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'Rolling Tide' wows Great Lake Erie Boat Float crowd

by **Richard Gash**

Sea Scout Ship 41's "Rolling Tide" received the Most Artistic Style (Creative) Award at the Great Lake Erie Boat Float on Sept. 11 at Edgewater

Park Beach and drew many astonished stares from the spectators as it was rolled to the start line. Designed like a hamster wheel to skim over the surface of Lake Erie, the float was driven by a Sea Scout running inside » See TIDE, page 11



The Sea Scout crew won the Most Artistic Style award at the Great Lake Erie Boat Float contest on Sept. 11. Their "Rolling Tide" float was made from 600 recyclable Tide detergent bottles.

Red Brick schoolhouse slated for demolition

History of education in Westlake to be preserved

by **Kim Bonvissuto**

Four years ago, the Westlake City School District and the Red Brick Center for the Arts began a partnership to see if an arts center could be developed as part of each of our missions for the community. The initial idea was for the Red Brick Center for the Arts to develop an arts center at the Red Brick school building. This was based on its availability and its historic value to the Westlake community.

Unfortunately, raising the \$3 million necessary to complete the rehabilitation of this notable building proved to be unattainable. The current economic climate has made it difficult to secure funds for a project of this size, and the likelihood of being able to do so in the near future is unlikely. At this point the school district anticipates taking the building down during the fall semester.

While the dream of saving the building will not be realized, the long-term potential for having a community arts center might still be possible. To that end, the Westlake Schools and The Red Brick

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The vacant Red Brick school building on Dover Center was targeted as a location for a community arts center. Due to a lack of funding needed for rehabilitation, the historic building will be torn down, with portions of the exterior—including the "Public School" stone (top)—to be incorporated in new school construction projects.

NOT MY CHILD!

Drug awareness education program to be held Oct. 21

The parent drug awareness education program, NOT MY CHILD!, returns to Bay Middle School on Thursday, Oct. 21, at 7 p.m. The program, developed by local parents who know because they lived it, aims to teach parents how to recognize the signs of adolescent drug use.

No one believes it could happen to their child! Unfortunately, over half of our young, innocent children are experimenting with alcohol and other drugs, as early as middle school. Many parents will not recognize it at this level, which is why it's important to attend this meeting! Some of the questions discussed will be:

- What do you really know about adolescent drug use?
- Do you know the signs to look for or what to do if you suspect that your child is using?
- Do you know how to respond or where to turn for help?

To find out more, please attend an informative and interactive alcohol and other drug abuse program – presented by parents who have learned from experiences with their own children's drug use!

Join them along with an expert panel: Bay Middle School Principal Sean McAndrews, Bay Juvenile Detective Kevin Krolkosky, WEB Special Drug Force Agent Jeff Cappretto and Jamie Mahnic from Bay Family Services.

Please attend! All are welcome. ●

Descendants of settlers sought

The Bay Village Bicentennial committee is seeking descendants of the city's early settlers to take part in the cupola-lighting ceremony on October 10. The event will take place at dusk in Cahoon Memorial Park.

The lighting of the new cupola on the Bay Village Community House will be preceded earlier in the day by a parade, concerts by the community band and The Singing Angels and a candlelight ecumenical service that will include all Bay Village churches. Phone Carole Roske at 440-871-4797 for additional information. ●



Fuller House renovation moving along toward fall completion

by Peter Winzig

The BAYarts Irene Fuller House renovation is more than half way completed, and is slated to open later this fall.

New structural framing is complete, along with new electrical and plumbing work. The expanded deck and second gazebo are in place, as are new windows and a new roof.

Crews are working on insulation, HVAC, scraping and repairing the exterior and painting both the interior and exterior. Scott Adams, of JQ Adams Construction, the general contractor on the job said, "I am delighted with the progress we're making, and the cooperation and support we've received from the BAYarts renovation team and the Cleveland Metroparks. All my crews are working really hard to bring new life to this grand old lady."

Part of the overall renovation

project includes a complete electrical "rewiring" of the Huntington Reservation area, feeding electricity underground to BAYarts, Vento Restaurant and the Huntington Playhouse, as well as the Metroparks service building south of the Fuller House.

New enhanced walkways, seating areas and gardens throughout the site are also in the works. Nancy Heaton, BAYarts Executive Director said, "It sure is crazy here lately, with work crews and equipment going from sunrise to sunset, but regardless of the chaos, we are all excited to see the renovations, ongoing community support from our partners and donors and the entire project come together the way it has. It's all great!"

An opening ceremony is planned for October 9, in conjunction with the Bay Bicentennial celebration. Visit bayarts.net for details. ●

Peter Winzig is project coordinator of the Fuller House renovation.



Landscaping plants in front of the second gazebo are ready to be added to the grounds of the Irene Fuller House on the BAYarts campus at Huntington Reservation.

See 'Blithe Spirit' at Clague Playhouse through Oct. 10



Lou Will as Dr. Bradman, Alex Nalbach as Charles, Bernice Bolek as Madame Arcati, Tori MacNair as Ruth, Bernadette Hisey as Mrs. Bradman.

by Pam Kilpatrick

Noël Coward's comedy, "Blithe Spirit," directed by Kevin Joseph Kelly with costumes by Jenniver Sparano, continues at Clague Playhouse through Sunday, October 10. Show times are Thursday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. (Sunday, Sept. 26 and Thursday, Sept. 30 performances are sold-out).

"Blithe Spirit" is a classic comedy about a man whose first wife, Elvira, is accidentally summoned up at a séance. Elvira's ghost decides to stay on and torment Charles and his new wife, Ruth. Since Charles is the only one who can see Elvira, Ruth doesn't believe

him until vases and other objects start flying.

Tickets are \$12 and \$13 (with a \$1 discount on Thursdays) and may be purchased by calling the Box Office, 440-331-0403, Wednesday-Saturday, 1:00-6:00 p.m. Cash, check, Discover, MasterCard and Visa are accepted.

Clague Playhouse is located south of Detroit Road off the I-90W Clague Road Exit. Due to construction on Clague Road, Clague Playhouse may only be reached by traveling south from Detroit Road. Our website, www.clagueplayhouse.org, has detour information. Free parking. ●

Pam Kilpatrick is the Office Administrator of Clague Playhouse.

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Bay homes and buildings on the National Register of Historic Places



by Kay Laughlin

Bay Village has five structures listed on the National Register of Historic Places: Rose Hill Museum, the Cahoon Barn/Community House, the Washington Lawrence Mansion, the Huntington Pumping Tower and the Aaron Aldrich III House. Although changes have been made to some of these structures over the years, these changes have not affected their status with the Register.

In 1994, Rose Hill Museum and the Cahoon Barn (Community House) located in Cahoon Memorial Park qualified for this distinction. The application states, “Rose Hill Museum and the Community House are significant ... because of their association with the innovative philanthropy of Ida Maria Cahoon. Miss Cahoon was the last surviving child of Joel and Mar-



Rose Hill Museum and the Cahoon Barn (Community House), c.1940



Aaron Aldrich III House on Lake Road

garet Cahoon and was granddaughter of the township's first settler.” The 1917 Cahoon Will gifted intact the 128-acre family farmstead to the citizens of Bay Village.

Rose Hill Museum, built by



The Lawrence Mansion in the 1900s



Huntington Water Tower, circa 1940

Joseph and Joel Cahoon in 1818, sits on a foundation of sandstone (Chagrin shale), on a hill overlooking Cahoon Creek. They used mortise and tenon joinery, horse hair plaster, milk-based paint and white oak beams with poplar floors. The architecture is vernacular with a little Gothic Revival and Colonial Revival influence in the two 1842 and 1910 additions. When it was a library, there were bay windows in the eastern addition. These windows, and a north door on the south wing, were removed during the 1973 renovation. The stairs had been relocated to the south wall of the northeast room when the building became a library. For traffic flow as a museum, some walls were added on the first floor.

The Cahoon Barn retains the basic form, proportions and structural features of the 1882 Gothic barn. It sits on a foundation of sandstone. The wood post and beam system remains from the old barn with steel columns and trusses added for reinforcement. The exterior of Colonial Revival clapboard siding and windows were installed during the 1936 renovation by the Works Progress Administration. The inside was turned into a meeting room with knotty pine paneling, popular at the time. Kitchen and bathroom facilities were added.

The application for the National Register states, “Neither Rose Hill nor Community House are major architectural landmarks. Instead they are representative examples of the architecture of their times, Community House being a well preserved example of 1930’s Depression-era architecture and Rose Hill retaining its form from its historic period of usage as a community resource.” With the makeover by the Work Progress Administration, the farm became known as Cahoon Memorial Park and the barn as the Community House.

The Washington Lawrence Mansion is at 23200 Lake Road. The 1900


house was built in the Romanesque style popular from 1870-1890. There have been many changes over the years. In 1948, it became Bay View Hospital, and its beautiful rooms were covered with wall board to make them more suitable for hospital offices and beds. When the building became Cashelmara, a swimming pool was added and the upstairs rooms became apartment suites. With the removal of the wall board, the original walls were revealed.

John Huntington Pumping Tower is located in Huntington Reservation. The tower, built around 1870-1880, was used to store water brought up from the lake to irrigate the fields. All the implements are still inside the cedar tower; however, the siding on the outside has been changed.

The Aaron Aldrich III House at 30663 Lake Road, is the only building that hasn’t had major changes or additions. At the time the house was placed on the Register, Aaron could have walked into his frame home and found it practically as it was when it was built - Greek Revival on the outside, and the rooms, floors, fireplaces, and basement cooking area as they were 145 years earlier.

The tulip newel post, family wallpaper from the late 1880s, rugs and furniture were preserved with great care by Aaron’s great grandson, George Drake. Every item, whether a massive chest of drawers or Betsy’s library card, was saved. With George’s historical treasure and unselfish desire to share, the historical society was able to put together much of the “Way of Life” sections in their book about Bay Village.

This was a “double house.” On the east side lived the Fred Drake family with grandmother, Mary Anne Stevens, and grandfather, Henry Aldrich. On the west was Henry’s sister, Lucy Aldrich Peel, and her family. George worked very hard and never gave up until his house was chosen to be on the Register. ● Kay Rothaermel Laughlin is an author & Bay Village historian.



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Bay’s final ‘Letters to the Future’ winner announced

by Dave Tadych

The Bay Village Bicentennial Committee announce the third and final winner in its “Letters to the Future” contest. The committee will add this winning letter to Bay’s bicentennial time capsule along with the two letters previously announced. The capsule will be sealed on December 31, 2010, to be opened 100 years from then—in 2110, Bay’s 300th birthday.

The first two letter-writing winners, nine-year-old Caroline Dannemiller, who represented the 16-and-under age category, and Dianne Borowski, who represented the 66-and-older category, will be joined by John Suter, winner of the 16-to-65 age category. Congratulations to all our winning writers and a big thank you to those residents who took the time to enter the contest and visit with the future.

John Suter’s handwritten letter notes his reasons for selecting Bay Village as home 40 years ago and examines the many social changes he has witnessed over those same 40 years. Suter concludes his letter to 2110 residents with a series of interesting queries that can only be answered by residents reading the letter 100 years from now.

The committee agreed that the trio of selected winners give a well-rounded picture of Bay, albeit from three different points of view. It was really remarkable how the letters received gave such a varied look and opinion of the same city. Regardless of which letter you read, the love for our small, residential community comes through.

We celebrate Bay Village, its history, its continuing efforts to be the best and to continue the city’s caring and giving ways. We treasure the hope that nothing will dramatically change over the next 100 years unless it is for the betterment of all. Happy 10.10.10!

June 15, 2010

To Bay Village Residents on your Tercentenary,

In 1970 we moved to Bay Village, drawn by the seeming forest of trees, beautiful shoreline, diversity of housing styles and friendliness of the city. “Stop 20-1/2” signage was still on our corner telephone pole as a reminder of the earlier Inter-urban streetcar system. Interstate 90 had not arrived in the western suburbs. We didn’t have cable TV, personal computers, the internet, cell phones or “tablecloth” restaurants.

In the 1970’s Bay suffered pollution inherited from Cleveland industry. Summer days we often had air inversions---thick, nasty air all around us. We also had phosphorus, a common laundry soap cleaning agent, draining into the ecosystem of Lake Erie. This caused algae blooms, turning the summer lake green. Robbed of precious oxygen, Erie’s perch, walleye and sport fishing were threatened. Phosphorus was banned; Lake Erie and the fish flourished.

Wildlife consisted of raccoons, rabbits chipmunks and the occasional opossum.

The pesticide DDT was banned in 1972. There was a slow, steady resurgence of American Bald Eagles, redbtail falcons, foxes, coyotes, and deer---lots of deer who in 2010 have no fear of humans, roam freely and eat everything.

Today, I remember early 20th century homes along the shoreline that were either razed and replaced with much larger ones or totally remodeled. Will today’s preservation efforts allow you to enjoy century homes in 2110?

Today, we enjoy community band concerts, block parties, holiday remembrances, July 4th celebrations with fireworks and our great beaches.

As I write this, I wonder...what will your live entertainment be? Will newspapers and books be a thing of the past? Will images be holographic? How about telephones: will telepathy be common? Will the art of conversation be lost?

I only wish I could take a peek....

Bicentennially yours,

John Suter

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center celebrates Bay Bicentennial

200th birthday marked with mammoth parade snake, live wildlife history, free nature crafts, dollhouse raffle, Huntington history hike

by Shawn Salamone

As Bay Village prepares to celebrate its Bicentennial, a nonprofit organization that’s been a vital presence in the community for 60 of those 200 years will showcase the natural history of the area with a variety of fun events. Lake Erie Nature & Science Center’s own rich history will be on display throughout the Bicentennial weekend through photos and mementos.

Activities at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center include a guided, adult Huntington History Hike at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, October 6 (which requires pre-registration at \$5 per adult) and a free, family-friendly live animal program focusing on the history of wildlife in the area on Saturday, October 9, at 3 p.m.

The Center plans to make a big splash in the Sunday, October 10 Bicentennial Parade, entering a 100-foot snake that takes 20 people to march down the street. Families are invited to drop in on Saturday, October 9, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to enjoy free crafts including animal masks that they can wear in the parade.

“We thought it would be fun to open participation in the parade to the children and adults who make up the Center’s extended ‘family,’” said Center Executive Director Catherine Timko. “We also want to encourage everyone to stop in over the weekend and celebrate with us through all the activities we have planned.”

Visitors to the Center can also enter the Women’s Board raffle to win a handcrafted Bicentennial Dollhouse. The 1810-2010 Dollhouse is on display and raffle tickets are sale at the Center’s Welcome Desk from now until the drawing on Sunday, October 10.

Timko also points out that it should be a little easier for visitors to reach the Center during the busy Saturday festivities. Lake Erie Nature & Science Center is helping to fund Lolly the Trolley tours around the city on Saturday, October 9, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the Center is one of the stops on the trolley route. For more information, visit www.lensc.org or call 440-871-2900. ● *Shawn Salamone is Community Relations Manager at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center.*

Bay Kiwanis homecoming pancake breakfast is set for Sept. 26

by Tom Johnson

Bay Village Kiwanians and high school Key Club members will flip pancakes on Sunday morning, Sept. 26, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. to wrap up Bay Village’s Homecoming activities. Hot meals include Aunt Jemima pan-

cakes, syrup, link sausages, milk, juice and coffee in Bay Middle School’s bright, attractive cafetorium, located at 27725 Wolf Rd.

The convenient breakfast offers plentiful parking, good food, comfortable seating, delicious food and fast service. The meal is a community tradition,

popular with students and families, and proceeds go to provide scholarships for Bay high school students. High school Key Club members will join Kiwanians in serving the meal.

Advance tickets are available from Kiwanian Tom Johnson, 871-0445, tomjocomm@sbcglobal.net.

net, for \$5. Tickets are \$6 at the door, and children under six eat free. All proceeds go to the Bay High School Scholarship Fund.

Kiwanis volunteers have cooked and served pancakes for community causes in Bay Village for over half a century. The club is entering its 60th year of serving Bay Village. ●

Tom Johnson is president-elect of the Bay Village Kiwanis Club.

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- Aim for 300-500 words.
- Check your facts. Take the extra time to ensure accuracy.
- Submit original stories and photos. Don’t copy others’ work and remember to credit your sources.
- 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

editors who review stories for spelling and grammar. We try to keep the news as “unfiltered” as possible, but may edit length and content if necessary.

- Disclose your affiliation. If you have a personal or business relationship with the subject of your story, let your readers know.
- Don’t write stories solely to promote your business—that’s what ads are for.

Ask questions! We’re here to help you at every step along the way. Don’t hesitate to come to us for advice or help with topics, content or the submission process.

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Annual LENS C benefit draws 300+ supporters to a celestial event

by Shawn Salamone

In spite of cloud cover and early evening showers, the stars were shining on Saturday, September 11, at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center. The 20th annual benefit for the Bay Village nonprofit invited more than 300 guests to “discover the cosmos” and indeed they did.

Inside the Center, which was transformed into a sparkling celestial landscape, guests dined on an amazing array of heavy tapas from around the world by Constantino’s Market and desserts from a host of local bakeries and eateries. Two open bars included beer, wine, soft drinks and a signature Cosmo, of course. A stellar silent auction, backyard bonfire and the cool, cosmic sounds of live music trio Bob Blankenburg, David Bruns and Tom Demis rounded out the entertainment.

Discover the Cosmos!, the nonprofit Center’s biggest fundraising event of the year, was co-chaired by Alison Muth and Marianna Orro, with committee support from Amanda DiBenedetto, Corryn Firis and Christopher Herbruck. DiBenedetto was the force behind the decorations that included silver candlelit trees adorned with crystal ornaments and thousands of twinkle lights inside and out. She also pulled together artists of all ages to interpret our Solar System in a variety of media, with 20% of the sales benefiting the Center.

Firis headed up a live auction that featured more than 85 exciting packages from great getaways and sports tickets to spa treatments and an archaeological dig. Herbruck led the Board’s goal-topping underwriting efforts, supported by a long list of corporate and individual donors.

Muth and Orro both say the evening does more than raise much-needed support for a great community resource. “This evening focuses well-deserved attention on the wonderful mission of the Center — the planetarium, live wildlife and unmatched nature

and science educational programs,” said Orro.

Catherine Timko, who was attending her first Center benefit since starting as Executive Director in January, had high praise for benefit co-chairs and committee. “This event takes hours and hours of planning and work and it’s all made possible by the selfless contributions of the Benefit Committee, auction donors, underwriters and volunteers. It’s humbling to see how much the community values this organization and is willing to support it with time and resources.”

Shuttle Astronaut Mike Foreman helped to announce the winners of the evening’s raffles for two Continental Airlines round trip tickets, Sterling silver Chamilia charm bracelet, a handmade “Wild for Nature” quilt. Foreman, who logged five spacewalks during two shuttle missions, was the only attendee who could say he’d done the real thing, as other guests lined up to pose for a photo behind a floating astronaut cut-out.

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center features a planetarium, wildlife rehabilitation, more than 100 live exhibit and educational animals and a wide variety of educational class and program offerings for all ages, annually serving more than 180,000 children and adults. The Center is located in the Cleveland Metroparks Huntington Reservation, but it is an independent, donor-funded, nonprofit organization. ●



The Benefit Committee for Discover the Cosmos! was (left to right) Amanda DiBenedetto (Decorations), Corryn Firis (Auction), Co-chair Marianna Orro, Chris Herbruck (Underwriting) and Co-Chair Alison Muth.



Bill and Laura Hebda of Westlake pet a Ball Python held by Frank Colosimo, Guest Services Team Lead, at the LENS C annual benefit.

Center welcomes new fundraising leader

A North Ridgeville woman with a deep background working in Northeast Ohio’s philanthropic community has joined Lake Erie Nature & Science Center as Director of Development. Ann Miller was tapped to lead the fundraising efforts for the Bay Village nonprofit organization.

“Ann’s education, experience and passion for our educational mission made her a stand-out choice among a number of highly qualified candidates for the post,” said Executive Director Catherine Timko. “I know our staff and supporters will welcome and appreciate all that Ann brings to Lake Erie Nature & Science Center.”

Miller has served Northeast Ohio nonprofits for 17 years, most recently as Director of Foundation, Corporate and Government Relations at Notre Dame College in South Euclid. She holds a Master of Non-

profit Organizations from the Weatherhead School of Management/Mandel Center of Case Western Reserve University and a Bachelor of Arts in English from Miami University at Oxford. Miller is also a graduate of Leadership Lorain County, Class of 2001.

“I’m excited to have an opportunity to have a positive impact on a great organization that’s right in my backyard. My family and I have enjoyed coming to Lake Erie Nature & Science Center for years, so I know first-hand what makes this place such a wonderful resource for the region,” said Miller.

Miller, her husband Doug and two sons reside in North Ridgeville, where she is an active volunteer in her son’s school. Prior to Notre Dame College, Miller served in Development positions at Lorain County Community College Foundation, Applewood Centers, Inc. and The Cleveland Education Fund.

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Miller takes over Lake Erie Nature & Science Center’s Development responsibilities from Renee Burslem, who moved to New York for her husband’s job opportunity earlier this summer.

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center is a regional center of excellence that features a planetarium, wildlife rehabilitation and more than 100 live animals on exhibit and featured in a wide variety of educational offerings. The independent, donor-funded nonprofit organization annually serves more than 180,000 children and adults. For more information, visit www.lensc.org or call 440-871-2900. ●



Ann Miller joins Lake Erie Nature & Science Center as the nonprofit organization’s new Development Director.

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Upcoming Bay Village Branch Library programs

by Joyce Sandy

The Bay Village Branch Library has exciting programs coming up for all ages and interests. Please call the library at 871-6392 or go online to cuyahogalibrary.org to register. We look forward to seeing YOU!

ADULT DEPARTMENT

Thursday, Sept. 23 (7 p.m.) SOCIAL NETWORKING AND YOUR BUSINESS – Discover how social networking platforms such as Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter can be used to incubate business ideas, identify venture opportunities, find employees and market your product.

Tuesday, Sept. 28 (6:30 p.m.) CAREER PLANNING – Learn how to plan for a future career change. Join our Career Center Counselor to map out your future.

Wednesday, Oct. 6 (7 p.m.) CIVIL WAR MONUMENTS – Harold George will present background on the Civil War monuments throughout Ohio – who built them and why, where they are located, and the types of materials used to build them. A comparison of monuments will be performed using turn-of-the-century post cards. Sponsored by the Friends of the Bay Village Library.

TEEN DEPARTMENT

Tuesday, Sept. 21 (7 p.m.) GIRLS IN BAY BOOK CLUB – Girls in grade 6 are invited to bring an adult female friend for some fun. We'll discuss a book, share a snack, and try a related project. Copies of the book are available one month before the discussion.

Saturday, Sept. 25 (9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.) ACT PRACTICE TEST – Join us for a FREE practice ACT Test provided by the Princeton Review. The test will last four hours and you will need to bring two No. 2 pencils and a calculator. For grades 9-12.

CHILDRENS DEPARTMENT

TOUCHDOWN FOR READING – Get in the game this Fall! Play the Touchdown for Reading online game. For grades 4-8 but all ages are invited to participate.

Tuesday, Oct. 5 (7 p.m.) PRINTMAKING – Join us for a printmaking program with Liz Maugans from Zygote Press.

Saturday, Oct. 9 (1:30 p.m.) BAYVILLAGE BICENTENNIAL PROGRAM – Celebrate the Bicentennial and Bay Village as it used to be with crafts and the story “Warm as Wool.”

Please register for the above programs by calling 871-6392 or register online.

Touchdown for Reading at the Bay Village Branch Library

by Liza Kahoe-Arthur

Are you ready for Cleveland Browns football season? Well get your gear on, because students in grades 4-8 are invited to kick-off and score touchdowns during the Touchdown for Reading program. Touchdown for Reading is easy to play. For every 30 minutes you read, you get to log your reading time. For every two hours you read, you gain five yards. You could win great prizes donated by our partners just for reading!

When you reach 50 yards, just print out your certificate, take it to the Bay Village Branch Library and exchange it for a completion certificate from the Browns. The Bay library will host a pizza party on November 22 at 4:00 p.m., sponsored by the Cleveland Browns, for all youth who participated in Touchdown for Reading. The winner of the final prize will be announced at the event. Children and teens can play now through November 20 by logging onto www.cuyahogalibrary.org.

Liza Kahoe-Arthur is Teen Librarian at the Cuyahoga County Public Library Bay Village Branch.



Huntington Playhouse hosts 'Cash on Delivery' benefit

by Karen Huhndorff

Imagine the comedy and mayhem resulting when an unemployed man seeks to collect government assistance checks by assuming identities and disabilities. Enter his caseworker and his plan begins to unravel.

This is the farce, “Cash on Delivery,” presented by Huntington Play-

house to benefit Lake Erie Nature & Science Center's Women's Board and the Avon Lake Women's Club.

Come join us for a matinee performance followed by a reception on Sunday, September 26, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20 each; please call Karen at 440-835-3283.

Huntington Playhouse is located at 28601 Lake Road in Bay Village.

Bradley Bay celebrates Assisted Living Week with luau

by Nancy Girardot

On Wednesday, Sept. 15, the dining room in the Assisted Living at Bradley Bay Health Center was transformed into a Hawaiian paradise. Luau decorations, flowers and food were created by the assisted living staff under the direction of Tammy Wearsch, Assisted Living Manager. Bev Spielberger, Activities Director, provided the creative touch with many decorations and leis for the residents, staff and family members. Liz Mescka and staff created the delicious Hawaiian food that everyone enjoyed. Jerry Simmer entertained everyone with his Hawaiian tunes.



Jewel Dawkins gets into the Hawaiian spirit at the Bradley Bay luau on Sept. 15



Betty Adams and Norma Matias, Bradley Bay Assisted Living employees, have a blast at the Center's luau party.



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WPPL's calendar of events

by Elaine Willis

Thursday, Sept. 23 (2-7 p.m.) AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE – Type-O Drive

Friday, Sept. 24 (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.

Saturday, Sept. 25 (9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.) ACTTEST RESULTS– Get your results for the previous week's exam, and discuss strategies and tips for effective test-taking.

Monday, Sept. 27 (1-7 p.m.) AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

Tuesday, Sept. 28 (6-8:30 p.m.) KARAOKE MADNESS – Call it Porter Idol! For all of you aspiring singers out there, come sing karaoke and show us what you've got! Choose from a large selection of songs – country, rock, pop, hip-hop, and more! For ages 11-18. Please register starting September 21.

Wednesday, Sept. 29 (4-7 p.m.) HIGH SCHOOL MANICURES – Student nail estheticians from Brown Aveda Institute will be giving free manicures to teens in grades 9-12. Space is limited, and teens must present their own Westlake Porter Public Library card at the time of their appointment. Appointment times are 4:00

p.m., 5:00 p.m., or 6:00 p.m. Call the Youth Services Department at 440-250-5471 to reserve your spot. Registration is required and begins September 15.

Thursday, Sept. 30 (9 a.m.-8:30 p.m.) LIBRARY SURPLUS SUPPLY SALE – Items for sale in the Porter Room.

Friday, Oct. 1 (9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) LIBRARY SURPLUS SUPPLY SALE – Items for sale in the Porter Room.

Friday, Oct. 1 (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.

Monday, Oct. 4 (7-8:30 p.m.) MAKING YOUR NETWORK – Mr. Mike Perry of Szarka Financials will be talking about where and how to network and what are the new media ways to use your network to help find job prospects. Please register.

Tuesday, Oct. 5 (6:30-8:30 p.m.) SCHOOL OF ROCK – Learn how to become a rock star! Members of a legendary local rock band will teach you everything you need to know about starting a band. Live music! Grades 6-12 only.

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

Westlake Schools to host neighborhood construction update meetings

by Kim Bonvissuto

The Westlake City School District has scheduled Master Facilities Plan Phase I construction update meetings for neighbors bordering the Westlake High School and Lee Burneson Middle School/Dover Elementary School sites.

With passage of Phase I of the Master Facilities Plan, the Westlake Schools can move forward on a much-needed building project that will include:

- Renovating and adding space at Lee Burneson Middle School to turn it into an intermediate school for grades 5-6. Estimated completion: Winter 2013/2014.
- Building a new middle school for grades 7-8 near the existing building. Estimated completion: Winter 2012/2013.
- Rebuilding an extensive portion of Westlake High School while preserving the 2005 additions. Estimated completion: Fall 2013.
- Neighbors of the LBMS/Dover site will meet Tuesday, Sept. 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the WHS cafeteria.
- Neighbors of the WHS site will meet Wednesday, Sept. 22, at 6:30 p.m. in the WHS cafeteria.
- The agenda for both meetings will include:
- Updates on traffic studies, soil borings and geotechnical surveys
- District considerations for neighborhood points on forested areas, tree lines and drainage matters
- Questions/concerns and other input from neighbors

While the meetings are geared toward those residents bordering the construction sites, anyone is welcome to attend.

For continued updates on the school district's Master Facilities plan visit <http://beta.westlake.k12.oh.us/Facilities/default.aspx>. ●

WHS students win 'Best of Show' at state fair showcase

by Kim Bonvissuto

Two projects from students of the Westlake High School Engineering & Technology Education Department were judged "Best of Show" at the Ohio State Fair Engineering & Technology Education Showcase.

WHS senior Dane Rimko's pop-up chair design won a "Best of Show" in the Manufacturing Technology category. The sophomore design team of Ted Poulos and Matt Hall also won a "Best of Show" award for their PVC kayak in the Transportation Technology category.

Award of Merit ribbons were given to recent graduates AJ Suever and Jeff Thaler for their Thinking Big, Building Smart and energy efficient house design in the Design / CAD Technology category.

Students from 17 schools around the state entered more than 400 projects in seven categories. ●

Kim Bonvissuto is the Communications Coordinator for Westlake City Schools.



Dane Rimko and his pop-up chair design



Right: Matt Hall and Ted Poulos with their PVC kayak

RED BRICK

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Center for the Arts remain committed to exploring the possibilities of an arts center in Westlake.

Both groups want to leave open a potential partnership under the umbrella of the school district's Master Facilities Plan by looking at the possibility of making the high school's arts programming spaces contiguous with the Performing Arts Center. The goal would be to explore designing the school in such a way that it would allow the community access to the creative arts space outside of school hours if desired. No additional space beyond that required for the school would be constructed, but if it is feasible, it would provide for additional utilization. This is a concept we are exploring with other aspects of our building spaces.

Additionally, to honor the history of education in Westlake as exemplified by the Red Brick building, both groups will consult with the project architects to determine if portions of the design can incorporate elements of the historic qualities of the Red Brick building and potentially utilize a few key items of the old building in the new construction. These elements may include bricks from the building used in a walkway on the new campus, along with some for community distribution, as well as the incorporation of the "Public School"-engraved stone finding a home at the

new high school.

The Westlake City School District understands the desire to maintain community history. The renovation of the old middle school into a 5-6 building will take on the name Dover Intermediate School, for example, to retain that connection to our past.

A Brief History of the Red Brick

A \$14,000 bond issue was passed by voters in May 1908 to construct a four-room brick building, which became the first consolidated school building in western Cuyahoga County. The building opened in 1909 to house Dover High School. In 1913 an addition was added to increase the number of rooms to eight. The back four classrooms and inside fire escapes were added in 1917.

The new Dover High School was dedicated in 1923 as an eight-classroom high school built just behind the Red Brick building, on the site of today's Lee Burneson Middle School. After the high school moved out, the Red Brick became a centralized grade school.

As enrollment grew, all of the Westlake schools held classes in the Red Brick to accommodate increasing enrollment and provide a learning space until a new building could be built. The Red Brick served as a school from 1909 through 1968, and then as the Westlake Board of Education's administrative offices through 2003. The building has been vacant since July 2003. ●

Westlake Historical Society presents 'If Quilts Could Talk' Sept. 27

by **Lysa Stanton and Dave Pfister**

The practice of quilting is said to date all the way back to ancient Egypt. Some of the earliest known quilts in Europe date back to the late 1300s. Quilting in America was only done by the wealthy colonists originally and probably further delayed by the Civil War and aftermath.

Recently, the Westlake Historical Society was given a historic quilt made in England dating back to 1838. It is made of three cornered patches and lined with old historical newspapers and letters from the period. It was also shown at the Halle Brothers exposition in 1927.

The above quilt will be part of a presentation on September 27 by Dr. Marie Albano, titled "If Quilts Could Talk." The presentation is sponsored by the Westlake Historical Society and will be given at the Westlake Porter Public Library at 7 p.m.

There is no charge to attend this event and refreshments will be served. For more information contact the Westlake Historical Society at 440-721-1201 or visit www.westlakeohiohistory.org.



This historic English quilt was made in 1838. It was gifted to the Westlake Historical Society and will be part of a presentation about the history of quilting at Porter Library on Sept. 27.



Mel Maurer, portraying Leonard Porter, with Westlake economic development assistant Lynn Brady and Westlake mayor Dennis Clough. In 1884, Porter willed the sum of \$1,000 to the establishment of a public library in Dover Township, Ohio (which became Westlake Township in 1940, and the City of Westlake in 1957).

Westlake kicks off Bicentennial at Chamber of Commerce luncheon

The city of Westlake kicked off its 2011 Bicentennial at the Sept. 14 West Shore Chamber of Commerce luncheon. A committee of more than 100 representatives from community organizations, non-profits, public and private schools, and individuals has formed to plan the city's bicentennial celebrations.

The city of Westlake has committed start-up funds to kick off the Bicentennial celebration. Chamber members were presented with opportunities that require additional sponsorship during the luncheon and press conference.

Proceeds raised will be used to honor the city's past and prepare for the future with the creation of a museum of Dover Township and a civic space at Crocker Park.

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Digitizing public records a work in progress

by Jayne Broestl

Have you always wanted to know more about your ancestors and their place in history? Now is a wonderful time to begin or continue your research. Many public records have been digitized and uploaded to the Internet, making it is easy to do long-distance research from any local library or your home computer. However, ALL the records are not online. Visits to area libraries and courthouses are still necessary. But before you visit, you need to know what holdings that facility has.

On Sept. 15, Bill Barrow, Special Collections Librarian at Cleveland State University, spoke to members and guests of the Cuyahoga West Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society, about the holdings at CSU and how he has made it possible for some of that information to be accessed online.

Mr. Barrow's ongoing projects include:

- Cleveland Cartography, a collection of historical and contemporary maps (active since 1996);
- Cleveland Digital Library, an online reference library that includes digital images, maps, photographs, video, drawings, cartoons and electronic text about greater Cleveland and its history (active since 1997);
- The Cleveland Memory Project, a gateway to CSU's Special Collections that includes an online database of digitized images (active

- since 2001);
- Ohio's Heritage Northeast that allows simultaneous searching of six area libraries' local history collections online;
- SDS@BGSU, one person's account of the 1960s in Ohio; and
- Cleveland History Blog of comments and information about local history matters.

Sponsoring guest speakers, such as Mr. Barrow, is just one example of how a local genealogical society can help you. Cuyahoga West Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society meets the third Wednesday of the month (excluding August and December), at Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd., from 7:00-8:45 p.m. Social time and refreshments are from 6:30-7:00 p.m. A guest speaker or a roundtable discussion is the usual program.

Members receive the Tracer, a quarterly newsletter that provides feature articles, helpful tips and notice of area-wide instructional opportunities. Informal small group Family History Research help sessions, for members and the public, are offered the first Wednesday of the month (except July, Aug, Dec, Jan.), from 1:00-2:30 p.m., also at WPPL. For more information, visit their website at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohcwogs> or email cuyahogawest@gmail.com. ●

Jayne Broestl is the Publicity Chair for the Cuyahoga West Chapter of the OGS.

COMPEER PROGRAM AT FAR WEST CENTER OFFERS HEALTH, FRIENDSHIP AND FUN

by Denise Ayres

Mind, body and spirit are inseparable. A change in one causes a change in the other two. We all strive to balance an optimistic state of mind, good physical health and continued motivation. Research studies consistently show that supportive relationships and our friendships help us to keep this balance. The Compeer Program and its valuable volunteers are helping men and women in recovery from mental illness to re-balance their lives.

What if, in a little of your free time, you could help others and have fun doing it? Compeer volunteering can offer you that opportunity. Compeer volunteers provide emotional support on a one-to-one basis by making phone calls and arranging visits with adults that are trying to regain optimism and motivation. In addition to that, members and volunteers have many opportunities to enjoy the activities offered in the Compeer Quarterly Calendar of Events.

Compeer Events are scheduled and facilitated by the Compeer Program staff. Each month of the Compeer Calendar offers a variety of activities that are interesting, entertaining and fun. Compeer has a monthly Coffee Night, at which many of us select milkshakes. Compeer holds a monthly Game Night which usually results in a lot of laughter and smiles. Members, staff and volunteers bowl

every other Thursday at Bay Lanes. Then there are special events, like a performance by the Blue Water Chamber Orchestra, which will be in our next Observer article!

The Compeer Program tries to provide opportunities for members and volunteers to explore new interests or enjoy continued interests in a friendly, social setting. This spring Compeer started our Garden Club with the help of the North Union Farmers Market at Crocker Park, Bay Village Green Team, and Cahoon Nursery. Coming in this fourth quarter of 2010 Compeer looks forward to Internet training at Westlake Porter Public Library, going apple picking and trips to nature centers and museums.

"Lean on me when you're not strong. I'll be the one to help you carry on," is a lyric in "Lean On Me" by Bill Withers. It is a powerful song with a joyful sounding melody. The song's lyrics describe the healing power of friendship. The music reflects the joyful feeling that friendship brings. In our Compeer Program, healing and joy is what we aim to bring to the balance of mind, body, and spirit. It can give this balance to volunteers as well as the members.

If you are interested in volunteering for the Compeer Program at Far West Center please call 440-835-6212, ext. 242. You can also e-mail your interest or questions to: compeer@farwestcenter.com. ●

Denise Ayres is the Compeer Program Coordinator.

History of Bay Village

People who made a difference: The Cahoon sisters

by Carole Roske

Lydia Elizabeth Cahoon

Born in Frederick, Md., in 1835 and died in 1917. Lydia was a school teacher in the Cleveland Public Schools. She often taught foreign students the love of country and the flag as one of the essentials of citizenship. After retiring from teaching, Lydia resided in Rose Hill and was instrumental in the building of the Methodist Episcopal Church at the corner of Bassett and Lake roads. She was a member of the Commodore Perry Chapter, Daughters of 1812. Lydia was a very tiny lady who loved to cook and was often in the kitchen. She never married.

Laura Ellen Cahoon

Born in 1841 and died in 1917. Laura was a school teacher in the Cleveland school system. She became a principal in Cleveland and at her death her pupils attended to pay respect. Everyone loved her. She had a bright, pleasant personality and a happy face. Laura never married.

Martha Washington Cahoon

Martha was born on George Washington's birthday, Feb. 22, in 1844 and died in

1903. She was a school teacher. One of her first teaching jobs was in Toledo, Ohio. She journeyed to Toledo and boarded in a rooming house for the year. Her contract was by the year. At the end of that year, Martha came home to Bay Village and became a teacher in the Cleveland school system. She was also an artist and many of her paintings hang in Rose Hill. When she became ill, she retired to Rose Hill where she was nursed by her sisters for seven months until her death. Martha never married.

Ida Marie Cahoon

Born in 1852 and died in 1917. Ida was a school teacher in the Dover and Cleveland school systems. She was the President of the Bay Village Board of Education. She received her teaching certificate in 1871. Ida was very involved with the Episcopal Methodist Church in the village. The Cahoon Will was drawn up by the family in 1882. Stipulations of the Will were to keep the home, barn and grounds as a memorial park and museum which was given to the citizens of Bay Village as a gift with a \$25,000 trust fund. Ida never married. ●

Carole Roske is President of the Bay Village Historical Society.



The Cahoon sisters (left-to-right): Lydia, Laura, Martha and Ida.

POETRY

The End of Summer

by Joseph Psarto, Westlake

*August is a terrible month,
a hot wind from hell
turning sand into glass.
But the latitudes are tilted
at twenty-three degrees
bending times and places,
and September comes on
with her cool-glistening-steel
permitting me to turn
to my romances and endurances,
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Mobile veterans service office coming to Cleveland Sept. 28

by Jules Rewald

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An outreach program of DAV's National Service Offices, the MSO staff are rigorously and professionally schooled in the full range of benefits for military veterans, retirees and their families. Because the DAV is a nonprofit organization dedicated solely to serving you, our NSO has only one goal: making sure you get all the benefits and services you earned. Let me repeat: THE HELP OFFERED IS COMPLETELY FREE.

When you come to the Mobile Service, bring your claim number if you have one, Social Security number, DD214, or any other pertinent documentation you have. ● Jules Rewald lives in Bay Village.

County Executive candidates featured at LWV/Baldwin-Wallace forum

by Joan Hirsh

The League of Women Voters and Baldwin-Wallace College invite you to a nonpartisan Candidate Forum featuring the Cuyahoga County Executive candidates on the November 2 ballot. It is set for Thursday, October 7, from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., at Baldwin-Wallace College, Strosacker Hall (College Union), 120 East Grand Street, Berea.

This West Side event is your opportunity to meet and question the candi-

dates who potentially will lead our newly-formed county government. The six official County Executive Candidates invited are: Edward FitzGerald (D), Matt Dolan (R), David Ellison (G), Ken Lanci (I), Tim McCormack (I) and Don Scipione (I).

For more information on the League's complete schedule of forums, visit www.LWVCuyahogaArea.org or call the League office at 216 781-0555. ●

Joan Hirsh lives in Bay Village and is a member of the League of Women Voters Cuyahoga Area.

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The benefits of self-esteem and methods to achieve it

by Nidhi Shah

True self-esteem has little to do with the way you look, what you own or the impression you make on others. It springs from the center of your being and from the impression you make on yourself. Self-esteem is your perception of worth. This self-image is a combination of your values, skills, interests and personality, as well as upbringing.

Negative self-esteem makes us demotivated and helpless, while positive self-esteem uplifts you and has a direct impact on how optimistic you feel and how confidently you can face life's hurdles. Confident human beings build self-esteem by remembering how valuable they are and applying self-esteem in real-life situations. They generate confidence and support others for a noble cause. The less-confident people hesitate to ask for anything since they feel they are not worth it.

Expedite value quotient by consistent practice. Find your values and use them to enrich your workplace and home environment. Incorporating your values will enable you to accomplish the results faster. The best thing is that nobody can snatch your values and self-esteem from you. You are in charge and accountable at all times. All it takes is your courage, especially empowerment, to do it.

Never say "fail" or "impossible." Many of us tell ourselves we failed when we mess up, women and men with confidence do not even have the words failure or impossible in their vocabularies. They use words like setback, glitch, bungle or learning experience and view their mistakes merely as lessons to help them avoid future errors.

Give yourself more credit. Since it is considered

bad to brag in front of others, many of us habitually refuse to congratulate ourselves even when we are alone. Personal effectiveness means we will privately praise ourselves for a job well done. This enhances self-esteem.

Tell yourself how confident you are since it will enhance your self-esteem. In a self-improvement campaign, we repeat statements in the present tense and frequently begin with "I am." "I am more confident and positive. I am breaking old patterns and moving forward with my life. I am glad to be me." It's about making positive affirmations and taking correct actions.

Object-referral people believe more in others and less in self, are influenced by circumstances and have poor self-esteem. Self-referral people take charge of their destiny and believe more in self, make circumstances favorable and possess high self-esteem. They trust their ability to learn self-esteem. Believing you can do it and constant willpower will make you confident to do the job in a competent manner.

Self-esteem is self-transformation and can heal your body mind and spirit by working on your thoughts and actions. For this it is essential to make self-esteem a habit and feel good about yourself. Take adverse events in your life as a learning experience. When fear prevails there is darkness all around. Self-esteem is the true light of your inner being and the values you believe. This resource we must use at all times since we become mentally stable and resilient to face challenges and pressures in life. Self-esteem brings a new hope and opens the door to new opportunities in life. ●

Nidhi Shah is a management consultant and lives in Westlake.

READERS' OPINIONS

One Senior's Opinion: Military personnel deserve gratitude for bravery

by Dianne Borowski

Seeing the huge tree sprawled on the ground just a few feet away from the Bay Village community garden where families were busy preparing the soil and planting, took my breath away. Had the tree come down at that moment someone surely would have been hurt. Luckily it had happened the night of the storm and no one was there.

The scene I witnessed made quite an impression on me. I wondered why some people are caught up in a raging storm, injured or killed while others are spared. Of course, there is no answer. We have no control over the forces of nature. We go about our daily routines with no thought about the possible tragedies which might happen to us. We trust that we will be safe, and most often we are right.

One thing I know for certain: Not many people willingly put themselves in harm's way. An exception is the men and women of our armed forces who sign away years of their lives

knowing there is a good possibility they will be living in harm's way. So many young Ohioans and young people across our country have given us the ultimate gift: They have given their lives to secure our freedom.

Personally, I know I can never repay this gift that has been given to me. I can only express my humble gratitude to those they leave behind. To all who have lost a loved one, to all who are disabled as a result of serving our country, to all who have ever served and to those still serving...THANK YOU. It is your courage and dedication which helps keep our country and its citizens safe.

Personal thanks to my brother, Jerry, Vietnam veteran; nephews, Ben and Adam Borowski; and cousins Mike Gasparini, home from a tour of duty in Iraq and awaiting reassignment, and Lt. Commander Bill Hlavin, Navy chaplain currently stationed in Afghanistan with the Marine reserves. Your family is so proud of you. ●

Dianne Borowski lives in Bay Village.

WESTLAKE RECREATION CENTER

Journey to the Rec for fall programs

by Chris Haldi

As fall begins, the weather is changing, the kids are back in the swing of school and the Westlake Recreation Center has started its fall programming. We have classes, events and programs for people of all ages. If you're looking for something for the kids or something for yourself we have what you want. Listed below are just some of the great programs we have starting within the next week or so and if you do not see what you are looking for give us a call or check out our website.

Yoga can make you feel relaxed, relieve stress and improve your flexibility. The Westlake Recreation Center offers several of these yoga classes. Parents and children can take a yoga class together to learn the moves in Parent/Child Yoga or if the child would like to take a class by his/her self we have Yoga Kids. Both classes will start Sept. 27.

The DEN is for kids to get the chance to work out and learn about a healthy lifestyle. DEN Intro will teach the kids these valuable skills and allow them to earn a DEN membership. FITastic Open DEN is for those who have special needs that would like to take advantage of the DEN and use its equipment.

You might be wondering what fitness classes we have to offer to the adults. Well there is more than enough. We have classes for everyone. If you are a new mother and are looking to get back into shape or are pregnant and are looking to stay fit, try out our Prenatal/Postnatal Fitness class. For those adults looking for an all-body workout we have Body Sculpting. This class will improve your flexibility, strength and have you burning calories. Some of you might be looking to flatten and tone up your midsection. Phenomenal Abdominals can offer you what you're looking for and help you reach your goals.

Do you your kids love to dance and jump around? If they do and would like to learn the dance move, wait no longer and sign them up. Depending on their age, skill level and interest we can help you out. We have Ballet, Ballet Advanced Beginner and Jazz all starting up next week.

More information regarding all of these programs can be found at our website at <http://www.cityofwestlake.org/recreation/index.aspx> or by stopping by the Recreation Center at 28955 Hilliard Blvd, call us at 440-808-5700 or by picking up our new Rec Gazette. ●

Chris Haldi works for the City of Westlake Recreation Department.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bay students need our continued support

To the editor:

When my husband and I were looking for a place to raise our children, great schools were of the utmost importance. Bay Village offered those and everything else we valued.

Now our children have graduated from the Bay Village public school system, and we know we made the best choice so many years ago. They are well educated, well rounded, successful adults. They not only received an excellent academic education from the Bay Village Schools, but they learned the importance of service to others from the many opportunities offered in our schools.

The opportunities available to the students, whether it is academics, community service, music, art, athletics, and drama continue to

be outstanding. The school board and administration have done an exceptional job with the taxpayers' money by being fiscally responsible and economical.

I continue to support our schools, and I urge my Bay Village friends and neighbors to do the same. Our housing stock is better valued here because of the excellent school system. But the most important reason is because it's the right thing to do.

Children today need the best education we can give them. They will not only be competing in a global market, but they will be asked to help support a growing elderly population. There is no question they need our support now. Please vote yes on the Bay Village school levy.

—Rhonda Schneider, Bay Village

Westerly School celebrates Bay's Bicentennial

The third and fourth grade students of Westerly Elementary School in Bay Village have been celebrating Bay Village's Bicentennial since October 2009. Funded by grants from Bay Educational Foundation and Bay Village Kiwanis, the students enjoyed a monthly "History Mystery" about an important historical landmark in Bay Village.

Teachers went throughout the community to photograph eight different sites which included close-up snapshots of architectural details. On the first of each month, students viewed the close-up mystery photos with written clues about the site. As part of the grant, each classroom received a copy of "Images of

America: Bay Village" to research the clues.

Each student made a guess about the identification of the site. On the tenth of each month (because of 10-10-10), a full picture of the historical landmark was revealed. Poster-sized pictures of the sites, along with the clues, were permanently mounted on the wall in the main hallway of Westerly School.

Our culminating activity involved students designing a unique Bay Village T-shirt. The T-shirts feature the "Top 10 Reasons Bay Rocks" and were available for purchase. In addition, each class



Rose Hill museum with close-up details



Stone detail on the Washington Lawrence mansion



"History Mystery" display at Westerly Elementary School

will be designing a wagon float celebrating their favorite parts of Bay. Floats will be paraded at school on Friday, October 8, and again at the official Bay Village Bicentennial Parade on Sunday, October 10.

The children have developed pride in their community as they have learned about the wonderful history of Bay Village. Many thanks to Bay Educational Foundation, Bay Village Kiwanis, Westerly PTA, and the parents, staff, and students of Westerly for their support of this

exciting event.

Happy 200th Birthday, Bay Village!

Submitted by the Westerly Academic Growth Committee: Martha Fisher, Kelli McMaugh, Megan Navratil, Marian Har-mount, Kristen Thomas, Lindsey Harris, and Carol Fortney.

Two WHS musical groups to perform at prestigious statewide conference

Both the Westlake High School Symphonic Wind Ensemble and the String Orchestra have been accepted to perform at the 2011 Ohio Music Education Association/MENC North Central Division Professional Development Conference in Cincinnati in late January 2011.

Director Raymond Walczuk sent profes-

sional recordings of the two groups in the spring. More than 150 CDs were submitted, representing groups from around the state. The OMEA selection committee made its decision on performing groups over the summer.

Walczuk said it is rare for a school to have more than one ensemble selected for such a prestigious event. ●



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Sept. 24, 7 p.m.
Lecture and Book Signing by Will Bowen
Will Bowen, will speak on how to positively transform your personal, work and love relationships, based on his new book "Complaint Free Relationships". Bowen has been featured on Oprah, NBC's The Today Show, CBS Sunday Morning, The ABC Evening News and in hundreds and newspaper articles around the world. Tickets are available online or by calling 440-835-0400. Unity Hall on the Unity Spiritual Center campus, 23855 Detroit Rd., Westlake

Sept. 25, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Operation Medicine Cabinet
This completely confidential program allows adults to safely dispose of any outdated or unwanted prescription medications. Bay Village Police Department, 28000 Wolf Rd. Westlake Police Station, 27300 Hilliard Blvd. Westlake Fire Station #2, 2110 Columbia Rd.

Sept. 25, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Gale's Westlake Annual Fall Festival Benefit for the APL
\$5 Child Admission benefits the Cleveland Animal Protective League. Games for the kids and grown-

ups Visit our cornstalk maze, crafts, bouncies, Rocky River Brewing, Weber's Ice Cream, Little Gym and our Scary Halloween displays! Music by Southern Tradition 12-4 p.m. The APL will be here with dogs and cats available for adoption from 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Help us find loving homes for these precious animals! Gale's Westlake Garden Center, 24373 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake

Sept. 26, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
Bay Kiwanis Homecoming Pancake Breakfast
See the story on page 4 of this issue. Bay Middle School cafetorium, Wolf and Cahoon roads

Sept. 26, 2 p.m.
"Cash on Delivery" Benefit Performance
See the story on page 6 of this issue. Huntington Playhouse, 28601 Lake Rd., Bay Village

Sept. 27, 1-2:30 p.m.
Employment Workshop: Using The Grapevine To Get Results
The city of Westlake, Community Services Department and Tri-C Career Development and Transition Center are hosting a series of free em-

ployment workshops. This workshop explains how to network (using the grapevine) in job searches – the most important too in a successful job search. To register, call 440-899-3544. Westlake Center for Community Services, 29694 Center Ridge Rd.

Sept. 27, 7 p.m.
Westlake Historical Society Monthly Meeting, 'If Quilts Could Talk' presentation
See the story on page 8 of this issue. Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Oct. 2, 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
2nd Annual Young Survivors' Symposium
The JD Breast Cancer Foundation's Young Survivors Symposium 2010 will focus on "Survivorship" including topics such as fertility, nutrition, conventional and integrative therapies, and mental and physical health. Featuring s a full day of conference workshops on these topics. Cost is \$50. Visit <http://jdbreastcancer.org/buy-tickets/> to register. LACENTRE, 25777 Detroit Rd., Westlake

Oct. 3, 8 a.m.
The 2nd Annual "Run for the Roses"
A 5K race and 1-mile walk, hosted by Westlake

Mayor Dennis Clough and sponsored by Patterson Dental. Pre-registration is \$17 and \$20 day of the race. To register and for more race details visit www.hermescleveland.com/roadracing/events/roses.asp. LACENTRE, 25777 Detroit Rd., Westlake

Oct. 4, 1-2:30 p.m.
Employment Workshop: Ace That Interview
The city of Westlake, Community Services Department and Tri-C Career Development and Transition Center are hosting a series of free employment workshops. This workshop offers guidelines to improving interview skills and avoiding common mistakes. Topics include traditional and behavioral-based questions and telephone interviews. To register, call 440-899-3544. Westlake Center for Community Services, 29694 Center Ridge Rd.

Oct. 7, 8-10 p.m.
County Executive Candidate Forum
See the story on page 10 of this issue. Baldwin-Wallace College, Strosacker Hall (College Union), 120 E. Grand Street, Berea

TIDE

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"Rolling Tide."
The original goal of the scouts' design was to build the fastest boat to complete the 200-yard course out into Lake Erie. A breeze out of the southeast determined otherwise. Unfortunately "Rolling Tide," a float made from 600 recyclable Tide detergent bottles took a circuitous route out and back to the beach and crossed the finish line in the middle of the field of a dozen floats.
Sea Scout Andrew said, "The scouts gave it their very best and were really excited to win an award." The next public appearance of "Rolling Tide" will be at the Bay Village Bicentennial Parade on Sunday, October 10.
The event, sponsored by the Cleve-

land Natural History Museum and the Metro Parks, was held to highlight the responsible use of plastics and limit the material entering our waterways. The Tide bottles, made from high density polyethylene with a recycling number of 2, are readily accepted by recycling companies. This helps meet manufacturer Procter & Gamble Co.'s sustainability goal of substituting nonrenewable materials with renewable sources.
The Sea Scouts are open to all boys



"Rolling Tide" encounters steering problems as Ohio Watercraft officers look on from their boat.

and girls, 13 year of age or older, who are interested in boating activities. If you would like additional information, please call Richard Gash at 440-871-

6106 or go to <http://waterfrontchallenge.blogspot.com>.
Richard Gash is the Skipper of Sea Scout Ship 41.

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