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Memories of Ruth Purdy-Leslie are everywhere throughout Bay

by Nancy Heaton

Bay art teacher Ruth

Purdy-Leslie, pictured here

last summer with her dog,

Sherman, passed away on

inspiration made a lasting

impact on the children she

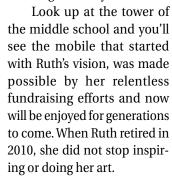
taught and the community

Easter weekend. Ruth's

as a whole.

Then much-loved Bay Middle School art educator Ruth Purdy-Leslie passed away on Easter weekend, she left behind inspiring gifts of beauty and the colorful art she was known for to hundreds of school children and to the city

of Bay Village where she lived and taught for 26 years.



After a break to travel with her husband, Jack Leslie, Ruth was looking forward to teaching children during the summer at BAYarts, where generations of Ruth's family have left their own creative mark. She was also helping with the design and execution of garden benches for the BAYarts renovated gardens.

Appropriately, a garden has been dedicated to Ruth's

memory on the campus and Ruth's family has created The Ruth Purdy-Leslie Youth Scholarship Fund at BAYarts for aspiring young artists. Contributions to the fund may be sent to: Ruth Purdy-Leslie Fund at BAYarts, 28795 Lake Road, Bay Village 44140. Call 440-871-6543 for more information.

We will miss you, Ruth, but never forget the joy that your art inspires in all of us.

Local Blue Star Mothers support troops and eacn otner

by Barb Blankfeld

'n honor of Mother's Day, I'd like to introduce our group of military moms to those in the community who may not be familiar with us. We are the Blue Star Mothers of America and our chapter is called the Ohio Buckeye Chapter #26.

BSMA is a tax-exempt organization that has been around since 1942. We meet on the fourth Monday of every month at 6:00 p.m. at the American Legion Hall (Clifton Post 421) located at 22001 Brookpark Rd., Fairview Park.

Our organization par-



ticipates in many activities to support our troops and support each other, which includes letter writing and care packages to our soldiers, family socials, speakers, knitting and sewing projects and community fundraisers.

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Westlake Garden Club continues Arbor Day tradition



Westlake Garden Club members Ruth Bertrand, Margaret Schulz, Sally Knurek, Kathy Molnar and Maryann Brock, along with Porter Library Director Andrew Mangels and Westlake Mayor Dennis Clough, listen as Stan Barnard, Westlake's Urban Forestry/Safety Manager, describes the species of tree the group planted in front of Porter Library on April 29. The Garden Club has planted trees around the city in celebration of Arbor Day for over 20 years.

LENSC urges 'hands off' approach to baby wildlife

by Shawn Salamone

sure sign (or sound) of spring at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center is the constant ringing of the phone with calls about baby wildlife. The Center's Wildlife Education & Rehabilitation Program staff welcomes and encourages these calls and offers free advice in order to head off unnecessary human intervention by well-intentioned but uninformed "rescuers." Some things to keep in mind about the wild babies you

encounter in your backyard: • Baby wildlife is rarely aban-

A fawn found lying quietly by itself with no mother in sight is perfectly normal. Deer do this to protect their young, as the presence of an adult would attract the attention of predators.

Photo by Tim Jasinski, LENSC Seasonal Wildlife Assistant

doned in nature. Wildlife moth-cessfully co-exist with them. ers often leave their babies

unattended for hours. Even if one parent has died, in many cases, the remaining parent can ably take care of the babies.

• Baby wild animals DO NOT need to be protected from the natural dangers in their lives. Cats and dogs, cars, streets and parking lots are all a natural part of the life of an urban/suburban wild animal. They NEED to grow up among these things in order to learn how to suc-

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Collection to help West Side Catholic Center

by Kevin Burns

The St. Bernadette Church fifth-grade PSR Community Service Project is scheduled for the weekend of May 7-8. The fifth-grade PSR classes will collect all family socks and underwear, shoes, functional kitchenware, and small appliances such as alarm clocks, toasters, can openers, etc.

Toiletries such as soap, shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste, disposable razors and large or extra large diapers are in great need, too. Towels, sheets, blankets and pillows also are needed to help set people up in their own homes.

The project benefits the West Side Catholic Center and culminates a yearlong focus on stewardship and making a positive difference in our community. A collec-

tion station staffed by students will be open during the following times: Saturday, May 7, 4:15-6:15 p.m.; Sunday, May 8, 7:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.; Monday, May 9, 4-4:15 p.m. The church is at 2256 Clague Rd., Westlake.



WILDLIFE continued from front page

• Wild animals DO NOT abandon their babies due to the smell of humans. Birds, in fact, cannot even smell anything! While mammals can smell very well, the scent of humans is not nearly enough of a danger signal to cause a mother to "go against" all of her hormonal and instinctual maternal behaviors.

• Baby animals will never be able to receive the same quality of care from humans as they get from their natural parents. Human care, to some extent, is always damaging to the baby animal. For this reason, human intervention should always be the absolute last resort,

and should occur only if the baby has NO chance of surviving in the wild.

A free fact sheet, "I Found Baby Wildlife - Does It Need Help?", is available online at http://www.lensc.org/wildlife/faq.htm. It includes animal specific advice about baby wildlife.

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center urges everyone to call for advice before interfering with any wild animal - adult or baby - for the safety of people and for the protection of the wildlife. Rehab staff can be reached at 440-871-2900, ext. 204, seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Rehab staff has been certified to perform wildlife rehabilitation by the Interna-



Young ducks and geese sometimes get separated from their families when following parents to water. Search nearby water locations and return the youngster to the family, if possible. Ducks often nest miles from water, even in parking lots and suburban yards, and can successfully walk their babies to the nearest water on their own. Any attempt to assist them almost always results in separating mom from the babies or causing accidents as they frantically attempt to avoid capture. Photo by Tim Jasinski

> tional Wildlife Rehabilitators Council, receives continuing education, and has all of the appropriate state and federal permits required to perform wildlife rehabilitation.

> The Center's Kenneth A. Scott Wildlife Education & Rehabilitation Program provides rehab services at no charge to the public, relying on donations to take in approximately 1,000 injured and ill wild animals each year, with the goal of release back into the wild. Staffers also field 4,000 phone calls annually, educating callers one at a time about how to coexist with wildlife. The donor-funded nonprofit Center is located at 28728 Wolf Road in Bay Village. For more information, log on to www.lensc.org or call 440-871-2900.

Westlake girl dominating math competitions

by Cindy McNaughton

Tavya Ravichandran, a seventhgrade student from Westlake attending Birchwood School in Cleveland, is a force to be reckoned with in math

competitions. During the 2010-11 school year, she has won multiple math contests and awards at the local, state and national levels.

In October, Ravichandran registered a perfect score in the American Mathematics Competition 8 (AMC8) and was awarded first place in Ohio. A few months later she competed as part of the four-student Birchwood team who won first place at the Northeast Ohio MathCounts competition.

This same team went on to take first place at the state level. There, Ravichandran placed seventh overall, and was the highestranking female in the competition. Her success continues.

Ravichandran was also part of Birchwood's seventh-grade team that placed first at the Ohio Mathematics League competition. Individually, she placed among the top twenty students in Ohio. Most recently, Ravichandran won first place in the regional compe-



Ravichandran of Westlake has placed first in a number of math contests across all levels of competition.

tition (Ohio, Illinois, Michigan and Indiana) of the Continental Math League.

Kavya is not afraid of work. Since school began in September, Kavya has solved more than onethousand math problems in addition to her regular math work. She has completed high school honors Algebra I and Geometry courses with A's. She also has mapped out a plan to finish Algebra II/Trigonometry by the time she enters high school.

When asked about her accomplishments Kavya said enthusiastically, "I've always liked math. It's so logical and has so many applications."

When asked about Kavya's success, Birchwood math teacher and Head of School, Charles Debelak, said, "Kavya's success is not surprising when you consider her work ethic. Any student ... who is willing to put forth the time to practice and then practice some more will meet with success."

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Shirley Hostetler, assistant to director of Bay Community Services, takes a photo of attendees. The event drew national attention from BBC America, ABC New York and other media sources after Hostetler's article announcing the celebration was published in the WBV Observer and picked up by media outlets. Networks requested photos from the Dwyer Center's staff to report on American celebrations of the British wedding.



VIVA emcee Althea Hagan (center) and models (I-to-r) Nancy Erdman, Vicki Adelman, Linda Morell, Sheila Weinstock, Jane Davis and Barb Brouman put on a runway show of vintage wedding dresses. Photo by Shirley Hostetler

Dwyer Center celebrates royal wedding with luncheon and fashion



Linda Morell of Volunteers in Vintage Attire (VIVA) models a wedding dress during the Royal Wedding Luncheon and Fashion Show held April 29 at Bay's **Dwyer Center.**





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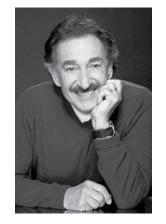
Larry Morrow to visit Bay Village Larry Morrow to Visit Bay Village

by Jane Lassar

Radio personality Larry
Morrow will make a special appearance at the
Bay Village branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library on
Wednesday, May 18, from 7-8
p.m. Morrow will share inside
stories and anecdotes from his
long and varied radio career.
The event is free and open to
the public.

As a Cleveland radio DJ and host for more than four decades, Morrow became well known for his upbeat personality and gentle good humor. He earned the nickname "Mr. Cleveland" for his active role in promoting Cleveland's turnaround in the 1980s and 1990s.

Morrow came to Cleveland from Detroit in 1966 to join the innovative rock-and-roll station WIXY 1260. He later hosted morning shows on 3WE, WERE, WQAL, and Sirius



Satellite Radio. Morrow has been master of ceremonies for many important civic events, including the grand opening of Cleveland Browns Stadium in 1999 and Cleveland's official bicentennial ceremony. He has also introduced five U.S. presidents at regional events.

He was inducted into the Radio and Television Broadcasters Hall of Fame

and is the only Ohio broadcaster nominated to the National Radio Hall of Fame. Morrow's talk is based on his new memoir, "This is Larry Morrow: My Life On and Off the Air" which will be on sale for autographing at the event.

For more information, call the Bay Village Library at 440-871-6392 or contact the book's publisher at 1-800-915-3609 or www. grayco.com. ●

Bay Library programs you won't want to miss!

by Joyce Sandy

THE SEVERANCE FAMILY, Wednesday, May 4 (7:00 p.m.)

Join us as Diana Tittle talks about her new book "The Severances: The American Odyssey from Puritan Massachusetts to Ohio Western Reserve and Beyond." The Severance family's basic belief was to give to the community and share their good fortunes as their wealth grew. Northeast Ohio has been greatly influenced by their philanthropy. Find out little-known facts or learn more about one of Cleveland's own "royal families"! A book signing will follow the program.

AUTHOR BRIAN FREEMAN, Thursday, May 5 (7:00 p.m.)

Meet Brian Freeman, internationally acclaimed author of psychological suspense novels featuring Lieutenant Jonathan Stride. His books have been sold in 46 countries and translated into 18 languages. His debut thriller won the Macavity Award and was nominated for the Edgar, Dagger, Anthony and Barry awards. His newest book is "The Bone House," the story of the investigation into the mysterious death of 16-year-old Glory. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Registration for these programs and more can be made online at cuyahogalibrary.org or by calling 871-6392. ●

Please note that the program "The Life and Times of Eliot Ness" scheduled for May 11 has been postponed to a date in the fall, yet to be announced.

Fun CERT event prepares for a rainy day

by Tricia Granfors

Testshore Regional Community Emergency Response Team (WSC) cordially invites you to their May 10 event at the Rocky River Brewing Company, 21290 Center Ridge Rd. Festivities are from 6-9 p.m.

Twenty dollars in advance or \$25 at the door will get you all you can eat pizza, wings, salad, desserts, two drink tickets, happy hour prices, an opportunity to win awesome gift baskets and other drawings, a Dove Chocolate table, and a chance at some great door prizes including Cavs and Monsters tickets, fine jewelry, and more.

The CERT program has two primary goals: prepare citizens for disasters

common or possible in their area through free 20-hour disaster preparedness training and if willing, to join an organized team that acts as a vital extension of emergency services when needs outweigh resources.

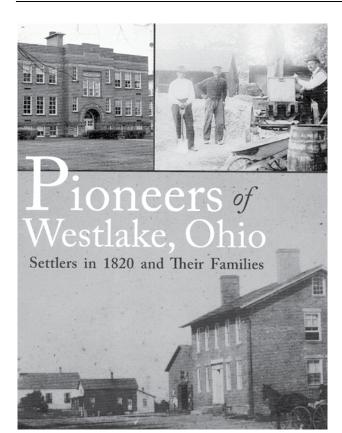
The 240-member nonprofit Westshore Regional CERT serves Bay Village, Westlake, Fairview Park, Lakewood, North Olmsted and Rocky River. The May 10 fundraiser will help the team continue to provide free training to residents and to remain prepared through training and equipment to serve our community.

For additional information on the WSC, free training, and the May 10 event call Tricia Granfors at 440-716-4135 or granforst@north-olmsted.com. ●



First aid is one of the many subjects covered in the free CERT training.

Westlake bicentennial book receives state award



Jeanne Workman's book on Westlake pioneers was recognized by the Ohio Genealogical Society.

by Jayme Broestl

ioneers of Westlake, Ohio:
Settlers in 1820 and Their
Families," a new bicentennial book by local genealogist and author, Jeanne B. Workman, recently earned the Governor Thomas Worthington Book Award for 2011. This award is given to recognize works of excellence in biographical collections of Ohio people, by the Ohio Genealogical Society at its annual

conference, which was held this year on April 2, in Columbus.

The 174-page book is an in-depth genealogical study of the 55 families residing in old Dover Township, as listed in the 1820 census of Cuyahoga County. Not only are these families identified with their stories, origins and relationships, but their relatives and descendants, for two to five generations, are also included. The studies primarily focus on those families in the central part of the township which is now Westlake.

Supported by Westlake Porter Public Library and its Director, Andrew Mangels, Jeanne spent about five years in research, gathering together materials from



Jeanne Workman

many local and online sources, as well as out-of-state libraries, historical societies and county archives. Helpful additions are a page which instructs the reader on meanings of the abbreviations used and how the information is organized – from thumbnail sketches to background stories.

A name index, place index and extensive footnotes and sources for each family make the text accessible for further research. The book, with its attractive

cover, is a gift to historians and genealogists alike and congratulations are due for this award-winning bicentennial tribute to Westlake's earliest residents.

Jeanne will be signing copies of her book at Westlake's "Cruisin' Through Time" luncheon at LaCentre on Tuesday, May 17, and at the regular monthly Cuyahoga West Chapter meeting, May 18, at Porter Library.

The book may be ordered from the Cuyahoga West Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 45607, Westlake, OH 44145-0607. Cost is \$25, plus \$4 shipping and handling; Ohio residents add \$1.95 tax. Order forms are available at http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohcwogs. For questions, email cuyahogawest@gmail.com. ●

WESTLAKE PORTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

WPPL's May calendar of events

by Elaine Willis

May 2-8 (All Day) BOOK WEEK CHALLENGE

- It's Children's Book Week! Take our challenge to find book characters hidden in the Youth Services Department. A new challenge each day!

Thursday, May 5 (10-11 a.m.) Cinco de Mayo – Hola! Let's celebrate Cinco de Mayo together. We'll sing, dance, listen to stories and break a pinata! Ages 3-5. Registration begins April 28.

Wednesday, May 4 (2-7 p.m.) AMERICAN RED **CROSS BLOODMOBILE** – Type O Drive

Thursday, May 5 (7-8:30 p.m.) INVESTOR **INTEREST GROUP –** John Sawczak will discuss "Intermediate Charting Part 2." Please register.

Friday, May 6 (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 registra-

Saturday, May 7 (10 a.m.-2 p.m.) CRAFTS A **GO-GO!** – Join us for a fun and easy craft! All supplies provided; just drop in.

Saturday, May 7 (10:30-11:30 a.m.) THE OLM-**STED LEGACY** – Join us for "The Olmsted Legacy: America's Urban Parks," a film about landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted, the man who helped create Manhattan's Central Park. Co-sponsored by the Westlake Garden Club, Park Works Inc. and The Speedwell Foundation. Please register.

Saturday, May 7 (11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.) FROM **OLMSTED TO HOMESTEAD** – Bob Rensel from the Cleveland Botanical Garden will provide landscaping tips for the average homeowner, building on Frederick Olmsted's idea of green space as a refuge from the modern world. Co-sponsored by the Westlake Garden Club. Please register.

Tuesday, May 10 (7 p.m.) TUESDAY EVENING **BOOK DISCUSSION –** The May selection is "South of Broad" by Pat Conroy.

Wednesday, May 11 (10:30-11 a.m.) LET'S SINGAND DANCE! - Join us for a fun session of singing and dancing. For children ages 2-6 with a caregiver. No registration required.

Thursday, May 12 (7 p.m.) NON-FICTION **BOOK DISCUSSION –** The May selection is "Born to Run: A Hidden Tribe, Superathletes and the Great-

est Race the World Has Never Seen" by Christopher McDougall.

Friday, May 13 (7-9 p.m.) SECOND ANNUAL FRIENDS SPELLING BEE – Get your team together and compete to be Westlake's best spellers! Teams can be families, co-workers or friends. Please register. You'll receive a list of words to study at that time.

Saturday, May 14 (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 ses-

Monday, May 16 (7-8:30 p.m.) MONDAY NIGHT **MOVIE –** A couple struggles with the death of their young son in a film starring Aaron Eckhart and Nicole Kidman. Rated PG-13. Please register.

Monday, May 16 (7-8:30 p.m.) CAREERS FYI

 CCC Career Transition Specialist Jeannette Galati will present the last of a four-part series on the job search process. Please register. This session: Ace the

Wednesday, May 18 (10:30-11 a.m.) LET'S **SINGAND DANCE!** – Join us for a fun session of singing and dancing. For children ages 2-6 with a caregiver. No registration required.

Wednesday, May 18 (6:30 p.m.) CUYAHOGA WEST GENEALOGY SOCIETY - Will Krause of the Westlake Planning Department will discuss "Celebrating Westlake's Bicentennial." Also, author Jeanne Workman will be on hand to sign copies of her book "Pioneers of Westlake, Ohio: Settlers in 1820 and Their Families." Copies will also be available for purchase.

Wednesday, May 18 (7-8:30 p.m.) FIND MONEY FOR YOUR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION -

Learn how to use the Foundation Directory Online to find money for your non-profit organization.

ALSO IN MAY:

WPPL'S YOUTH DRAWING CONTEST

All entries must feature a building or historical landmark located in Westlake. Entries will be judged in four age categories: 3-6 years, 7-10 years, 11-14 years and 15-18 years. Prizes will be awarded! Entries accepted from May 23 to June 24. Contact Youth Services (440-250-5471) for details.

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

"Whodunit...the Musical" concludes Clague Playhouse's season

by Pam Kilpatrick

lague Playhouse will conclude their 83rd season with "Whodunit...the Musical" by Ed Dixon. A wealthy spinster and her cockney maid take a beautiful

Connecticut summer home in 1931. When they arrive, all the help has quit, except for a very odd butler who tells them that something "strange" is going on.

They are soon joined by other guests and as they settle in for the night, someone tries to break in, a gun shot is heard and a total stranger is found lying in the middle of the living room. Then another. A very austere detective arrives and things get REALLY strange... and funny.

A tuneful, hilarious romp that's part mystery, part drawing room farce and all musical. The cast of characters: Elicia Bryant, Barb Dragony, Greg Dziama,



Andrew Knode, Alex Nalbach and Mary Jane Nottage are directed by Ron Newell with music direction by Connie Baltitas.

"Whodunit..." runs Friday, May 6-Saturday,

May 28 on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8:30 p.m. (note the later curtain time) and Sunday at 2:00

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 from 1:00-6:00 p.m. Cash, check, Discover, MasterCard and Visa are accepted. Clague Playhouse is located at 1371 Clague Rd., south of Detroit Road. Parking is free and the building is handicapped accessible.

During the run, enjoy the architecture photographs of Westlake resident, Bob Zak, in our lobby gallery.

Free Comic Book Day coming to Porter **Library**

by Scott Rudge

ow do you get more people to read comic books? You take the comics where the readers are. This is the guiding principle behind the team-up of Astound Comics and Westlake Porter Public Library for this year's Free Comic Book Day event.

Free Comic Book Day is Saturday, May 7. On that day, Astound Comics will provide free comic books to be distributed at the Westlake Porter Public Library from 9 a.m. until supplies run out.

Westlake Porter Public Library is located at 27333 Center Ridge Rd. in Westlake.

Astound Comics has participated in Free Comic Book Day for eight years, but this year marks the first year they have chosen to move the entire event from their store in Westlake to the local library.

"Our goal is to get comics into the hands of as many people as possible," says Scott Rudge, owner of Astound Comics. "We have worked with the library on a much smaller scale over the last few years, but this year we really wanted to do something different.

"We've always been huge fans of comics as a tool to get people interested in reading in general, especially younger kids. This just seemed like a perfectly logical thing to do and we are really looking forward to it. What better place to reach significant numbers of readers than at the public library?"

Local artist John Deluca will be on hand to give interested kids super hero drawing lessons. There will also be prize drawings and other interesting surprises!

For more information, check out Astound Comics' website at www.astoundpop.com or Westlake Porter Public Library website at www.westlakelibrary.org. General information on Free Comic Book Day and a list of stores supporting the event can be found at www.freecomicbookday.com.

PROSE

In memory of a friend

Betty Carson, Bay Village

Jane was a customer of mine. With the progression of time she became a dear friend.

Letters sped back and forth between our mailboxes - three or four monthly! The written lines telling of her knitting, card ladies, menus planned, deer, birds, and raccoons seen in her yard. A cat alone in the world needed TLC.

Children, hubby, grandchildren and friends dotted the pages she sent to me.

The new knitting book held joy in her hands as she planned ahead the things she would create. The bare spots in her yard that would need bulbs so bursts of color could fill in the spots next year.

Alas, was not to be. Jane left us unexpectedly and we wept.

My mailbox will seem empty, my heart full of sadness. The tears have dried on my face for I realize how her sunny personality has shown on my life all these years.

I am thankful she was my friend.

WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS

WHS basketball player named co-player of the year

by Kim Bonvissuto

restlake High School senior Kalpana Beach was named Division I Co-Player of the Year by the Ohio Basketball Coaches Association.

Kalpana Beach has signed her national letter of intent to attend The Ohio State University after weighing offers from a number of schools including Notre Dame and Florida State University. Beach is one of the most decorated girls basketball players to ever wear the Green and White.

In addition to being named the MVP of the Southwestern Conference in 2009-

10, Kalpana was also named as a first team All-District selection and a second team All-State player. For her career, Kalpana has averaged 16.5 points per game and has scored over 1,000 points in her career. She is approaching or has surpassed many of the Westlake girls basketball statistical records.

Earlier this month, the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association named the WHS girls varsity basketball team one of the top five teams in the state with the highest team GPA. The Ohio Army National Guard hosted a pizza party and presented a plaque to the team in April. The team also won the SWC Conference District Championship this year.



WHS senior point guard Kristie Prendergast (far left) and Division I Co-Player of the Year Kalpana Beach (far right), accept a plaque presented by Ohio Army National Guard SSG Douglas Montgomery and SFC Stephanie Bacskay.

Balloon launch to highlight seatbelt safety

by Kim Bonvissuto

¬he Westlake City Schools, in conjunction with the Safe Kids Coalition of Greater Cleveland, will hold a balloon release at two elementary schools to promote seatbelt safety.

Third-graders recently colored posters with messages about wearing seatbelts that will be reduced to the size of a postcard and attached to balloons. Students at Dover Elementary School will release the balloons on May 9 at 12:45 p.m., while visit www.safekids.org.

students at Holly Lane Elementary will release balloons May 9 at 1:30 p.m.

The concept is to see how far the message will travel. Along with the seatbelt safety message, the school's contact information is written on the postcard with a request to email the class if a postcard is found.

Westlake Police Department DARE Officer Rosie McCov is heading up the effort for the Westlake Schools. For more information on the Safe Kids Coalition



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Huntington Playhouse to open 2011 season with 'The Drowsy Chaperone'

by Tom Meyrose

The 2011 Huntington Playhouse season gets underway on May 12 with a production of the musical, "The Drowsy Chaperone." The show will run for four weekends with performances on Friday and Saturday evenings at 8:00 p.m. with one Sunday matinee on June 5 at 2:00 p.m. Monica Olejko directs and choreographs the show with Heidi Herczeg serving as the musical director.

This delightful musical begins when a die-hard musical-theater fan played by Managing Director Tom Meyrose – plays his favorite cast album on his turntable, and the musical bursts to life in his living room, telling the rambunctious tale of a brazen Broadway starlet trying to find, and keep her true love. "The Drowsy Chaperone" is homage to American musicals of the Jazz Age, examining the effect musicals have on the fans who adore them.

Reservations are strongly recommended by calling the box office at 440-871-8333. Box Office Hours are Wednesdays through Saturdays from 1-5 p.m. The box office is open

later on performance dates.

Flex Passes are also on sale for the 2011 season. Patrons who purchase a Flex Pass get seven admissions to be used on any of our performance dates in any combination of tickets. The box office staff can answer any questions about this great way to see terrific theatre and save some money!

Children's Theatre classes are also accepting registrations for the Summer

Huntington Playhouse is located at 28601 Lake Road in Bay Village and is a licensed affiliate of the Cleveland Metroparks. For more information, check the web site: www.huntingtonplayhouse.com.

ONLINE SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCE CENTER PROPOSED TO OHIO LEGISLATURE

by Nan Baker

In today's fast-paced world, the most successful businesses are those that take advantage of every available resource. To achieve a competitive edge, Ohio's small businesses need to be aware of the resources available to them through their state government. Ohio is at a crossroads when it comes to business growth and job creation, and our economic prosperity largely hinges on the success of our small businesses.

Here in the state legislature, my colleagues and I are actively looking for ways to foster business development and expansion. Sometimes, this can be as simple as consolidating and organizing existing government resources. To this end, in the previous General Assembly, Representative Peter Stautberg and I introduced legislation that would create a small business resource center on the Ohio Department of Development's website.

Voices from the small business community came to us with this idea, citing the difficulty they had in finding information relevant to their field of work. As a small business owner for more than 30 years, I know first-hand the frustration that comes with trying to understand government requirements, permits and licenses. In addition, many small business owners are not even aware of the many government opportunities and incentives open to them. There is a clear need for a simple, user-friendly resource that addresses these aueries.

The small business community stands to benefit immensely from the suggestions made on the Ohio Small Business Resource Center. Recognizing the unfilled need, Representative Mike Dovilla and I re-introduced the legislation as House Bill 144 in the current Legislature. Specifically, the website will function as a location to furnish small businesses with the tools and information they need to grow and prosper. The site will feature information on a variety of business-related topics, including steps to starting a small business, loan and financing opportunities, advocacy opportunities, and required licenses and

With House Bill 144, small business resources will be designed to navigate easily and efficiently access the information they need to grow and develop. Business growth does not only signal success for business owners, but also for their employees and Ohio's economy at large. Economic development, in turn, boosts job creation, and Ohio needs to take advantage of any opportunity to induce this sort of positive growth in the business sector.

Your input is invaluable to me as I move forward in this legislative session. If you have any questions or concerns about Ohio's small businesses, please do not hesitate to contact my office by calling 614-466-0961, emailing District16@ohr.state.oh.us, or by writing to: Representative Nan Baker, 77 S. High Street, 10th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215.



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BLUE STAR continued from front page

If you have a son or daughter in the military and feel the need to be around others who understand your unique situation (or just want to support the military), you are not alone and we would love you to join us at our next meeting.

If you wish to have the name and location of a loved one overseas added to our list of names for care packages, please send the information, along with your personal contact information, to barbfromsunset@gmail.com. Tax-deductible donations made in honor of a loved one are also accepted to help cover the cost of mailing.

For additional information, please call me at 440-991-6740 or Sally Botson, vice president, at 216-509-1291 (leave message).

Barb Blankfeld is president of the BSMA Ohio Buckeye Chapter #26 and lives in Bay Village.



Members of the local Blue Star Mothers of America chapter gather to write letters, assemble care packages and support each other.



Learn about Westlake's past and the events to celebrate 200 years

by Jayne Broestl

ill Krause, Assistant Director of Westlake's Planning and Economic Development Department, will be the featured guest speaker at the Wednesday, May 18, meeting of the Cuyahoga West Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society, at Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Mr. Krause will present "The History of Westlake and Its Bicentennial Celebration." Come and learn about Westlake's past and how the city and local organizations are commemorating 200 years of history. Also, Jeanne B. Workman, genealogist and author of the award-winning bicentennial book "Pioneers of Westlake, Ohio: Settlers in 1820 and Their Families," will be signing books which will be available for purchase at this meeting.

Program begins at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments and social time is from 6:30-7:00 p.m. The public is invited, at no charge. For additional information, visit their website http://www.rootsweb.ancestry. com/~ohcwogs or send an email to cuyahogawest@gmail.com.

Second annual Bark for Life fundraiser May 21

by Iris Haco

ay Village is hosting the second annual Bark for Life event on Saturday, May 21, at Walker Road Park in Avon Lake from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m.

Bark for Life is a noncompetitive walk event for dogs and their owners to raise

funds and awareness for the American Cancer Society's fight against cancer. All proceeds from this event will benefit the American Cancer Society.

So bring your best canine friend and join us for a fun-filled day starting with a walk, and then continuing with demonstrations, contests, and games. The opening ceremonies begin at noon and include cancer-survivor guest speakers and a blessing for the animals.

The events include a one-mile noncompetitive canine walk, Central Ohio K9 steering committee

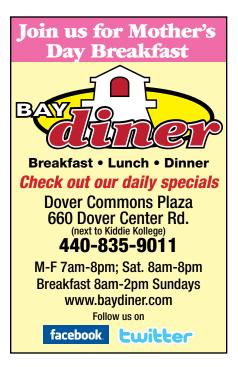
Dog lovers at last year's Bark for Life event.

unit demonstrations, entertainment provided by the BHS jazz band, dog photos, face painting, canine contests, food, K9 adoptions and much, much more!

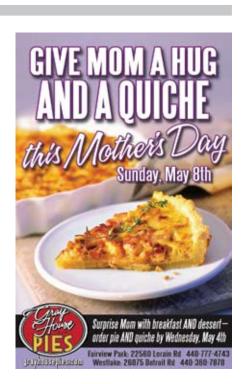
Fee for early registration (May 15 deadline) is \$15.00 for the first dog and \$10 for each additional dog. Registration fee on date of event is \$25.

To download the registration form and learn more about this event, please go to relayforlife.org/bayvillage and click on the Bark for Life link.

Iris Haco is on the Bay Village Bark for Life









Children attend last year's Royal Tea Party at the Westlake Rec Center.

Get out, get fit at Westlake Rec!

by Jim Dispirito

Peterson Pool Information

Registration for Peterson Pool Learn to Swim classes will be held on Saturday, May 14, from 7:00 a.m.-noon for Westlake residents only. Open registration for non-residents will be held on Wednesday, May 18, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Cost is \$45 for residents and \$65 for non-residents. A \$10 discount is available when signing up a child for more than one session or signing up multiple children.

Royal Tea Party (ages 3-5)

Thursday, May 19 (11-11:45 a.m. OR 1-1:45 p.m.) – Come and listen to a princess story. We will make crowns with jewels and edible princess/prince necklaces. We will also have cupcake snack and wash it down with some royal punch. We shall have a splendid good time! Feel free to dress like your favorite princess or prince. Cost is \$10 for members; \$15 for residents.

Get Fit

Various fitness classes are offered at the Westlake Recreation Center including Yoga, Zumba, Phenomenal Abdominals, Spinning, as well as other fitness oriented classes. For more information and class schedules, please visit our website at www.wlrec.org

Fishing Derby (ages up to 12)

Saturday, May 14 (9 a.m.-noon) – Enjoy a morning of fishing in the Westlake Recreation Center's lake. Cost is \$10 per child. Bait and prizes will be provided.

Big Rig

Saturday, May 14 (10 a.m.-noon) – Stop by the Recreation Center and take a look at the various trucks that make the city go. Climb inside, ask questions or just take some pictures. There is no registration so stop on by and check out the big boy toys.

Golf

Various golf lessons are starting including beginners, intermediate and short game classes. Kids classes begin when school gets out. Check out our summer brochure online for all the golf classes. Golf lessons are held at the Golden Tee Driving Range in Olmsted Falls.

More information regarding all of these programs and more can be found at our website at www.wlrec.org 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.



Architectural photography exhibit at Clague Playhouse

B ob Zak, a resident of Westlake, is having an exhibition of his photography at the Clague Playhouse Gallery located at 1371 Clague Rd. in Westlake. The requested theme of the show is "Architecture."

Last year at this time, you may have seen Bob's' one-man show of his work at Westlake Porter Public Library. That exhibit showcased the full range of his work. This exhibition however, deals only with his views on architecture and covers everything from the most ancient – Stone-

henge, in England – to the most recent – the new Salvador Dali Museum in Florida that just opened in January 2011.

The grand opening of the exhibit coincides with the opening of the Clague Playhouse presentation of the play "Whodunit... the Musical," on Friday, May 6. The exhibit hours are the same as the box office hours, Wednesday through Saturday from 1-6 p.m. The box office phone is 440-331-0403. The play and the photography exhibit run through May 28.



Bob Zak's photograph, "Top of the Helix," is one of his many architectural photographs on display at the Clague Playhouse Gallery this month. The photo was taken inside the new Dali Museum in St. Petersburg, Fla. This three-story staircase represents the human helix.





Westlake Bicentennial, 1811-2011

A yearlong celebration of Westlake's history

In this issue: 1870-1889

The Clague legacy

by Lysa Stanton and Dave Pfister

n 1829, Robert Clague came to Dover (now Westlake) from the Isle of Man, near Scotland. After a few years, Mr. Clague returned to the Isle of Man, married Margaret Cowell, then brought his young family including a six-monthold daughter back to Dover around 1837.

They had a land grant and were among the earliest of the thousands of settlers from the Isle of Man to come here. Robert built a log cabin and began clearing what is now known



Siblings Walter and Sophronia Clague sit for a photograph in the Clague House living room about 1930.

as Clague Road. Mr. Clague prospered as a fruit farmer. His apples were thought by many to be some of the best in the state of Ohio.

The Clagues had nine children. Ruth Ann

Clague was a school teacher in Cleveland, while Sophronia was a school teacher in the Lakewood schools. Two of the Clague sons served in the Civil War. Thomas served only short time and lived to be 81, but John Clague died from wounds he suffered in the battle of the wilderness.

In 1926, two of the remaining Clague children, Walter and Sophronia, decided to donate the family farm and homestead to the Village of Dover for a park – with the provision that they be allowed to live out the rest of their days in the family home.

Three years later, a monument was dedicated, on the opposite side of Clague Road with this inscription:"Forty years ago, Walter desired

> to donate his property for a park when the opportune time came. This desire was realized on Saturday, October 26, 1926, when Dover Village accepted the 78 acres on Clague road for a park to called Clague Memorial Park for all time."

> The Clague family homestead is now home to the Westlake Historical Society, and has been since the late 1960s. The Victorian-style Clague House Museum is listed in the National Register of Historic Places under the National Parks Division of

the U.S. Department of the Interior. It is a fine example of how a rather obscure immigrant couple have made a historic contribution of national significance!

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Agriculture was a way of life in Dover. Farm-

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ers would load wagons in the evening and would

head to the closest big city - Cleveland - to sell

their crops. Doverites found that making the trek

provide for much of the needs of his family.



The Clagues donated their family home to the city in 1926. Today it houses the Westlake Historical Society.

1880s laundry day

fter the Civil War, clothing was in short supply. Most clothing was also produced at home. People wore what they had and made do with older clothing, often wearing it until it was worn out. Proper fit and matching patterns were not a concern to the early pioneers.

Women had one or two dresses of a very simple material. They wore a simple hat or bonnet when they were working outside. Scraps of clothing were often recycled and sewn into quilts. These quilts were used to keep warm.

Laundry was done infrequently compared to today's



A washboard and Iron were staples of pioneer laundry days.

standards. Laundry was done in an open pot over a hot fire. Soap for washing was made by taking the ashes from cooking, water and the fat of a hog and cooking these ingredients together to make lye soap.

Water for the pot would be carried in wooden buckets or a yoke and buckets from a nearby well, creek or stream and poured into a huge iron pot. A fire would be lit under the huge pot to bring the water to a boil. The dirty clothes, sheets and lye soap would be stirred with a wooden paddle in the hot water and then scrubbed on a "washboard." After a rinse in fresh water, the clothing would be hung out to dry on either a rope or across branches and bushes.

Early Dover farming

by Lysa Stanton and Dave Pfister

over was an agriculturally-based community from 1840-1900. The average farmer raised products like corn, wheat and hay. They would grow these items for their family and for livestock, then sell the surplus at the market.

Early farming was very isolating. Crops could be divided by two areas. The first, just outside the

kitchen door, you would find whatwasknown as the "kitchen garden." In it would be various vegetables and herbs. These were raised close to the house for consumption by the family members.

The family garden was



A farmer stands on Center Ridge Road, near Bradley Road.

tended mostly by the women of the home and the younger children. In addition to cooking, herbs were often given and used for medicinal purposes. Herbs were often seen as the first line of defense against common ailments of the day. Since doctors were often scarce, many depended on the use of

are surprised to learn that, at the turn of the century, Dover was the second-largest grape producer

The Juergermeier family came to Dover in the 1860s and were considered the last real farmers in the area. The Juergermeier brothers tilled the soil into the 1980s on the plot of land known as the Promenade today. •

Photos courtesy of Westlake Porter Public Library and Westlake Historical Society.

these plants. Herb lore was passed from mother to

daughter, often as they tended these gardens.

Dover Business Directory.

P. Philips, Proprietor of Union House.

M. Lathrop, Physician and Surgeon. & C. Pease, Merchants, Dealers in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, &c. Kirk & Reublin, Proprietors of Steam Gristmill. Flour and Mill Feed kept constantly on hand.

Wm. Geiger, Proprietor of Quarry containing first quality of Sandstone, two miles S. W. of Dover. Peter Hoffman, Merchant, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, and Shoes; also, House Carpenter and Joiner, three miles W. of Dover.

John Miller, Proprietor of Hotel and Saloon; also, Stone Quarry, containing first-class stone of all desuriptions, three miles S. W. of Dover.

C. S. Fauver, Proprietor of Steam Sawmill. All kinds of Lumber furnished at low cash rates, three miles S. W. of Dover.

A. Heinsohu, Proprietor of Vineyard. D. A. Brown, Merchant, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groce-ries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, and Medicines, one and three-quarter mile N. W. of Dover.

Louis Kratzert, Proprietor of Harvest Home House, Saloon and Vineyard, one mile N. of Dover. John Rupprecht, Pastor of German Lutheran Church.

H. L. Brakesughler, Professor of the German Lutheran School. John Miner, Proprietor of Brick and Tile Yard; tiles

made from two to six inches. Jas. L. Hand, Postal Clerk on C. C. R. R. Orville Alford, Carpenter and Joiner; also, Millwright.

Coe Ridge. John Pe'lett, Master Machinist. Wm. Lewis. Does general Blacksmithing; horseshoeing a specialty. Wm. Elliott. Builder and Contractor.

Dover's 1874 Business Directory

BAY VILLAGE GREEN TEAM

Bay trash program to increase recycling, decrease long-term costs

by Brenda O'Reilly

he new program for removal of recycling and trash in Bay Village is expected to increase recycling by 30-50% or more by increasing the items to be recycled curbside and providing rewards to residents for recycling. And, the more that we recycle, the longer the current Oberlin Landfill will last, thereby delaying significant waste management cost increases.

In April, each resident received two large containers from Allied Waste – one blue container for trash and one green container for recycling. Here is how it works:

Continue to recycle curbside:

Newspaper, plastics labeled No. 1 and No. 2, glass bottles and jars and aluminum and steel cans. Containers should be rinsed, caps and neck rings removed from the bottles.

Added to curbside recycling:

Mixed paper (magazines, catalogs, school papers, mail, construction paper, typing paper, pamphlets, shredded paper) and cardboard (corrugated cardboard, cereal boxes, tissue boxes, paper towel rolls). **Compostable Yard Waste Pick-up:**

Yard waste will now be taken to a compost facility in Avon Lake. Make sure to place your yard waste (grass clippings, plant trimmings and other yard waste) in a brown paper compostable bag or in a separate waste container clearly marked "Yard Waste."

Bulk Pick-up:

Bulk pick-up of large items will be on the regular pick-up day on the first full week of the month. Instead of placing an item for curbside pick-up which goes to the landfill, residents are strongly encouraged to donate usable items to those in need. There are many charities in the area that will take clothing, furniture, household items, tools, used cabinets and doors, etc. For a comprehensive list, go to http://recycle.bayvillagegreenteam.com and click on the "Reuse" link located under "Waste Management."

For additional information on recycling and trash removal, visit www.cityofbayvillage.com and click on "Automated Trash and Recycling Rules" on the right side of the Home Page.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: What should I do with my old trash cans?

Allied Waste will pick up any cans placed at the

curbside marked "Take Me." However, the best way to dispose of your old trash cans is to donate, repurpose, or recycle them. Habitat for Humanity will take any trash cans that are clean and in useable condition – you can drop off your trash cans at the Bay Village Police Department parking lot on Saturday, May 21, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. If you have blue containers in good condition, they can be donated to the schools to be

used as recycle bins – please contact Nancy Richey at 440-617-7300 or nancy.richey@bayschoolsohio. org. Your used containers can be used for curbside pick-up of compostable yard waste – just clearly label the containers "Yard Waste" before placing them on your tree lawn. You can also use your containers for outdoor composting. If your containers are not in useable condition, they can be taken to a local recycler of plastic or metal.

When will the recycling and trash pick-up day change?

Residents will receive a letter from Allied Waste notifying them when the recycling and trash pick-up day will change from Tuesday to Friday. At that time, the fully automated trash pick-up program will be in effect.

What is the correct way to position my green recycle and blue trash bin curbside?

Your green recycling and blue trash bins should be placed by the curb, no more than three feet from the street. There should be at least three feet between each bin. The bins must be facing the street (so that they open from the street side), with the wheels facing the house. This placement is important to allow the mechanical arm on the truck to lift the bin and empty the contents into the truck. There will be two trucks – one for trash and one for the recyclable materials.

Do I have to crush the aluminum cans and bottles when I put them into my recycle container?

No, there is no need to crush the cans and bottles. If you want to make more room in your recycle container, it is acceptable to crush the cans and bottles.

I need more than one trash bin – what should I do?

First, make sure that you understand what can be placed in the recycle bins. The use of the recycling bins will divert a lot of trash. Try using the single 95-gallon trash bin for 60-90 days. If you are still are unable to get by with one container, a second



Bay residents Barb, Claire and Ben Caskey roll their new trash and recycling carts to the curb.

container can be arranged.

Should I use a plastic bag to separate my bottles and cans from my paper in the recycle cart?

There is no need to separate your recyclables. You can use a plastic bag if you would like to, but be aware that the bag goes to the landfill.

The new carts do not fit into my garage. Am I allowed to leave them outside?

Yes, you can leave your carts outside. A protected area in the back yard is best. Per city ordinance, they should not be visible from the street.

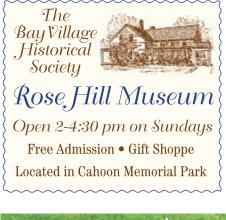
How can I recycle my No. 3-7 plastics?

The city of Cleveland recycle bins do take No. 3-7 plastic. These drop-off recycling locations can be found by going to http://recycle.bayvillagegreenteam.com and clicking on the "Drop-Off Recycling" link.

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

DID YOU KNOW?

- Our trash is hauled to the Oberlin Landfill which is projected to be totally filled in less than 18 years. At that time, our disposal costs will increase because a new landfill will have to be constructed, most likely further away from our region. Not only is constructing a landfill expensive, but its new location will likely result in increased hauling costs. That is why recycling is becoming increasingly important for both financial and environmental reasons.
- Each aluminum can recycled saves 95% in energy compared to creating a new aluminum can from its virgin source, bauxite. Paper recycled saves 60%. The amount of energy saved differs by material, but almost all recycling processes achieve significant energy savings compared to production using virgin materials.











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Learn safe boating at **Mohican School in June**

by George Christ

ohican School is noted for its excellent outdoor educational programs and also offers summer camp programs. This summer, the nationally recognized Spirit of America Safe Boating program will be offered in a residential setting. This program is from ODNR-Division of Watercraft.

Students stay and eat at the school's facility near Mansfield. They will complete the Ohio Boating Education

Course and have hands-on training at nearby Pleasant Hill Lake.

The camp runs from Monday, June 13, to Friday, June 17. The cost of this weeklong experience is only \$310. In addition, the school offers nature camps, a leadership camp and other specialized camps.

See www.mohicanoutdoorschool. partially funded by a boating safety grant org or www.spiritofamerica95.org for information, cost and an application. You may also call 419-938-6671 or email mohican@spiritofamerica95.org. Some scholarship help is available.





WHAT WILL YOUR CHILD **DO THIS SUMMER?**

Summer Sports Camp and Full-Day Summer Camp Programs are available at the West Shore Family YMCA.

Sports camp runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, June 13 through August 19.

Full Day Summer Camp runs 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. at St. Thomas Lutheran Church, 21211 Detroit Road in Rocky River.

Call (440) 871-6885 to register for both programs.

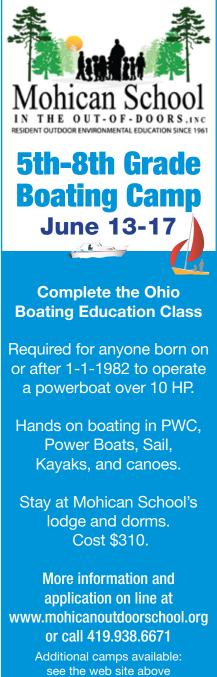
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Compeer receives award from NAMI Greater Cleveland

by Denise Ayres

ompeer staff members Jody Bell, Program Peer Support Specialist, and Denise Ayres, Compeer Coordinator, were honored to be the recipients of the Eugene Brudno Memorial Award of NAMI Greater Cleveland on April 13. The honor was one of seven awards presented by Michael Baskin, Executive Director of NAMI Greater Cleveland, in recognition of outstanding achievements by individuals and organizations for their work with or on behalf of mental health consumers.

The Eugene Brudno Memorial Award is given to recognize "the provider or organization that has demonstrated innovative work with peers and/ or families." Eugene Brudno was one of

the founders of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) in Cleveland. Eugene Brudno and his wife, Irene, dedicated themselves, for many years, to make sure there were quality services for individuals in recovery from mental illness. Their daughter had been diagnosed



Jody Bell, Compeer Program Peer Support Specialist, and Denise Ayres, Compeer Program Coordinator, accept the Eugene Brudno Memorial Award from NAMI Greater Cleveland on April 13.

viduals on their path to recovery.

Among those added activities are Garden Club in the Bay Village Community Garden, Computer Lab at Porter Public Library, Club West, NAMI "Hearts and Minds" holistic health program, Spa Days, dancing and

with mental illness and they worked to help a countless number of individuals and families. NAMI Greater Cleveland established this award to honor Eugene Brudno.

The Compeer Program, located at Far West Center in Westlake, was voted to receive the Eugene Brudno Memorial Award because it offers outstanding peer support and has added new groups and community activities that strive to decrease isolation and empower indi-

exercise with retired college instructor Louis B. Naylor, and an upcoming Job Club.

As Jody Bell, Program Peer Support Specialist, has stated, "Compeer has made incredible improvements in what it offers to consumers in recovery in the face of decreasing non-Medicaid dollars." In Compeer groups, the focus is on ability, and not disability.

The NAMI Greater Cleveland Awards Ceremony was attended by Cuyahoga County peer support specialists, NAMI members and volunteers, Chief William Denihan and staff members of the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County, and directors and representatives of community mental health agencies.

Others that were recognized for their outstanding services for mental health included: George Staursky, advocate and writer; Dr. Patrick Runnels, MD, Cleveland police officer; Melissa Dawson, Beachwood Police Chief; and Mark S. Sechrist, Esther Rodriguez and Alina Martinet of WVIZ/PBS.

Compeer at Far West Center plans to continue to offer support, empowerment, and community involvement to adult consumers of mental health services with skill-building groups and matches with volunteers. Compeer needs additional adult volunteers to offer friendly encouragement to individuals in recovery. Please contact Compeer at 440-835-6212, ext. 242, or email: compeer@farwestcenter. For more information, visit: www.farwestcenter.com and www.compeer.org. •

READERS' LETTERS

Spring means baseball and memories of seasons past

As a loyal Cleveland Indians fan, spring – in addition to the blooming of lilacs and the budding of trees – means baseball season. There is no sweeter sound than the crack of a bat as it sends a baseball over the fence at Progressive Field. Of course, the batter had better be an Indian's hitter.

My love of baseball goes back to the late forties when my grandmother would take me to afternoon games at Municipal Stadium. I loved the crowds, the peanuts, the popcorn, the players and the sense of excitement in the air. Those outings lasted through the 1956 season when I decided I was just too grown-up to go to ballgames with grandma. I saw Bob Feller, Bob Lemon, Bobby Avila, Minnie Minoso, Early Wynn, Luke Easter and Mike Garcia play.

I can't believe Cleveland has had a major league team since 1901. That's one hundred and ten years of professional baseball in our town. Originally called the Lake Shores, the team was also known as the Spiders and the Blues.

The Tribe played at League Park until moving to Municipal Stadium in 1946. We were the first team to break the color barrier in the American League, signing Larry Doby just eleven weeks after the Dodgers signed Jackie Robinson. I saw it all.

Although I am no longer able to navigate downtown to Progressive Field, I still cheer for the Tribe. Sportstime Ohio is my favorite channel during baseball season. Even though the Indians have had many rough seasons I still have hope. One of these years we will win our third World Series. Until then, I'm happy with the sound of "Play Ball." I've had a lifetime of Cleveland baseball. For me, it just doesn't get any better.

– Dianne Borowski, Bay Village



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Westlake WJWC honors 'over 90s' residents

by Kasey Crabtree

n April 28, the Westlake Junior Women's Club (WJWC) hosted the annual "Over 90s" Luncheon at the Westlake Center. It was a great success as over 60 honorees over the age of 90 plus their guests dined on quiche, fresh fruit, blueberry muffins, and of course, the ever-popular birthday cake!

Each year the WJWC handles the set up, clean up, cooking and serving of the meals to the attendees. It is through the Club's monetary donation that luncheon is free to all of

"We are so very proud to be able to honor these Westlake seniors," said Carolyn Bert, Westlake Junior Women's Club president.

"The members look forward to it each year and enjoy serving the guests as much as the guests look forward to the event. It's really fun time for all!"



Westlake Mayor Dennis Clough with some of the "Over 90s" Luncheon guests.

Westlake Services Center Activity Planner Cindi Lindgren helped with the coordinating and reservations to ensure an enjoyable afternoon, while WJWC

member Wendy Kolodkin handled all the volunteers as this year's event organizer.

Westlake Mayor Dennis Clough was also in attendance and took the time to take pictures with the "over 90s" guests. The annual April luncheon serves as a birthday celebration for Westlake residents over 90 years old. If you would like information regarding participating in next year's luncheon, please call the Westlake Community Services Department at 440-899-3544.

The Westlake Junior Women's Club is open to women of all ages and you do not need to be a Westlake resident to be a member. The purpose of the club is to realize the needs of the community and provide support while fostering fellowship among its members. For

more information on the WJWC, please see their website at www.WestlakeJuniorWomensClub.com or call them at 216-556-1365. •

FOOD & TRAVEL

The unhappy birthday cake

by Robin Benzle

irthday cakes and I go way back and most hold memories of joyous occasions. Then there was the time I nearly knocked off my grandmother

As a young girl, my interest in cooking prompted my mother to often put me in charge of the family birthday cakes. These weren't anything tres gourmet, of course – mostly boxed cake mixes and packages of powdered frosting made spreadable with a little water and an electric mixer.

But I had a special touch when it came to decorations. Like picking out all the green M&Ms and carpeting the whole cake with it. Or hiding smashed-up Kit Kat bars in-between the layers. Or making a garden of daisies on the top using almond slices with Goober flower centers.

On one such occasion – my younger brother's birthday - I set about making a very special cake in anticipation of company coming - a couple of aunts and uncles, a few cousins, a neighbor lady that wanted me to call her "Aunt Tillie" even though I hated to, and my poor, unsuspecting Nana. The surprise, I decided, would be to put tons of peanut butter and jelly in-between the cake layers for my peanut butter and jelly-loving brother.

Everything was going along smoothly until it came to the jelly part. It was just too darn slippery and the top layer kept sliding off. So I buried about a thousand toothpicks in it to keep it together. You couldn't even tell.

Next thing I know, our lovely little family gathering had turned into Nana getting a toothpick wedged sideways in her throat, gagging and coughing and turning all red and cake spittle flying from her mouth and everybody yelling and slapping her on the back and the table shaking with all the commotion and coffee spilling on the good white tablecloth and after it was all over, nobody wanting cake except for the dog. Talk about a black cloud. I quit the cake business then and there.

Decades passed and I'm happy to say I got back on the horse and have shown great improvement in my baking techniques, so I'd like to share my most requested family birthday cake recipe with you. Guaranteed not to kill or maim.

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

WHIPPED CREAM-COCOA ANGEL FOOD **BIRTHDAY CAKE**

(With a surprise in the middle)

- 1 angel food cake mix
- 3 tablespoons good quality powdered cocoa
- 3 cups chilled heavy whipping cream, divided
- 1/3 cup sugar, divided
- 3 squares (1 ounce each) semi-sweet chocolate
- Nonpareil candies for decoration

Remove and discard 3 tablespoons from the cake mix and replace with 3 tablespoons powdered cocoa. Bake cake according to package instructions. Allow to cool.

In a deep bowl using an electric mixer, beat 1 cup of the cream until soft peaks form. Slowly add 2 tablespoons of the sugar and beat until stiff. Meanwhile, melt chocolate in the top of a double boiler over hot, not boiling, water and allow to cool slightly.

Remove cake from pan and cut horizontally into thirds with a long, serrated knife. Place the bottom layer on a cake plate. Gently spread on half the whipped cream. Drizzle half the melted chocolate over the whipped cream. Repeat with second layer. Place third layer on top.

Whip remaining cream until stiff, sweetening with remaining sugar as above. Frost entire cake. Decorate with nonpareils. Store in refrigerator, uncovered.

POETRY

Two Moons

Joe Psarto, Westlake

Our world has two moons, I saw them both last nigl one in the darkened sky, and the other breaking across a mirrored lake, both silver, but one cold and pale, and the other wet and shimmering.

Haiku

David Scullin, Westlake

Train whistle fading to silence in the darkness Warm slippers save me from the cold kitchen floor The tree trimmer repels from limb to limb as his work crashes to the ground

READERS' LETTERS

Yoga is for every-body

Some time ago, I was in a chiropractor's office with acute low back pain. Years of running long distance outdoors was wearing on my spine. Along the course of treatment, more than one doctor suggested I consider yoga as a path to healing.

Out of sheer desperation for relief of pain, I made my way to a studio. While I began my yoga practice seeking relief from physical pain, I quickly learned that it offered value far beyond the physical.

Yoga is an ancient physical and spiritual practice that reportedly originated in India more than 5,000 years ago. The word yoga means to unite, yoke or join. A physical yoga practice is a safe, non-competitive, non-judgmental way to integrate body with mind and mind with soul. Practicing physical yoga regularly did heal my body, but the unexpected surprise was how it reached all areas of

While I was healing my physical body on the mat, I learned things that I carried into my day. I learned that I felt more alive and vibrant when I breathed deeply. I learned where I held tension in my body and how I could use that awareness to unclench in my daily life.

I learned that sometimes the stories running in my

head were causing me to get in my own way and that I had the power to create new story lines. I learned that I wasn't always kind to my body and that I deserved to change that. I learned that I was complete and okay exactly as I was on any given day. I learned that the new, improved ways I was treating myself positioned me to treat others even better. I learned that yoga has magical, transformational powers.

Studies of the benefits of yoga have shown it to improve strength, flexibility, balance, energy, mood, digestion, weight, sleep, sexuality and body awareness and acceptance.

A 2008 study by Yoga Journal indicated that of the 15.8 million people who practice yoga, roughly 72% are women and 28% are men. The somewhat high number of male yogis may be surprising to those who view yoga as a "feminine" pursuit. The study also showed that the majority of participants are between 18-54 years old, but nearly 20% of those studied were older than 55.

These numbers prove that men and women of all ages and physical abilities practice yoga. The Browns do it. The Cavs do it. Celebrities do it. Moms do it. Dads do it. Grandparents do it. Children do it. People with disabilities do it. Turns out, 16 million Americans do it.

Yoga really is for every-body.

- Tina Gonzales, Westlake

Dinosaur discovered at Westshore Montessori School

he kindergartners in Mrs. Michelle Ramey's classroom at Westshore Montessori School extended their learning about dinosaurs by constructing a stegosaurus made from recycled materials they collected.

The students demonstrated cooperative learning and critical thinking skills when they had to construct the body of the dinosaur from recycled tubes and boxes. It became a great way to introduce concepts about ecology, why we have an Earth Day, and develop an awareness of what is a carbon footprint.

The students exclaimed this was the best project ever.

"I presented the project and the students took charge of it from the beginning with the idea that they had to have bones, then muscles and finally skin," said Mrs. Michelle. "Everyone was invited to paint it. It truly is a collaborative work of art. We are very proud of our students."





The kindergartners at Westshore Montessori School learned about ecology, conservation and dinosaurs as they constructed a stegosaurus out of recycled materials.

Westshore Montessori kindergartners Devon Maxwell, Liam Tucker, Philip Vlastaris, Ella Holmes and Katie Nader with their recycled dinosaur.



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Bay Village promotes four firemen



Bay Village Mayor Debbie Sutherland officiated the swearing-in ceremony for four newly-promoted firemen during the April 25 City Council meeting. Standing with Fire Chief Chris Lyons (center) are (I-to-r) Captain Jim Schmitz, Lieutenant Dan Uldrich, Lieutenant Jim Walts and Captain Joe Wallenhorst. Photo by Steve Kaye



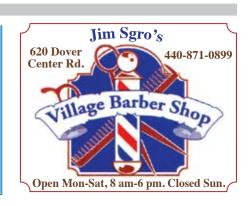
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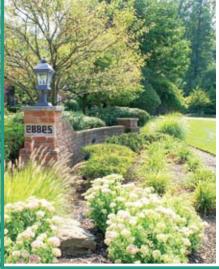
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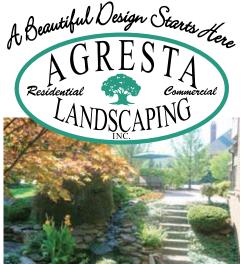
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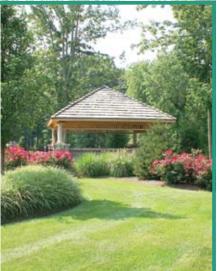
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Conservation becomes commonplace: Rain barrel workshop attracts many





Seventy-five attendees packed Bay's Community House on April 27 for the Bay Village Green Team's rain barrel workshop. Amy Roskilly of the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District demonstrated how to construct a barrel to collect and store rainwater for outdoor watering needs. Roskilly, who conducts similar workshops throughout the county, stated that this was her largest attendance to date.



Bay residents (I-to-r) Peggy Ludwig, Martha Ericson, Larry Ludwig and Craig Maddox work together to install spigots on their rain barrels.



Nancy Shaw poses with her completed rain barrel. She is holding the downspout diverter which funnels rainwater into the barrel.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

May 2-6

Westlake Spring Clean-Up Days

Residents who have yard waste and debris from cleaning up their properties should put these materials out on their normal trash day. For more information, call the Westlake Service Dept. at 440-835-6432.

May 3, 6 p.m.

An Evening with Dick Feagler

Hear what Bay's Village's own award-winning journalist, television personality, playwright, actor and author thinks about Cleveland's past, present and future. Cost is \$10 and includes a buffet and cash bar. Presented by the Bay Village Kiwanis Club. For reservations, call Tom Johnson at 440-871-0445. Bay Lodge, 492 Bradley Rd.

May 4, 1-2:30 p.m.

Family History Research Help Session

If you need help getting started with researching your family tree or have come to a brick wall in your quest, just bring what information you have collected thus far, to this free help session. Members of the Cuyahoga West Chapter of the OGS will help you plan your next step.

Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

May 5, 6:30-8:30 p.m. **Bay Bicycle Safety Fair**

Residents are invited to bring their bicycles for a free safety inspection and have the chance to win a bicycle helmet, get a free bike license and learn about the benefits of bicycling as well as the Bay Bike To School Challenge. It is free and open to the public.

Bay Middle School, 27725 Wolf Rd.

May 6, 1 p.m.

LET'S FACE IT: Cosmetic Surgery Update

Are you considering plastic surgery? Wonder what it is all about? What is a face lift, tummy tuck or liposuction? Join us as Habib Khoury, MD. reviews surgical options that are available for facial corrections and other plastic surgeries. RSVP, 440-835-6565.

Bay Village Dwyer Center, 300 Bryson Ln.

May 6, 8:30 p.m.

"Whodunit...the Musical" Opens

See the story on page 5 of this issue. Clague Playhouse, 1371 Clague Rd., Westlake

May 6, 8:30 p.m. **Architectural Photography Exhibit: Grand** Opening

See the story on page 8 of this issue. Clague Playhouse Gallery, 1371 Clague Rd., Westlake

May 7, 9 a.m.

BAYarts Open Registration

Register in person for kids (grades K-12) classes only. Adults register anytime by phone, mail, or in person. BAYarts, 28795 Lake Rd.

May 7, 9 a.m.-12 noon **Shredding Day**

Protect your identity and the environment! Bring up to 5 boxes or bags of old financial statements, tax forms, medical records and other paper to the Shredding Network's mobile truck. Suggested donation of \$5 goes to the nonprofit Lake Erie Nature & Science Center. Call 440-871-2900 or log on to www.lensc.org for more information. Across from Lake Erie Nature & Science Center (28728 Wolf Rd.) in the Wolf Picnic Area parking lot

May 7, 1-3 p.m.

BAYarts Gallery Opening: "Women's Work"

Works of 5 blissfully domestic women artists to celebrate Mother's Day. Runs through May. BAYarts Dianne Boldman Gallery, 28795 Lake Rd.

May 8, 2-4 p.m.

Mother's Day at Clague House

Bring your mom to the Clague House Museum for a tour of Westlake's past. Refreshments will be

Clague House Museum, 1371 Clague Rd.

May 9-13

Westlake Spring Clean-Up Days

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May 11, 6:30-8:30 p.m. **Northeast Ohio PC Club General Meeting**

The meeting is free and open to the public. If you've ever lost data or other files from your computer, or you want to avoid losing them, you won't want to miss "Computer Backup" by educator and computer specialist Dennis Lewis. He'll explain the urgency of backup and the methods and software

applications available to protect your precious files. His talk begins at 7:15 p.m., but come early, at 6:30 p.m., to socialize and enjoy free refreshments. Westlake Porter Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

May 12, 8 p.m.

Huntington Playhouse Season Opens

See the story on page 6 of this issue. Huntington Playhouse, 28601 Lake Rd., Bay Village

May 13, 7-9 p.m. BAYarts Gallery Opening: "Viva la Mexico!"

BAYarts advanced ceramic students present their third annual show featuring functional and sculptural works for home and garden inspired by the art of Mexico. The opening reception will feature Mexican fare and mariachi!

BAYarts Sullivan Family Gallery, 28795 Lake Rd.

May 14, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. **Westlake Historical Society Fundraiser:** Cellar Sale (Yard Sale)

This annual event features classy cast-offs and no-longer-needed knick-knacks and will be sure to have a variety of items for any buyer. The proceeds from the sale will go towards maintenance and preservation costs at the Clague House Museum. Letters of donation for tax purposes are available and the deadline for donations is May 13. To donate, contact Lysa at 440-721-1201 or westlakehistory@yahoo.com. Volunteers are still needed to help on the day of the sale. To volunteer, contact Dave at 440-667-0969.

Clague House Museum, 1371 Clague Rd., Westlake

May 14, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. **American Red Cross Babysitting Course**

For boys and girls ages 11-15. This babysitting program teaches children important child care skills, first aid, safety issues and injury prevention. Babysitter training gives participants the knowl-

edge, skills and confidence to care for infants through school-aged children. Bring a lunch; snack is provided. Fee is \$80/residents; \$95/nonresidents. Visit bayrec.org to register. Bayway Cabin, 400 Bryson Ln.

May 14, 3 p.m.

Meet An Animal: The Beaver

We'll be "busy as beavers" as we learn about these fascinating, industrious animals during this FREE. family-friendly program. We won't have a live beaver, but a mounted specimen and other hands-on materials will aid both children and adults in understanding the life of North America's largest rodent. For families of all ages. Call 440-871-2900 or log on to www.lensc.org for more information. Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, 28728 Wolf Rd.

May 15, 7:30 a.m.

WEB SWAT 5K Run / 1-Mile Walk

This annual run raises funds for the Concerns of Police Survivors. Entry fee is \$18 in advance (by May 12) or \$23 on race day. One-mile walk/run starts at 8:50 a.m.; 5K race starts at 9:15 a.m. Westlake Holiday Inn, 1100 Crocker Rd.

May 15, 2-4 p.m. **Family Fishing Day**

Ever wanted to take your family fishing but didn't know where to start? Learn about basic fishing equipment, how to cast, where to fish and what kind of fish you'll catch in different locations. We'll start at the Center and then head to Lake Erie to do some real fishing! All equipment will be provided.

Please note: Adults and teens (ages 16 and up) who wish to fish must possess a valid fishing license. For families with children ages 5 and up. Fee: \$7/person; \$35/family of 5 or more. Preregistration required. Call 440-871-2900. Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, Huntington Beach

May 18, 6:30-8:45 p.m.

Westlake Bicentennial Presentation

See the story on page 7 of this issue. Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.







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