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The WPAC stage is filled with a rainbow of colors as WHS senior girls fashion prom dresses for the school's annual prom assembly.

WHS assembly showcases colorful attire, promotes safe prom season

by Lauren Rump

A severe case of spring fever and senioritis spread throughout the Westlake City Schools Performing Arts Center on the morning of February 28 as the WHS PTSA Prom Assembly unfolded before the class of 2011's eyes.

The prom assembly is presented to WHS seniors each year as a showcase of local companies who are involved in the "business" of prom, but also to promote a safe, senior celebratory season.

The assembly began with Masters of

Ceremony, seniors Katie Draper and Dane Rimko, introducing Students Against Destructive Decisions Officer, senior Lauren Smith. Smith started off the presentation by giving remarks on the importance of making prudent prom choices this coming May. Along with these solemn words, the program of events handed out to students in the audience also included facts about underage drinking and using fake ID's to purchase alcohol.

As fifteen couples (randomly selected by Principal Timothy Free-

man) made their way down the lighted runway, students clapped and cheered as their friends "worked it out" on the cat walk. The colorful exhibition of gowns and tuxes were provided by Dora's Bridal in Fairview Park and American Commodore in North Olmsted. Hair was provided by Charles Scott Salon, Stay in Style Salon, and help from David Scott Stylists. Makeup was provided by Norma Bata and Christine Wojcik.

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MEETING SCHEDULED FOR BAY TRASH COLLECTION



by Dwight Clark

Bay Village City Council recently approved an initiative to convert our municipality's traditional trash collection process to an automated system. The new format, which will be handled in mechanized fashion, will be implemented around the middle part of April 2011.

The city will hold an informational meeting for residents on Wednesday evening, March 23, from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Council chambers of Bay Village City Hall. We will be joined by Dave Kidder, Area Municipal Services Manager for Republic Services. In addition, Republic has scheduled information mailings to all residents, with the first mailing by mid-March, to provide timely updates on program workings, logistics and relevant answers to questions which will likely surface in advance of this change.

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REFUSE PICK UP PUBLIC MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23
7:00 TO 8:30 p.m.
BAY CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Bay High's "The King and I" on March 10-12

The Bay High drama club will perform "The King and I" for its spring musical on March 10, 11 and 12 at 7 p.m. at Bay High Auditorium. The auditorium stage will be transformed into an early 1860s version of Siam (now Thailand) for a production of the musical.

We'll follow the adventures of Anna, a British schoolteacher, who is hired to be a governess to the children of King Mongkut of Siam. Enjoy the wonderful, period costumes and great standards such as "Hello, Young Lovers," "I Whistle a Happy Tune" and "Something Wonderful."

This event will feature students of all ages, including those still too young for kindergarten!

Playing Anna Leonowens will be Griffin Dudley, and the King of Siam will be played by Alex Messina. Other key roles are: Captain Orton (Connor O'Doherty), Louis Leonowens (Carter Cruse), The Interpreter (Bob Fisco), The Kralahome (Tony



Griffin Dudley and Alex Messina play the lead roles in Bay High School's spring musical, "The King and I."

Passalacqua), Lun Tha (Jack Kevesdy), Tuptim (Ellie Faile), Lady Thiang (Chantelle Fordyce), Prince Chululongkorn (Gideon Lorete), and Sir Edward Ramsay (Joe Melenick). The Royal Children will be played by Grace Altieri, Tyler Bender, Cara Berlan, Grace Chambers, Maria DiLallo, Anna Eckert,

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Westlake Kiwanis seeks Memorial Day parade participants

by Victor Rutkoski

The Westlake Kiwanis Club invites all citizens of Westlake, including sports organizations and civic groups, to take part in their annual Memorial Day Parade and Service. The parade travels down Hilliard Blvd. and finishes in Clague Park, where the Memorial Services honoring those civilians and military who sacrificed so much to protect and keep this country free take place.

The Kiwanis welcomes those who participated in last year's parade and services to join them again this year. Your participation in the past was appreciated. The parade and services this year will be Monday, May 30.

Please call Bill Sifritt at 440-871-6692 or Russ Milan 440-777-2720 for more information and tell them how you want to participate. ♦ Vic Rutkoski is a member of the Westlake Kiwanis.



Wally makes the rounds at Lutheran Home

If you think you see fur flying in the halls of Westlake's Lutheran Home at Concord Reserve, it may be that a "volunteer" named Wally is making the rounds. Wally is a lanky, loving Golden Retriever who visits regularly with his owner, Laura Geuther, and her niece, Alexa Pohlkamp. Wally even has a "Volunteer" tag attached to his collar.

Bay residents Laura and Alexa receive a list of residents at the Lutheran Home who love dogs and look forward to Wally's visits. It is difficult to stick to the assigned list, however, since many residents and staff members stop the group as they parade through the hallways, and ask to pet this extraordinarily friendly puppy.

The smiles on the faces of the men and women reflect the true enjoyment they are experiencing. Residents tell stories of days when they owned a dog and share happy and memorable experiences. Alexa and Laura have given photos of Wally to many residents who post them on their bulletin boards. One resident regularly offers to keep Wally while Laura and Alexa leave to do errands. Others want a specific date that



Virna Taft shakes hands with Wally, who visits the Lutheran Home with Alexa Pohlkamp and Laura Geuther.

the three-some will be returning.

It is difficult to determine who gains the most from these visits – the residents, staff members, Laura and Alexa, or the famous Wally. ●

KING AND I

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Keegan Kevesdy, Julia Kuh, Riley Marquart, Connor McCarty, James McDermot, David Myers, Alexa Pohlkamp, Jackson Pohlkamp, Brendan Spellman, and Connor Spellman.

Royal Dancers are Alexa Wiebusch, Izzy Zitiello, Jenny Osborne, Jennifer Kowalski, Emmy Korte, Colleen Kowalski, Annie Blackie,

Kat Missig, Erin Mohny, Lauren Myers, Chantelle Fordyce, and Raquel Sain.

Male Dancers and Chorus are James Roubal, David Perkins, Joe Melenick, Gideon Lorete, Jack Kevesdy, Robert A. Bonnett, Carter Cruse, Tony Passalacqua, Evan Kelly, Connor O'Doherty, Jeremy Cottam, and Bob Fisco.

The Royal Chorus members are Kerrigan Barry, Maddie Corbitt, Kaitie Foley, Jaimie Kerka, Lauren

Liegl, Hanna McDermott, Gabriella Ott, Kate Randazzo and Angelia Szekely.

The Bay High Pit Orchestra will accompany the performers.

This event is sure to sell out fast, so act now! Email Eileen. Meehan@bayschoolsohio.org for tickets, or take your chances at the door. Orchestra/Reserved tickets are \$9.00 and Mezzanine/General Admission tickets are \$5.00. ●

Test your luck for a cause at Crocker Park on March 12

by Jessica Moses

Finally, a reason to be excited about visiting the gym on a Saturday night! From 7-11 p.m. on March 12, Urban Active Fitness at Crocker Park will host "Crocker Cooks Casino Night," an evening of food, fun, casino gaming and big prizes, all to benefit those facing cancer in our local communities.

"Not only is this going to be a fun event, but it's a great way for the community to support those battling cancer locally," said Kristina Austin, director of community relations and marketing at The Gathering Place.

All proceeds will be donated to The Gathering Place to support the free programs and services it offers to those facing cancer through its Westlake and Beachwood locations.

Tickets start at \$75 and entitle ticketholders to hors d'oeuvres from Crocker Park restaurants, including 87 West, Brio Tuscan Grille, Aladdin's Eatery and Liquid Planet, as well as bar tickets and access to casino tables, such as blackjack, poker, roulette and craps. Chips can be cashed in for raffle tickets, which can be used to enter drawings to win some of the great prize packages available the night of the event. A live auction also will be held at 9 p.m.

Prize packs include an Atlantic City Package with roundtrip airfare and lodging, a three-month lease on a Mercedes Benz vehicle, spa packages, ultimate dining experiences and more.

To purchase tickets and learn more about the event, sponsored by University Hospitals Seidman Cancer Center with additional support from Collection Auto Group and KeyBank, visit www.touchedbycancer.org/crockercooks.asp. ●



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- Anyone who lives, works or has a vested interest in Westlake or Bay Village is encouraged to contribute.
- 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.

To join in, sign-up through the Member Center at www.wbvobserver.com and submit your stories & photos. Photos should be jpegs & a minimum of 2 megabytes in size. If you have questions, contact us at staff@wbvobserver.com.

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When trying to live a heart-healthy lifestyle, it's important to begin with a more comprehensive look at all of the risk factors for heart disease — or conditions that increase a person's risk of developing heart disease. Some of the risk factors cannot be changed; however, you can reduce your risk of developing heart disease.

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- Exercise.
- Follow a heart-healthy diet.

Schedule a Date with Your Heart

If it has been awhile since your last check up, it's not too late to schedule a heart screening. Our team of cardiac nurses will help you understand the risks of heart disease and how to minimize those risks through a thorough history and physical.

The screening includes:

- Complete lipid profile and blood sugar
- Blood pressure and heart rate
- EKG
- Body Mass Index
- Stress assessment

The screening cost is just \$35. At the end of your visit you will receive a personalized cardiac health plan and a referral to any appropriate providers you may need.

For more information, call Lakewood Hospital Preventive Heart Clinic at 216.529.8500.

Cold-weather Safety for Seniors

With frigid temperatures lasting for days on end, our senior population is vulnerable. One threat is hypothermia, which is when a person experiences dangerously low body temperature caused by prolonged exposure to cold temperatures. The older adult's body is more prone to hypothermia because they produce less heat than younger bodies. Therefore, it requires a shorter time of exposure for them to develop hypothermia.

"A drop from 98.6 degrees, which is normal, to below 95 degrees may cause an older adult to have a heart attack, kidney problems, liver damage and more if the exposure persists. If a person's body temperature falls below 95 degrees they will require immediate medical attention," says David Levine, MD, medical director of Lakewood Hospital Emergency Department.

Signs of trouble

- A puffy or swollen face
 - Acting sleepy
 - Being angry or confused
 - Cold feet and hands
 - Lots of shivering early. As things worsen, they eventually stop shivering.
 - Pale skin
 - Slower than normal speech or slurring words
- "Hypothermia is a medical emergency," says Dr. Levine.

"If you believe someone has hypothermia, call 911 if their body temperature does not rise to 96 degrees or higher. Most importantly, do not rub the person to warm them. Rubbing can cause severe damage. Try covering the person with a warm blanket or whatever is handy until help arrives."

Do you know when to go to the ER? Learn what to look for at lakewoodhospital.org/ER



Exercise Important for Stroke Survivors, Too



The importance of regular exercise doesn't change after one has had a stroke.

"Many stroke patients may be unsure or unmotivated about starting an exercise program," says M. Shazam Hussain, MD, vascular neurologist at Cleveland Clinic Neurological Institute at Lakewood Hospital.

With a physician's referral, stroke survivors can join Lakewood Hospital's Stroke Exercise Program. The program works to strengthen the arms, legs and midsection; helps with walking for exercise and balance; recommends aerobic exercises; and provides support for speech and cognitive activities.

"It's our goal to maintain the survivor's functional abilities and to improve cardiovascular conditioning," says Dr. Hussain. The program is designed to help the survivor re-integrate into the community and get him or her on the road to a regular exercise program.

"Any kind of aerobic exercise is great," says Dr. Hussain. "Even a 20-minute walk every day is helpful." Other exercises — such as chair aerobics, swimming and jogging on a treadmill — also help to get the heart rate up and the weight down.

"A safe and effective exercise program allows patients to recover at a pace that fits their needs and abilities," says Dr. Hussain.

For more information on Lakewood Hospital's Stroke Exercise Program, call **216.529.7173**.

Cleveland Clinic Neurological Institute at Lakewood Hospital offers expert neurologists who specialize in a wide range of diseases, including stroke, multiple sclerosis, epilepsy and Parkinson's disease. To make an appointment with Dr. Hussain, call 216.529.7110. For more information, visit www.lakewoodhospital.org/neuro.

WESTLAKE PORTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

March events at Westlake Porter Public Library

by Elaine Willis

Thursday, March 10 (7 p.m.) NON-FICTION BOOK DISCUSSION – The March selection is “Traffic: Why We Drive the Way We Do” by Tom Vanderbilt.

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

Friday, March 11 (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.

Saturday, March 12 (2-2:45 p.m.) FANCY WITH NANCY – Learn how to be as glamorous as possible, AND make a posh craft! Special stories and light refreshments will be included. Ages 4-7. Registration begins March 5.

Tuesday, March 15 (7-8:30 p.m.) MAD4MANGA – M4M is everything manga! We talk about manga, create manga art, discuss & watch anime films, and more! For teens in grades 6-12.

Tuesday, March 15 (7-8 p.m.) SEUSS-A-RAMA – With a wild array of hats and props, Mr. G! pulls out all the stops when he acts out your favorite Dr. Seuss stories. Free tickets available in Youth Services starting March 8.

Wednesday, March 16 (6:30 p.m.) CUYAHOGA WEST GENEALOGY SOCIETY

Wednesday, March 16 (7-7:30 p.m.) EVENING FAMILY STORYTIME – Just in time for St. Patrick’s Day, join us for a celebration of all things green in story, song and rhyme!

Saturday, March 19 (10:45 a.m.) WEST SIDE WRITERS

Saturday, March 19 (1:30-2:15 p.m.) LET’S TALK BOOKS! – Bring your favorite book and share it with us. Get the latest on new books. Grades 3-5.

Saturdays, March 19 and 26 and Thursday, March 31 (2-3 p.m.) BRICK BUILDERS CLUB – Love those LEGO bricks? Then bring your ideas and imagination to the club! All bricks provided. Ages 6-13. Registration begins one week prior to each session.

Sunday, March 20 (2 p.m.) SUNDAY SOUNDS – Join the Friends of Porter Public Library for this free musical afternoon featuring Terry McKnight performing Irish ballads.

Monday, March 21 (7-8:30 p.m.) CAREERS FYI – CCC Career Transition Specialist Jeannette Galati will present the second of a 4-part series for individuals planning to change jobs, find a job, or brush up on job search process. The topic for this session is “Resumes That Get Results.” Please register.

Tuesday, March 22 (7-8:45 p.m.) JAMES A. GARFIELD: PASSIONATE READER – A Park Ranger from Lawnfield (the Garfield National Historic Site) will discuss Garfield’s lifelong love of books. Please register.

March 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, March 23 (2 p.m.) AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION – March’s selection is “In the Company of Others” by Jan Karon.

Wednesday, March 23 (7-8 p.m.) PAWSITIVE READERS – That super canine listener Baby is back and she can’t wait to hear your stories! Kids in grades K-2 can sign up for a ten-minute read time with Baby! Call the Youth Services Department to sign up. Limit 5.

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



James A. Garfield, 20th President of the United States, was an avid reader.

Program to discuss Pres. Garfield’s love of reading

by Elaine Willis

Westlake Porter Public Library will present “James A. Garfield: Passionate Reader” on Tuesday, March 22, at 7 p.m. The program is being brought to the library by staff of the National Parks Service at Lawnfield, the James A. Garfield National Historic Site.

This presentation will explore President Garfield’s lifelong love of books. Throughout his life, Garfield read for many reasons: relaxation, to gain knowledge, and to bond with his family. The Lawnfield staff will discuss what, when, and why Garfield read, ultimately revealing the ways in which reading enhanced his life and personal relationships.

To register, please stop by the library’s Popular Materials desk, call 440-250-5462 or go online at <http://signup.westlakelibrary.org:8080/>. For further information, contact Susan Cozzens, Popular Materials Manager. ● Elaine Willis is the Public Relations Associate at WPPL.

March is MS Awareness Month In Ohio

by Mel Maurer

Multiple Sclerosis is a chronic, often disabling and unpredictable disease of the central nervous system with no known cause or cure.

In 1968, my friend Dick told me of the problems his wife was having with pain and even some numbness in her legs. He said she had been seen by several doctors and had been treated for various illnesses. Everything he told me was all too familiar.

My wife had been through a similar process for almost three years before being seen by the right doctor who correctly diagnosed Multiple Sclerosis. Dick knew my wife had MS but was not aware of its symptoms. After I told him what they were, we both knew his wife may also have MS. He and his wife then made an appointment with my wife’s doctor – a neurologist – who did diagnose her with the disease.

March is MS Awareness month in Ohio. Dick was the first person I had made aware of MS, many more would follow. There was no MS Awareness Month in 1968 but stories like mine are

what the month is all about – getting the word out on MS. It’s a disease that cannot yet be cured but the progression of which can be slowed down with medications. (Obviously, the sooner people know they have MS, the better.)

There were no such medications in 1968 and my friend’s story did not end well. His wife’s MS was the progressive type which very quickly left her crippled for life at a young age. My wife’s MS turned out to be another type – one that attacks the nerves but then goes into remissions of varying lengths.

To know one person with MS is not to know another. It’s as if it’s designed for each person. The disease attacks the lining around the nerves, effectively “short circuiting” them, causing symptoms from numbness and tingling to even blindness, and for some, paralysis. MS mostly hits people between the ages of 20 and 50, but people as young as three and as old as 75 have also been diagnosed with it. More than twice as

many women than men are afflicted with the disease.

Ohio has more people – over 20,000 – with MS than many other states. We don’t know why but should ongoing research eventually determine why people living in climates such as ours in

Ohio has more people – over 20,000 – with MS than many other states.

Ohio are more susceptible to MS, we will have taken a giant step towards preventing it and maybe even curing it.

We appreciate those who support MS research with their time and their funds. Support for government funding is also appreciated. These efforts are working; advances are being made in fighting MS (and other disabling diseases). Currently there is \$7.5 million in funding for much-needed MS research at Case Western Reserve University, the Cleveland Clinic Foundation and The Ohio State University. The annual MS Walk (this year on April 9 in Cleveland) and MS Pedal to the Point (August 13-14) have raised millions for research.

Promising advances have been made

towards developing ways to improve symptoms of MS, and in restoring functions. It’s encouraging that the U.S. Drug Administration has now approved the first pill – called “Gilenya” – to treat the underlying causes of MS.

MS Awareness Month is similar to a BOLO in law enforcement departments – Be On the Look Out for MS. Becoming aware of a problem is taking the first step toward solving it. We’ll never know how many people became aware of having the disease because of an “Awareness Month” or week but even if it’s only one, that will have been worth it. I look forward to the year when I write one of these pieces making you aware that MS has been whipped.

For more information about Multiple Sclerosis, the National MS Society and Ohio’s Buckeye Chapter of the society, please call 1-800-FIGHT MS (1-800-344-4867) or visit www.MSohiobuckeye.org. ● Mel Maurer is a Westlake resident, volunteer with the Ohio Buckeye Chapter of the MS Society, member of its Government Relations committee and inductee in the National MS Society’s Volunteer Hall of Fame.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BAY VILLAGE BRANCH

Upcoming programs at the Bay Village Branch Library

by Joyce Sandy

March is going to be a busy and exciting month at the Bay Village Branch Library with programs for all ages and interests. From music to spring cleaning, gardening, and story-times there is truly something for everyone! Join us as we start to welcome the warmer weather. Let us help you choose the perfect book for Spring Break to take on that trip and make any time more enjoyable. Ask us – we’re here to help!

ADULT DEPARTMENT

Wednesday, March 9 (7 p.m.) AMELIA EARHART – Join us as Carol Starr-Kmiecik portrays the record-breaking aviation pioneer. The fascinating life story of this pioneering woman will captivate, enlighten and educate you about her courageous life and the obstacles she had to overcome. Sponsored by the Friends of the Bay Village Branch Library.

Wednesday, March 23 (7 p.m.) SECRETS TO DECLUTTERING – Learn some secrets on how to tame the clutter and regain those lost areas of your garage or basement from professional organizer Sue Lyons. Topics will include getting started, creating a plan, handling paperwork, and

more! Sponsored by the Friends of the Bay Village Branch Library.

Wednesday, March 30 (7 p.m.) PRUNING BASICS – Join the Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County to learn the why, when and how of pruning your landscape plants. Learn the skills you need to prune your trees, shrubs, and evergreens correctly. Your plants will thank you! Sponsored by the Friends of the Bay Village Branch Library.

TEEN DEPARTMENT

Tuesday, March 15 (3:30 p.m.) ANIME CLUB – For ages 11 and up. If you love anime and manga, this club is for you! Watch anime, discuss your favorite manga books and make a creative project or two.

Monday, March 14 (3:30 p.m.) G2P:WII PLAYDAY – For grades 6-12. Celebrate Teen Tech Week by playing your favorite Wii games with your friends. Light snacks will be provided.

Monday, March 21 (7 p.m.) GIRLS IN BAY BOOK CLUB – For grade 6. Girls are invited to bring an adult female friend for some fun. We will discuss a good book, share a snack and do a related project. Copies of the

book are available at the library.

CHILDRENS DEPARTMENT:

Wednesday, March 9 (4:15 p.m.) BOOK SWEEP – We’ll share a story and then play the fast-paced Outburst Junior game.

Thursday, March 17 (4 p.m.) AN IRISH POT O’ FUN – Calling all leprechauns! Enjoy a St. Patrick’s Day story, participate in fun activities and create a craft full of Irish magic.

Thursday, March 24 (7 p.m.) IT’S A GIRL’S WORLD – For girls in grades 4-5. We’ll discuss a good book, share a snack and try a related project.

ALL AGES:

Sunday, March 13 (2 p.m.) GET YOUR IRISH ON! – All ages are invited to hear Turn the Corner Band featuring Bay Village musicians Michael and Caroline Kilbane. Lyrical and lively, sweet and sentimental, the whole family is sure to enjoy this presentation! Sponsored by the Friends of the Bay Village Library.

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

Local author coming for a return engagement!

by Joyce Sandy

John Stark Bellamy II returns to the “scene of the crime” to talk about his new book, “The Last Days of Cleveland and More True Tales of Crime and Disaster From Cleveland’s Past” at a program on Thursday, April 7, at 7:00 p.m. at the Bay Village Branch Library. Bellamy is the author of six books and two anthologies about Cleveland crime and disaster.

The former history specialist for the Cuyahoga County Library can attribute his taste for the sensational to having grown up reading stories about Cleveland crime and disaster written by his grandfather, Paul, who was editor of The Plain Dealer, and his father, Peter, who also wrote for the PD, as well as the Cleveland News. Copies of his latest book will be available for purchase and signing at the program. Mark your calendars now as seating is limited and call 871-6392 or go online to cuyahogalibrary.org to register. ● *Joyce Sandy works in the Children’s Department of the Bay Village Branch Library.*

GOT CLUTTER?

Have your kids left home, but YOU are left with all of their stuff? Was your car sitting in the driveway in the recent ice storm because the garage is full of toys and boxes of who knows what? If this describes your state of affairs, then the Bay Village Branch Library has the answers for you!

Join professional organizer Sue Lyons on Wed., March 23, at 7 p.m. as she presents tips and tricks to organize the clutter and regain those lost areas of your home. She will help you create a plan on how to get started and how to stay clutter free in the future.

Register for “Secrets to De-Cluttering” by calling 440-871-6392 or visit us online at www.cuyahogalibrary.org. ●

FAITH & SPIRITUALITY

Promoting values together in the community

by Nidhi Shah

Values bring families, communities and countries together and connect them for a cause bigger than themselves. Values like trust, integrity, commitment, respect and responsibility improve the quality of interaction with diverse relationships and enhance compassion for fellow beings. Positive energy is generated in the relationship with human beings coming from different ethical backgrounds.

Awareness of experiencing values in life is the process of discovering one’s own inner self and knowing one’s consciousness. The inner guide helps us identify and consolidate our strengths and shows the pathway to rectify mistakes.

We need to be full of humility, temperance, honesty and fair play in our interactions with others – in words, body language and behavior. We need to acknowledge our imperfections and shortcomings, while at the same time accepting people the way they are without being critical and wanting them to change. Faith will empower and create an impact

in the life of others.

In the history of humanity, conviction is morally civilizing, values have stimulated inspiring holistic thoughts and spiritual awakening which have given individuals as well as nations conviction and confidence in stable peace in the face of distress and crisis. The rise and flowering of democracy and concepts of liberty, fraternity and justice in the U.S. is an example to illustrate the point.

Trust is a function of character and competence. Character includes your integrity, motives and intent with people. Competence includes capabilities, skills, and a track record of success. For developing and promoting values in the community, we need to work on societal trust. As we learn and grow in life our aim should be to give more and take less in the society we live. Contributing to the society gives inner contentment and happiness. It strengthens the inner fabric of self-reliance and mental stability.

We can continuously rebuild a dynamic portfolio of virtues. Individual virtues are bricks that build

character, which is the backbone for authentic progress of communities, cultures and societies around the world. Intrinsic values we possess are love, compassion, happiness, peace, purity, power and joy. It is up to us how much we use these virtues in promoting values in the community. These resources within us can guide us and show us how to shine in darkness just like the moon glitters in the sky.

We can promote the right value system in a community if all of us individually learn to live not only for our values but also the community, especially the needy and deprived. A great Indian saint, Swami Vivekananda, said, “They alone live, who live for others; the rest are more dead than alive.” Mother Teresa in her lifetime set an example of service above self without expecting anything but a smile in return. When collective values are incorporated in the community, the standards of ethical excellence are far more effective and inspire others to work for the welfare of the community. ● *Nidhi Shah is a management consultant in Westlake.*

History of American women told through fashion at April 13 luncheon

by Anne Naumann

The West Shore Senior Center is a non-profit organization serving low-income seniors living in the Knickerbocker Apartments in Bay Village. The senior center provides an in-house food service program as well as activities designed to enrich the lives of those living in the building and the surrounding community.

To that end, a fundraising event has been scheduled to raise much needed monies for the daily operations and food service program.

A Vintage Fashion Show and Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, April 13, at 12:00 p.m. at the West Shore Senior Center, 27100 Knickerbocker Rd. in Bay.

An elegant chicken salad & fresh fruit lunch will be served while guests are entertained with a light-hearted look at the history of women in America as told through fashion.

The donation for each ticket is \$12.50 and can be purchased by calling 440-835-1111. The senior center would gratefully accept anyone willing to sponsor a ticket for someone who would love to attend this fun event but is unable due to financial constraints.

The West Shore Senior Center is grateful for any support given. ●

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PROM

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After the procession, Principal Freeman gave closing remarks that again emphasized the importance of having a safe prom and graduation. With stories of

real teenagers Freeman has known who lost their lives in driving accidents, students felt the sincerity and seriousness of the topic.

The final event of the assembly was the distribution of door prizes to seniors whose names were all automatically

entered into the raffle. Prizes were generously donated by a long list of local businesses and establishments.

Although it seems that this winter will never end, spring is just around the corner. And before long salons will be booked with up-do appointments and florists will have

boutonnieres and corsages flying off the shelves. For the seniors of 2011, this is a time to celebrate all that has been accomplished. But the balance of fun and safety should never be out of mind. ●

Lauren Rump is a WHS student and writes for the Green and White student newspaper.



Sari, Danny and Jamal have a little fun before the big show.



Bobby Bowles and Brittany King take a spin on the runway.



Danny Martin and Jadlyn Maat rock the runway.



The 2011 Prom Assembly models show off their prom attire during the fashion show portion of the assembly.

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WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS

LBMS eighth-graders take first in regional math competition

by Kim Bonvissuto

A Lee Burneson Middle School team of eighth-graders captured the first-place team award in the regional MATHCOUNTS competition at Lorain County Community College on Feb. 12.

The team of Kartik Dhinakaran, Aswin Bikkani, Cal Craven and Ameesh Shah will move on to state competition on March 12. Calvin Pozderac also was selected to advance to the state competition as an individual.

Additional individual awards went to the following eighth-graders:

- Kartik Dhinakaran, First Place
- Aswin Bikkani, Second Place
- Calvin Pozderac, Third Place
- Cal Craven, Fourth Place
- Peter Slater, Seventh Place
- Vishal Shah, Eighth Place

- Other team members included Taeho Kim, Jack Bogart and Alex Lathem.

MATHCOUNTS is a national enrichment club and competition program that promotes middle school mathematics achievement through grassroots involvement. The MATHCOUNTS competition program consists of creative problems that promote critical-thinking and problem-solving skills through written and oral rounds, as well as individual and team components. The competition problems focus on the sixth- through eighth-grade standards of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. Participants advance through school, chapter and state competitions until the final 224 students are selected from 56 states and territories to advance to the national competition held in May. ●



The LBMS MATHCOUNTS team (l-to-r): advisor Judy McMasters, Aswin Bikkani, Ameesh Shah, Kartik Dhinakaran, Vishal Shah, Calvin Pozderac, Peter Slater and Cal Craven

E-Club gives moms a night off

The Westlake Environmental Club wants to help give Mom a special night for all she does for the family. The E-Club will host a Mother's Day Parent Survival Night on Saturday, May 7, from 5 to 10 p.m. at Lee Burneson Middle school, 2240 Dover Center Rd.

Children will be provided pizza,

snacks, games, crafts, a movie and supervision. Cost is \$30 for the first child, \$25 for the second child and \$20 for each additional child.

To reserve a spot, email lbmseclub@gmail.com or call Cathy at 440-667-9993. Include your name, the name(s) of your child/children, known allergies, email address and phone number. ●

Student scientists earn awards in local competition

The Lee Burneson Middle School Science Olympiad team took home a series of awards at competition in Mentor over the weekend.

Westlake High School freshman Chris Stone and LBMS eighth-grader Peter Slater took seventh place in the Compute This category. Chris Stone, WHS freshman Ethan Fitz and Parkside Intermediate School sixth-grader Chris Slater took third place

in the Experimental Design category. Sixth-grader Alex Lathem and Ethan Fitz took third place in the Optics category. Chris Stone and Chris Slater took first place in the Road Scholar category.

The team will move on to regional competition at Lorain County Community College on March 5. The winners of the regional competition will move on to state competition. ●

Parkside sixth-grader moving on to state-level geography bee

Benjamin Sposet, a Parkside Intermediate School sixth-grader, has qualified to represent Westlake at the state-level National Geographic Bee on April 1 at The Ohio State University Mansfield campus.

Benjamin qualified as a state finalist by taking a 70-question test and earning one of the top scores in the state. Benjamin will compete against about 100 intermediate and middle school geography students for the chance to go to Washington,

D.C., to represent Ohio in the National Bee.

The National Geographic Society developed the National Geographic Bee in 1989 in response to concerns about the lack of geographic knowledge among young people. Benjamin is the sixth state finalist from Parkside Intermediate School. He is preceded by Ingold Huang (2002), Ben Aghajanian (2003), Jason Linger (2004), Ryan Milowicki (2006) and Vinay Manayathara (2007). ●

Bassett student ranked first in nation in online math program

Chris Elliott, a fourth grader at Bassett Elementary School, is first in the nation so far this school year in an online math program used by 1.1 million students nationwide.

First In Math is a curriculum supplement that gives students the skills to increase their success in mathematics. Students progress at their own pace to master basic and advance mathematics skills.

Students play mathematical games online, working through more challenging content as they are successful. Every module includes positive feedback to boost confidence.

The program includes a "com-

petition" component, which offers sustained, positive motivation. As students play, they earn award "stickers" that add to their personal and classroom score.

The program can be accessed 24/7 online. Westlake elementary students are given time during computer labs to work on the program, or work during free periods. Many students, like Chris, take the extra initiative to work on the program at home, as well.

This year's program ends April 30. If Chris maintains his commitment to the program, he could end up on the First in Math Hall of Fame at http://www.firstinmath.com/visitor/visitor-Playerhalloffame.asp. ●

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EARLY SETTLERS

Leonard G. Porter

Leonard G. Porter immigrated to Dover Township with his family in 1826. He was the 10th of 11 children. He was born on March 6, 1806, making him 20 years old when he came here with his father. Leonard, his father and four younger siblings came here after his mother had died in 1825. His father was Joseph Porter, and his mother was – and this was really her name – Leonard Graves.

He was married on August 26, 1838, to Catherine H. Stevens, daughter of Rev. Solomon Stevens. He had one daughter who died in infancy, and his wife died very shortly after on August 25, 1841, leaving Leonard a widower at 35. He spent the rest of his life alone, never re-marrying. He was a member of the Dover Congregational Church, and served as a Deacon as well as Superintendent of the Sabbath School.

Although his education was limited to common school, with only a couple of semesters



Leonard Porter gave his personal books (some signed) to start a library in Dover.

completed at academy, Leonard taught at the Dover Academy. He also served as Justice of the Peace and a Township Trustee. He left \$1,000 and his personal collection of books in his will to provide for the founding of a library in Dover. That was the beginnings of the Porter Public Library.

Leonard G. Porter, his wife, Catherine, and his daughter, Harriet, are all buried in Evergreen Cemetery.

Robert Clague

Robert Clague immigrated to America and settled in Dover in 1829. A few years later, he returned to the Isle of Man, where he married Margaret Cowell. Robert brought his wife and six-week-old daughter, Ruth, to Dover.

Robert became a farmer and, along



with his nine children, cultivated his land in Dover. The farm consisted of approximately sixty-six acres in what is now Clague Memorial Park.

It was due to Robert Clague's determination that Clague Road was cut through. Mr. Clague took out more than a mile of heavy timber and went to the county commissioners to have it officially declared a road.

INDUSTRY

The Dover Blast Furnace

One of the largest industries in early Dover was a blast furnace used for making pig iron from bog ore. The furnace was built around 1830.

Large sources of ore were found in different locations north of Center Ridge Road between Rocky River and Elyria. The furnace was located just behind where the Circle K gas station sits, at Dover Center and Center Ridge roads.

Horses and carts were used to pull the coal and ore up to the top of the stack of the struc-

ture. One of the horses used for this purpose was a large, fine-looking sorrel horse named Mike. He was so intelligent and became so accustomed to his work, that he would take his loads up the bridgeway to the top of the stack and deliver them without a driver!

During its existence, the furnace operated seven days a week, even on Sundays and holidays. This was an annoyance to members of the two local churches, who believed no secular work should be done on the Sabbath day.

In 1844, an explosion spewed hot cinders and melted ore, setting the structure on fire and the Dover Blast Furnace burned to the ground.

The Lilly Family

Bethuel Lilly, a Revolutionary soldier from Ashfield, Mass., sent six sons to the Western Reserve of Connecticut, and settled in Dover Township after the War of 1812.

In 1844, a house was built by one of Bethuel's sons, believed to be Austin. Now known as the Lilly-Weston House (or simply, Weston House) is located near the present-day entrance to the Westlake Recreation Center on Center Ridge Road.

Members of the Lilly family occupied the house until 1867,

after which the lot and house had several owners, including George Weston, James Beardsley, and August Trudel. Eventually, Alice Ladanyi, the great-granddaughter of George Weston, deeded the house to the city of Westlake for use as a museum.

Most of the Lilly family are buried in Evergreen Cemetery, though the earlier ones were probably moved there from an older cemetery. Many of the Lilly children married local men and women, so names like Cooley, Hall, Sperry, Stocking, Porter, Rice, Howe, Sadler and Jenkins intermingle in the Lilly lineage.

THE LILLY-WESTON HOUSE

The house is made with two-foot-thick sandstone blocks – a rarity at that time – finely tooled and dressed in the front and less elaborately on the sides and rear. The basement is constructed with massive rectangular stone blocks. Thick hewn timbers support the massive roof structure. A brick wing was attached to the east side around 1850.

The sandstone used to construct this house, which displays the skill and craftsmanship of early Ohio builders, came from a local quarry, probably near Porter Road. Sandstone was rarely used to build houses because of the

immense labor to extract, transport and assemble massive stone blocks into a residence.

Wood and brick were more common building materials. This area has immense deposits of sandstone, used for the Canadian Parliament buildings, public buildings in Toronto, plus sidewalks, curbs and buildings throughout Ohio. Several nearby houses are made of sandstone, including a small farmhouse farther west on this road, a finely crafted house at Schwartz and Nagel roads, and Stone Eagle Farm, 33065 Detroit Road, perhaps the region's finest early sandstone house.



The Lilly-Weston house was built in 1844 by a member of the Lilly family. The house had many owners and still stands at its original location near the Rec Center on Center Ridge Rd.

EDUCATION

Dover Academy

Before the public high schools we know today, students who desired an education beyond the elementary level enrolled in private, tuition-based schools.

In 1845, John Wilson, an Oberlin College graduate, recognized the need for higher education in the Dover community and began a private school. Dover Academy was built 1.5 miles southwest of Dover Center, near Porter Road.

The Dover Academical Society was formed and managed by three directors: Leverett Johnson, Leonard Porter, and Benjamin Reed. Professor Wilson proved to be very popular in the community and had as many as sixty

male students. The city fathers thought Wilson's school did much for the intellectual and moral development of Dover Township, but desired the school to be located nearer to the center of town.

In 1854, Dover Academy was relocated to the west side of Dover Center Road – the present site of Lee Burneson Middle School. John Wilson taught at the new, one-story frame building until his retirement in 1860. In 1862, the academy was disbanded and the building was taken over by the Dover Agricultural and Mechanical Society. The society owned the adjacent seven acres of land and hosted the annual West Cuyahoga County Fair until 1897.

The frame building served as the home of Dover High School from 1898 until 1909, when the Red Brick Schoolhouse was built.



This frame building housed Dover Academy, the township's first school of higher learning, after it moved to Dover Center Road in 1854.

James Anderson, Dave Pfister, Zac Springer and Lysa Stanton contributed to the stories on this page. Some text excerpted from: "Porter Public Library: One Man's Dream, The Accomplishments of Many," by W. Wilson Caldwell, "You've Come a Long Way, Westlake..." by William Robishaw, "Pioneers of Westlake, Ohio" by Jeanne Workman, "The First 100 Years of Dover Schools," by May E. Weston, and the Westlake Historical Society website.

BAYARTS


BAYarts highlights teachers and students with rotating shows

by Erin Stack

With opening of the new Sullivan Family Gallery in the Fuller House, what will happen to BAYarts existing Dianne Boldman Gallery? Plenty! Beginning with a new series of Gallery Shows that will focus on the work of BAYarts instructors, students and fundraising for educational programs.

The first show, opening March 11 in conjunction with BAYarts Annual Spring Juried Show in the Fuller House, will feature the work of popular BAYarts

instructor Jeff Yost and his students. Yost has established a long-standing group of adults and teens who paint in oil and acrylic. New students continue to join. Yost and his students will decide which works to hang and will be on hand at the opening to answer questions during the opening.

The show will be on display through March and can be viewed during regular office hours: Monday through Saturday, 9-5 p.m. Learn about other shows in this series and in the Fuller House Gallery on BAYarts website at www.bayarts.net.  Erin Stack is BAYarts Education Director.



Karen Petkovic is a student of BAYarts instructor Jeff Yost. The work of Yost and his students will be on display beginning March 11.

Entrepreneurial mentor selected by YWCA

by Michelle Palmer

Angie Hofelich, owner of VANITYLAB Salon, Spa, Shop and Sparkle Jewelry in Westlake, has been selected to serve as a Mentor for the Women's Entrepreneur Mentoring Circles program, conducted by the YWCA Greater Cleveland, starting this spring.

Hofelich will serve as one of four Mentors for the program, which meets monthly over lunch with emerging and established female entrepreneurs to discuss varying topics that are critical to entrepreneurial success. Advice and counsel from both

Mentors and peers help women involved in small businesses learn strategies and achieve success.

Hofelich founded VANITYLAB in April 2008 after a successful career in both insurance and as a senior regional manager for L'Oreal. VANITYLAB won the national "Best of the Best" title in 2009 from The Industry Source Magazine. Her latest launch has been Sparkle Jewelry in Westlake, the largest local jewelry collection in Greater Cleveland featuring over 50 artists' work. Staying true to form in shopping locally, a portion of proceeds from Sparkle benefit

The Gathering Place.

She currently conducts seminars for other salons to help them achieve success in their business and marketing initiatives, and has created the local network of independent salons called "Velvet Rope Salons" to share best practices on salon business.

"I'm really excited to take part in the YWCA's Women's Entrepreneur Mentoring Circles, because it's a fantastic way to share my experiences and knowledge to help other women business owners be successful," Hofelich said.

Anyone interested in learning more



Angie Hofelich, owner of VANITYLAB in Westlake, was selected as an Entrepreneurial Mentor by YWCA.

about the YWCA Women's Entrepreneur Mentoring Circles program can call 216-881-6878, ext. 233, or visit www.ywcaof-cleveland.org. 



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WESTLAKE RECREATION CENTER

March Madness comes to the Westlake Rec!

by Jim Dispirito

March 28 – April 1 (9 a.m.-4 p.m.) Spring Break Day Camp (grades K-6) – Enjoy the spring break at the Rec Center one day at a time or join us for the whole week. The camp is designed to keep kids entertained with games, swimming, art projects and other fun stuff in a supervised setting. Children will need to bring a brown bag lunch, towel and swimsuit. An afternoon snack is provided. Daily rate is \$30/Member, \$45/Resident, \$50/Non-Resident. Weekly rate is \$150/Member, \$225/Resident, \$250/Non-Resident.

Wednesday, March 16 (3:30-4:15 p.m.) Little Chefs (ages 4-6) – This basic class will teach kids how to make simple and tasty recipes with a St. Patrick's Day theme. Supplies are included. Parents are asked to stay and assist. Cost is \$10/Member, \$15/Resident, \$20/Non-

Resident.

Wednesday, March 16 (4:30-5:30 p.m.) Kids in the Kitchen (ages 7-12) – Same as the Little Chefs class but more hands-on and involved. Parents, please notify the instructor of any food allergies upon registering. St. Patrick's Day theme. Cost is \$10/Member, \$15/Resident, \$20/Non-Resident.

March 24 (5:30 p.m.) & March 26 (10 a.m.) March Madness 3-on-3 Tournament (Boys and Girls, Grades 3/4, 5/6, 7/8) – The youth basketball season is not quite ready to be over. The traditional 3-on-3 March Madness tournament will be held at the Westlake Recreation Center. The girls will play on Thursday, March 24, while the boys will play on Saturday, March 26. Registration packets are available at the Recreation Center's front desk.

Adult Softball Leagues – Westlake Recreation is now accepting teams for its various men's and coed softball

leagues. Men's leagues include Sunday Men DH, Monday/Wednesday Men and Thursday Men DH. Coed leagues include: Sunday nights, Tuesday DH and Friday DH. Deadline to register is April 12. Season starts the week of May 1.

Adult Men's Basketball Leagues – Westlake Recreation is now accepting teams for its Sunday night men's basketball league. Maximum of 24 teams accepted. Games begin on April 10. At least three divisions within the league. Deadline to register is April 4.

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

Jim Dispirito is Athletic Coordinator for the Westlake Rec Dept.

WESTLAKE GARDEN CLUB

Westlake Garden Club lunch and fashion fundraiser to be held April 14

by Jean Smith

The Westlake Garden Club's Fete des Fleurs will be held at Wagner's Country Inn, 30855 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake, on Thursday, April 14. Doors open at 10 a.m. with lunch at 12 noon and the program at 1 p.m.

Speaker and Honorary Chairperson, Dawn Kendrick from Channel 19 News, will open the event, followed by lunch, a style show by Marcell at Crocker Park, Chinese raffle, silent auction, bakery sale and cash wine bar. Admission is a \$30 donation. Proceeds will support community and educational projects, specifically funding of Veggie U for all fourth grade classes in the Westlake School system.

For information or tickets, please contact Ruth Bertrand at 440-899-1565 or Nancy Chopp at 440-899-1969.

The Westlake Garden Club meets the third Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m. at Westlake Porter Public Library, followed by lunch and a speaker/program. Call Jean Smith at 440-665-5463 for information on membership. ●

Jean Smith is 2nd Vice President and Membership Director of the Westlake Garden Club.

Children's musical and pasta dinner fundraiser set for March 19 at Bay UMC

by Anne Kerka

The Bay United Methodist Church (BUMC) Youth Drama Team will present the children's musical, "The Environmental Show," on Saturday, March 19th at 7 p.m. at the church, located at 29931 Lake Rd. in Bay Village. A pre-performance pasta dinner will be served at 6 p.m.

Proceeds from both the dinner and the musical will benefit BUMC's annual youth mission trip to Central Appalachia where church teen and adult volunteers make emergency repairs to the homes of low-income families through the Appalachia Service Project (ASP). ASP volunteers will serve as the kitchen staff and waiters for the pasta dinner portion of the evening.

Ticket prices for the pasta dinner/musical are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children, ages 16 and under. Performance-only tickets are \$10 for all ages. Special performance-only ticket



The cast of "The Environmental Show" musical will "go green" and care for the Earth when they perform on March 19 at 7 p.m. at Bay United Methodist Church. Proceeds from the show and pasta dinner benefit the Appalachia Service Project.

prices are available for Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops, call 440-899-0385 for information.

Written for children by Ron Fink and John Heath, "The Environmental Show" features a young rock band that discovers its charge to "become green" and care for the Earth after encounters with "live" characters in the form of plastic bottles, banana skins and other recyclable items. Youth actors range in age from five- to 14-years old. The hour-long musical is upbeat and perfect family entertainment for children of all ages.

Directing the 15-member cast is Janice Scheufler of Bay Village, who has assisted with BUMC Drama Team productions for more than 10 years. Artistic consultant to the production is Janice's daughter, Jacqueline Scheufler, a Heidelberg University student and former BUMC

Drama Team member.

Mrs. Scheufler said, "The musical is interspersed with a lot of hidden humor that should keep audience members on their toes and listening carefully. Hopefully, the message of being a good steward of natural resources and doing what each of us can to care for the Earth will resonate with everyone watching the show."

For the past 13 years, the BUMC Drama Team has provided church youth with theatrical experience and performance opportunity. In addition, participants learn about community service when the annual musical is taken "on the road" to nursing homes and other venues where seniors and disadvantaged and at-risk children can enjoy the performance.

"Drama Team is an important outlet for our youth to express themselves in a non-judgmental and open environment," said Mrs. Scheufler. "It is on the stage that youth often feel a sense of freedom and can open up like nowhere else and become more confident. Taking the musical to other venues has afforded the participants to see audiences that might challenge them a little and make them ponder important life questions."

"It is exciting to see a different side of these students and to watch them grow and develop, right in front of me," added Mrs. Scheufler.

For ticket information on the March 19 BUMC performance of "The Environmental Show," please call the Bay United Methodist Church office at 440-871-2082. ●



"French Fries" Ethan and Edison Jeffers and "Punk Band Member" Kerry O'Brien will perform in the children's musical at Bay UMC.

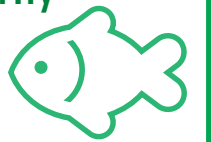
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Opera group offers preview of popular program

by Louise Seeholzer

The Cleveland Institute of Music's FYI: Opera will bring a tantalizing sampling of the group's popular and diverse program of fully staged and costumed opera scenes to Westlake Porter Public Library on March 29 at 7:30 p.m. David Bamberger, CIM's

Director of Opera Theater, and talented CIM voice students will provide magnificent opera music and dramatic presentations. And Bamberger skillfully sets the mood with sidelights of interest regarding the operas and the composers. FYI: Opera programs are offered free to the public by the Westlake-Westshore Arts Council. ●

Band offers Irish music, history and more

by Louise Seeholzer

Enjoy the songs of Ireland from every era and almost every artist from Daniel O'Donnell to the Dubliners, and hear the history of the most famous songs, when The Irish Polka Band offers its musical tour of Ireland on Tuesday, March 22, at 7 p.m., at Westlake Porter Public Library. The Westlake-Westshore Arts Council is hosting this band at its Quarterly Meeting, which

is open to the public. Following the band's performance, there will be an informal reception for audience and band members to mingle. The Irish Polka Band, which has been together three years, will include some information about Tralee, Ireland, Westlake's sister city, in their program. The band plays a fresh program with guitar, banjo and accordion. When asked to describe an Irish polka, the response was: "It's like an Irish stew – a little bit of everything." ●

Cartoonist Jeff Darcy 'draws' on inspiration

by Marge Widmar

Fourteen on-the-spot cartoon drawings highlighted Plain Dealer editorial cartoonist Jeff Darcy's presentation at Westlake Porter Library for the Westlake-Westshore Arts Council's December Quarterly Event. Drawing with a black marker, Darcy magically created images of presidents Reagan, Clinton, Bush, and former Cleveland mayor Mike White. Bob Parry, Westlake's Director of Planning and Economic Development, stated: "What struck me the most is how so little goes a long way, or 'less is more.' With just a few lines he captured the essence of a person's face, making recognition easy. Looks so simple but I am sure it is not for the untrained." Darcy gave one of his drawings to four students from the Senior Government course at Westlake High School. Following the presentation, the students asked if they could have their photograph taken. Suspecting that they needed "proof" of their presence, Darcy asked the students that question. Their positive nods and grinning responses admitted the need. He added a special comment

to the drawing, kindly obliged the photograph, and handed them the cartoon. Preceding his drawing, Darcy shared that his youth was influenced by children's books with his favorites being "anything by Bill Peet," a former Disney animator who worked on numerous children's films including "One Hundred and One Dalmatians" and "Fantasia." Darcy said the book "Where the Wild Things Are" by Maurice Sendak, was, "of course," another early influence. He is an avid reader. His search for news includes all forms of media, all hours of the day and evening – at home, on the road – wherever and whenever possible. Darcy's recall of the history of the art of the editorial cartoon impressed illustrator and watercolor artist Bob Moyer who attended the presentation. Darcy began with Ben Franklin's woodcut "Don't Tread on Me," which was the first cartoon published in an American newspaper. Cartoon images familiar to most Americans – the donkey for the Democrats and the elephant for the Republicans – he continued,



Jeff Darcy at Westlake Porter Public Library

Photo by Betty Lou Curatolo

were created by Thomas Nast. Credit for departure from office of New York City's dishonest "Boss" Tweed was given to Nast's drawings. The Nast Award for outstanding cartoon art is a treasured honor. Original work by Jeff MacNelly, another Pulitzer Prize winner, was shown by Darcy. He stated that MacNelly, along with Pat Oliphant, is considered a master of modern editorial cartooning. Oliphant ushered in a vertical cartoon format and MacNelly added digitization. Darcy had a wealth of information to share with the W-WAC audience, which he

did in a comfortable and audience-pleasing manner. Personally, Darcy enjoys the art of Winslow Homer, Norman Rockwell, the Impressionists, Andrew and N.C. Wyeth, Jasper Johns and Francis Bacon. Previous to working for the Plain Dealer, he was editorial cartoonist for the Sun newspapers. His cartoons have been published in the New York Times, L.A. Times, Washington Post, Time and Newsweek. Wikipedia was referenced for some material used in this document. ● Marge Widmar is President of the Westlake-Westshore Arts Council.

TRASH

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There is a growing regional and national trend for this automated collection process, and as Council has reviewed various available options, we were mindful of several important considerations. This initiative would involve amending the current agreement with our current trash hauler, Republic Services, with two years remaining on our existing contract. Our objectives were rather simple: implement a new system without an increase in the cost of service to both our residents and the city, adhere to enhanced sustainability standards by increasing the amount of recycling activity from current levels, and perform the conversion with minimal transition difficulties to the general public. The City of Bay Village and your City Council look forward to implementing the new program, and the prospects for improved collection and increased recycling results, without economic disadvantage to the residents of our community. If you interested in hearing more details on this conversion to automated collection, or have specific program questions, we encourage you to attend the informational meeting on March 23. ● Dwight Clark is a Bay Councilman-at-Large.

Inpatient hospice care facility coming to Westlake

by Paige Boyer

Hospice of the Western Reserve has released the plans for its second inpatient hospice care facility at the corner of Crocker and Clemens roads in Westlake. Construction of the 32-bed, 40,000 square foot Ames Family Hospice House started in early 2011, with the facility scheduled to open summer 2012. "Since opening the region's first free-standing residential facility in 1995, there has been a substantial increase in the number of patients and families Hospice of the Western Reserve cares for, while the number of inpatient beds has remained the same," explained Hospice of the Western Reserve CEO, William E. Finn. "Ames Family Hospice House will allow us to help more of the patients requiring inpatient care, while keeping them closer to home."

The organization also announced the receipt of the largest donation in its history – \$10 million from B. Charles (Chuck) and Jay Ames – a key component in bringing the new facility to the area. In addition, The Elisabeth Severance Prentiss Foundation made a gift of \$2 million and local philanthropists, Susan and Jack Turben, committed more than \$1 million to the campaign. Much like the organization's Hospice House in Collinwood, the new house is designed with patients and their families in mind. Private patient suites, comfortable furnishings, hidden medical equipment and large doorways that allow beds to roll onto outdoor patios and screened porches create a home-like environment. The craftsman-inspired Ames Family Hospice House is designed to make the most of its wooded lot. Gardens and native landscaping will

bring the outside in and the 30-acre site includes several running trails which will reopen to the public once construction is complete. As part of Hospice of the Western Reserve's ongoing commitment to implement sustainable practices, the organization plans to use environmentally-friendly building techniques for this facility. To alleviate potential traffic concerns and to provide peace and privacy for patients and families, Hospice of the Western Reserve and the city of Westlake will partner to build a new road for the facility. Hospice of the Western Reserve anticipates that the new facility will create 105 new healthcare employment opportunities. Hospice of the Western Reserve is a community-based, non-profit agency providing comfort care and emotional support to patients and their families, regardless of age, disease or ability to pay. ●

THEATRE

'The Whales of August' at Clague Playhouse

by Pam Kilpatrick

Clague Playhouse presents "The Whales of August" by David Berry and directed by Ron Newell on Friday, March 11, through Sunday, April 3. It is the story of two elderly widowed sisters spending a summer in a seaside house in Maine. The surroundings cause them to recall their relationship as young women, and the summers they had enjoyed there in the past. They reflect on the passage of time and how past jealousies and misunderstandings kept them from establishing a true closeness in their relationship. The cast includes Marthan M. Brown as Tisha, Zoe Harper as Libby, Mike Kunikis as Joshua, Lee Mackey as Sarah and Lou Will as Maranov.



Showtimes are Thursday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. (No performance on Sunday, March 13). Tickets are \$12 and \$13 (with a \$1 discount on Thursdays) and may be purchased by calling the Box Office, 440-331-0403, Wednesday through Saturday, 1:00-6:00 p.m. Cash, check, Discover, MasterCard and Visa are accepted.

Clague Playhouse is located at 1371 Detroit Road in Westlake. Free parking is available adjacent the theater. ●

Pam Kilpatrick, Office Administrator of Clague Playhouse.

SongFest is sing-a-long fun for all ages

by Terri Zajac

Unity Hall, the elegant new venue at Unity Spiritual Center in Westlake, will present SongFest, a fun family sing-a-long, on Saturday, March 26, at 7:00 p.m. Unity Hall is on the campus of Unity Spiritual Center, 23855 Detroit Rd.

Tickets to this event are \$8.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children, and \$4.00 for seniors. They can be purchased online at www.unityhallpresents.com, in the USC business office, or at the door.

SongFest promises to be an evening of music and fun for all ages, from toddlers to senior citizens. The family sing-a-long will be led by "Join the Band!," an acoustic duo that plays classic, feel-good songs. As part of the audience, you can "join the band" by singing or playing rhythm instruments, which will be provided, or you can bring your own.

The doors open at 6:30 p.m. Light snacks and beverages will be available. Though chairs will be set up, feel free to bring pillows or cushions for sitting on the floor.

"Join the Band!" consists of Mark Ronan and Jack Mizenko. Mark has a background in the mental health field for over 23 years as a teacher, counselor, and case manager for P.E.P., the Positive Education Program. Mark plays guitar, sings, and writes songs. Jack was a special education teacher in Cleveland Public Schools for 30 years. He currently works as a part-time teaching artist for Roots of American Music. Jack plays guitar, mandolin, harmonica, and various rhythm instruments. He also sings and writes songs. ●



FOOD & TRAVEL

Three men and a Guinness

by Robin Benzle

To feel the true heart of Ireland, I believe one must go to a country pub in a village you've never heard of and have a conversation and a Guinness with an old guy in a tweed cap. Fortunately for me, every country pub I visited in Ireland automatically came with an average of three tweedy guys sitting at the bar, like part of the décor. I spoke to many, but selected three to write about. Not because they were extraordinary in any way, they were just, well, really Irish.

MEET JOE MULLIGAN

As it was, we were sitting in a pub in the highest village in Ireland (Roundwood, County Wicklow) having a pint when we met Joe Mulligan. He had neat white hair under a worn tweed cap, a weathered face made younger by sky blue eyes and rough, square hands. He was dressed in a shrunken wool suit with forearms exposed, and sported an ancient faded tie. I'm pretty sure it was the same suit his mother made him buy in case of funerals when he was young.

"Can I buy you a pint?" I asked, explaining we were visiting from the States. "No, the first is on me, I insist", he said, "because you've traveled the farthest. And what relatives would you be visiting?" I told him we had no Irish ancestors. "Well, then why would you come all this way?" "To meet you," I told him.

Joe Mulligan has been a sheep farmer living on the same farm since the age of 17. He has tended his flock of several hundred every single day of his life. When shearing time arrives, he can do 100 sheep a day by hand, 200 with a machine.

"One time, four years ago, I entered a sheep-shearing contest," he told us, "and I lost to an Australian who did 60 sheep in an hour's time. Never seen anything like it." To this day, he still loves to see the babies being born and it breaks his heart when one gets sick.

Joe described his life as this: "See, I never married, just wasn't anyone around to marry, so it's just me. I wake up with the sun, eat my eggs and bacon and take care of my sheep. I have dinner, usually stew. Then I clean up and walk into town for a few pints. That's my life. It's simple but I like it. I'm 68 years old, I've never done anyone any harm and I've got no enemies on this earth."

MEET MALACHY O'DOLEN

It was raining heartily. When we dashed into the only pub in an unnamed village in County Fermanagh, Northern Ireland, Malachy O'Dolen was there, right on cue. He was a sturdy fellow with great posture, watery green eyes and gray hair slicked down like a schoolboy's.

He was paved in brown tweed: tweed overcoat, tweed sportcoat, tweed trousers, tweed vest, tweed tie, tweed scarf and tweed cap. Within minutes, we learned that since his

wife died ten years ago and his grown kids had moved away and were into "all that high tech fancy stuff" which he wanted no part of, and since he was 75 and just an old horse trainer anyway, what was left in life for him?

Travel, we suggested. "Oh, I've traveled before," he said. "One time in 1932 I went to Dublin by train. Took eight hours. I went to a zoo and talked to a parrot. Then I came home."

Then Malachy O'Dolen told us of his past. "My father broke horses, so I broke horses. Irish Draft horses. Sometimes we trained horses and were paid in potatoes, oats and rye. The best horse I ever had was Thedy. I bought him in 1946 for 17 pounds and smuggled him in from Southern Ireland. I had to swim him across a river. He understood my language. Had Thedy for 12 years and ended up giving him to a neighbor so he could live out his life without being slaughtered."

Then, Malachy went back to being melancholy about his future and how there was probably nobody left who even knew how to talk to a horse. Suddenly, in a Guinness-inspired thought, he said, "Maybe before I die, I'll take a trip to Russia. I hear it's very artistic there."

MEET PATRICK NEVER-DID-CATCH-HIS-LAST-NAME

He was perched at the bar in a lively pub in Kenmare, on the Ring of Kerry. His head was as round as Charlie Brown's and very red, as if his collar was too tight. A tiny tweed cap sat atop his head like a cartoon and it seemed apparent he enjoyed hearty fare. And if there were ever a thicker Irish brogue in all of Ireland, I'd like to hear it.

Patrick never moved his lips when he spoke and yet loud, Irish-sounding noises continually poured from his mouth. We only understood every tenth word or so and were forced to occasionally nod and remark, "Well I'll be darned."

We brightened when (we think) we heard him say the word Cork, so we told him how we marveled at the mountains of West Cork. That's when Patrick started singing instead of talking. "Take me-e-e-e to the gree-eeen mountains of Cork when I die-e-e-e..."

The Cliffs of Mohor? He knew a song about that. You could tell him you'd seen a flower by the side of the road and he'd wail, "Oh-h-h-h, the flower by the side of the road, it's the fairest one of them all-l-l-l-l-l..."

Then, Patrick Never-Did-Catch-His-Last-Name passed us the microphone (a pint of Guinness) and asked us (I think) to sing of our homeland.

We sang "Way Down South in the Land of Cotton" and three full verses of "We Three Kings of Orient Are." ●

Robin Benzle lives in Bay and hosts the food and travel website, www.robinbenzle.com.

Descendant of Civil War soldier to discuss 103rd OVI

by Jayne Broestl

It was 150 years ago that America's Civil War began when the Confederates fired on Fort Sumter in Charleston, S.C., at 4:30 a.m. on April 12, 1861. It was a war that pitted North against South, brother against brother, and nearly tore our young nation apart. Many who served on either side were mere teenagers.

One Medina-born youth by the name of John Yetter joined other men from Cuyahoga, Lorain and Medina counties to serve with the 103rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment from 1862-1865. Yetter's great-grand nephew, Bill Stark, a Fairview Park resident, former teacher and retired Metro Parks Ranger, studied the history of this unit extensively for his Master of Arts degree in history, at Cleveland State University

in 1986.

Mr. Stark will be the guest speaker at the March 16 meeting of the Cuyahoga West Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society, at Westlake Porter Public Library from 7:00-8:45 p.m. Bill will relate what, and how, he learned about the soldiers of the 103rd OVI. A member of the Sons of the Union Veterans, Civil War (SUVWC), the Cleveland Grays, and Historian and Archivist of

the Cleveland Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument, Bill will also talk about how one can work to identify and honor a veteran relative at area cemeteries. Questions at the conclusion of his talk will be welcomed.

Refreshments and social time is from 6:30-7:00 p.m. For additional information, visit <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohcwogs> or email cuyahogawest@gmail.com. ●

LAKE ERIE NATURE AND SCIENCE CENTER

Pelican patient journeys to St. Louis to continue rehab

by Shawn Salamone

An off-course, juvenile American White Pelican that was rehabbing at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center is now settled into the World Bird Sanctuary in St. Louis, Mo., where the next phase of rehab for an injured wing is underway. The Bay Village Center's Wildlife Rehabilitation & Education Coordinator Amy LeMonds drove the bird to St. Louis to expedite and supervise the transfer. Unlike Northeast Ohio, St. Louis is a natural stomping ground for this species of bird. If the wing heals properly and the bird is releasable, which is the goal, the pelican could be integrated into the wild population along the Mississippi River. ●



The pelican rests up at the Lake Erie Nature & Science Center last month before its trip to St. Louis.

BAY MEN'S CLUB

Bay Kid Sport Shoe Roundup & Sale

Spring is almost here! It is time to clean out the garage and recycle all of your used kids cleats and sport shoes. Bay Men's Club will be collecting all usable sport shoes until March 17. You are welcome to drop off the following items in a shopping bag at Bay Lanes, True Value Hardware, Arthur's Shoes and Subway until that date:

1. All kid-sized outdoor athletic cleats and sport shoes in usable condition
2. Indoor athletic shoes (soccer, basketball volleyball wrestling, etc.)
3. Shin guards
4. Youth baseball and softball gloves

** We are not accepting sports equipment such as softball/baseball bats and other items this year. If you are interested in donating usable sports equipment to another community in need, please call 440-829-6467.

THE PURPOSE: A lot of families have an overabundance of usable sport shoes just lying around. For many children, some of these shoes are hardly worn and could easily be passed on. BMC's goal is to find a way for them to be reused or passed on to a community that can ben-

efit. The Roundup and Sale offers sustainable reuse of good athletic shoes and most-needed equipment at a very reasonable price within our community.

THE BENEFITS: Proceeds from the Bay Kid Sport Shoe Roundup and Sale will benefit the Men's Club Scholarship Fund for aspiring Bay Village students, as well as participating youth athletic organizations. Unsold shoes and equipment will be donated to a worthy community that can put everything to good use. ●

The Sale: Sat., March 19, 12-4 p.m.
Bay Middle School, 27725 Wolf Rd.
Most shoes will be priced at \$5 - \$10
Donated items will be accepted through March 17.



POETRY

Perspective

Joe Psarto, Westlake

If I could walk around the Milky Way
and beyond the Pleiades
and then look down upon this Earth
the Amazon would be a dew,
Victoria Falls a mist,
and Everest so petite against the sky
to seem a pebble, and

strewn across this lesser lump of clay
are peoples, places, things and things,
valleys filled with daffodils,
elephants, and whippoorwills,
battlefields and lovers' nests,
and England, France, the Portuguese,
histories, philosophies, our family trees,

a geography written on the tip of a pin
so small that if I hold up my thumb
it would all disappear,
if I could walk around the Milky Way.

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BAY VILLAGE GREEN TEAM

Community garden in Bay Village ready to ‘spring’ into action

by Brenda O'Reilly

If you enjoy fresh produce, want to learn how to garden or want to help those in need, the Bay Village Community Garden has something for you. Community garden participants range from scout troops learning to grow vegetables and herbs to families who harvest the greens from their plot for the evening dinner table. And there are churches and community groups that use the plots to grow fresh produce for those in need.

The Bay Village Community Garden opened in May 2010 at the corner of Forestview and Wolf roads, and in no time, eighty plots were quickly in use. The garden was envisioned by Green Team member, Bob Shields, who has a master's degree in botany and has been involved in gardening since his scouting days. He expects that all 130 plots available will be rented out or put to use by service organizations this year.

What's the draw? According to Shields, "There is no tomato that tastes better than the one that you grow yourself. And I always enjoy meeting the people out there." The fellowship of the gardeners and beauty of the garden make it a regular destination for many Bay residents.

Sponsored for Bay residents in a partnership that includes the Bay Village Green Team, the City and the School Board, the community garden is all about sustainability. Not only does the garden allow residents and service organizations to grow healthy, organic,

local food, but a technique called "square foot gardening" is used to maximize the crop produced in the 4-by-8 foot plots.

With square foot gardening, you plant within each square foot, not in rows. The many "green" advantages of square foot gardening include less land and water usage as the crops are close together and fewer weeds. Square foot gardening is much more efficient use of time and space.

In addition to growing vegetables, herbs and flowers, the garden is a place where people of all ages can come together and participate in gardening related projects.

Last year, some projects hosted at the community garden included the planting of a magnificent row of sunflowers along the north side of the garden by Green Team members Christine Demeter and Steve Slane. An Eagle Scout's project was completed by constructing a compost bin made out of salvaged wooden pallets. The bin will be used to compost the garden's organic waste this year.

The community garden plots are rented by Bay



At last year's community garden, Sherri Reilly uses one of the templates made for planting within a square-foot section.

residents for \$40.00 for the growing season (April-November). Plots are made available to service organizations free of charge. There are plots for the 2011 season still available. If you are a Bay resident and are interested in a plot, please contact Bob Shields at bobshields@oh.rr.com. Monetary or supply donations are also appreciated! ●

Brenda O'Reilly is Co-Chair of the Bay Village Green Team.

Bay Village Green Team Update

by Lori Sprosty

Kids + Passion = Lots of Energy; that's how February's Green Team meeting began. Mrs. Martha Fisher's third-grade class from Westerly Elementary School gave an awesome presentation on their rain barrel project to the Green Team. The class plans to raise awareness for storm water management by assembling and selling rain barrels this spring. This is a wonderful project that the class is undertaking; there was a lot of enthusiasm for the project by everyone there – the children, their parents and GT members.

The Community Garden is preparing to open this spring – targeting early April to open, weather dependent. Fifty-nine plots are already assigned; a total of 130 are available. Bay Community Garden head Bob Shields is looking for people to chair and participate on the various sub committees. A new fence will be purchased. There are plans to hold a kickoff meeting for Community Garden participants in March. A new requirement of community garden service will be added this year.

On the waste management front: City Council approved Automated Trash Pick-up with a vote of 7-0 in January. The ATP will include increased curbside recycling (including cardboard and mixed paper) and compost (yard waste in brown bags). The Green Team is in strong support of this initiative due to the potential to significantly increase the recycling within the city.

The Green Team plans to support the ATP roll-out by working with Republic Services to create labels for the inside-top of the containers. Bay will be the first Westside community to have labels on the recycling containers – this should increase recycling compliance. The Green Team will also publish various alternatives for using or donating your used



Martha Fisher's third-grade class from Westerly School show their plans to raise awareness about storm water management by assembling and selling rain barrels.

trash can. We don't want them going to the land fill!

Ideas for trash can disposal include:

- Donate those in good shape to Habitat for Humanity (must be clean)
- Donate those that are blue and in good shape to the Bay Schools
- Keep them for excess trash that will be picked up monthly
- Repurpose them into compost containers. This is a great way to use a can that has holes, as holes are needed to aerate the compost. An informational link is also provided on our website (bayvillagegreenteam.com) for repurposing to a backyard digester in the January 2011 Meeting Update posting.
- If all else fails, recycle them. Chances are the metal or plastic can be recycled (probably not curbside). ●

Lori Sprosty is Co-Chair of the Bay Village Green Team.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wednesday, April 13 (7 p.m.) Compost Seminar with Kathy Rocco of the Solid Waste District. At the Bay Community House.
- Saturday, April 16 (9 a.m.-5 p.m.) – Habitat for Humanity Pick Up at the BVPD parking lot.
- Wednesday, April 27 (7 p.m.) – Build a Rain Barrel with Amy Roskilly of the Cuyahoga County Soil and Water Conservation District. At the Bay Community House.
- Saturday, May 21 (10:30 a.m.-2 p.m.) – Project Earth Water Way Clean Up
- Saturday, May 21 (9 a.m.-5 p.m.) – Habitat for Humanity Pick Up at the BVPD parking lot.

Join us at our Green Team meetings on the second Tuesday of each month beginning at 6:30 p.m., at the Bay Community House. Make a difference, get involved!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

March 9, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Northeast Ohio PC Club General Meeting
The featured speaker will be Sean Meadows, a Microsoft Certified Technology Specialist, who will speak on "New Features of Microsoft Windows 7." His talk begins at 7:15 p.m., but come at 6:30 p.m. for the social and to enjoy free refreshments. The meeting is free and open to the public.
Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

March 10, 6:30-8 p.m.
Job Search Workshop for Those Touched by Cancer
While you are on the cancer journey, learn about the latest strategies and resources for a successful job search including networking, polishing your resume, interviewing and answering sensitive questions. Advance registration required, 216-595-9546.
The Gathering Place West, 800 Sharon Dr., Westlake

March 10, 7 p.m.
Bay Village Kindergarten Information Meeting
Bay parents of children who will be five years of age on or before Sept. 30, 2011, are invited to attend. There will be an overview of kindergarten and kindergarten readiness, as well as information tables for those with questions regarding daycare, speech therapy, early entrance and volunteer opportunities. For additional information about the meeting or the registration process, please contact Mary Szekely at 440-617-7350.
Normandy Elementary School, 26920 Normandy Rd.

March 11, 7-9 p.m.
BAYarts Annual Juried Show: "Essentials"
All medium except photography. Show runs through March.
BAYarts Sullivan Family Gallery, 28795 Lake Rd.

March 11, 8 p.m.
"The Whales of August" opens
See the story on page 13 of this issue.
Clague Playhouse, 1371 Clague Rd., Westlake

March 12, 8 a.m.-noon
BVECPA Kids & Baby Items Resale
Join us to shop for gently-used children's and baby items, from toys to clothes and everything in between. Shoppers with strollers are welcome. Cost is a \$5 donation for early-bird shopping at 8 a.m.; \$1 for general shopping beginning at 9 a.m.
Bay Middle School cafeteria, 27725 Wolf Rd.

March 12, 11 a.m.-noon
Planting & Pruning Seminar
Learn the proper techniques for pruning your plants for optimum growing during the spring and summer months. Admission is free.
Gale's Westlake Garden Center, 24373 Center Ridge Rd.

March 12, 7-11 p.m.
Crocker Cooks Casino Night
See the story on page 2 of this issue.
Urban Active Fitness at Crocker Park, 131 Market St., Westlake

March 16, 11 a.m.
Westlake Garden Club March Meeting
Andrew Pratt, Horticulturist and Grounds Manager, Cleveland Botanical Gardens, presents "The Greening of the Garden." Learn many natural ways to solve gardening dilemmas and how planting native plants restores lost ecosystems.
Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

March 16, 6:30-8:45 p.m.
Civil War Soldier Research and the 103rd OVI
See the story on page 13 of this issue.
Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

March 17, 10:45 a.m.-noon
Hungry for Health Program: What's Eating America?
This course will help you gain an understanding of why particular health conscious decisions are important in your life. Discussion topics include: learning where to buy organic foods and where you can save a penny, how to shape a sustainable food system in your community, how to set goals and still enjoy your food, and how to identify ways of eating more locally and seasonally. Cost for the six-week session is \$55 per person. RSVP is necessary, 835-6565.
Dwyer Center, 300 Bryson Ln., Bay Village

March 17, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Infant Care Class
This class will help to prepare new parents for the care of their newborn and explain what to expect in the first weeks. Different techniques in bathing, diapering, swaddling and feeding are demonstrated. All questions are answered. Cost is \$30. To register, call 877-597-6348.
St. John Medical Center, 29000 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake (Building 2, 1st Floor, Auditorium B)

March 18, 5-8 p.m.
Fish Fry Fundraiser for Bay High Lacrosse Team
The fish fry is \$14 per person and includes a generous portion of Lake Erie perch or fried shrimp, French fries, cole slaw, roll & butter and soft drink. Children's meals consisting of the same menu items are \$7 each. Tickets available at the door. Questions – call Stacey Nye at 440-871-0736.
Bay Middle School cafeteria, 27725 Wolf Rd.

March 18, 6 p.m.
Dollars for Scholars Basketball Game
WHS senior players v. Westlake Schools staff face off in a friendly basketball game to benefit the PTA's scholarship fund for graduating seniors. Tickets are \$6 at the door, \$5 in advance or with a non-perishable food item donation for Westlake Assistance. Doors open at 6 p.m., game starts at 7 p.m. The family-friendly event also features concessions, raffles, a silent auction and \$1 fun stations. For information or tickets, contact Michelle Stalter at mmstalter@wowway.com or 440-835-9603.
Westlake High School, 27830 Hilliard Blvd.

March 19, 9 a.m.
Rain Barrel Workshop
Presenters will demonstrate how to install a rain barrel and will explain how the rain barrels are beneficial to the environment. Hosted by the Westlake Engineering Department. For more details on the event, please call 440-617-4145.
Westlake Recreation Center, 28955 Hilliard Blvd.

March 19, 11 a.m.-noon
Growing Orchids Seminar
Presented by Al Lund of the Western Reserve Orchid Society. Al will show you growing techniques for beautiful orchids. Admission is free.
Gale's Westlake Garden Center, 24373 Center Ridge Rd.

March 19, 1-2 p.m.
Bonsai Seminar
Learn the art of Bonsai. This is a hands-on class where you will learn proper care & techniques for your Bonsai plants. Cost is \$25. Registration required in advance.
Gale's Westlake Garden Center, 24373 Center Ridge Rd.

March 19, 4-7 p.m.
Boy Scout Troop 235 Spaghetti Dinner
Bay Village Boy Scout Troop 235 is holding its annual "All You Can Eat" Spaghetti Dinner. The

dinner will feature Tony Dostal's famous homemade spaghetti sauce, salad, bread and delicious pies. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$6 for seniors and children under 12. Tickets available at the door.
Bay Presbyterian Church, 25415 Lake Rd. (In the Lake View Room on the 2nd floor)

March 20, 7-8:30 p.m.
Collaborative Divorce
Come to a free program that will address sensible alternatives to divorce litigation that create more livable futures for couples and their children. If you are facing divorce, consider all there is to gain through a team-led process which facilitates cooperation, understanding and maintaining mutual respect. Facilitators are from the Center for Principled Family Advocacy. For more information, please call 440-331-0834.
Church of the Redeemer United Church of Christ, 23500 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake

March 22, 6:30 p.m.
Bay Community Garden Meeting
This public meeting will discuss the upcoming year and answer questions from Community Garden renters and potential renters.
Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, 28728 Wolf Rd.

March 22, 7-8:15 p.m.
A Musical Tour of Ireland
See the story on page 12 of this issue.
Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

March 23, 7-8:30 p.m.
Informational Meeting on Automated Trash Collection in Bay Village
See the story on the front page of this issue.
Bay Village City Hall, Council Chambers, 350 Dover Center Rd.

March 24, 7-8:30 p.m.
Healing Power of Drumming For Those Touched by Cancer
This interactive drumming circle will teach the healing powers of drumming and help those touched by cancer decrease stress. Drums will be provided or you can bring your own. Families are welcome. This program is co-sponsored by Hospice of the Western Reserve. Advanced registration is required, 216-595-9546.
The Gathering Place West, 800 Sharon Dr., Westlake



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