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Safety Town prepares kids for school



After receiving her Safety Town diploma on July 9 from Mayor Dennis Clough, Kylie Nolan is about to give high-fives to (left-to-right) Community Service Officer Anna Cavender, Police Chief Richard Walling and Provisional Fire Chief Dale Kraus.

by **Laura Gonzalez**

This summer, Westlake Safety Town continued its three-decades-long tradition of educating children entering kindergarten about street-crossing safety, school safety issues and stranger caution. The program was spearheaded by Officer Anna Cavender, Community Service Officer for the Westlake Police Department,

along with Safety Town Director Olivia Kostecke, Senior Assistant Rachael Delfing, Junior Assistant Dan Chida and an energetic team of student volunteers.

During each two-week session, children visit the fire and police stations for tours and end with a celebratory graduation ceremony, attended by Mayor Dennis Clough, Police Chief Richard

Walling or Captain Guy Turner and Asst. Fire Chief Timothy Zack, along with a visit from police department safety mascot "Safety Pup."

Also in attendance are local dentist Dr. Dave LaSalvia and his assistant, Loni, who volunteer their time to provide "Toothprints," a dental identification system

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Westlake holds Special Olympics at high school track

by **Victor Rutkoski**

The Westlake Kiwanis, along with the Westlake School District, sponsored the First Annual "Westlake Kiwanis Family and Westlake School District Special Olympics" on Saturday, July 17.

The event began with a parade around the Westlake High School Track, which was led by the Special Olympics Torch followed by the participants, parents, caregivers and members of the Westlake School District, Westlake Kiwanis, Westlake Key Club and Westlake Aktion Club. They marched to the Olympic theme music being played over the public address system.

The Rocky River Adult Center choir led the crowd in the singing of our National Anthem.

There were 67 entrants in the various events from

Cuyahoga and Lorain Counties. They competed in the 400 meter run, softball throw, standing long jump, 25 meter walk, 50 meter dash, 25 meter wheel chair run and the 25 meter assisted walk.

Russ Milan of the Westlake Kiwanis was the event organizer and hopes this event will be an annual affair. Members of the Westlake School District, Westlake Kiwanis, Westlake Key Club and the Westlake Aktion Club aided in everything, including organizing the parade, handing out water, helping the Special Olympians

with their various events and judging the events. Mother Nature played her part with a beautiful sunny day and though the temperatures were high, so were everyone's spirits. •

Victor Rutkoski is Secretary of the Westlake Kiwanis.



Bay Village Schools welcome new athletic/activities director

by **Karen Derby**

Matthew J. Spellman will be the new athletic/activities director for the Bay Village City School District. He was hired on Monday, July 12, at the Bay Village Board of Education meeting.

Spellman has served as an athletic director/assistant principal for the Vermilion Bay Village Schools Local Schools since July 2008. Prior to that, he was student activities director for the Chardon Local School District and assistant athletic director at Wickliffe High School. His background includes teaching high school mathematics and coaching varsity and junior varsity football, high school basketball and track.

Spellman holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics from Baldwin-Wallace College and a Master of Education, Sport Management degree from Cleveland State University. His post-graduate work in educational administration was done at Ursuline College.

Spellman and his wife, Heather, live in Bay Village with their three preschool-aged sons. "We love the neighborhoods here and the fact that there are always children playing outside," he said. "I was able to watch the homecoming parade here last year and we just loved seeing the whole community come out and participate in that." Spellman said he enjoys every aspect of the athletic/activities director's job, and enjoys working with the band leaders and the cheerleading squads, as well as sports and clubs.

"Matthew has the right experience and the professionalism to do well in this important role," said Clint Keener, superintendent of the Bay Village City School District. "He understands the focus on the students and the important relationship between the schools and the community. We are very happy to have him join us."

Spellman begins his new assignment on August 1. He replaces Mark Smithberger, who will leave the district to become assistant principal at Strongsville High School. •

Karen Derby is the Public Information Officer for the Bay Village City School District.



Matthew Spellman is the new A.D. for Bay Village Schools Local Schools

Help end puppy mills: Join the Coalition to Ban Ohio Dog Auctions

by Doc Wheeler

Many readers are aware of the puppy mill problem in Ohio, where over 11,000 dogs spend their entire lives in small crates strictly for the purpose of breeding and generating income for those who view them only as a cash crop. Daily they suffer, with little or no vet care, no air conditioning, no heat, and often not enough food and water.

Yet many are not aware that at the dog auctions in Farmerstown, Ohio, these dogs are bought and sold in the same manner as livestock. The auctions are the economic engine for the continued sale of these poor animals to pet shops (as has been seen in various TV and newspaper reports) and to each other – the puppy-millers themselves – for the sole purpose of keeping the “breeding stock” and the money flowing in. Many buyers and sellers who attend this auction have long-standing, repeated violations of the Animal Welfare Act and/or have been convicted of animal cruelty.

Ohio has no law preventing these auctions, and breeders come from out of state to buy and sell their “wares.” The proposed “puppy mill bill” currently under consideration in the Statehouse (Ohio Senate Bill 95) does not include a provision to ban these Auctions which serve neither reputable breeders or “man’s best friend” but rather only these large commercial facilities.

The Coalition to Ban Ohio Dog Auctions, of which I am part, is spearheading a new, citizen-backed ballot initiative – The Ohio Dog Auctions Act. The measure (similar in language to Pennsylvania’s Statute 459-603) will establish a statute to the Ohio Dog Law making it illegal for anyone to auction or raffle a dog in Ohio. It also would prohibit bringing dogs into the state for sale or trade that were acquired by auction or raffle elsewhere.



Photo courtesy BanOhioDogAuctions.com

Dogs bred in puppy mills are often raised in inhumane conditions and sold at auction.

As one of many registered voters across the state involved in collecting a minimum of 120,700 signatures by December 1, 2010 so that we may put the proposed law before the Legislature in January 2011, I am asking all readers for their support. Signatures and volunteer petitioners are needed to make this initiative a reality in Ohio. For more information on how you can help the campaign to ban Ohio dog auctions, please visit www.BanOhioDogAuctions.com.

Those who wish to download a petition to be signed and mailed in, along with instructions go to:

<http://www.animallawcoalition.com/companion-animal-breeding/article/1080>

For more information on Ohio’s horrific puppy mills, see www.holmescountyexposed.com.

For the sake of the dogs so many of us love, and as a member of Best Friends Animal Society Network, I ask you to join us! ●

Doc Wheeler lives in Bay Village.

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- Be respectful of others.
- Write for the community. Your stories will be read by people throughout Westlake and Bay Village (and beyond) so keep the audience in mind when choosing topics.
- Know you’ll be edited. All stories pass through

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- Disclose your affiliation. If you have a personal or business relationship with the subject of your story, let your readers know.
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Local Business

New owners reenergize bowling alley

by Tina Nazario

As new owners of Bay Lanes Bowling Center in Bay Village, my husband, Mark, and I are working hard to create a fun, family-friendly atmosphere where kids, teens and adults can bowl, eat and have loads of fun at extremely affordable prices.

After years working in college admissions, Mark decided to leave his former position and take over Bay Lanes to fulfill his dream of owning his own business while still working with kids and families.

The new “Summer Kids Club” program is now underway, where kids are

great parties. We welcome all kinds of groups and “kids of all ages” to join in the fun. To book a party, you can call or go to our website, www.baylanesbowl.com, to view photos and hear what customers are saying about their party experiences.

Exciting plans are also underway for a “Re-Grand Opening” event to be held on August 7 from 12-5 p.m., coinciding with a world-wide contest to set the world record for the most games bowled in one day. The “Re-Grand Opening” event will include a free game of bowling for everyone who comes, giveaways, raffles, prizes, and a whole lot more! Be sure to save the date, August 7. Join the fun while we help try to set a World Record!

This event is held to let people know just how fun bowling is and to encourage those who have always wanted to bowl or join a league to come out and give it a try. Bay Lanes is currently forming leagues and is looking for those interested in joining a mixed couples league, parent/child league, Saturday morning youth league, or Senior league.

We would like to invite those who have not been in since our takeover to “take a new look at an old friend.”

The interior has been updated and the clean, bright, atmosphere has been a welcome change for the community.

Bay Lanes is located at 27229 Wolf Road. For more information, go to www.baylanesbowl.com, become a Bay Lanes Facebook Fan, or call 440-871-0911 to speak with Mark. ●



Mark and Tina Nazario of Bay Lanes were voted Cleveland Magazine’s 2010 Winner for “Best of The West Birthday Party Place.”

enjoying an eight-week program that includes two hours of weekly one-on-one instruction on the FUNdamentals of bowling, lunch and a Bay Lanes Kids Club T-shirt. Mark personally coaches the kids and promotes an “everyone is a winner” attitude. All kids will receive a certificate of completion at the end of the program.

Recently voted Cleveland Magazine’s 2010 Winner for “Best of The West Birthday Party Place,” Bay Lanes is also becoming known for their

Bay High Class of 1970 to hold reunion

The Bay High School Class of 1970 will hold its 40th reunion homecoming weekend, Sept. 24-26. Planned events include marching in the homecoming parade followed by remembrances at the Ironwood Cafe, a catered party at the Clifton Beach Club and a picnic. Cost is only \$25 per person. For more details go to www.bhs70.com or call 440-835-2718.

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WESTLAKE RECREATION CENTER

Sizzling summer fun at Westlake Rec

by Chris Haldi

The heat is on. Summer has presented itself with plenty of warm weather and nice days. The Westlake Recreation Center has the programs and activities for you to beat the heat and get inside. Some of these programs might have you sweating but it is fun and a good workout. Others will teach you something new. Check out our Rec Gazette for additional programming an further information. For now here are several different activities we have coming up soon.

Soccer is a growing sport and more and more people are catching on. Westlake Soccer Camp will take place the week of August 2. Running Monday to Friday this camp is geared for kids ages 5-14. Get the chance to improve your skills and receive hands-on instruction from coaches and players.

The kids will need somewhere to go during the day while you're at work. The Westlake Rec can help out. Starting the week of August 2 and running Monday through Friday, our Summer Day Camp will keep the kids busy, entertained and they will enjoy a field trip during the week. Day Camp is for children in grades 1-6. Spots are filling up quick so make sure to sign up before it's too late.

Give yourself the chance

to increase your flexibility, coordination, balance, and strengthen your core muscles while having fun. The Beginner's Belly Dance and Continuing Belly Dance classes will start Monday August 2. Don't miss out on the fun learning experiences of Beginners Ballroom and Swing Dance, either. These two classes will start August 4.

Looking for a challenging workout? Well look no further. HardCORE will make you sweat and have you breathing hard. This intense cardio/core workout is a combo of exercises that will keep you jumping, pushing, twisting and moving the entire workout. Classes start August 3 and 5.

Just a reminder: Starting the week of August 9, the Rec Center will be shut down for its annual maintenance. During this time members can stay in motion and use Rocky River's or Fairview's facilities. If you would like any further information please call the number below.

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.

Young Life celebrates 40 years in Cleveland

by Stacy Windahl

Young Life, an international non-denominational outreach organization, will celebrate its 40th birthday on Saturday, August 21 from 7:00-10:00 p.m. at the Westlake Performing Arts Center. Since 1970, Young Life staff and leaders have reached out to teen-aged kids in our West Shore communities—being available to kids, providing fun, safe and comfortable gatherings, giving kids the right to be heard and communicating God's love in terms they can understand and relate to.

Young Life arrived in Cleveland in 1970 at the invitation of five Bay Village churches that were eager to share the message of God's unconditional love to a changing culture of teen-aged kids who might never enter a church building. Since that time, thousands of kids have been impacted by Young Life. A young woman named Cynthia was there in the early days. Forty years later she says, "Young Life changed me, and gave me a hope I never knew existed. I owe Young Life everything."

Young Life Cleveland West Shore invites teen-aged kids, alumni, parents, donors and friends from every decade to join the celebration. The evening will include hors d'oeuvres and desserts; a band



Bay High guys on Team Avatar compete in the volleyball tournament at Young Life's Saranac Village in June 2010.

performing Young Life favorites; a silent auction featuring get-aways, autographed items, photography packages, art and other treasures; and a program with a few surprises and reflections by Tom Hammon, Young Life's area director from 1973-1979, now serving as the Senior Regional Director of Young Life in the United Kingdom, Ireland and Norway.

Andy Reid, area director since 2003, says, "The anniversary celebration will be everything folks expect of Young Life—a lot of laughs, great food, music, and controlled chaos—Young Life style. We hope anyone who has ever been involved with Young Life in Cleveland comes out to accept our gratitude for the last 40 years and to share our excitement for the next 40."

The suggested donation for tickets is \$10. Guests may register online at clevelandwestshore.younglife.org or through the Young Life office 440-808-9888. All proceeds

will support Young Life and WyldLife (Young Life's program for middle school kids) in the Cleveland West Shore area. The evening is being sponsored by Smart Business Network and Highland Consulting Associates, Inc.

Stacy Windahl lives in Bay Village.

POETRY

Smiles

by Dianne Borowski

Beauty is the roses' hue
Bathed in sunlight
Kissed with dew.

A baby's face
Cherubic smile
Brightens up the
darkest place.

Tiny kitten, soft and white,
Stately pine tree,
Colorful kite.

When life is cruel and
filled with pain,
It's these which lift
My spirit again.

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Westlake student places second in problem solving competition

Katelyn Vlastaris, a sixth-grader from Westlake, placed second at the Future Problem Solving Program International (FPSPI) Conference in Minnesota. She qualified to represent the state of Ohio in the individual junior division after winning first place at the state level.

A student at Birchwood School, Katelyn has been researching the topic of "Green Living" for two months to prepare for the competition held at the University of Wisconsin from June 10-13.

FPSPI engages students in creative

problem solving. Founded in 1974 by creativity pioneer, Dr. E. Paul Torrance, the program stimulates critical and creative thinking skills and encourages students to develop a vision for the future.

The International Conference features four days of competitive problem solving and cooperative educational seminars. Each year over 2,000 students and coaches attend the conference which includes charters from forty-five affiliate programs throughout the United States and other European and Asian countries, involving 250,000 students annually.

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Westlake library events

by Elaine Willis

Monday, July 26 (6-8 p.m.) ICE CREAM SOCIAL – Enjoy \$1 sundaes and family fun at the Friends of Porter Library’s annual event!

Tuesday, July 27 (1-7 p.m.) AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

Wednesday, July 28 (10:30-11 a.m.) LET’S SING AND DANCE! – Join us for a fun session of singing and dancing. For children ages 2-6 with a caregiver. No registration required.

Wednesday, July 28 (2 p.m.) AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION – The July selection is “La’s Orchestra Saves the World” by Alexander McCall-Smith.

Wednesday, July 28 (2-3 p.m.) LEGO CLUB – Bring your ideas and imagination! Ages 6-13. Please register one week prior to each session.

Thursday, July 29 (6:30 p.m.) DREAM INTERPRETATION WITH SANDRA SIMON – Sandra Simon speaks about dream interpretation. Come early to meet and greet Sandra and each other. Coffee, tea, and cookies will be served. Enter drawing to win a prize. Question and Answer segment; ask Sandra what it means. Please register.

Tuesday, August 3 (2-3 p.m.) JUNIE B’S BESTEST SUMMER SURVIVAL GUIDE! – Be Junie B. for the day and enjoy games, stories and a craft. Wowie! For ages 6-9 with a caregiver.

Wednesday, August 4 (1-2:30 p.m. or 3:30-5 p.m.) AFTERNOON MOVIE: “WIMPY KID” – Trying to escape that late summer heat? Come watch a movie with us! Relive all the hilarity of Greg Heffley’s life as a “Wimpy Kid.” All ages.

Wednesday, August 4 (7-7:45p.m.) PRINCESS FORA DAY – Dress up as your favorite princess and join us for an evening of princess themed stories game and a craft. For ages 3-5 with a caregiver.

Thursdays, August 5, 12 and 19 (10-11 a.m.) BABYGARTEN – Infants ages 1-18 months and their caregivers will share nursery rhymes, songs, and books and do fun projects that demonstrate their child’s developmental milestones – usually a handmade toy or a baby book item. Register once for the three-week series beginning July 29.

Friday, August 6 (10:30-11 a.m.) LET’S SINGAND DANCE! – Join Miss Nancy for a fun session of singing songs and dancing to the music! For children ages 2-6 with adult caregiver.

Saturday, August 7 (2-3 p.m.) LEGO CLUB – Love your LEGO blocks? Can’t stop building? Bring your ideas and imagination to the LEGO Club! Ages 6-13. Please register one week prior to each session.

Tuesday, August 10 (10 a.m.-7 p.m.) SUMMERTIME BLUES BOOK SWAP – Nothing new to read? Bring your gently used books and swap them for some new-to-you titles! Swaps must be children’s books in good condition. Damaged, soiled, stained or excessively worn books will not be accepted. Please, no copyright dates prior to 1990.

Tuesday, August 10 (7-8:30 p.m.) TUESDAY EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION – Join us for a discussion of Heather Gudenkauf’s novel, “The Weight of Silence.” “Masterfully written and beautifully told, Gudenkauf’s debut is a stunning novel of family devotion, honesty, and regret that’s sure to linger long after the last page is turned—a story of two families tied by the question of what had happened to their children.” New members are welcome. Registration will be taken at the meeting.

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

POETRY

Too Young, Not Old Enough

by Jackie Borowski, Westlake

*Too young to know what was going on,
Too young to know right from wrong.
I was just too young.
Too young to know where my parents were,
Too young to know where my siblings were.
Too young to know what courts were or social workers,
Too young to know what foster homes were,
Too young to understand what group homes were.
I was just too young. Too young to understand what
was being dished out to me.
Then...I wasn’t old enough.
I wasn’t old enough to go certain places
I wasn’t old enough to watch certain movies.
I wasn’t old enough to stay home alone,
I wasn’t old enough to stay up late.
I wasn’t old enough to work, yet
I wasn’t old enough to drive, yet either.
I just wasn’t old enough.
Finally...I’m old enough.
I’m old enough to understand everything.
I’m old enough to know what love is.
I’m old enough to know what family is.
I’m old enough to be free.
Free from all the pain, and the bad hand in life
that I was dealt in the beginning. I thank God
everyday for the good hand and the second
chance in life that I was given. I love all of my
family and they know who they are. But the sad
part is
that the memories from the beginning will
always
remain.*

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Upcoming programs at the Bay Village Branch

ADULT DEPARTMENT

Wednesday, August 18 (7 p.m.) MILLIONAIRES' ROW – Join local historian Dan Ruminski as he shares his research on how this neighborhood was built as well as what happened to cause its decline and destruction.

TEEN DEPARTMENT

Thursday, July 29 (1:30 p.m.) PERSONAL TREASURE MAP – Teens ages 11-18 are invited to join Jen Craun and use printmaking processes to design a unique map to your personal treasure.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Tuesday, July 29 (7-8 p.m.) FAMILIES READING TOGETHER – You're invited to read a good book, try a related activity and enjoy a treat. For families with readers ages 8-12 years old.

Please register to attend by calling the library at 871-6392 or going online to cuyahogalibrary.org.

Teens invited to printmaking program

by Joyce Sandy

Are you creative? Yes! Are you unique? Of course! Are you a Teen between the ages of 11 and 18? Then do we have the program for you!

Teens ages 11-18 years are invited to attend the program "Personal Treasure Map" on Thursday, July 29, at 1:30 p.m. Professional printmaker Jen Craun, a Cleveland-based printmaker and Associate Director of Zygot Press, Inc. will take you on an exciting art making journey. Engage in a multiple printmaking process to design your own unique map to your personal treasure.

Learn to use a printing press and other equipment as you build up a layered treasure map using a variety of printmaking methods. You won't want to miss this chance to create a unique masterpiece! Please call the library at 871-6392 or go online to cuyahogalibrary.org to register. ●

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

Learn about the rise and fall of Millionaires' Row

by Joyce Sandy

From 1875 to 1930 Euclid Avenue's Millionaires' Row was considered by many to be the grandest avenue in the world. Join us on Wednesday, August 18, at 7:00 p.m. to learn about how this neighborhood was built as well as what happened to cause its decline and destruction.

Local historian Dan Ruminski, who has thoroughly researched the history, will bring to life the day-to-day lifestyles, fortunes, and tragedies through actual photographs and stories of the families who lived in the mansions. He will also talk about the possible future plans to conserve the memorabilia in a permanent location.

Registration is required as seating is limited by calling 440-871-6392 or visit the website www.cuyahogalibrary.org. Sponsored by The Friends of the Bay Village Library. ●

POETRY

What Hath God Dropped?

by Carl Christman, Bay Village

*Would the world of classical physics
Have been changed to a great degree
If Newton'd been hit by a kumquat
Falling from a kumquat tree?*

*And would Einstein have authored that letter
Suggesting the atom bomb,
If he'd been struck on the head by a coconut
That fell from a coconut palm?*

*And if I, in my youth had been battered
By acorns from a mighty oak,
Would I have become more a poet,
And not so much of a joke?*

BAYARTS

Intensive art camp helps teens prepare for art college

By Erin Stack

BAYarts is offering a course, appropriately titled "Launching Pad," for students that have just completed their sophomore, junior or senior year in high school that is designed to encourage serious students to try new media and continue to build their portfolio. As students prepare for art school, they will work with professional artists and teachers in a variety of disciplines and locations. This intensive week-long "camp" will be a once-in-a-lifetime way for students to get close to real working studios and get focused attention on their portfolios. The camp is August 2-6, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

The course will include working in BAYarts ceramics studio, a life-drawing class with a nude model, plein-air painting, and a detailed look at the nuts and bolts of painting (like the best ways to stretch canvas, use materials and so on). The students will head out to Zygot Press for some hands-on print-making and visit the Cleveland Institute of Art. Also included will



BAYarts' intensive art camp, "Launching Pad," allows teens to have fun while preparing to attend art school.

be a portfolio review and a cook-out/chill-out on the last day.

Classes are small: only 15 students, so students get plenty of one-on-one time and attention. Cost for the five-day course is \$300 for BAYarts members, \$335 for non-members. To sign up, call 440-871-6543 or stop in during office hours: Monday-Saturday 9-5, Sunday noon-5. Visit www.bayarts.net for more information. ●

Erin Stack is the Education Director at BAYarts.

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Autumn will bring new possibilities for experiencing nature hands-on

by Shawn Salamone

Although summer camp is still in full swing, Lake Erie Nature & Science Center is already beginning registration for the fall session! A host of timely and brand new programs for families and adults are planned for the autumn season along with tried and true fall favorites.

Two opportunities for guided family exploration – one close to “home” and one at a seldom explored nature preserve are on the newly published fall program calendar. Lake Erie Family Day, for families with children ages 5 and up, takes place Sunday, September 19 from 1-3 p.m. Veteran instructor Bev Walborn will lead the exploration and introduce live animals that depend on the lake ecosystems for survival. “We’ll be hiking to the beach along Porter Creek, searching for mussels, feathers and beach glass at the shore and testing water samples,” Walborn said.

The gated Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve (formerly Dike 14) is rarely open to the public, but families with children age 5 and up can also explore this hidden gem with Walborn during the Center’s

Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve Family Day on Sunday, October 17 from 1-3 p.m. Walborn says participants will learn how the preserve was created, demystify “lake effect” weather, search for animal tracks and discover unique plant and animal life during a 1.5 mile hike that crosses Doan Brook. The fee for either of these family days is \$7 per person or \$35 for a family of five or more and pre-registration is required.

The Center is also extending its successful summer partnership with BAYarts by offering three Nature’s Art workshops for children in Grades 5–8 this fall. In Clay Art, Nature Prints and Nature Journaling, kids will discover natural elements that can inspire and even be blended into hands-on artistic projects. Each workshop costs \$30 - \$40 per child and the required pre-registration takes place at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center ONLY. Details are on the web at www.lensc.org.

In the first of three new programs just for adults, Dave Kelch, Associate Professor and Ohio Sea Grant Extension Specialist presents the very latest information on a hot topic in the news recently - the impact and potential effect of invasive species, including Asian carp,

on Lake Erie and inland tributaries. Lake Erie Invasive Species - What’s Next? takes place Wednesday, September 1 from 7-8:30 p.m. The program fee is \$5 per adult and pre-registration is required.

Adults can celebrate the upcoming Bay Village Bicentennial with a “hike through history” on Wednesday, October 6 from 6-7 p.m. Adults will “time travel” from the glaciers to the Native Americans, all the way to Bay’s first family, the Cahoons. A trek under the second longest trestle on the Interurban Electric Railway to the site of John Huntington’s farm completes the one-mile guided Huntington History Hike. Pre-registration is required at \$5 per adult.

Popular programs returning to Lake Erie Nature & Science Center this fall include Animals a la Mode, an interactive, live animal show for families of all ages that includes ice cream for everyone, and two October Fall Family Hayride Nights, one with costumes and trick or treating.

Fall Registration started on Saturday, July 24 when Center Members began signing up for the full school year in four popular programs: Frogs and Polliwogs parent & tot classes,



Rainbow Garden Kindercamper Max Morscher of Bay Village gets a hand from Lake Erie Nature & Science Center Camp Instructor Amy Leamon, also from Bay. Although camps are still in full swing, the Center is beginning Fall Session registration this month with a variety of new classes and programs planned.

Nature Nuts preschool, Log Cabin Explorers for Kindergartners (and Pre-K) and After School Adventures Club for grades 1-2 and 3-4. Registration for the complete roster of Fall programs and classes opens to Members on Saturday, July 31 and to everyone on Monday,

August 2. All registration begins at 9 a.m.

For more information log onto www.lensc.org, call 440-871-2900 or stop by the Center at 28728 Wolf Road in Bay Village. ● *Shawn Salamone is Community Relations Manager at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center.*

SAFETY TOWN

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providing useful information for searches and identification, for the Safety Town participants.

At the each closing ceremony, Officer Anna recaps the program by reminding the children about the danger zone around the school bus, calling 9-1-1 for “people” emergencies only, saying no to strangers and about fire safety procedures including “stop, drop and roll.” She also reminds the children that police and firefighters are their friends and are there to help them with anything they need, although “not with their homework,” as one child cleverly pointed out at one of the ceremonies. Mayor Clough presents a certificate to each child who has completed the program and poses for photos with each graduate.

The Westlake Safety Town program is highly regarded as one of the best in the country and has been attended by children from as far away as California, with 270 students and 197 volunteers participating this summer. Officer Anna recognizes the efforts of the volunteers who contribute to the program’s success and is extremely appreciative of the support from community leaders,

civic organizations, the local police and fire departments and to Dr. LaSalvia and his staff for providing their services free of charge to the many graduates of the Safety Town program.

Dr. LaSalvia has offered Toothprints to his patients since 1996, and wanted to share the benefits of the service with the community. He and his staff became involved in the Safety Town program five years ago, after contacting Officer Anna.

“She and Chief Walling have been instrumental in our involvement with Safety Town,” LaSalvia said. “We are pleased that for the past five years we have made this unique identification tool for all the young graduates and we believe this is a definite enhancement to an already outstanding safety program. The children enjoy making their Toothprint and for the parents we find it brings some additional peace of mind.”

Although dental restorations and X-rays have historically been the primary basis for dental identification, methods such as Toothprints are now important because the successful fight against tooth decay has left many children with no cavities or dental records to be used for identification. For more information about Toothprints, check with your dentist or contact Dr. LaSalvia and his staff at their Westlake office. ●

Laura Gonzalez lives in Bay Village.



Safety Pup, Mayor Clough and Director Olivia Kostecke congratulate Safety Town graduate Danya Al-Jundi.



Safety Town graduates Makalya and Henry with Officer Anna.



Westlake dentist Dr. Dave LaSalvia makes a Toothprint of Joseph Khouri at Safety Town.



Kylie Nolan demonstrates for her mother, Melissa, the correct way to walk a tricycle across the street at an intersection.

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A history of the Martin's Deli building on Bassett Road

by Kay Laughlin

On the north end of Bassett Road is Lake Road and the old Sadler (Saddler) property (Lot #92). Sometime after the Lake Shore Electric Interurban track was laid through their property in 1897, the Sadler family sold a strip of land south of the track on the west side of Bassett Road and a two story building was constructed. The building fronted on Bassett Road with two large windows on either side of the front door. On the first floor was a store with parking in front. Upstairs were living quarters.

Across the street was the Thompson grocery store. It was housed in the old wooden Methodist Church building moved in 1909 from the corner of Lake and Bassett Roads to the interurban tracks. When this building burned down around 1911, the Thompsons moved their store across the street into the empty building.

Bill Sadler and a book about the Lake Shore Electric Interurban tells us the building was built by Mr. Pencik, and he leased it to the West Shore Supply Company in 1919. The West Shore Supply Company was opened to satisfy the needs of the farmers in western Bay and Avon Lake. The store sold grain, grape growing supplies, rope, feed and shovels, among other things. It was similar to the Cahoon Store on Dover Center Road near the railroad tracks. With few good roads, the tracks were the way to transport goods and people.

The supply business didn't last very long and, as George Serb tells us, the property was purchased by Mr. Grosse. He leased the building to the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company, otherwise known as the A&P grocery chain. Behind the building, Fred Sadler ran a hand laundry during WWI. The interurban stopped running in May 1938, and the A&P store closed.

George Schmidt was in charge of the meat counter in the A&P. When the store closed, George and his wife, who lived across the street, reopened the store as a mom and pop shop in the Volunteer Stores Cooperative Chain. Billy and Julie Blaha lived up stairs. (I grew up west of Bradley and, as a little girl in the 1940s, remember my mom walking to the store and pulling my sister and me in a wagon.) Four generations of the Schmidt family stayed in the village.

George and Bob Serb moved into a one story addition on the south side of the building and opened the Bay Sweet Shop featuring cones, sundaes and shakes. My sister, Barbara Walker, still remembers the gigantic Baby Ruth candy bars for 10 cents. There was a soda fountain counter with stools and booths on the south side. A Sohio gas pump was in front of the store. The brothers delivered ice, sometimes by motorcycle, from Pop Serb's Ice Store at Hahn's Grove.

When WWII came along, George and Bob Serb sold their ice cream business to Ma (Katherine) Liebttag who moved the business into the store. Don Carpenter was on the Bay High basketball team in 1944 and remembers Ma inviting the team to lunch in the sweet shop. He remembers the counter was in the front of the store and boxes of cereal and canned goods lined the walls.

My sister remembers sitting with Sally Price at the u-shaped counter in the 1940s, with Ma standing in the middle, having a hot fudge sundae. When they saved enough money – 25 cents – they would get off the school bus at Ma's Sweet Shop, have their treat and walk home to Bradley and Lake Roads.

The Beck family lived upstairs, and Don, Lois and Marjory graduated from Bay High School. Lois was crowned Miss Cleveland in a beauty pageant. Mr. Wertz, the shop teacher at the high school, who lived on Bassett, also operated the ice cream parlor for awhile.

In the 1950s, the store was renamed The Bay Superette and a barber shop was in the south addition. Armond and Ferris Karim ran "The Supe" with Ferris behind the meat counter. Their meats were highly respected. Margaret Hook, who lived in the Wm. Aldrich II farmhouse, walked down to the store almost every day to shop and buy meat. Ferris and his family lived on the second floor and Tom Phillips, Director of the Osborn Learning Center, took his turn upstairs.

Goomba Nick's Pizza took over the barber shop on the south side. Goomba's was very popular. Their pizza was the best, and the high school students were huge noontime customers in the 1970s and 80s. Goomba's later moved to Detroit Road at Dover Center.

Today this building is known as Martin's Deli and one of Bay's historic buildings. Earl Martin, once the mayor of Rocky River, owns the deli. When he purchased the building, the front door was moved to the north side and the front windows removed. The small building on the south side became a dining room. Today, Martin's is a thriving business selling great food and wine in the store. Be sure to pay them a visit. ●

Kay Rothaermel Laughlin is an author & Bay Village historian.



Bay Sweet Shop and the Volunteer store occupied the Bassett Road building in the 1940s.



The building on the north end of Bassett Road has housed various businesses since 1911, including a farmers supply store, an ice cream shop, a pizza place and several different grocery stores. Today it is home to Martin's Deli.

Local stars shine in 'The Music Man' at Huntington Playhouse



Local residents joined the cast of the musical "The Music Man" for a special performance benefiting the Bay Village Bicentennial on July 25 at the Huntington Playhouse. Cameo performers were: (left-to-right) television personality Eileen McShea, Bay Village Community Services Director Debbie Bock, local business owner Jim Potter, contractor Doug Gertz, Barb Harrell, Fr. Tim Gareau of St. Raphael's Church, and meteorologist Jon Loufman of 19 Action News.

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July 31, 7 p.m.

Family Fun Night

Bring along your entire family for a night of family fun! There will be various activities for all ages, such as face painting, jewelry making and games. The real fun begins at dusk with the movie "Kung Fu Panda" shown on a 10x14 foot screen. Bring your blankets and come early to receive free popcorn and a good spot on the lawn! The event is free for Bay residents. Cahoon Memorial Park Gazebo

August 1, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Westlake Summer Concert Series

Beatles tribute band Hard Days Night performs at the Westlake Rec Center. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Lawn chairs or blankets are recommended. Westlake Recreation Center, 28955 Hilliard Blvd.

August 1, 7 p.m.

Bay Village Community Band Concert

Cahoon Memorial Park Gazebo

August 4, 2-3 p.m.

Balance 101

A certified fitness trainer teaches techniques to incorporate balance activities into the daily routine for those touched by cancer. For more information, visit <http://www.touchedbycancer.org>. The Gathering Place West, 800 Sharon Dr., Westlake

August 4, 6-7:30 p.m.

Parachutes Support Group at The Gathering Place West

A group for children who need ongoing support related to cancer in a loved adult family member. This workshop meets the first and third Wednesday of every month from July 7-September 15. Advance registration is required, call 216-595-5946. The Gathering Place West, 800 Sharon Dr., Westlake

August 5, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Westlake Photo Guild August Meeting

A discussion on Photoshop Elements will start at 6:30 p.m. The general meeting will start at 7 p.m. Those wishing to have their work critiqued should bring in one print no smaller than 8" x 10" mounted in a mat, no frame. More information about the Guild will be forthcoming at the meeting. For more info, contact Bob Zak at putrguy12@yahoo.com. Craft Room, Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

August 6-7

Westlake High Class of 1980 30-Year Reunion

August 6, 7 p.m. - Panini's Bar & Grill, 23800 Detroit Rd., Westlake
August 7, 7 p.m. - Westlake FOP Hall, 26145 Center Ridge Rd. Light Dinner buffet, beer, soft drinks. \$20/person

August 7, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Writers INK

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August 8, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Westlake Summer Concert Series

Billy Joel/Elton John tribute band 52nd Street performs at the Westlake Rec Center. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Lawn chairs or blankets are recommended. Westlake Recreation Center, 28955 Hilliard Blvd.



Westlake Historical Society's Antique Vintage & Craft Show, July 18.

Charlotte Thibo, center, was honored at a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the show, which she started 40 years ago. The annual show was originally held on a Saturday, but Charlotte took a risk and moved it to Sunday, in hopes of attracting the after-church crowd. "It was a lucky break for us," Charlotte said, as the move increased attendance. Standing beside Charlotte are Emily Wertz and Dr. Marie Albano, who dressed in period costumes and mingled with the crowd.



Bay High Class of 1965 honors classmate Sgt. Kenton Henninger, July 17.

Bill Pappenbrock (above, right), presented medals that his cousin, Ken Henninger, was awarded for his sacrifice in the Vietnam War to the Bay Village Historical Society. Accepting on behalf of the society was Tom Phillips (above, center), also a member of the 1965 Bay High class. Vietnam veteran and fellow 1965 Bay alumnus Bob Lucas (above, left) hosted the presentation.



Kenilworth Road block party in Bay Village, July 10. The family-oriented event consisted of food, an inflatable bounce-house, and lots of summer fun.



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