Grand Parade, beginning in early afternoon. The day will culminate in the lighting of the new cupola and a candlelight ceremony attended by representatives of the 26-member Bay Ministerial group. A combined church choir of 200 will perform at the ceremony.

Bay Village native and actress Patricia Heaton is narrating a video, "Bay Village: 200 Years." The commemorative CD will soon be available for purchase.

The Martha Devotion Huntington Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is celebrating Bay Village's Bicentennial by sponsoring genealogical workshops at the Bay Library on June 17 at 6:30 p.m., and June 19 at 2 p.m. Learn who your ancestors were in 1810. Phone the Bay library at 440-871-6392 for reservations to "Climbing Your Family Tree."

The chapter is selling raffle tickets for a hand-made queen-size quilt. Tickets are \$1 each, or six for \$5. The drawing will be held on October 10, 2010. Call Doris Gorgas at (440) 835-0714 for tickets.

In honor of the city's Bicentennial, the Bay Village Historical Society is offering a limited edition print of the historic Community House. Once the Cahoon barn, the Community House was constructed in 1882. Artist Thomas William Jones, a Bay High graduate, created the prints using archival paper and 12 separate ink colors. The cost for a print is \$85. The original artwork is available for \$22,000. Phone 440-871-7338 for details.

You can "Light up Bay's History" by contributing to the historical society's Bicentennial project, the reconstruction of the original cupola on the Community House. Checks should be made out to the Bay Village Historical Society Cupola Fund and sent to P.O. Box 40187, Bay Village, OH 44140.

Rose Hill Museum has opened for the season with the exhibit, "Looking Back 200 Years." The Cahoon homestead is decorated to look as it did when the

family was living there.

The Reuben Osborn Learning Center is presenting a display honoring Bay Village veterans. It will culminate in a July 17 dedication for Bay High graduate Sgt. Ken Henniger. Henniger was killed in Vietnam in 1969 and posthumously awarded the Silver Star. His medals will be presented to the learning center and put on permanent display.

The 41st annual Bay Village Country Festival takes place in Cahoon Memorial Park on June 19, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be antiques, fine crafts, live music by the Erie Travelers Appalachian String Band and delicious refreshments. Admission is only \$3 and parking is free. Phone 440-835-2718 for information, or visit www.bayhistorical.com.

The Bay Village Historical Society presented its annual scholarships to two outstanding students of history, Bay High seniors Katelyn Waddle and Peter Kahnert.

The Bay Village Kiwanis co-sponsored the 50th annual Academic Achievement Program at Bay High School on May 25. Certificates were presented to students in the four grades who had a grade point average of 3.6 or above. Engraved plaques were given to seniors who achieved the 3.6 GPA in all four years. Kiwanis awarded \$11,500 in scholarships to 10 students. Scholarships presented that evening by 27 participating community groups totaled \$170,000.

The Kiwanis-coordinated Bay Days celebrations will take place on July 1, 2, 3 and 5, with fireworks on Monday, the legal holiday. Kiwanis will be among the food vendors, serving up their homemade curly fried potatoes. Proceeds go towards their Scholarship and Welfare Fund. The Classic Car Drive-In is July 2.

Bicentennial Memorial Red Buckeye trees were planted by Kiwanis on Arbor Day, April 30, at all four Bay Village public schools.

The annual Kiwanis pancake breakfast, which took place on April 18, served 557 attendees and netted \$3,000.

The Bay Village Garden Club recently filled the city welcome sign baskets with red petunias. They donated and installed a new Community House sign in time for the Bicentennial celebration. The garden club also maintains plantings around the gazebo, city hall, and the Seascape sculpture.

Bay Village American Legion Post #385 organized the Memorial Day Parade, which included groups from the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Vietnam Veterans. City officials, distinguished students and band members also participated.

The legion post, in observance of Flag Day, conducted a flag retirement ceremony at the post, 695 Cahoon Road, on June 11. Last year, 250 flags were retired.

The American Legion participated in the Kiwanis

Achievement Awards Night by presenting Outstanding Leadership awards to Elizabeth Butler and Jacob Faile. David Johnson was named as this year's representative at Buckeye Boys State, with Carter Phillips as alternate. Laura Petto was named representative at Buckeye Girls State, with Emily Kukura as alternate.

This summer, the American Legion is sponsoring a team in the Pony Division of the Bay Men's Baseball Program. Post #385 has been sponsoring teams longer than any other sponsor.

The Bay Village Women's Club Foundation awarded six college scholarships to Bay High seniors. The awards totaled \$12,000.

The Bay Village landmark afghan, a great gift for graduating seniors, commemorates the first settlement in 1810. This has particular significance as the city celebrates its 200th anniversary. The afghans are \$45. Call Janet at 440-871-3910 for information.

The League of Women Voters awarded two \$1,000 scholarships for students for outstanding citizenship. The league will commemorate the 19th amendment and its 90th anniversary on August 26, Women's Equality Day.

The new "Bay Traditions II" cookbook, a Bicentennial project of the Women's Club, includes the history of Bay Village, as well as some historic recipes. It is available at Bay True Value Hardware and at the Dwyer Memorial Senior Center. Cost is \$12.

The Bay Village Education Foundation held its Tri-Bay Golf Outing on June 11. Proceeds benefitted the Bay Alumni Association, Rockets Association and Bay Village Education Foundation. The education foundation kicks off its 25th anniversary year this August. ●

Cynthia Eakin is Secretary of the Bay Village Community Council

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Summer's in session

by Chris Haldi

Summer is a great time for you and the family to check out what the Westlake Recreation Center has to offer. We have a wide range of programs for the young to the adults. Enjoy some of our programs that will be outside and don't forget about the ones that are held inside, too. For further references for programming refer to our summer program book or our website. Take a look at what we have coming up in the near future:

Give yourself the chance to increase your flexibility, coordination, balance, and strengthen your core muscles and have fun at the same time. These two classes will offer you both a work out and a chance to learn new moves. The Beginner's Belly Dance and Continuing Belly Dance classes will start Monday, June 21.

The kids need something to do and somewhere to go during the summer when school is out. The Westlake Recreation Center can help you out. Starting Monday, June 21, the Kids Cooking Camp and our annual Summer Day Camp will

take off. Kids Cooking Camp is for children ages 7-12. They will learn to make fun, simple snacks and desserts during this three day camp. Summer Day Camp is for children in grades 1-6. The kids will stay busy, keep entertained and will enjoy a field trip each week. Spots are filling up quick in each camp. Make sure to sign up before it's too late.

Here's something for the young ones. Playful Preschoolers is for children ages 3.5-5. This program is taught by preschool teachers that will have the children learn, play and explore. The kids will enjoy making crafts, large muscle activity, academic enrichment, music and snacks. The fun new learning experiences start Monday, June 21.

Check out the D.E.N. Intro class. It's a two-day class that will be held June 22 and 24 from either 10:30-11:15 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Children will learn



Queens and a king enjoy a story at Westlake Rec's Royal Tea Party.

how to use the equipment and learn the benefits the D.E.N. has to offer. After completion of the class each child will receive a D.E.N. card and will be able to use the D.E.N. during open hours.

If you're looking to learn new dance steps, you might want to consider Intermediate Ballroom, Advanced Ballroom and Intermediate Swing classes, which will start Wednesday, June 23. These classes will have you dancing like the

stars in no time. Don't miss out on these great opportunities.

More information regarding programs and events, please make your way up to the Westlake Recreation Center which is located at 28955 Hilliard Blvd., call us at 440-808-5700 or go to our website at www.cityofwestlake.org/recreation.

Chris Haldi works for the City of Westlake Recreation Department.

Bay Men's Club awards scholarships

The Bay Men's Club, the city's oldest civic organization dating to 1917, has awarded \$1,000 scholarships to two worthy recipients: Abby Glass and Kati Corbitt.

Glass was active with the Girl Scouts, Key Club and SADD; served on the Drama Club/Stage Crew and was stage manager; was a two-year member of Thespians; was active with the Culture Club and Relay for Life; was in the High School Youth Ministry at St. Raphael Catholic Church; played in the marching and symphonic bands; was a four-year member of the swim team; and worked as a lifeguard and water safety instructor at the Bay Aquatic Center. She hopes to attend either John Carroll University or The University of Dayton in the fall.

Corbitt earned The President's "Call to Service" Award and Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Award; was a member of the All Ohio Academic Team; received a Kiwanis Academic



Bay Men's Club Scholarship Committee Chairperson John Stanton, left, and President Wayne Douglas, right, present scholarships to Abby Glass (second from left) and Kati Corbitt.

Academic Team in 2009. Kati hopes to attend John Carroll University or Baldwin Wallace College in the fall.

"We are happy to be able to provide scholarship assistance to these fine young leaders," Bay Men's Club Scholarship Chairperson John Stanton said. "They certainly have earned our support with their academic achievement and exemplary citizenship."

How to keep your laptop secure

by Walter Ely

You can't beat the convenience of checking e-mail and hopping on the Internet at Wi-Fi hotspots found in airports, coffee shops, bookstores, and even in some major parks. For the uninitiated, Wi-Fi hotspots are areas where you can use your wireless laptop to surf the Web and check e-mail.

But the question you have to ask yourself is, just how safe is it to connect? With the proliferation of hackers, viruses and identity theft at an all time high, you are smart to be concerned. Wi-Fi spots are very attractive to hackers because they can use what's called an "evil twin" connection to access your laptop.

An evil twin is a wireless hotspot set up by a hacker to lure people from a nearby, legitimate hotspot. For example,

when you log in at your favorite coffee shop, you might actually be logging onto the evil twin Internet connection set up by the innocent-looking person working on a laptop at the next table.

The most dangerous evil twins remain invisible and allow you to do business as usual. But in the background, they record everything you are typing. Buy something online and they are recording your credit card information. Log on to your bank account, and they can grab your password.

Some hotspots may even feed you a fake Web page after you log on asking you to update your billing information. This is the same tactic used in phishing scams. So what can you do to make sure you are not giving an evil twin access to your laptop?

First, know the name of the hotspot you're going to use by asking someone

who works there. Some businesses will give you printed instructions that include the hotspot name. Again, be careful. Hackers will try to name their evil twin network by a very similar name as the real hotspot, and may even show up as a stronger signal.

The best protection you can have is connecting via your company's VPN (virtual private network). A VPN will protect your online information by encrypting your data and activity even if you're connected through an evil twin.

If you don't have a company VPN, you should assume that someone is looking over your shoulder and recording everything you type in. Therefore, the best protection without a VPN is to never type in information such as credit cards, passwords, or social security numbers when connected to a public Wi-Fi hotspot.

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Westlake Porter Public Library's Calendar of Events

Wednesday, June 16 (7-7:45 p.m.) BEACH PARTY HOP! – Put on your grooviest Hawaiian shirt for this family dance party! We'll learn new steps and have lots of summer music to dance to. All ages welcome!

Friday, June 18 (2 p.m.) SUMMER FAMILY MOVIES– Mr. Fox and his family clash with neighboring farmers in this adaptation of a Roald Dahl book. Showtimes are 2 p.m. Please register one week prior to each show date.

Saturday, June 19 (10:45 a.m.) and Saturday, July 17 (10:45 a.m.) WEST SIDE WRITERS

Saturday, June 19 (2-3 p.m.) and Wednesday, June 30 (2-3 p.m.) LEGO CLUB – Bring your ideas and imagination! Ages 6-13. Please register one week prior to each session.

Monday, June 21 (10 a.m.-12 p.m.), Tuesday, June 22 (10 a.m.-12 p.m.), Wednesday, June 23 (10 a.m.-12 p.m.), Thursday, June 24 (10 a.m.-12 p.m.), Friday, June 25 (10 a.m.-12 p.m.) CREATE YOUR OWN COMIC BOOK–Teens in grades 6-12: Instructors from the Elyria Comic Book Initiative will teach you how to create your own comic book. This is a 5-day course that runs from June 21-25. Register one time for all 5 sessions starting June 14. Space is limited!

Monday, June 21 (2-3 p.m.) SUSHI, KID-STYLE– Join us for a fun afternoon treat as we make Candy Sushi. Allergy warning: Peanut products will be used. For ages 7-10. Please register starting June 14.

Monday, June 21 (7 p.m.) FINANCIAL SAVVY BEFORE AND AFTER COLLEGE – Financial awareness is important for young adults. Kenneth Robinson will discuss opening a checkbook and balancing it monthly, how to use debit and credit cards, and, the importance of your FICO credit score! We will also cover when to start putting money in an IRA (Individual Retirement Account) and saving money versus getting into debt. Please register.

Monday, June 21 (7-8:45 p.m.) MONDAY NIGHT MOVIE – A biographical drama about the life of England's Queen Victoria as she prepares to become a monarch. Rated PG. Please register.

Tuesday, June 22 (7 p.m.) WATER GARDENING – Come and learn how to make the most of water in your garden whether in a container or a pond. Please register.

Wednesday, June 23 (2 p.m.) AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION – The June selection is "The Lost Symbol" by Dan Brown.

Wednesday, June 23 (7 p.m.) FIND MONEY WITH FOUNDATION DIRECTORY ONLINE – Learn how to use this comprehensive database you can use to search for grantmakers who give to non-profit organizations like yours. Please register.

Thursday, June 24 (7-8:30 p.m.) FUTURES: UNDERSTANDING HOW THEY WORK – Presented by John Sawczak. Program will be followed up with a program on the Options Market on July 8. Please register.

Friday, June 25 (2 p.m.) SUMMER FAMILY MOVIES– A tough hockey player is sentenced to one week as a Tooth Fairy. Showtimes are 2 p.m. Please register one week prior to each show date.

Friday, June 25 (10 a.m.- 12 p.m.) PORTER'S FIBER FANATICS– Socialize, share, and solve problems with fellow needle artists while you work on your current project.

Friday, June 25 (10:30-11:15 a.m.) COME PLAY WITH ME! – Open playtime with age appropriate toys, songs and rhymes for ages 2-5 and their caring adults. Please register one week before each session.

Friday, June 25 (2-2:45 p.m.) MO WILLEMS' CAT THE CAT AND FRIENDS – Enjoy an afternoon of fun games, crafts and more with Mo Willems' newest characters! For ages 4 to 6. Please register starting June 18.

Saturday, June 26 (1-4 p.m.) SUMMER SAND ART – Join us for a fun and easy summer craft! All supplies provided; just drop in. For ages 7 and up.

Monday, June 28 (1-7 p.m.) AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

Tuesday, June 29 (7-8:45 p.m.) SUMMER SPECIAL MOVIE– An 11-year-old girl decides to participate in a spelling bee and much to her surprise wins, and moves on to compete regionally. Come see this movie and get inspired for the Friends of Porter Library's Spelling Bee! Please register.

Wednesday, June 30 (7-8 p.m.) GET SILLY WITH CAPT'N WILLIE! – Get ready for swashbuckling fun! You'll hear tales of the Great Lakes, sing pirate songs and learn proper pirate lingo. Tickets available in Youth Services starting June 23. No reserves.

To register for any of the programs, please call (440) 871-2600 or visit <http://signup.westlakelibrary.org:8080>.

Friends of Porter Public Library receive three "Best Friends" awards

by Elaine Willis

The Friends of Porter Public Library have won three Best Friends Awards from the Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations (ALTAFF). The awards honored the telephone pole banners advertising the Annual Book Sale, the lobby banner, and the "Go Green" shopper bags available at the Circulation Desk.

The Best Friends Awards recognize Friends groups from around the country for their print and electronic materials that promote the group and its special programs and projects.

"The Friends of Porter Library really are our best friends," said Library Director Andrew Mangels. "We would not be able to do so many of the things we do without them, so we're delighted that they have been nationally recognized."

It is awards season at the library. In April, the library and its trustees awarded the Myrna Chelko Award for volunteers to Ingrid Bowman and the Thomas A. Fox Distinguished Trustee Award to former trustee Sharon Didion. ●

Elaine Willis is the Public Relations Associate for Westlake Porter Public Library.

Westerly buddies hatch plan to help children in hospital

by Elaine Willis

Westlake Porter Public Library is issuing a spelling challenge to the West Shore area: Find out how well you can spell at the Friends of Porter Library Spelling Bee. The Bee will be held as a special Friday evening program on July 16 at 7 p.m. It is open to teams of four to six.

The library will be fielding a team of spellers, and invites families, neighborhoods, civic and community organizations, local companies and more to create a team and enter the spelling bee. Entry information and a word list will be available at the library starting June 9, which is the start of the library's annual Summer Reading Program. Spelling teams will compete for bragging rights as the West Shore's best spellers.

To get would-be spellers into the spirit, the library will be screening "Akeelah and the Bee," the acclaimed 2006 movie about a surprise spelling bee winner, on Tuesday, June 29 at 7 p.m. ●

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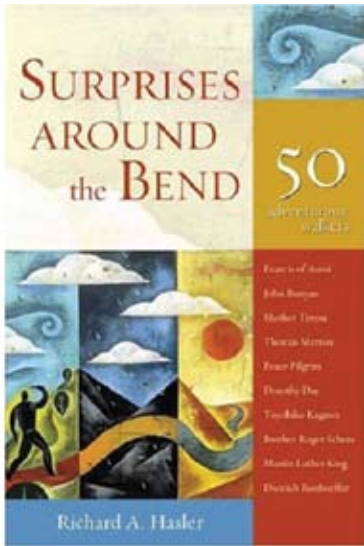
Put on your walking shoes at the Bay Village Branch Library

by Joyce Sandy

Many creative people in history have been avid walkers and they believe that walking brings a wondrous experience that can result in personal renewal. Put on your walking shoes and join Richard Hasler, author of “Surprises Around the Bend,” at the Bay Village Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library on June 28 at 7:00 p.m.

He will share stories of some famous people who had amazing experiences that changed the course of their lives. These walking stories are filled with details that encourage and challenge everyone to find their own walking programs with the prospect of meeting surprises around the bend and experiencing physical, mental and spiritual renewal. Registration is required by calling 440-871-6392 or by visiting www.cuyahogalibrary.org. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Bay Village Library. ●

Joyce Sandy works in the Children's Department of the Bay Village Branch Library.



Huntington Playhouse news



by Tom Meyrose

June is going to be a very busy month for Huntington Playhouse!

The comedy “Leading Ladies” opens on June 17 and plays through July 3 with performances on Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m. and a matinee on Sunday, June 27, at 2:00 p.m. In the play, two English actors, Jack and Leo, find themselves so down on their luck that they are performing on the Moose Lodge circuit in the Amish country of Pennsylvania. Hearing that an old lady in York, Pa., is about to die and leave her fortune to her two long lost English nephews, they resolve to pass themselves off as her beloved relatives and get the cash. The trouble is, when they get to York, they find out that the relatives aren't nephews, but nieces!

The theatre is also planning a New York Theatre tour in 2011. The trip will include a motor coach to New York City,

three nights at the Sheraton Manhattan, two Broadway Musicals, dinner at Sardi's, tours of the NBC studios, a boat tour of lower Manhattan, tour guides and subway passes.

Fratello's Restaurant is also supporting the theatre by donating 10% of each dine-in meal every Tuesday during the months of June and July. This is the second year they have supported the theatre. Fratello's is located at 32085 Electric Blvd. in Avon Lake. Eat for the Arts!

For more information about our shows, our New York trip, our children's theatre program or our fund raiser with Fratello's contact the theatre at 440-871-8333 or go to our web page: www.huntingtonplayhouse.com.

Huntington Playhouse is located at 28601 Lake Road in Bay Village and is an affiliate of The Cleveland Metroparks. ●

Tom Meyrose is Managing Director of Huntington Playhouse.

The Village Foundation announces concert ticket winners

by Eileen Vernon

The Village Foundation held a raffle for guest passes to the “Jordin Sparks with Kate Voegelé” concert at the House of Blues, Cleveland on June 17. The winning tickets were pulled on June 8 and the winner were notified June 9. The first place winner was Robert Brdar, Stephanie Jordan won second place, and third place went to Sarah Dockrill, all of Bay Village.

The Village Foundation thanks Kate Voegelé and her family for the generous prizes. The first and second place winners received two tickets to the show and the pleasure of meeting with Kate Voegelé after the performance; the third place prize was an assortment of Kate Voegelé merchandise. All three winners were very excited. ●

Eileen Vernon is President of The Village Foundation.

Upcoming library events

ADULT DEPARTMENT

Monday, June 28 (7 p.m.) SURPRISES AROUND THE BEND – Richard Hasler will discuss his book “Surprises Around the Bend: 50 Adventurous Walkers” which looks at the stories of famous walkers and how we can use walking to access creativity and insight. Books will be available for signing.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Wednesday, June 16 (11 a.m.) BOOKBUZZ– Read and discuss “How I Became a Pirate” and then stick around for some pirate activities. For grades 2-5.

Monday, June 21 (10 a.m.) HOW I BECAME A PIRATE – Enjoy a hands-on experience with Chef Sherry. Learn how to create delicious treats and discover the benefits of learning how to cook with our own Sherry Letzelter of Sherry's Classic Cuisines. For grades 2-5.

Wednesday, June 23 (11 a.m.) BOOKS, JR. – Discuss short books and participate in fun activities. For grades 3-4.

Tuesday, June 22 (2 p.m.) BOOK BUCCANEERS – Discuss a sea-worthy book and then have fun with a related activity. For grades 1-2.

Wednesday, June 30 (2 p.m.) WHO LIKES THE WATER? – Do you know which animals like to live in and around water? You might be surprised! Find out more when Dave Wolf from the Lake Erie Nature & Science Center brings some of his water friends. For all ages.

And of course there are weekly storytimes for all ages beginning the week of June 14:

TWILIGHT TALES - Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. for ages birth-5 years.

SNUGGLE BUGS - Wednesdays at 10 a.m. for ages birth-30 months.

BOOK BUDDIES - Thursdays at 10 a.m. or 2:45 p.m., Big Buddies for grades 5 and up; Little Buddies for grades 1-3.

MORNING MOVERS - Thursdays at 10 a.m. for ages 1-3.

PRESCHOOL - Thursdays at 2:45 p.m. for ages 3-5.

FRIDAY FUN - Fridays at 10 a.m. for ages birth-5 years.

No-registration storytimes for all ages begin the week of June 14, and please register for the special programs by calling 871-6392, or visiting cuyahogalibrary.org.



Cuyahoga County Public Library's summer reading game, “Books Ahoy,” started Saturday, June 5, and the Bay Village Branch Library celebrated with a Pirate Party featuring “Pirates of the Caribbean” impersonators. Young Cooper Lamb (center) is flanked by Captain Jack Sparrow, Elizabeth Swan, and Tia Dalma.

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Now showing - Mary Deutschman: Jazz paintings



Mary Deutschman presents new work inspired by “Jazz” through July 7 at the main gallery at BAYarts.

Fuller House Naming Rights Awarded

Naming rights to the new Fuller House Gallery has been awarded to the Tom and Sandra Sullivan Family thanks to their generous gift of \$25,000. The Sullivan Family Gallery will open in the fall with the work of professional artists living and working in Bay Village.

Additional naming rights have been awarded to Catherine Fuller and family, Virginia and Ralph Cascarilla, and in the memory of Casey Coleman. There are still many opportunities available including classrooms, gardens and the new gazebos. For information on naming rights please contact jim@bayarts.net. ●

LAKE ERIE NATURE & SCIENCE CENTER

Family Fun Fest a hit for seventh year

by **Shawn Salamone**

A record number of rubber ducks were entered in Lake Erie Nature & Science Center’s 7th Annual Great Duck Race on Sunday, June 6. Overnight thunderstorms also guaranteed one of the speediest races ever as Porter Creek ran high and fast. The Great Duck Race was a highlight of the Center’s popular Family Fun Fest that also featured live animal and planetarium shows, crafts, carnival games, bounce houses, hikes, face painting, an obstacle course, balloon twisters, food and more.

This year also marked the first Fun Fest appearance by the colorful PNC GrowUpGreatMobile Learning Adventure (MLA). The MLA is a traveling exhibit of

fun, free interactive activities that reinforce the importance of early childhood education. Preschoolers dressed up in fantasy career costumes and posed for photos that included a background to matched their costume choice.

Family Fun Fest is part community “happening” and part fundraiser to support the nature education, wildlife rehabilitation, live animal exhibits and



Marin Way, Deb DeCarlo, Morgan Way and Dana Way, all of Rocky River, enjoy the flower pot craft at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center’s 7th Annual Family Fun Fest

planetarium at the nonprofit Lake Erie Nature & Science Center. Fun Fest was supported by dozens of community businesses that donated gift certificates and other great prize packages for the Duck Race. (They are listed online at www.lensc.org.) Westlake-based Hyland Software supported the event with under-

writing dollars, Faber Castell’s Cleveland-based Creativity for Kids brand donated craft kits and underwriting support and Cleveland MomsLikeMe.com and WKYC-TV partnered as media sponsors. ● *Shawn Salamone is Community Relations Manager at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center.*



Families (including pets) lined the banks of the fast-moving Porter Creek to watch The Great Duck Race, part of Lake Erie Nature & Science Center’s Family Fun Fest.

Readers’ Opinions

Bay residents leaving in search of condos

by **Tim Maloney**

I was reviewing real estate ads on the Internet recently when I came across an ad for a house on Columbia Rd. in Bay Village. The ad caught my eye because that house was the first house that my wife, Bev, and I lived in when we moved to Bay in 1971.

Two years later, we bought our first house on Elmwood Rd., and, over time, owned homes on West Oviatt Rd. and Bates Dr. During our 33 years of living in Bay Village we lived in all four wards, and our children attended every public school in the city. In our son Scott’s case, he actually may be the only person who ever attended all four elementary schools as well as the old middle school and the high school. In a bit of minor irony, Scott was on the Board of Education when the new middle school was approved and built and his name is included on the dedication plaque.

Six years ago Bev and I moved to a condo in Avon Lake. We did so after two years of searching for a viable alternative to our large “empty nest” on Bates. We wanted to stay in Bay Village, but we recognized that a condo or cluster home was what we needed, and the available alternatives in Bay did not meet the profile that

we were looking for.

Our condo is less than a quarter of a mile from our previous home on Bates, but in terms of the feeling of “community,” we might as well be living in another state. A mitigating factor in our feelings of isolation from old friends and neighbors is the fact that they are now coming to us!

Our particular condo association includes 65 units. We don’t know everyone in the association, but of those that we do know, nine units are occupied by former Bay residents. In addition, Bev and I know of at least 15 other friends and former neighbors who have left Bay for condos or clusters in Avon Lake or Westlake.

The administration and city council in Bay Village has been struggling with the issue of alternative housing for at least ten years, and little, if anything, has been accomplished. Bay is largely built out, but there are possibilities that exist.

The problem is the need for zoning changes and initiatives to overcome community resistance and/or apathy. If no housing alternatives are developed, the drain of long-time residents will continue unabated, which helps to diminish a sense of community. ●

Tim Maloney is a former Bay Village resident.

One senior’s opinion: Father’s Day is about children, too

by **Dianne Borowski**

How will you spend your Father’s Day this year? Cards, cake and presents help us honor the man who was there for us as we were growing up. He went to work, paid the bills, taught us right from wrong and cheered us on as we tackled the complicated hurdles of adolescence. Perhaps this is not reflective of everyone’s experience of dad but many of us can relate to it.

Unfortunately, there are children who grow up without a father. Some men walk away from fatherhood, unwilling or unable to commit to caring for their families. For these children, Father’s Day is just another day, or a painful reminder that there is someone out there who should be a part of their lives, but isn’t.

Life is often difficult for single mothers. When resources are limited the task of parenting by one’s self is even harder. Grandfathers, step dads, uncles, older brothers, cousins, neighbors and teachers often step to fill the gap for absent dads. Some children, however, have no appropriate male role model in their lives.

Want to help a fatherless child? There are many ways to do this. Volunteer to become a big brother, become involved in coaching or scouting, become a mentor or foster parent. The need for father figures is overwhelming. As you celebrate Father’s Day, please remember the fatherless children who would benefit from some of your time and some of your caring. Helping a child build a better future can be a gratifying experience and well worth the time and effort involved. ● *Dianne Borowski lives in Bay Village.*

Bay Bicentennial 10.10.10



A Bicentennial invitation: Write a letter to the future

by Dave Tadych

Have you ever wondered what things will be like 100 years from now? Have you ever thought about what you might want to say to someone who will be around in 2110? Well, now you have a chance to do just that!

The Bay Village Bicentennial Committee has given all residents of Bay a chance to communicate with one special resident, one special group of residents or the entire city of residents living here 100 years from now. Residents are invited to write a letter of no more than 300 words to folks living in Bay Village in 2110.

Three letters will be selected and added to the items placed in the city's 2010 Bicentennial Time Capsule. The capsule will be sealed December 31, 2010, with a reopening date of October 10, 2110 – just in time for Bay's 300th birthday!

The Committee will select one letter from each of three age groups: 16 and under, 16 to 64, and 65 and over. The chosen letters will be read during the Bicentennial celebration on 10.10.10. All three of the letters will be published in the WBV Observer prior to being added to the 2010 time capsule.



Letters can be typed or handwritten in black ink only. If a letter is handwritten, which will be far more personal 100 years from now, it should include a typed copy for readability. Both copies will be included in the capsule. This is a fantastic opportunity to write and communicate whatever is on your mind to folks not yet born!

Residents have until July 10, 2010 to postmark and mail their 300 word message to: Letters to the Future, P.O. Box 40187, BayVillage, OH 44140-1306. Only one letter per resident will be accepted. Include your name, address and phone number, along with your date of birth. All letters become the property of the Bay Village Bicentennial Committee and may be published or displayed as the Committee sees fit.

So pause a while, think hard about your message, pick up a pen – black ink, of course – and write that letter to the future. Remember, only 300 words are allowed! Groups mailing multiple letters are asked to package them in one envelope to ease the postman's burden. Good luck and Happy 10.10.10. ●

Dave Tadych is Chairman of the Bay Village Bicentennial Committee.

Bay Village Bicentennial flag unfolds

by Dave Tadych

In the days ahead, Bay Village residents will begin to see our Bicentennial flag flying as a testament to the efforts of all residents – past and present, known and unknown – who have formed Bay Village into this most desirable city we all enjoy and love...and call home.

As most of Bay is well aware, the city's Bicentennial is 10.10.10. With this in mind, the design of Bay's Bicentennial flag was approved unanimously by City Council Resolution 10-39, adopted April 19, 2010.

The flag is on second order and will be available to residents by June 30. Its cost, which includes tax, is \$40.00 and the flag is being sold through Bay's Historical Society. Demand seems strong, as 24 flags have already been ordered since the flag's informal unveiling and presentation at the Kiwanis annual pancake breakfast on April 18.



Soon, flag poles throughout Bay Village will be flying the 3'x5' banner. The new, approved flag has its basis from the Bay Village city flag residents have celebrated and

enjoyed over the past 35 years. The light blue sky contrasts with the deep blue water background, and the white sailboat and Old English "B" remain and continue to represent the city.

Added in the new design are the dates "1810-2010," the word "Bicentennial" under the sailboat and two white birds in flight in the upper right-hand corner. Each white bird represents 100 years of Bay's 200 year history of proud growth and concern for residents.

As residents continue to turn on their porch lights on the 10th day of each month before the Bicentennial bash, watch for the new flag to be flying. It will proudly salute years past and years to come. ●

Fun Facts for the Bay Bicentennial

- Did you know the Washington Lawrence family played golf at the Dover Bay Colony located on Lake Road west of the Lawrence mansion in the 1870s?
- Did you know that interurban rail cars began to roll through Dover Township in 1897?
- Did you know that the Cahoon brothers negotiated placing Dover Station next to the Cahoon Store on Dover Center, allowing the train tracks to be laid through their property?

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

View more events and post your own on the Observer homepage at www.wbvobserver.com.

June 17, 6:30-8:30 p.m. and June 19, 2-4 p.m.

Climbing Your Family Tree

The Martha Devotion Huntington Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will celebrate the Bay Village Bicentennial by conducting a Genealogical Workshop at the Bay Village Branch Library. Speakers from the Western Reserve Historical Society and Cuyahoga County Library will make presentations. Call the library at 440-871-6392 to make reservations. Seating is limited.
Bay Village Branch Library, 502 Cahoon Rd.

June 17, 7-8:30 p.m.

Radiation and Cancer Workshop

Learn the basics of radiation oncology and participate in a discussion about general medical radiology, CT and PET scans, X-rays and more. Bring any questions for University Hospitals presenter Charles Kunos, MD. Admission is free. Advance registration required. For more information, call The Gathering Place at 216-595-9546, visit <http://www.touchedbycancer.org>, or email info@touchedbycancer.org.
The Gathering Place West, 800 Sharon Dr., Westlake

June 17, 8 p.m.

'Leading Ladies' Opens at Huntington Playhouse

The play runs through July 3, with performances on Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m. and a matinee on Sunday, June 27, at 2:00 p.m. Read more on page X of this issue.
Huntington Playhouse, 28601 Lake Rd., Bay Village

June 19, 9 a.m.

Westlake Bike Rodeo

The Westlake Police Department is holding a Bike Rodeo to help kids in grades K-5 master bicycle safety skills and promote bike riding safety. The event is free and open to all Westlake residents. For more information or to register, visit www.cityofwestlake.org.
Westlake Police Department, 27300 Hilliard Blvd.

June 19, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

41st Annual Bay Village Country Festival

Antiques, fine crafts, live musical entertainment by the Erie Travelers Appalachian String Band, delicious refreshments. Admission is \$3 and parking is free. Phone 440-835-2718 for information, or visit www.bayhistorical.com.
Cahoon Memorial Park, corner of Lake and Cahoon roads

June 19, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

"Artistic by Nature" Art Festival

Artists open their studios for this favorite annual summer event. Music on stage by HEY MAVIS! Bonus: sign up for Hey Mavis' songwriting workshop, then perform on our stage with the band All ages, call 440-871-6543 to sign up. Free parking and admission. Artists: for information contact eileen@bayarts.net.
BAYarts outdoor grounds, 28795 Lake Rd.

June 20, 1:30 and 5 p.m.

Apollo's Fire Concert

The period instrument ensemble Apollo's Fire performs "Come to the River," a program rich in the folk traditions and improvisatory musical idioms of the 17th and 18th centuries. For more information, visit www.apollosfire.org.
Huntington Playhouse, 28601 Lake Rd., Bay Village

June 20, 7-9 p.m.

Father's Day Concert and Barbeque

Local cover band Back Bay plays Dad's favorite sing-a-long tunes, barbeque at Vento or bring a picnic! Blankets or seating encouraged.
BAYarts, 28795 Lake Rd.

Bradley Bay Health Center awards nursing scholarships

by Nancy Girardot

Each year Bradley Bay Health Center awards a \$500.00 Nursing Scholarship to graduating high school seniors who are pursuing a career in nursing. The applicants must meet certain requirements including a written essay, teacher recommendations and a specific grade point accumulation. Congratulations to all the recipients as they pursue their nursing careers. ●
Nancy Girardot is Director of Marketing for Bradley Bay Health Center



Pictured (l-to-r): Samantha Kolke, Bay High School; Amy England RN,C., Dir. of Nursing, Bradley Bay; Kelsey Thomas, Magnificat High School; Ericka B. Smith, Westlake High School; Candy Sanson, LISW, CCM, LNHA, Administrator.

Bay Days is Coming!

Highlights include live music, Classic Car Cruise-In, bike parade and fireworks.

by Rhonda Schneider

Bay Village's annual Independence Day celebration, Bay Days, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Bay Village, will take place July 1 through 3, shut down on Sunday, July 4 (in accordance with the Cahoon Will agreement), and then resume on Monday, July 5—all at Cahoon Park.

Booths and rides will be open from Noon to 10:30 p.m. daily, and from Noon to 4 p.m. each day, thrill-seekers can ride to their heart's content for the flat rate of \$15 with a ride wristband.

The Kiwanis Club of Bay Village, along with the City of Bay Village, has once again lined up a spectacular Independence Day celebration for young and old alike at this year's Bay Days celebration. Come on out and enjoy the rides, help local civic organizations raise money at their booths and of course, take your entire family to the incredible fireworks presentation

on Monday.

The schedule of Kiwanis Club-sponsored events kicks off on Thursday, July 1 at 7:30 p.m. with live music at the Gazebo with the Keller Brothers Singers. Then it's the Classic Car Drive-In at Cahoon Park on Friday, July 2 at 5 p.m., along with DJ Cadillac Mike, and then at 6:30 p.m. it's more live music at the Gazebo with the Sloppy Joe Band. Saturday, July 3 features music at the Gazebo at 6:30 p.m. with Aftermath, Experience the Sixties tribute band. Then the weekend is rounded out with the Bike, Trike and Wagon Parade on Monday, July 5 at 11:30 a.m. at the Gazebo, more live music at the Gazebo at 1 p.m., adult and children games at the Cahoon Soccer Fields at 2 p.m., classic rock band Eastwind performs at the Gazebo at 7 p.m., and then the perfect finale to the festivities is the GALA Firework Display at Cahoon Parks at dusk, about 9:45 p.m. ●
Rhonda Schneider is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Bay Village.

5th Annual Crocker Park Art Fair brings artists from across the U.S.



Puppet-maker Nancy Gates of Pittsburgh, Pa., and acrylic sculptor Lucy Phelps of Venice, Fla., were among the artists showcasing their wares at the fair, held June 12-13 in Westlake.

POETRY

My Celia Walks

by Carl Christman, Bay Village

*Whenas my Celia walks
My blood flows hot.
Your permeating eye, dear Herrick,
So long ago, has quickened mine.*

*So now when Celia walks,
My blood flows fire-like
As she moves in polyester so diaphanous.
And dances
Such movement glides,
Excites the eye, the mind, the heart.
And when my Celia walks,
Each step pulls tight
The sheath she wears. Then, then...*

Men and Boys

by Joseph Psarto, Westlake

*The search for the Absolute
is tempered in a great man
by a mother who will always
think of him as a child.
He may move kingdoms
with sword or pen
and love a beautiful Circe,
but his mother
sees tin soldiers lined up
on the table, and she knows
when it's time for his nap
by the dispositions on his face.
He pouts and she smiles,
he smiles and she laughs,
he laughs and she thinks of
gods and men and little boys,
and tucks him in at night,
chasing the ghosts away.*