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Community Council names Bay Village citizen, project of the year



ABOVE: Bay Village resident Lawrence Kuh was named the city's 2011 Citizen of the Year. Kuh led the Bay Skate & Bike Park Foundation through the six-year campaign to construct the park. RIGHT: Tom Phillips, Carole Roske, Dave Tadych and Evelyn Allen headed the committee that organized the Bay Village Bicentennial celebration, named 2011 Project of the Year.



by Eric Eakin

¬he Bay Village Community Council has named Lawrence Kuh the city's 2011 Citizen of the Year, and the 2010 Bicentennial celebration its Project of the Year.

Kuh, a fifth-grade teacher at Bay Middle School and the married father of three, was selected for his leadership of the Bay Skate years worked to substantially fund, design and construct a skateboard and bicycle park in the city.

"Kuh was the face and voice of the project," one nomination read. "Through multiple site changes that required meeting with city departments, planners and designers to repeatedly change site designs and satisfy the various city boards, Lawrence spearheaded the skate park project through to completion.

"Lawrence was able to keep this project moving forward, despite roadblocks and opposition, using the process to teach his young group of skating enthusiasts...Not only did Lawrence give these children an opportunity to develop life-long skills in planning a project and seeing it to completion, he also brought a diverse group of supporters together for a common good."

The Bicentennial celebration, headed and Bike Park Foundation, which for six by a committee comprised of Ward 1 Councilman Dave Tadych, Bay Village Historical Society President Carole Roske, coordinator Evelyn Allen and Historical Society treasurer Tom Phillips, was handily selected as project of the year.

> The committee spearheaded efforts that raised almost \$70,000 for the city's twoday birthday celebration, which included a grand parade, video presentation, birthday cake and fireworks display.

"Individuals, civic organizations, busi-

nesses and all of Bay's churches joined hands and worked and planned for almost two years to prepare for this moving 200years-of-history celebration," according to one nomination. "Past residents from all over the country came home to celebrate and remember their Bay heritage."

"It was truly an effort by all city residents, from its youth to its seniors, that every day make our city the special place we all love so completely," read another.

"The committee's selection of Kuh as citizen of the year was easy because he worked tirelessly for the skate and bike park," Community Council President Eric Eakin said. "And the group's selection of the Bicentennial as project of the year was unanimous and without hesitation."

A reception for both Kuh and the Bicentennial organizers will be held at a date to be decided; the public will be invited to honor both.

RETRACE BOOTH'S JOURNEY AFTER LINCOLN ASSASSINATION

el Maurer, Westlake's preeminent Lincoln scholar and Civil War historian, will give a talk and slide presentation on the escape and eventual capture of President Abraham Lincoln's assassin, John Wilkes Booth. The talk will be held Feb. 11, 10-11 a.m., at the Westlake Community Center, 29694 Center Ridge Rd.

Contrary to what many people think, Booth was not caught immediately after firing a bullet into the president's head. He escaped Ford's Theatre, the city and Maryland before Union Cavalry cornered him in Virginia.

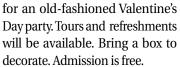
How did he manage to stay free with the whole country looking for him? Where did he go? Who helped him along the way? Did he almost get away?

These and other questions will be answered in this informative and fun program. The slides not only show what it was like in 1860, but also now, with historic sites shown in their current state - as if touring Booth's route, as Maurer has done a number of times.

Please call the Westlake Community Center at 440-899-3544 for reservations. •

Come to an old-fashioned Valentine's party

ll are invited to visit the Clague 1371 Clague Rd. on Feb. 13 from 2-4 p.m.



The Westlake Historical Society will be holding a yard sale in the spring and is now collecting any items you would like to donate. Furniture, kitchenware, clothing, shoes, tools, magazines, electronics, etc. are requested. Please call the society at 440-721-1201 or email westlakehistory@ yahoo.com.



Open casting call in Westlake for sci-fi movie

by Gary Yano

ocal filmmaker Wendell Teal is looking for actors/stunt people with martial arts backgrounds for his upcoming production, "The Eautaus." Casting for the science fiction movie will be held Saturday, Jan. 29, from 1-3 p.m. at West-

lake Martial Arts, 27321 Detroit Rd. Actors should bring comp cards/headshots. Martial artists should bring their own props, provide their own uke and be prepared to perform a short fight scene. For more information, contact Wendell Teal at 216-375-1939 or Westlake Martial Arts at 440-250-2787. ●

BAY VILLAGE COMMUNITY SERVICES

Upcoming events for Bay Community Services & Dwyer Center

by Shirley Hostetler

Fri., Jan. 28, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. 3rd **ANNUAL SOUP COOK-OFF**

Ten local chefs will be competing for your vote at our 3rd Annual Soup Cook-off. A \$5 donation includes soup, salad, roll, beverages and a chance at a drawing for door

Seating is limited as this popular event is always a sellout. Advance tickets are \$5 each; make checks payable to The City of Bay Village. RSVP 835-6565.

All proceeds benefit the Dwyer Center and are hosted by Home Instead Senior Care and Huntington Woods Care and Rehabilitation Center.

Tue., Feb. 8, 10:30 a.m. – LUNCH AT LAKEWOOD'S RANGER CAFE

The café at Lakewood High School is operated by students in the Culinary Arts Program. They plan, prepare and serve a variety of foods and culinary delights at a very reasonable price. Menu includes soups, sandwiches, salads, entrees and desserts. Cost of the lunch is on your own. Cost for van transportation - \$5.

Wed., Feb. 16, 10 a.m. - COMMUNITY **HOUSE BOOK DISCUSSION**

February's selection is "Piano Teacher" by Janice Y.K. Lee.

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Friday mornings, 8:30-11:30 a.m.

The AARP Tax Assistance Program begins the first Friday in February, and will continue every Friday until mid-April, for people who have less than \$75,000 annual income.

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Call Community Services at 899-3409 or 899-3442 to make an appointment.

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Tues., 2/8 – "Temple Grandin"

Fri., 2/11 – "Valentine's Day"

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First class is free. Call 835-6565 to

SENIOR HIGH EXERCISE - Tuesdays & Thursdays, 8:45-9:30 a.m.

ZUMBA – Latin music dance class for the working adult. Wednesdays, 5:30-6:15 p.m.

ZUMBA GOLD - Latin music dance class geared for the older adult. Fridays, 9:30-10:15

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TAI CHI – Qigong, simplified 24 form (beginners). Fridays at Bay Lodge, 10:30 a.m.-

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YOGA with Tolisa Mize Horning -Mondays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

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2nd, 3rd, 4th Wednesdays, 12-3 p.m.

Call 835-6565 to schedule ahhhhh massage. Cost is \$12.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

4th Friday of the month, 2:30 p.m.

This group is for people who are caring for individuals with dementia, Alzheimer's and all forms of memory loss. They meet at the Dwyer Center.

They welcome newcomers; discuss caregiver's challenges and offer support and suggestions.

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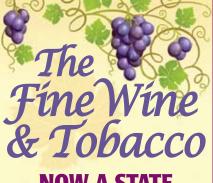
Wednesdays, 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sessions with a tutor. Call 835-6565 to schedule appointment.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LOAN PROGRAM - Available equipment includes wheelchairs, walkers, canes, shower benches, etc. at no charge. Call 899-3442 for more information or to donate equipment. This is a very valuable program for our Bay Village residents.

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Attorney Robert Frye will help you with living wills, power of attorney for health care and can advise you on other legal matters at no charge. Call 835-6565 to schedule an appointment.

For more information about our programs, call Bay Village Community Services at 440-899-3442.



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Evening of programs for recovering adults and their families Feb. 1

by Denise Ayres

On Tuesday, Feb. 1, at 6:00 p.m., Compeer will present the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) "Hearts and Minds" group at Far West Center. Hearts and Minds is a program to educate and promote positive "mind and body" health practices. Group topics will include nutrition, exercise and stress reduction.

The same evening, from 7-8:30 p.m., Far West Center will also host the monthly NAMI "Family Support Group," which provides assistance to the family members of persons in recovery, including parents, spouses, siblings, and adult-age children.

Scheduling both programs on the same evening provides an opportunity in which adults in recovery can attend Hearts and Minds, while family members join the Family Support Group. Both groups are free. Individuals are welcome to attend even if family will not be attending.

The Far West Center is located on the St. John Medical Center campus, 29133 Health Campus Dr., Westlake. For more information on Hearts and Minds please call our Compeer office at 440-835-6212, ext. 242. Information on this program is also available on the NAMI Greater Cleveland website at namigreatercleveland.org, which is great source of information on mental illness, mental health services, and recovery programs.

The Family Support Group is held the first Tuesday of every month at Far West Center. For more information, call Marilyn

Olsen at 440-835-6212.

In the media there is an increasing amount of information regarding heart functioning and heart health. So far, the information regarding brain functioning and mental health falls short of the heart information. Mental health issues are nothing to fear. Please be mindful that mental illness is an imbalance in only part of the brain and the rest of the brain functions just like yours. Imbalances of natural brain chemicals are successfully treated with medication and supportive services. People recover.

Stigma and cruel comments about mental illness stand in the way of people seeking the health care they need. Please look for accurate information on mental health issues on reputable websites like NAMI Greater Cleveland, Far West Center (farwestcenter.com), and the Cuyahoga County Board of Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (adamhscc.org).

Compeer needs adult volunteers to offer friendship to adults in recovery. The Compeer staff trains and provides educational materials to those wanting to volunteer. A responsible adult that enjoys conversation and socializing is just right for Compeer! Compeer focuses on friendship.

If you'd like to join us please call our office. We hold a monthly Coffee Night attended by members, volunteers and staff, as well as monthly Game Nights and twicemonthly bowling outings at Bay Lanes.

Sound like fun? It is. Warm friendship and laughter can help heal hearts and minds.

WESTLAKE RECREATION CENTER

Westlake weighs Into wintertime!

by Jim Dispirito

Jan. 26 (6:30-9 p.m.) DECO-**RATIVE PAINTING MADE EASY -**Have you ever wanted to have professional-looking faux-painted walls but just couldn't afford to have it done? It's not as hard as you think. This class will help you out.

Feb. 1 - April 30: SECOND **ANNUAL "WESTLAKE WEIGHS DOWN"** – This fitness challenge is open to all Westlake residents ages 18 and older. Awards will be given to the top three males and females with the largest percentage of total weight loss. Other activities include health talks, nutrition tips and healthy recipes. There is a \$10 registration fee which includes a T-shirt. For more information, contact Anne Mitchell at 440-808-5700, ext. 3475.

Friday, Feb. 4 (6:30-8:30 p.m.) FATHER/DAUGHTER VAL-**ENTINE'S DANCE -** Dance the night away with your little princess. Great father/daughter together time. Snacks and punch provided and each couple receives a free photo from the evening. Open to Westlake residents only. Fee per "couple": \$15/members; \$20/residents, non-members; \$5/add'l child.

Friday, Feb. 11 (8:30-10:30 p.m.) ULTIMATE AFTER HOURS **BASH (6TH GRADE)** – The kids run the center! Come out and enjoy some pizza and use the basketball courts, do some swimming while listening to a DJ play your favorite tunes or just hang out with your friends. Kids only participate in this adult-supervised program. Open to members or children who live or attend school in Westlake. Fee: \$10/member; \$15/ resident, non-member.

Monday, Feb. 21 (9 a.m.-4 p.m.) NO SCHOOL DAY CAMP (GRADES K-6) - Camp is designed to keep the kids entertained with games, swimming, art projects and other fun stuff in a supervised setting. Bring a brown bag lunch, towel and swimsuit. An afternoon snack will be provided. Fee: \$120/member; \$180/resident, nonmember; \$200/non-resident.

Thursday evenings (times vary by class): NORTH COAST **TUTORING SERVICES - Classes** include several levels of basic reading and math for grades K-8. A \$20 supplies fee is due at the first class. Classes are limited to 7 students.

Fridays (6-8:30 p.m.) FUN FLOAT FRIDAY - Bring your favorite fun pool float. Regular admission prices apply. No class Feb. 4.

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



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Bay community groups: News and notes

by Cynthia Eakin

he Bay Village Community Council held its winter meeting on Jan. 19 at City Hall. Members met to share their organization's upcoming agendas, and to select the citizen and project of the year.

Bay Kiwanis – The benefits of the new Village Food Project were described at a meeting attended by 300 people at Bay Presbyterian Church on Jan. 9. Student volunteers, specially trained to prepare and package healthy food for families dealing with cancer, will use the church's kitchen to prepare three meals a week for delivery by volunteers to cancer victim families selected as eligible by Debbie Bock, director of Community Services. Kiwanis President Tom Johnson presented a check for \$5,000 to Barb Harrell, project organizer, as an indication of the Kiwanis' hearty support.

Kiwanians and their families endured the winter chill to sell 272 Christmas trees, at a profit of \$7,740, which will help fund scholarships and community benefit programs. Kiwanis also dedicated 350 man hours to stripping many accumulated layers of paint from the five Fuller House doors at BAYarts so that they could be refinished.

Bay Education Foundation – The foundation is holding its fourth annual "Creating

Opportunities" benefit, a tribute to Randy Stang, on Jan. 30 at Arrabiata's restaurant.

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grant requests, the foundation announced the winners of over \$13,000 in grant money. The winner represented educators from Glenview, Normandy, Westerly, Bay Middle School and Bay High School. The programs encompass all areas of the public school curriculum and provide an opportunity to enhance enthusi-

Lake Erie Nature and Science Center Women's Board – Registration for spring session classes at the center open on Feb. 5 for members, and Feb. 8 for non-members. Holiday and weekend programs are available at nominal cost without registration.

asm for learning.

Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) – The Martha Devotion Huntington Chapter of the DAR is hosting a luncheon at Houlihan's in Westlake at noon on Mar. 12. Dr. Terry Lahm will speak on "Current Environmental Issues." Call Vicky Heineck at 440-743-7469 for reservations.

The National Society Daughter of the American Revolution is offering monetary grants to non-profit community organizations for projects that promote historic preservation, education and patriotism. Information is available at www.dar.org/grants.

League of Women Voters – The "First Thursday at Trinity Cathedral" series continues on Feb. 3 with, "Simply Women, Simply

Wonderful," presented by guest speaker Janice Murphy, president of Fairview Hospital. The group will meet on Feb. 23, 6:30 p.m., at the Fairview Park Library, to hear Gary Benjamin address "Health Care Reform: What's In It for You?"

BAYarts – The Fuller House opened with a show of artwork by area doctors. Donations are being accepted for naming rights for the gardens around the house. A series of summer concerts is being planned. The "Light up the Night" benefit is slated for September.

Village Food Project – The multi-generational project will have high schoolers preparing three family meals a week for the families of cancer patients, with a capacity to assist 16 people. Middle school students will help plant and care for a garden in the spring. There are 85 volunteers helping, so far. The program may eventually be expanded to include patients with other diseases that compromise the immune system.

Bay Garden Club – This year's Greening of Bay classes made \$2,000 in profits for the organization. A May luncheon at Lakewood Country Club is planned. Visitors are welcome at the meetings held on the fourth Monday, 11:30 a.m., at the Community House.

American Legion – Legion members retired 200 old American flags on Veteran's Day. This service will be provided again on Flag Day, June 14. The legion served as the color guard for the Bicentennial parade and will be present for the Memorial Day parade. It lends its sponsorship to Boys' and Girls' State students.

PTA Council – The fall scholarship auction was well attended, bringing in \$15,000 in funds. The six-week "Love and Logic" parenting program begins Jan. 26 at Bay Middle School. This is the second year for the six-week class session. Registration is \$70.

Bay Men's Club – A fund-raising Sweetheart Ball dance and dinner is planned for Feb. 17, at the Bay Lodge.

Bay Women's Club – The annual antiques show will take place in February at Bay High School.

Bay Village Historical Society – The Great Cahoon Savings and Loan Robbery, an interactive night of theatre with the Candlelight Mystery Players, is Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. at the Bay Lodge. Cost is \$35 per person and includes the play and a lasagna dinner with salad and dessert. A cash bar will be available. There will be a raffle for a Thomas Jones Bicentennial print of the Community House, games and prizes. Proceeds benefit the scholarship fund. Call Carole Roske at 440-871-4797 for reservations.

The society is having its quarterly potluck dinner and membership meeting on Feb. 17, 6 p.m., at the Community House. Everyone is welcome to attend. The society provides the entrée, which is roast pork with apple glaze. Guests are asked to bring a side dish for ten people to share. Admission is free, but donations are accepted to help defray costs. The evening's program is a DVD presentation about the Wischmeyer family.

The society's annual Victorian Tea is at the Dwyer Center on April 16. Admission remains \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. There will be a drawing for an American Girl doll and a create-your-own-hat contest. Phone Carole Roske at 440-871-4797 for tickets. This popular spring event sells out quickly.

The Bay Village Country Festival of antiques and fine crafts is June 18, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., in Cahoon Memorial Park. Space for antique dealers and crafters are \$50 for a 20x20-foot area. This year, the society welcomes all community organizations to help fill the entire park. Very economically-priced 10x10-foot spaces are available for \$20. The society handles advertising and publicity for the event. There will be musical entertainment, a restaurant row of food vendors, and fun for the entire family. Phone Cynthia Eakin at 440-835-2718 if you would like to participate.

Rock-n-Bowl event to raise funds for Village Food Project

he first annual Rock-n-Bowl event, a fundraiser for the Village Food Project, will be held Saturday, Jan. 29, 7:00 p.m., at Bay Lanes.

The evening will include bowling and live music and entertainment from local bands The Feedbacks (including Bay residents Dave MacAskill and Chris Gillespie), Herded Cats (including Keven Blake and Bob Geschke), along with special guest Elvis Pohlkamp and comedian Randy Geise.

Capacity is limited, so those interested in attending are asked to reserve their spot in advance. Admission is \$15 if reserved in advance, \$20 at the door,

and includes two games of bowling, live entertainment and dancing. Food and beverage is extra. To RSVP, email aspohlkamp@yahoo.com.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., bowling and live music are from 7-10 p.m. Additional tax-deductible contributions are encouraged.

The Village Food Project is a multigenerational community effort where adults mentor teens in the kitchen, training them to cook nutritious, balanced meals that will be provided to Bay residents who are experiencing a cancer crisis. For more information about the project, visit villagefoodproject.com. •

Westlake Relay For Life to hold kick-off celebration Feb. 12

by Kathleen Werling

he American Cancer Society Relay
For Life of Westlake will officially
commence as committee members and participants gather at Champps
Americana Restaurant in Crocker Park on
Feb. 12 from 12-4 p.m. to celebrate the
launch of their fundraising efforts.

This event will provide residents of Westlake the opportunity to register a team for the overnight event to be held on June 11, 2011, at Westlake High School. Complimentary refreshments will be provided.

Relay For Life began in 1985 with one man who walked and ran around a track

for 24 hours and raised \$27,000 for the American Cancer Society. This year, Relay For Life will take place in nearly 5,100 communities in the United States and 20 other countries and will raise funds to support the Society's mission of saving lives by helping people stay well, by helping people get well, by finding cures and fighting back.

Champps is located at 12 Main Street in Crocker Park. For more information about Relay For Life visit relayforlife.org/westlake, or visit cancer. org for information on The American Cancer Society.

Email:

Kathleen Werling is the 2011 Westlake Relay For Life Chair. The Bay Rockets Association & The Bay Band Boosters present

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WHS musicians invited to perform at professional conference

by Mary Schordock

The Westlake High School Symphonic Wind Ensemble and String Orchestra have both been selected to perform at the Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA) Professional Conference in Cincinnati on Friday, January 28. Very few high school ensembles are ever chosen to perform at this prestigious event, and having two in the same year is even more of a distinction.

The process began early last spring when Mr. Raymond Walczuk, WHS instrumental music instructor, submitted recordings of these groups to the OMEA selection committee. Evaluation by this committee is done in a purposely anonymous manner, further demonstrating the performance level of these students. Mr. Walczuk was notified in August of the unique honor of having two groups from the high school invited to perform.

The Symphonic Wind Ensemble, 66 members strong, will be one of eight bands performing during the three-day professional conference. Two of the other bands participating will hail from university programs, so the competition to be included was intense.

The String Orchestra will be traveling to Cincinnati as one of seven orchestras selected by the OMEA committee. However, these 46 WHS students have the added distinction of also being a demonstration group during the OMEA State Orchestra Board meeting.

All of the students, as well as Mr. Walczuk, have worked extremely long and hard to prepare for their performances. They are now ready once again to make Westlake proud!

The Ohio Music Education Association is the principal organization in Ohio promoting music education in elementary and secondary schools as well as colleges and universities. One of the largest state music education associations in the United States, OMEA is a federated state affiliate of MENC, The National Association for Music Education.



ABOVE: The Westlake High School Symphonic Band. BELOW: The Westlake High School Orchestra



BAYarts unveils newly renovated **Irene Fuller House**

AYarts unveiled the latest addition to its Huntington Reservation campus on Jan. 19 with the opening of the renovated Irene Lawrence Fuller House. The house, originally located on Lake Rd., was saved from demolition and moved to the campus twenty-six years ago. After nine months of remodeling, made possible by a \$400,000 grant from the Ohio Cultural Facilities commission and matching funds from Cleveland Metroparks, the new facility was opened with an exhibition of artwork by northeast Ohio doctors.

The first floor gallery space features unique movable display walls. The second floor will be used for art instruction classes. The gallery is open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



The Fuller House's new gallery showcases the building's transition to contemporary space from historical beginnings.



The second-floor classroom space features exposed floor joists.



When moveable art walls on the left are opened, a view of the Metroparks is revealed through a dynamic window wall.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BAY VILLAGE BRANCH

Library program focuses on the importance of Black History

by Joyce Sandy

Talk About..." is bringing an informative, important program to the Bay Village Branch Library on Tuesday, Feb. 1, at 4 p.m. Students in grades two through six will think about and discuss the importance of Black History and what it would be like if it didn't exist.

Mrs. Anderson, the organization's director, will share stories and the children will participate in a craft. Bring your imagination and creativity and join us as

we learn about this important part of history. Please register to attend this special program online at cuyahogalibrary.org or by calling 871-6392.

"Let's Talk About..." was formed 13 years ago in conjunction with the Urban League and strives to reach out to Cleveland students in and outside of school. The presenters focus on preventing substance abuse and promoting independent thinking as topics in their programs. •

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

Dan Coughlin to share the unusual side of sportswriting Feb. 2

by Barb Isaacs

an Coughlin has covered the Cleveland sports teams for 45 years as a sportswriter for the Plain Dealer and a sportscaster for WJW-TV 8. He has received an Emmy for his work and was twice awarded Ohio Sportswriter of the Year.

Join us at the Bay Village Branch on Wednesday, Feb. 2 at 7:00 p.m. as he discusses his book, "Crazy, With the Papers to Prove It," reflecting on the unusual events he has covered over his career. Books will be available for purchase and signing after the presentation.

Registration is requested as seating is limited. To register, visit cuyahogalibrary.org or call the Bay Village Branch at 871-6392. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Bay Village Library. • Barb Isaacs is head of the Adult Department of the Bay Village Branch Library.

Upcoming programs at the Bay Village Branch Library

by Joyce Sandy

It's hard to believe that February is almost here, and we all know that month brings Valentine's Day. The library is filled with Sweet Reads for every palate, so come in, browse and ask the staff for recommendations and ideas. Take home a selection of books, movies, and even toys and enjoy to your heart's content!

February is also Black History Month and we are offering a program for children to come and join in the celebration. Author Dan Coughlin's visit will start the month off right – you won't want to miss his visit as he debuts his book! Registration for all programs is just a click away at cuyahogalibrary.org, or a phone call to 871-6392. Of course you can register when you stop in to check out items, too! We look forward to seeing you!!

ADULT DEPARTMENT

Wednesday, Feb. 2 (7 p.m.) AUTHOR VISIT: DAN COUGHLIN – Dan Coughlin will discuss his book "Crazy, With the Papers to Prove It" and talk about his career as a sportswriter for the Plain Dealer, and a sportscaster for WJW-TV8. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Wednesday, Feb. 9 (7 p.m.) MANAGING THE DOWNLOADABLE COL- LECTION – Have an e-book reader? Want to listen to audio books on your iPod?

Join Cuyahoga County Public Library Internet Specialist Joe Salamon to learn about the library's downloadable collection.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Tuesday, Feb. 1 (4 p.m.) BLACK HISTORY'S GREAT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE WORLD! – For grades 2-6. History comes alive through storytelling, innovative games, and the singing of spirituals. Join us for a unique understanding of history through the tapestry of music through the ages, singing of songs, spirituals, and call and response chants. Find out what would happen if Black History did not exist. Use your imagination to creatively place puzzle pieces of history together.

Wednesday, Feb. 2 (4:15 p.m.) WORD FUN – For grades K-2. Listen to a story and then play a fun word game! We need you to help your team to victory!

Please register online at cuyahogalibrary.org, by calling 871-6392, or by stopping in. We're looking forward to seeing you!

WESTLAKE PORTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Westlake Porter Public Library's February calendar

by Elaine Willis

Friday, Jan. 28 (10:30-11:15 a.m.) COME PLAY WITH ME! – Open playtime with age-appropriate toys, songs and rhymes for ages 2-5 and their caring adults. Please register.

Saturday, Jan. 29 (11 a.m.-12 p.m.) IN STITCHES! – Learn the basics of cross stitch, try some specialty stitches and do some fun projects! Grades 4-7. Registration begins Jan. 22.

Saturday, Jan. 29 (2-3 p.m.) CHINESE NEW YEAR – Hear some fun stories, try some tasty Chinese treats and learn some neat facts about Chinese New Year. Grades 1-3. Registration begins Jan. 22.

Wednesday, Feb. 2 (10:30-11 a.m.), Friday, Feb. 11 (10:30-11 a.m.), Wednesday, Feb. 16 (7-7:30 p.m.) and Wednesday, Feb. 23 (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, Feb. 2 (7-7:30 p.m.) EVENING FAMILY STORYTIME – It's Groundhog Day and we're going to celebrate with stories, songs and lots of fun! All ages.

Wednesday, Feb. 3-Sunday, Feb. 6: FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY'S ANNUAL BOOK SALE — Come find bargain books and audiovisual materials for all ages. Half-price sale on Saturday and \$2 bag sale on Sunday. Times are as follows:

- Thursday, Feb. 3 9:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.
- Friday, Feb. 4 and Saturday, Feb. 5 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Feb. 6 1:15-4:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 4 (3:30-4:30 p.m.) VALENTINE STAMPS AND STATIONERY – Create your own valentine cards, book-

AND STATIONERY – Create your own valentine cards, bookmarks or gift tags with us. For ages 6-10. Registration begins Jan. 28.

Saturday, Feb. 5 (2-3 p.m.) GENEALOGY HELP SES-SION – Sit down with an experienced genealogist to draw up a search plan, brainstorm roadblocks and learn about different resources available to you for genealogical research. Please register.

Saturday, Feb. 5 (2-3:30 p.m.) SATURDAY MOVIE SPE- CIAL: "NANNY MCPHEE RETURNS" – Nanny McPhee returns in this action packed sequel! All ages welcome. Rated PG. Registration begins Jan. 29.

Tuesday, Feb. 8 (7 p.m.) TUESDAY EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION – The February selection is "Peony in Love" by Lisa See.

Wednesday, Feb. 9 (7-8 p.m.) CLOWNING AROUND – Step right up for a fun evening of circus stories, music, games and a craft! Ages 3-5. Registration begins Feb. 2.

Wednesday, Feb. 9 (7-8:30 p.m.) FIND MONEY FOR YOUR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION – Learn how to use the Foundation Directory Online to find money for your non-profit organization

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

Friends of Porter Library's big book sale is coming!

et ready to pick up some bargain books at the Friends of Porter Public Library's annual Book Sale from February 3-6. Included are fiction and non-fiction books, children's books, large print and a variety of audiovisual items (such as books on CD). The book sale hours are:

- Thursday, Feb. 3: 9:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.
- Friday, Feb. 4: 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Feb. 5: 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (half-price sale)
- Sunday, Feb. 6: 1:15-
- 4:30 p.m. (\$2 bag sale)

The Friends are also holding a silent auction of special books. The final bids will be taken at 3 p.m. on Feb. 3. Auction items can be viewed in the library display cases and bid forms will be available in the library lobby. •

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Wax statues alive!

by Audrey Ray, third grader at Westerly **Elementary School**

istory came alive in the third grade hall of Westerly Elementary School on Wednesday, Jan. 12. There were all kinds of famous presidents, a composer, artists, inventors, explorers, authors and much more. They were in an event called "Biobash." A Biobash is when students research an exciting person and write a speech about that person. Then, they have to memorize their speech, and finally dress up as that particular person.

The students arrived on the night of the Biobash nervous, but excited. Each person was dressed as his/her famous person and stood in the hallway as a wax statue. Family and guests finally came in and started pressing our buttons. (We were "wax statues," so we needed something to make us talk.)

Everyone kept pushing my button, and it was really hot in the hallway because of all the people. My throat was dry and I was super-thirsty, but I was happy with my class and myself because our performances were going so well.

After a while, it was time for pictures which meant it was almost time to leave. I felt proud of everything we had accomplished and a little sad that it was over.

We started this project in November. It was a lot of hard work and a lot of researching, but we had done it. Done it. We made history come alive!



Third grade students at Westerly Elementary dress up for their Biobash event.

Bay High group collects 1,000+ books for Salvation Army



Bay High student Michael Vacha, teacher Jared Shetzer, and students Jack Kendrick, Nick Falcone and Ben Holmes were among those who collected more than 1,000 books for the Salvation Army. Not pictured, but also instrumental in the collection, were students Hannah Norton, Connor Ward, Adam Yankel and Alex Seifert.

by Karen Derby

tudents in Bay High School's Career Based Intervention class collected more than 1,000 books before their winter break to donate to those in need through the Salvation Army.

"The students did an amazing job promoting this event," said Jared Shetzer, their instructor. "The Salvation Army representatives were so surprised when we showed up with over 1,000 books!"

Students who worked on the book drive were Nick Falcone, Ben Holmes, Jack Kendrick, Hannah Norton, Alex Seifert, Michael Vacha, Connor Ward and Adam Yenkel. They decided to hold a competition between home room classes, offering a prize of a pizza party for the most books donated. After writing a project proposal for the school administration, they handled advertising, inventory procedures, and promotional

"I am truly proud of these students," said Shetzer. "They were able to change, in some small way, the lives of those less fortunate."

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







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COMMUNITY EVENTS

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Jan. 26, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. **Moving Forward**

Cancer survivors who are currently in treatment or have finished treatment within the last year will learn strategies to manage long-term treatment side effects, such as cancer-related fatigue and weight gain. The free 12-week program includes circuit fitness training at the wellness center and a weekly support group. Advanced registration and written authorization from a physician is required. Participants must contact facilitator before participating. Call 216-595-9546. The Gathering Place West, 800 Sharon Dr., Westlake

Jan. 26, 6:30-9 p.m.

Embroiderers' Guild of America Meeting

The monthly meeting of the North Coast Chapter of The Embroiderers' Guild of America will feature the art of Tatting. All stitchers are welcome to join in the fun. For more information, please call Christine at 440-871-8828. Bay Library, 502 Cahoon Rd.

Jan. 27, 6-7:30 p.m. **Ladies Night Out**

Jeffrey M. Mangel, MD, and Robert Pollard, MD, from MetroHealth's Center for Advanced Gynecology will offer expert advice on health issues that affect women. Join us for a free, informative evening. Enjoy delicious appetizers and the chance to ask questions. Register online at www.metrohealth.org/LadiesNightOut or call 216-778-1003. Holiday Inn Westlake, 1100 Crocker Rd.

Jan. 27, 7 p.m. 'Living the Faith' Series: Larry Morrow

Larry Morrow, multiple award-winning broadcaster and author, will discuss his achievements and the role his faith plays in his life. A Marine Corps veteran who interviewed troops in Vietnam, Morrow began his Cleveland radio career at WIXY 1260. He will sign copies of his book, "This is Larry Morrow," after the talk. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call the church at 440-871-2082 or email bayumc@sbcglobal.net. Bay United Methodist Church, 29931 Lake Rd.

Jan. 29-31 & Feb. 1, Library Hours Friends of Bay Village Library Winter Book

The book sale is held during regular library hours on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, but closes at 7 p.m. on Tuesday. There is a wide range of adult and children's hardback and paperback books, DVDs, CDs, books on tape and magazines. Items are priced to sell and have been categorized for easy selection. Tuesday is "bag day" when patrons can buy a bagful of books for only \$1.00. Bags are provided by the library. Bay Library, 502 Cahoon Rd.

Jan. 30, 7-8:30 p.m. **Treatments for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder**

Come to a free program facilitated by mental health professionals that will address symptoms, diagnostic criteria, coping strategies, and treat-

ment options for PTSD. Treatment options to be discussed include Eve Movement Desensitization Reprocessing (EMDR), cognitive behavior therapy, mindfulness meditation, support groups, body based treatment approaches and gestalt therapy. For more information, please call 440-331-0834. Church of the Redeemer United Church of Christ, 23500 Center Ridge Rd, Westlake

Feb. 2, 1-2:30 p.m. Free Genealogical Research Help Session

If you need help getting started with researching your family tree or have come to a brick wall in your quest, just bring what information you have collected thus far to this help session. Members of the Cuyahoga West Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society will help you plan your next step. Conference Room, Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Feb. 3-6, Library Hours **Friends of Porter Library Annual Book Sale** See the story on page 6 of this issue.

Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge. Rd.

Feb. 5, 7-11 p.m.

The Great Cahoon Savings and Loan Robbery

The Candlelight Mystery Players and the Bay Village Historical Society present an evening of improvisational theater. The troupe of veteran actors will mingle with the audience, answer questions and provide clues to "who dun it" and why. Guests are invited to arrive in 1930 costume to join in the fun. The event includes a lasagna dinner, cash bar, a raffle for a Thomas Jones print of the Community House, games and prizes. Cost is \$35/person, advance reservations required. Proceeds will benefit the society's scholarship fund. Phone Carole Roske at 440-871-4797, or email caroleroske@att.net. Bay Lodge, 492 Bradley Rd.

Feb. 8, 6-9 p.m. **Heartsaver CPR**

This program teaches adult, child and infant CPR with choking rescues for lay people. This class would be perfect for scout leaders, lifeguards, babysitters, coaches and parents. There must be a minimum of six people per class or the class will be cancelled. Maximum of 12 participants per class. Must be at least 15 years of age. This class is not intended for healthcare providers. Cost is \$20/ person. RSVP to 877-597-6348.

St. John Medical Center, 29000 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake (Building 2, 1st Floor, Auditorium B)

Feb. 9, 7-8:30 p.m. **Catholics Coming Home**

Seven-week program for those considering a return to the Catholic Church. To register, or for more information, call Deacon Larry Gregg at 440-871-1100, ext. 134; Mrs. Annette Degidio at 440-250-9028; or Mrs. Dean Brennan at 440-892-2877. St. Raphael Church, 525 Dover Center Rd., Bay Village

FOOD & TRAVEL

Please pass the cholesterol

by Robin Benzle



've been trying to be a real good girl: taking the skin off my chicken and the fat off my meat. Eating lentils and legumes, grains

and grapefruit. Using skim-milk, fatfree mayonnaise and only the whites of my eggs. Avoiding at all costs Alfredo sauce, French fries and most of all, Fiddle

I've learned that pasta is poison, ribs are a sin, butter is pretty much illegal and bacon causes instant death. Dessert of any kind is out of the question except on your birthday. Coffee's bad. Popcorn's bad. Pizza's bad. And if you're caught with a Fry Baby, it's ten to life.

In fact, I've been so good that the last big treat I afforded myself was back in '06. I remember I had three of Pop's Old Fashioned Fat-Free Cholesterol-Free

Sugar-Free Sodium-Free Carbohydrate-Free Calorie-Free MSG-Free Artificially-Flavored Extra-Fancy Nacho Chips El Supremo Grande, enriched with Riboflavin. They were delicious.

And I've been thinking.....I NEED CHOLESTEROL!

I need to feel rich, gooey, warm cheese melting on my tongue. I need to fill my mouth with layers and layers of egg slices, their delicate yolks resplendent with cholesterol. I want cream - fresh and thick, with every drop of fat intact - pouring from the carton like silken streams of liquid ivory. I must have butter - the real thing, sweet and pale yellow, teeming with calories. And bacon! Oh Lord, give me bacon!

So if you wouldn't mind, please pass the Cholesterol Casserole. I'll be good tomorrow.

CHOLESTEROL CASSEROLE, LOADED

- 4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) sweet butter
- 2 large onions, sliced
- 8 hard-boiled eggs, sliced
- 3/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup heavy cream
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 cup grated Cheddar cheese
- 1 teaspoon prepared brown mustard
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 4 slices bacon, cooked until crispy

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a medium skillet, melt butter. Add onions and sauté until lightly golden.

Spoon half of onion mixture into ungreased casserole dish. Layer half the egg slices on top. Repeat.

In a medium bowl, mix remaining ingredients together except for bacon. Spoon over the egg mixture. Bake 12 -15 minutes. Turn oven to broil and cook until lightly browned. Top with crumbled bacon. Serves 4 - 6.

Robin Benzle lives in Bay Village. For more recipes visit www.robinbenzle.com.



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