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Bay Village and Westlake residents celebrate World Tai Chi Day at Huntington Park on April 30.

Residents celebrate World Tai Chi Day

by George Ryan

Bay Village and Westlake residents celebrated World Tai Chi and Qigong Day 2011 on Saturday, April 30, at Huntington Park and at the Friendship Center in Bay Village. At 10 a.m. in

every time zone around the world, tens of thousands in hundreds of cities, in over 70 nations came together... to breathe together... to provide the world a healing image of our planet and our people. Many of the Tai Chi enthusiasts regularly gather for practice

on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9 a.m. in Bay Way Youth Cabin in the colder months; but from June through September they gather at Huntington Park, facing the lake. These sessions are free and open to all and are led by
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Linda Castillo is coming to Bay Library!

by Pam DeFino

The Bay Village Branch Library had the exciting opportunity to Skype with author Linda Castillo in October 2009. This time we get to meet her in person! On Thursday, June 23, at 7:00 p.m., Ms. Castillo will be visiting our branch. A best-selling author of the Kate Burkholder series of crime fiction novels set in Ohio's Amish country, our branch is a stop on her national promotional book tour



Author Linda Castillo

for "Breaking Silence," the latest title in the series. The first two series titles, "Sworn to Silence" and "Pray for Silence," are available at the branch now! Grab a copy and meet or get reacquainted with an author who manages to combine thriller action with the quiet and values of the Amish community. Come meet Ms. Castillo on June 23 and discuss a book with the author up close and personal. Hope to see you then! ●

A tribute to Memorial Day

by Mel Maurer

Memorial Day, our country's all-American day of celebration and commemoration for our fallen heroes, is a day to come together, to specifically honor with our gratitude, all the men and women throughout our nation's history that gave their precious lives so that we can live in freedom. This is a day to recognize the ultimate sacrifices others have made for us and our families – it's a day for remembrance and remembering.

I was almost four years old on December 7, 1941 – obviously too young to be called to service for World War II, but not too young to have memories of those years that saved the world. Our family, as did many other families, heard the news of Pearl Harbor that Sunday afternoon while eating dinner. We had company that day and the adults were quite concerned with the news, discussing it among themselves, trying to explain it to the children without scaring us. After that "Day of infamy," I remember women and their children returning home to stay with their families, while their men left for service. My



dad, in his late thirties, was too old to go but I remember worrying that someday he may have to go, too. I remember practicing for air raids by turning off all the lights, sitting in the dark living room pretending the "raid" to be the real thing, waiting for the horns to sound the "all clear." Our families, unlike those in other places, turned on the lights and resumed our activities. Our homes were never damaged, we were never hurt, no lives were ever lost. I remember, too, flattening empty food cans before putting them in the trash, buying Savings Stamps at school, watching my parents manage gasoline and food ration coupons, and other small "sacrifices" to help the war effort. My favorite game with the other kids in
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Music a la Mode a hit for 56th year



Michael Allen directs the Lee Burneson Middle School Encore String Orchestra at the Westlake Schools' all-day music concert May 14.





BHS junior Marek Mutch approaches the bar for his record-breaking 14'7" pole vault at the West Shore Conference Meet on April 11.

Bay High School pole vaulting record broken

by George Ryan

On May 11 at Avon High School, the boys West Shore Conference (WSC) Meet included the pole vault competition. Marek Mutch, a Bay High School junior, entered the competition with the bar at 12'0".

There were only three competitors left at that point. Marek quickly won the event in two additional jumps (12'6" and 13'0"). In pole vault, after the win, the competitor is allowed to continue vaulting until s/he fouls out... and can chose the heights to jump.

Marek chose 14' as his next height and cleared it with ease. Marek's next height was an easy choice, 14'7" which would break the Bay High record of 14'6" and the

Conference Meet record.

Marek took a 15-foot pole in hand and completed the record jump amid cheers from fans and competitors alike (and both of his grandfathers, Jerry Maurer and George Ryan). Marek was smiling as he descended to the mat.

Bay's Pole Vault Coach (and Marek's father) Mark Mutch also told us about Kaylee Kish, a classmate of Marek's who broke her own Bay HS record that she set in 2010 with a 10'3" jump a couple of weeks ago.

While there are still two important milestones to pass in the season with the District and Regional meets, the coach is excited about the possibility that both Marek and Kaylee will make the trip to the State Meet in Columbus on June 3-4. ●

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Bay resident Patricia Heinke. These exercises are for people of all ages and are highly recommended by many physicians for maintenance of balance and muscle coordination.

Qigong, a simplified 24 movements form, is taught by Mike Rhoades on Tuesdays in eight-week sessions at the Bay Village

Dwyer Senior Center. Wu-style Tai Chi, also taught by Mike Rhoades, is on Mondays in eight-week sessions at the Bay Lodge on Bradley Road. For more information, contact Dwyer Center manager Susan Zisko at 835-6565.

For more details about World Tai Chi Day, see <http://www.worldtaichiday.org/>.

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- 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

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- Disclose your affiliation. If you have a personal or business relationship with the subject of your story, let your readers know.
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Bay's Reese Park to get new playground

Dan Enovitch, Bay Village Director of Recreation, presented plans to City Council for a new, upgraded playground at Reese Park during the council meeting on March 9.

The renovated playground will be "a boundless playground, for all able and physically challenged children, allowing children of all ages and abilities to play and develop together for many years," said Enovitch.

The plan includes a variety of activities to keep children engaged and challenged, including balancing, climbing, imagination and manipulation. The new playground should interest children as they age and develop with many activities "scaled" to

further challenge them as they grow – physically and cognitively.

The area will be all-inclusive, including superior ADA accessibility, allowing the most physically-challenged children the opportunity to engage in activities in both the ground level and the elevated deck areas.

The design will also include a shade pavilion with picnic tables.

The playground will be mainly funded through a grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and will be constructed of a resin-type material which resists the elements much better than the existing one. The construction



ABOVE: A rendering of the new Reese Park playground.

RIGHT: An accessibility ramp, similar to this one pictured at the Westlake Rec Center, will be included in the new park.



is similar to the playground at the Westlake Recreation Center.

Construction will begin this summer and should be completed in August. ●

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FOOD & TRAVEL

Caesar salad on the grill

by Robin Benzle

Caesar salad is something I never, ever, ever get tired of – I make it all year long at home, I order it often when we go out, and I've even had leftovers for breakfast.

And it's all because of a restaurant owner in Tijuana, Mexico, by the name of Caesar Cardini. One hot July day in 1924, a customer asked for a salad. Caesar had run out of his usual ingredients, so he whipped up the now famous Caesar salad (without anchovies, by the way).

It was a smash hit, to the point of the Hollywood crowd flocking to Caesar's just to say they'd had it. Even Julia Child paid a visit once. And in the 1930s, a group of prominent French chefs

declared the Caesar salad the finest food that had come out of the Americas in years.

It's fantastic on the grill; slightly warm and tender, slightly crisp and crunchy, the cheese melted on top, the bright splash of lemon at the end.

Caesar Salad on the Grill

- ½ cup extra virgin olive oil
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons prepared brown mustard
- 1 ½ tablespoons A1 steak sauce
- ¼ teaspoon EACH salt and pepper
- 1 heart of romaine lettuce
- ½ cup grated Parmesan cheese
- ½ lemon

Preheat grill to medium hot. In a medium bowl, whisk together olive oil,



garlic, mustard, steak sauce and salt and pepper.

Slice the romaine in half, lengthwise, leaving the stem intact. Brush the cut sides generously with the dressing. Grill cut-side down two minutes. Turn, sprinkle Parmesan all over, close lid and grill 30 seconds more. Finish with a squeeze of fresh lemon juice and serve immediately. Serves 2.

Robin Benzle lives in Bay Village. For more recipes, visit www.robin-benzle.com. ●

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Parents and teens turn out for 'Let's Talk About It' program

Hundreds of parents and their children attended the recent "Let's Talk About It" drug and alcohol awareness program, held at Bay Middle School on May 2.

After opening comments from BMS Principal Sean McAndrews, the group watched a pointed video on the effects of drug and alcohol abuse by teens. The children then joined Mikey Pitts, the middle school youth leader at Bay Presbyterian Church, and Monica Marx from Bay Family Services, while parents stayed in the main room for a more in-depth report on trends and levels of teen usage, signs to look for and resources available to parents when drug abuse and addiction hits one's home.

The event wrapped up with a lively Q&A session, lead by an expert panel consisting of Sean McAndrews, Bay High School Assistant Principal Jason Martin, Bay Village Juvenile Detective Kevin Krolkowski, Westshore Special Drug Task Force Agent Jeff Capretto and Prevention Specialist Carole Ochs, and Community Relations Coordinator Don Davies from the adolescent residential drug treatment center New Directions.

Said Sean McAndrews, "We were very happy about the turnout and interest from our parents and the community. We think it's great we can provide information to kids and their parents so they can be better educated and 'talk about it.'"

One parent emailed the presenters with this comment: "Superb pre-

sentation from beginning to end. Not only was the information complete, it gave hope to the parents who are dealing with adolescent addiction. The presentation was a gift to all who were present."

Another parent stated, "This presentation was just what parents of today's middle school students needed to hear. Sometimes parents need a nudge or just an excuse to bring up the subject of experimenting with alcohol and other drugs. We know it's out there. It always was. But today, young people have more privacy and more opportunities than ever before. I am glad I heard what I did at their presentation."

For parents with a concern or who want to learn more, a Parent Resource Packet – "Helping Parents Cope with Teen Substance Abuse" – is available on the Bay Village School District website (bayvillageschools.com/index.aspx?NID=499). To obtain a hard copy, they're also available at the schools, churches or the police station.

Note: The presenters would like to extend a thank you to all of their friends who supported them. They also would like to thank the participants, mentioned earlier in this article, the St. Raphael administration and Father Tim and Terri Telepak for their support in making the program possible and a great success. And last, but not least, Denny and Tara Wendell – they do so much for the community and it meant a lot that they were present that evening, too! ●



Hundreds of parents attended the drug and alcohol awareness presentation on May 2 at Bay Middle School.



Expert panel members (from left) Sean McAndrews, Don Davies, Carole Ochs, Jason Martin, Kevin Krolkowski and Jeff Capretto address questions from the audience.

Second annual rib cook-off and raffle to be held May 28

by Brenda O'Reilly

This year's Rib Rockin' Raffle, a fundraiser for the Bay Skate & Bike Park, will be on Saturday, May 28, from 5-11 p.m. at the Bay Lodge, 492 Bradley Rd. More than 10 teams will face off to bring you the best ribs of the year! Enjoy the rib tasting and be a part of the judging. There will be celebrity judging for the best ribs, plus a People's Choice Award, with cash prizes for the top three winners.

This is the second Rib Rockin' Raffle to be held at the Bay Lodge. The event is a great evening of fun and entertainment. Live local music will be provided by Hypnotic Dog. Also featured is a silent auction with all kinds of unique packages and products from local merchants to bid on.

The \$50 ticket price also allows you to try your luck in the reverse raffle for a grand prize of \$1,000. According to Lawrence Kuh, President of the Bay Skate & Bike Park Foundation: "We were overwhelmed with requests to make this an annual event, and we hope that the Rib Cook-Off becomes a springtime tradition."

A little about the skate park: The Bay Skate & Bike Park was opened on October 1, 2010, at the corner of Cahoon and Wolf roads in the center of Bay Village. Since then, kids and adults of all ages



Bay Skate & Bike Park Foundation committee members at last year's Rib Rockin' Raffle.

frequent the park – it has become a favorite gathering place in the city.

The park is full of energy. Kuh observed, "What a pleasure to see so many people actively enjoying the park. The park, the people, the fun...a dream come true!"

This summer, the park will be offering skateboarding lessons. Call the Bay Recreation Department at 440-871-6755 for details. Future plans include providing spectator seating, a storage bin and future upkeep.

To purchase your tickets for the Rib Rockin' Raffle, enter a rib team, donate to the silent auction or be a sponsor, contact John Underation at 330-607-2477. Tickets to attend the event are \$50 each. ●

BAYARTS

Viva la Mexico: Ceramics show with a Mexican flair!

by Eileen Stockdale

Each year, BAYarts advanced pottery students conceive, create and curate a show of their work inspired by a central theme. In past years, the shows were inspired by Tuscany and Asia.

This year, the theme is Mexico which means bright colors and designs. Most pieces are for sale at affordable prices and help support the ceramic studio at BAYarts. Moira Beale, head of BAYarts Ceramic Department and instructor of the advanced students feels the "soup to nuts" planning and executing of the yearly show teaches students how a gallery works and how to present their work.

The show is on view in the Sullivan Family Gallery in the Fuller House through May. BAYarts is located at 28795 Lake Rd. in Bay Village. ●



Colorful ceramics inspired by Mexico are on display at BAYarts this month.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BAY VILLAGE BRANCH

What does a president read to relax?

by Joyce Sandy

James Abram Garfield was born in a log cabin in Orange Township, Cuyahoga County, on November 19, 1831, the youngest of five children. His father, Abram Garfield, moved his family to Ohio in 1830, and settled in what was then known as “The Wilderness.”

Abram was a farmer and a canal construction worker in his new home, but died at the age of thirty-three after a sudden illness. Eliza Garfield raised her family alone in their log cabin and impressed on them the importance of education and morals. At the age of three, young James started school in a log hut, where he learned to read.

In fact, he read and reread every book the

scanty libraries of his part of the wilderness supplied, and many he learned by heart. The tales of the sea especially thrilled Garfield and a love for adventure took over him. As a lifelong lover of books, the man who became the 20th President of the United States continued to read for many reasons: relaxation, to gain knowledge and to bond with his family.

Join us at the Bay Village Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library on Thursday, May 19, at 7:00 p.m. to hear about the books that inspired and influenced the life of James A. Garfield. This free lecture will be presented by an interpreter from the James A. Garfield National Historic Site. Registration is requested. Please register online at www.cuyahogalibrary.org or call 440-871-6392. ●

GET READY FOR SUMMER READING FUN!

by Joyce Sandy

The Bay Village Branch Library is getting ready for an exciting summer of traveling through books as we kick off the Read Around the World themed game. The game is open to all readers: children, teens and adults. Online registration has begun and it’s as easy as:

1. Go to cuyahogalibrary.org
2. Click on the Summer Reading link
3. Sign up!

The official start of the game is June 4 and you can come in to the library on that date to receive a special registration prize. You’ll receive a prize and a gameboard and from then on, all you have to do is read!! There will be stickers, and each reader can earn entry forms to win more prizes such as Zoo memberships and Indians, Browns and Cavaliers game tickets.

The more you read, the more chances you’ll have to win one of the Grand Prizes! It couldn’t be easier than that. The Bay Village kickoff will be held on June 13 with Wildlife Wendy, origami demonstrations and pizza. Save the date to join us for the fun, and then take off around the world! ●

Upcoming programs at the Bay Village Branch Library

by Joyce Sandy

The Bay Village Branch Library has many upcoming programs for all ages and interests. From author visits to Cleveland history to robotics, there are opportunities for everyone to learn and be entertained. Please join us and browse the collection during your visit. If you need recommendations or help in finding a book for that weekend home project,

we are ready to offer suggestions.

ADULT DEPARTMENT:

Thursday, May 19 (7 p.m.) JAMES A. GARFIELD: A PASSIONATE READER – This is a rescheduled program date. President James A. Garfield was a lifelong lover of books. He read for many reasons: relaxation, to gain knowledge, and to bond with his family. Join us to find out what Garfield read and ways in which his life was enhanced

by his interest in reading. Presented by a speaker from the James A. Garfield National Historic Site.

Thursday, May 26 (7 p.m.) LAUGHTER YOGA – Feeling stressed? Learn about a fun way to cope by attending this laughter yoga session. A Certified Relaxation and Laughter therapist will teach you how structured laughter exercises can improve health and well-being, reduce anxiety, and add to your daily overall well-being. Wear comfortable

clothes and bring a towel.

CHILDREN’S DEPARTMENT:

Thursday, May 26 (3:30 p.m.) JUNIOR ENGINEERING CLUB – Have fun with LEGO blocks. All you need are ideas and your imagination! For ages 8-12 years.

Please register for these programs by calling 871-6392 or go online to cuyahogalibrary.org. We look forward to seeing you!

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the neighborhood was “war” which we played in the vacant field next to my house at the end of our dead end street. This field had a hill which we could try to take or defend depending whether we were the good guys or the enemy.

In our games, someone may be “shot” and roll down the hill yelling “you got me” but whoever it was got up and went home when it was time for dinner, ready to “fight” another day. The good guys always won. I don’t think in the beginning we realized how tragically different our war was from the real thing. But before it was over, we did – some of our neighbors’ men returned wounded or did not return at all.

Throughout the war, our mailman came every day; we played games, had picnics in the park, and went to school, while thousands of courageous people fought and died to ensure we could continue to do these things – giving themselves and of themselves for us.

I remember VE Day, with horns blowing, riding around town on running boards of cars, people drinking and squirting each other with beer. I had never seen so many people

so happy. VJ Day would soon follow and everyone would be just as happy and noisy for that great day.

As we pause on May 30 to remember and to honor those who gave so much, a child of that time would like to say thank you to all who served – especially those who gave, in Abraham Lincoln’s words, “the last full measure of devotion” with their lives for the world you gave my parents, me, my children and grandchildren. Our family will never forget what you did or how well you did it.

God bless you and keep you, as you have blessed us and kept us free. ●

Mel Maurer will be this year’s Memorial Day speaker at Cahoon Park in Bay Village. Since this year marks the 150th Anniversary of the beginning of America’s Civil War, his talk – “The Last Full Measure of Devotion” – will have a Civil War theme, as those who gave their lives in that conflict are remembered along with all who gave their lives for us in all of our country’s wars.

The Village Foundation donors to be honored on Memorial Day

by Eileen Vernon

The Village Foundation will hold its ninth annual ceremony honoring those who have been remembered by friends and family with the installation of a bronze plaque. The personalized text is engraved on the plaque and installed on the T. Richard Martin footbridge overlooking the lake in Cahoon Memorial Park.

The 2011 donors being honored are former mayor of Bay Village, Tom Jelep, and Chairman Emeritus of RPM International, Thomas Sullivan and his wife, Sandy, longtime residents of Bay Village. This year’s ceremony will be held on Monday, May 30, in the north end of Cahoon Park (across Lake Road from the soccer fields).

The ceremony will begin at approximately 11 a.m., or about 15 minutes after the ceremony across the street at the gazebo ends. The Bay High School

String Quartet, under the direction of Ms. Carrie Singler and soloist tenor Mr. Troy Ayers will perform. Local television personality and Bay Village resident Jon Loufman will serve as master of ceremonies for the event. The service is open to the public and all are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The Village Foundation bronze plaque program was established as a way for families and friends to give permanent recognition to Bay citizens in one central place. Donors who contribute at the level of \$2,500 or more may request a plaque to honor the life work of Bay Village residents living or deceased.

For more information about the Village Foundation and the bronze plaque program, please call 440-899-3490. The foundation also offers a scholarship program for high school seniors and additional information is available at: www.thevillagefdn.org. ●

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WPPL’s May calendar of events

by Elaine Willis

Wednesday, May 18 (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, 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.

Thursday, May 19 (4-7 p.m.) FREE HIGH SCHOOL MANICURES – Student nail technicians from Brown Aveda Institute will be back to give free manicures to students in grades 9-12. Space is limited, so please reserve your spot starting May 12.

Friday, May 20 (10:30-11:15 a.m.) COME PLAY WITH ME! – Open playtime with age-appropriate toys, songs and rhymes for ages 2-5 and their caring adults. Registration begins May 13.

Saturday, May 21 (10:45 a.m.) WEST SIDE WRITERS

Saturday, May 21 (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.

Monday, May 23 (1-7 p.m.) AMERICAN RED CROSS

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Monday, May 23 (7 p.m.) WESTLAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Wednesday, May 25 (2 p.m.) AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION – May’s selection is “The House on Mango Street” by Sandra Cisneros.

Wednesday, May 25 (7-7:30 p.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.

Friday, May 27 (10 a.m.-12 p.m.) PORTER’S FIBER FANATICS – Socialize, share, and solve problems with fellow needle artists while you work on your current project.

Saturday, May 28 (10 a.m.-2 p.m.) CRAFTS A GO-GO! – Join us for a fun and easy craft! All supplies provided; just drop in.

Sunday, May 29 – LIBRARY CLOSED ON SUNDAYS FOR THE SUMMER

Monday, May 30 – MEMORIAL DAY – LIBRARY CLOSED

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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.org:8080>.

Sign up now for Westlake Porter Public Library’s Teen Battle of the Bands!

by Elaine Willis

Get ready to rock, Westlake! Westlake Porter Public Library will host a “Battle of the Bands” on Friday, July 29 – and local teen bands are invited to enter. Applications are available at the library and Guitar Center of North Olmsted (26635 Brookpark Rd.), and due by 9 p.m. on June 30. Members of bands applying to enter the battle must be between the ages of 12 and 18.

In addition to the applications, bands must submit a demo of no more than three songs to be performed, including one original song. Demos may be submitted in the following formats: CD, DVD, Mp3, VHS videocassette, audiocassette, or a MySpace or YouTube URL. Lyrics must not exceed a PG-13 rating.

Performances at the Battle of the Bands will take place at the library between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on July 29. The winners will receive a Grand Prize of eight hours of recording time at Playroom Studios in North Ridgeville.

The Battle of the Bands is co-sponsored by Guitar Center of North Olmsted. For more information, please call Young Adult Librarian Carol Hawthorne at 440-871-2600. ●

Bay Village Education Foundation celebrates a banner year

by Bev Walborn

The Bay Village Education Foundation is celebrating a very successful year with the announcement of the acceptance of four additional educational grant requests this spring totaling an additional \$10,000 for the students of the Bay Village School District.

This brings the total amount of grant money given out this year to \$25,000. As the foundation celebrates its 25th anniversary, the significance of the \$25,000 is even more meaningful.

“We really have had a banner year in every way,” said Scott Best, BVEF president. “We successfully launched the Maynard Bauer Leadership Fund in the fall and already hit our initial goal of raising \$25,000 (another 25th-year significance). Also, we have had the long term goal to reach \$250,000 in our permanent fund by this year, and this year we successfully surpassed that goal.”

This sensational year is due in part to the highly successful “10” Campaign as well as the “Creating Opportunities” dinner and auction.

Past president and Trustee, Rhonda Schneider, is thrilled with the Foundation’s success. “It’s taken a lot of hard work by our Trustees and wonderful support from many donors to reach this kind of

financial foundation,” she said. “The projects are wonderful, and our students will greatly benefit. It’s a truly satisfying effort for us all.”

The Bay Village Education Foundation would also like to recognize all the support it has received from the very generous Bay Village community and thank everyone who has helped the foundation reach these significant goals. For more information or to support the Bay Village Education Foundation log on to www.bayedfoundation.org.

Fall 2010 grants:

- Joy May (BHS) received \$500 for an embroidery machine
- Cathy Bogart and Anne Hurtuk (N) received \$3,500 for Norman Bees on the Net
- Tim O’Brien and Gary Fitchpatrick (BMS) received \$3,605 for a project, iPod touch for teaching
- Martha Fisher (W) received \$420 for harvesting rainwater
- Lindsay Rinehart (N) received \$300 for making compost from snack waste
- Eileen Meehan (N) received \$174.99 for flip cameras
- Carla Farrington and Sue Simpson (GV) received \$219.35 for an Accucut project
- Carla Farrington, Sue Satow and Nicholl

- Karmansky (GV/N) received \$1,734 for iPads
- Phillip Slanina received \$398 for the BHS Literary Magazine
- Ann Mowery (BHS) received \$1,421 for the S.T.E.M. project

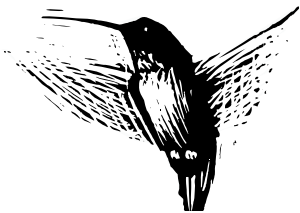
In partnership with the Bay Village Kiwanis:

- Jason Martin (BHS) received \$1,000 for the Wings program
- Michelle Safarz (BHS) received \$450 for the Ronald McDonald House
- Rick Manderine (BHS) received \$800 for PAL project

Spring 2011 grants:

- Marty Patton and Clint Keener received \$6,500 for iPads for special needs classrooms/students
- Brian Hill received \$3,078 for BMS STEM Equipment
- Darren Allen (BHS/BMS) received \$1,800 given for Smart Music Assessment Tools
- Gary Fitchpatrick (BMS) received \$1,050 for Geocaching GPS equipment

(N)-Normandy; (W)-Westerly; (BMS)-Bay Middle School; (BHS)-Bay High; (GV)-Glenview



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David Scullin, Westlake

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arranges her bosom
with her forearms

Summer day
flat lily pads
smile up at the sun

Lonely book
its hidden delights
unread



Mary Jane Nottage as Liddy Allen, Elicia Bryant as Sally Innes, Alex Nalbach as Mr. Jarvis and Barb Dragony as Carrie Innes Photo by James Ely

“Whodunit... The Musical” at Clague Playhouse

by Pam Kilpatrick

Clague Playhouse concludes 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. Directed by Ron Newell with music direction by Connie Baltitas, “Whodunit...” runs through Saturday, May 28, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings at 8:30 p.m. (note later curtain time).

Tickets are \$12 and \$13 (with a \$1 discount on Thursdays) and may be purchased by calling the Box Office at 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. ●

Runners and walkers brave weather for WEB S.W.A.T. event

Dripping rain and temperatures in the lower 50s didn’t deter runners and walkers in the fifth annual WEB S.W.A.T. 5k/1mile run-walk on Sunday, May 15, in Westlake. Organized by the Westshore Enforcement Bureau, the fundraising event helps provide resources

to assist in the rebuilding of the lives of the surviving families of Ohio law officers killed in the line of duty. All proceeds benefit the Ohio Concerns of Police Survivors, (Ohio C.O.P.S.) The WBV Observer is proud to have participated as a third-year supporter of the annual event. ●



Police motorcyclists lead the 5K runners down Crocker Road toward the finish.



Kricket Downie (left) pushes sons Jack and Rowan as she heads for the finish line with her sister, Michelle Foye (right) and her sons John (running) and Donovan.

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Bay clerk of council elected to Ohio municipal clerks board

by Denny Wendell

Joan Kemper, Bay Village's Clerk of Council, was elected to the Municipal Clerks Association as a City Board member during an election held at the Ohio Municipal Clerks association in April.

Joan will be sworn in for a three-year term in July and will represent the municipal clerks of Northeast Ohio.

A clerk's duties include keeping a public record of the proceedings of government meetings, and journaling clearly every formal action taken and the votes on all measures presented during these meetings.

Clerks provide a professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies and government agencies at other levels. Municipal clerks are the oldest of public servants in local government, along with the tax collector. In fact, the profession traces back before Biblical times.

"Public service has been my life. I learned it from my mother," said Joan. Her mother was deputy auditor of the city of Parma and, at age eleven, Joan remembers her bringing home big, heavy journals that she would work on at night. And also that Parma's mayor used to drop her mom off at their home after work. "I thought it was great," said Joan.

Although clerks usually go unnoticed at public meetings, they are at the heart of our democratic form of government, thanks to the precise records transcribed by public servants like Ms. Kemper. Congratulations, Joan! ●



'The Drowsy Chaperone' continues at Huntington Playhouse



"The Drowsy Chaperone" cast

by Tom Meyrose

The 2011 Huntington Playhouse Season got underway May 12 with a production of the delightful 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.

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

Parkside math clubbers nab top spots in problem solving competition

by Kim Bonvissuto

Teams of fifth and sixth graders from Parkside Intermediate School placed in top brackets at the Greater Cleveland Council of Teachers of Mathematics Problem Solving Competition.

The tournament was the culmination of Park-

side's Math Club, which meets Tuesday mornings.

First-place trophy winners included:

- Team Pythagorean Panthers: Steve Brewer, Patrick Smith, Patrick Lee, Ryan Karpuska
- Team Alsadrade: Alex Rujawitz, Sarah Hemphill, Jade Hawk, Audrey Lyle
- Team Problem Solvers:

Sam Giusto, Maria Alamir, Holly Tomkalski, Megan Fulton

- Team PEMDAS: Nicole Korczak, Conor Miller, Emily Schordowk
- **Second-place blue ribbon winners included:**
- Team DMSA: Duncan Engle, Michael McDiarmid, Sanil Gosain, Adam Goyetche

- Team Fraction 4: Crystal Zhao, Miranda Li, Madelyn Lockshine, Kimaya Bakhle
- Team Super Math Men: Aaron Li, Kyle Kinney, Lalit Kulshreshtha, Kenny Henry

The teams were coached by fifth-grade math teacher Colleen Steidel and student attendant Donna Keener. ●

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Green & White places first in Ohio student newspaper contest

by Kim Bonvissuto

Westlake High School's student newspaper, The Green & White, was one of six Ohio student newspapers to earn the first-

place rating overall for newspapers in the annual Ohio Scholastic Media Association contest.

The Green & White is a student-run, open-forum newspaper published throughout the school year. The newspa-

per has been published by WHS students since 1920.

In addition to the staff award, Editor-in-Chief Alex Hribko won Honorable Mentions for Newswriting and Front Page Newspaper Layout, reporter Nick Novak

won an Honorable Mention for Commentary and News Editor Caitlin Smith won an Honorable Mention for Infographics.

WHS English/Journalism teacher Laura Miller advises The Green & White staff. ●



Left to Right: Staff Writer Jeff Kassouf, Assistant Entertainment Editor Sheldon Stuckart, Sports Editor Christian Petrila, Opinion-Editorial Page Editor Lauren Rump, Photography Editor Alicia Pierse, Entertainment Editor/Online Editor Kelsey Salamone, Editor-in-Chief Alex Hribko, News Editor Caitlin Smith, Senior Staff Writer Laurel Steinetz, Features Editor Ameena Igram, Staff Writer Caroline Gray, Assistant News Editor Grace Karabinus, Staff Writer Julia Dunbar.

Rose of Tralee hopefuls compete in Westlake event

The city of Westlake played host to the Northern Ohio Rose of Tralee (Ireland) selection ceremony on May 6 at Crocker Park. Five local young women, dressed in beautiful gowns, answered questions about themselves and their Irish ancestry in hopes of winning the regional title.

The winner, Bridget Linton, will go on to compete in the National Finals in Ireland June 2-7. A win there will qualify her to compete in the International Finals, for a chance to be crowned the 2011 Rose of Tralee. ●



The Northern Ohio Rose of Tralee contestants stand with their military escorts outside the ceremony at Crocker Park May 6. The women are (l-to-r): Jessica Ryan, Meghan Hanrahan, winner Bridget Linton, Madeline Fox and Caitlin Macklin.

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Westlake Bicentennial, 1811-2011

A yearlong celebration of Westlake's history

Creativity, civic pride on display in Bicentennial poetry contest

The Westlake Bicentennial Poetry Contest reached its conclusion on April 30, with 35 students from across the city entering original poems. Students were asked to write on the theme of “200 years of Westlake history,” and their work was outstanding. Poetry demands creative thinking and a good command of the English language, and the contest’s theme required students to also reflect on the long history of their city.

The poems were categorized by grade level – Grades 1-4, 5-8 and 9-12 – each with an overall winner and two runners up. The three grand prize winners receive \$50 from contest co-sponsors Mel Maurer, The Belvedere of Westlake

and Minotti’s; a Bicentennial-themed gift basket from the Westlake Historical Society; a Friends of Porter Library gift basket; a book from Gray & Company Publishers; special recognition by the Mayor and City Council; membership in the Westlake Historical Society; and a copy of their poem included in the Westlake Bicentennial Time Capsule. The runners up receive \$25 and a book from Gray & Company. All poems will be on display at the Clague House Museum through the summer. The judges were impressed by the creativity and sense of civic pride displayed by all of the young poets. Westlake has come a long way in 200 years, and our youngest generation is poised to take the city to even greater heights!

A note about the judging
After the poetry contest ended, the judges (Mel Maurer, Zac Springer of Porter Library, Lysa Stanton of the Westlake Historical Society and myself) collected all of the entries and gathered at the Clague House Museum. The poems were randomly numbered to ensure objectivity, and grouped by grade level. The judges passed the poems around a table, grading on a scale of one to five each of the three criteria – sense of Westlake history, writing quality and creativity – for a combined total of 60 possible points from the four judges. Winners were determined by highest total score. Identifying information about the poets wasn’t revealed until after the results were calculated and the numbered poems were matched to their authors.
– Tara Wendell, WBVO senior editor

First Place, Grades 1-4
Mia Saurette
St. Bernadette School
Grade 4

Sperry, Crocker, Clemens, Hurst,
Never knew Westlake would burst.

Cooley, Weston, Johnson, Halls,
To think one day there would be malls!!

Albers, Clagues, and Schwartz,
Grapes? Let’s just say there were exports!!

We date back to 1811,
We became a city in 1957.

Can you believe?
200 years of Westlake history!
Our city’s past is no mystery!!

First Place, Grades 9-12
Elizabeth Kobe
Westlake High School
Grade 10

We were born in 1811, Dover Township our name
Johnson cleared the land, Cooleys settled, and city we became
1837, from the Isle of Man, the Clagues emigrated
In 1929, to them present-day Clague Park was dedicated
In 1884, a public library is bequeathed to us by the Porters
1910’s, Bay and others secede, changing our borders
By the time we’re renamed Westlake in 1940, our founding fathers had made
A rich history that depicts the strong foundation they have laid
Today we’re a diverse body of many races
A colorful family filled with smiling faces
The ingredients of this melting pot make up the perfect team
A tightly knit community with no thread or seam
For from 1811 when Johnson cleared the way
To 200 years later, it’s my birthday
A strong past we’ve had, a bright future we will make
We forever and always will be: WESTLAKE!

First Place, Grades 5-8
Felicia Escandon
St. Paul Lutheran School
Grade 8

Westlake, Ohio,
The treasure found in 1810,
Buried under forests,
Our city started then.

Cahoon and Porter,
And Leverett settled here.
All other cities
Have us to fear.

Our livestock plentiful,
Our country club divine,
Don’t get me started
About the locally made wine!

Crocker Park excursions,
Some local library time,
Clague House museum,
And Playhouse is fine.

Phil Dawson, Jake Westbrook,
Grady Sizemore, Mike Brown,
Are some famous heroes
in Westlake to be found.

The beauty, the quality,
The hospitality, I always want to stay
In Westlake, Ohio,
It can never be remade.

Runner Up, Grades 5-8
Jessie Schaefer
St. Bernadette School
Grade 8

It all began on a November day,
When the pioneers began traveling this way.
Dover Township was beginning to appear,
As six families made a settlement here.
Johnson accompanied by Porter and Cahoon,
Root, Smith, Crocker, and Hall followed soon.

In 1882 Dover Township’s first locomotive track was made,
The second largest shipping point for grapes was ready to trade.
The Clague and Hilliard families provided their assistance,
And a new administration kept jobs in existence.

In 1940 the new name, The Village of Westlake, came about,
And the population of this land began to increasingly sprout.
In 1957 the Village of Westlake became a new city,
The first guide plan and zoning ordinances were made by the official committee.

In 2003 City Hall and the Porter Public Library came,
And soon later Crocker Park attracted much fame.
Westlake has stood for 200 years,
All thanks to those first pioneers.



The winners of the Westlake Bicentennial Poetry Contest were recognized at a reception at Porter Library May 15. Pictured, from left, are: Elizabeth Kobe, Colin O'Malley, Mia Saurette, Madelyn Fittro, Joey O'Donnell and Rachel Dill.

Runner Up, Grades 1-4
Colin O'Malley
St. Bernadette School
Grade 4

Westlake what a wonderful place,
It used to be a great farm place.

Crocker, Weston, Alber, Hall
Westlake is a home for all.

Westlake
Great place
Township to city
Population: small to huge
Westlake

Cooley, Clague, Porter, Hurst
Some of these people came first.

Second largest shipping point for grapes
The police had never let any escapes.

Runner Up, Grades 1-4
Madelyn Fittro
St. Bernadette School
Grade 4

Leverett Johnson was considered
Westlake's first pioneer,
1811, the beginning, was the year.

Leonard Porter thought one day,
That we would have it his own
way.

The Halls thought one day,
That there would be bays.

They thought they had to pay
some fees,
But all they had to pay was history.

Runner Up, Grades 5-8
Joey O'Donnell
St. Bernadette School
Grade 5

A pioneer family was walkin' down a
dirt road,
In Eighteen-Eleven,
Tryin' to set up an abode,
On Township Seven.

The families were clearin' out forests,
For farms and pastures,
Clearin' out lots of land for grapes,
At which they were masters.

Soon a small civilization followed,
With railroads and horses for travel,
And they were minin' out bog ore,
Gettin' rid of gravel.

The 1900's followed,
And the population grew,
New settlers comin' at every turn,
A regular influx of people, too.

The next thirty years,
Rural Dover grew,
Usin' grapes and corn ears,
To let the hard times through.

Suburbs grew,
After World War Two.

In the Sixties and the Seventies,
I-90 was 'pleted,
Connecting Westlake,
To modern Cleveland.

As the Nineties followed up,
Westlake grew bigger,
Havin' ten thousand workers,
Started growin' even quicker.

And as modern day comes here,
We have nothing to fear.

Runner Up, Grades 9-12
Kelley Zhou
Westlake High School
Grade 11

We gaze upon our future day by day,
While sculpting such a suburb still in bloom;
Is "Westlake" nothing but another name
For that which we've been left as our heirloom?
With Porter and Cahoon as hamlets marked,
Our cognizance must veer to memory;
For on that foray settlers soon embarked,
To grant upon our land their sought esprit.
So Time has worked her magic on us yet—
She's brought about such crafts we hold with pride.
And somewhere in there, Dover's silhouette
Became that "Westlake" we now stand beside.
But as uncertain as tomorrow seems,
Already, we've outraced our settlers' dreams.

Runner Up, Grades 9-12
Rachel Dill
Westlake High School
Grade 11

October 10, 1810 was the date
The Cahoons and Porters came to start something great.

Other settlers soon arrived
And the Township of Dover began to thrive.

Times have changed since the start of it all
Westlake is the new name that hangs at City Hall.

Streets were named after settlers to keep the city's history
The great things Westlake will do in the future remains a mystery.

So bring on the fireworks, bring on the cheers
Westlake is celebrating a great 200 years.

THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED!

Austin Anderson, St. Bernadette, Grade 6
Gina Baaklini, Westlake High, Grade 11
Kimmy Bennett, St. Paul Lutheran, Grade 6
Neige DeAngelis, Holly Lane, Grade 1
Rachel Dill, Westlake High, Grade 11
Abby Donovan, St. Paul Lutheran, Grade 6
Caroline Dreher, St. Bernadette, Grade 8
Julia Dreher, St. Bernadette, Grade 5

Jillian Eddy, St. Bernadette, Grade 5
Felicia Escandon, St. Paul Lutheran, Grade 8
Madelyn Fittro, St. Bernadette, Grade 4
Valera Ghali, St. Paul Lutheran, Grade 8
Jessica Hook, Burneson, Grade 7
Samantha Ann Illius, Parkside, Grade 6
Emma Jaros, Bassett, Grade 2
Elizabeth Kobe, Westlake High, Grade 10
Nicole Korczak, Parkside, Grade 6

Amanda Li, Bassett, Grade 2
Miranda Li, Parkside, Grade 5
Jack Loesch, St. Bernadette, Grade 4
Connor Mahon, St. Bernadette, Grade 5
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Colin O'Malley, St. Bernadette, Grade 4
Amanda Petrasek, St. Richard, Grade 6
Isabella Piazza, St. Bernadette, Grade 5
Abby Rence, Bassett, Grade 4

Mia Saurette, St. Bernadette, Grade 4
Jessie Schaefer, St. Bernadette, Grade 8
Sameer Shah, Parkside, Grade 5
Kelly Thaxton, Parkside, Grade 6
Holly Tomkalski, Parkside, Grade 5
Madison Toth, Bassett, Grade 4
Albert Vasek, St. Bernadette, Grade 5
Katie Willli, Bassett, Grade 4
Kelley Zhou, Westlake High, Grade 11

BAY VILLAGE CITY SCHOOLS

Bay Middle School students will compete at state Power of the Pen competition

by Karen Derby

Three Bay Middle School students have qualified for the Power of the Pen State Finals at the College of Wooster on Friday, May 27.

Eighth-grader Tim Garner, along with seventh-graders Alana Bernys and Emma Chalk, qualified to compete at the state level during their participation at the Power of the Pen Regional Tournament, held at Perkins Middle School, in March.

Power of the Pen is an Ohio interscholastic competition for young writers. It is devoted to excellence in creative writing. Students

are coached by their teachers to develop a variety of creative writing skills including voice, unity, structure, descriptive or figurative language and creativity of ideas, among other story attributes. Students are given a prompt from which to write a creative response within a set period of time. Responses are judged and scored against the model creative writing criteria.

This year, Bay Middle School was host to their Division competition. Karen Schneider, Bay Middle School seventh-grade teacher, was the Host Coordinator, and she was assisted by Christine Mullarkey, Bay Middle School fifth-grade teacher. ●



Bay Middle School state finalists for Power of the Pen (left-to-right): Alana Bernys (grade 7), Tim Garner (grade 8) and Emma Chalk (grade 7).

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The Cleveland Wing Commemorative Air Force and Memorial Day

by Col. Bob Zak

The international organization known as the Commemorative Air Force has a unit, the Cleveland Wing, located at the Lorain County Regional Airport. The CAF is headquartered in Midland, Texas.

This Wing is one of 74 CAF units located in 27 states. The organization has been collecting,

restoring and flying vintage historical aircraft for more than 50 years. The CAF is dedicated to honoring American Military Aviation through flight, exhibition, and remembrance.

The CAF has always been a friend of veteran organizations. For the last three years, the Cleveland Wing has had a special honoring of veterans in a program called "Veteran of the Year." In 2008 and 2009 a veteran of World War II was honored.

Last year, three different types of veterans were honored from WWII. One was a "Rosie the Riveter," a female factory worker during the war. The second honoree was a WASP, a Women Air Service Pilot, and the third vet honored was a radar-navigator on a B-29 bomber.

On Memorial Day, the Cleveland Wing will participate in events by doing flyovers at the day's activities held by VFW American Legion Posts, as well as the communities of Amherst, Elyria, Lorain, North Olmsted, and Wellington. The flights are scheduled to fly over the community at requested times.

Another service that the Cleveland Wing CAF has performed is to do flyovers at funerals or burials for service personnel who have been killed in Iraq,



The Cleveland Wing's aircraft, an SNJ-4 Texan, performs a flyover, photographed by Col. Bob Zak.

Afghanistan and elsewhere. This flyover is at absolutely no cost to the family of the serviceman. Sponsors cover the cost of fuel and oil. Last year, several of these flights were conducted.

The aircraft that has been assigned to the Cleveland Wing is a SNJ-4 Texan. This aircraft is an advance trainer of WWII. The engine nameplate lists the date of manufacture as December 6, 1941. That day turned out to be the day before the infamous attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

For a donation of \$295 you can have the thrill of your life flying in a WWII aircraft for a half hour. These donations are tax deductible. You can even have the controls to fly it. To arrange a flight, call the Wing hangar at 440-323-8335. The CAF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Membership is open to everybody over the age of 18. You do not have to be a pilot to join, just have an interest in aviation. For membership information, call our membership chairman, Col. Larry Foley, at 216-521-7879 for full details.

The Cleveland Wing meets every Saturday at 9:30 a.m. at the airport hangar located at 44050 Russia Rd. in Elyria. ●

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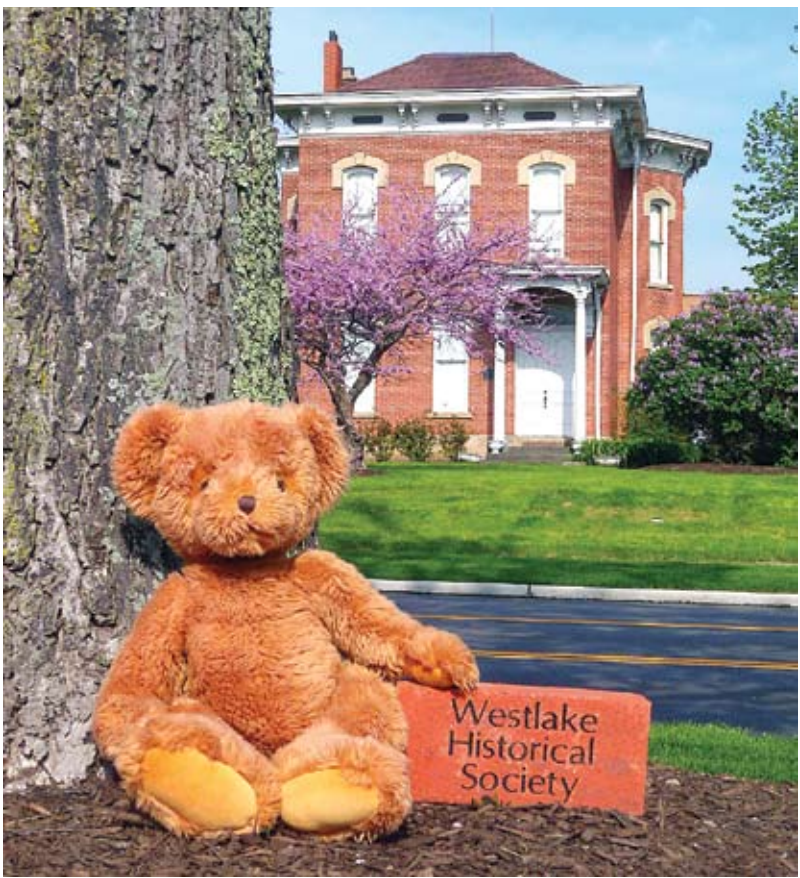
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WESTLAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Where’s Dover the Bicentennial Bear?



by Lysa Stanton and Dave Pfister

This month, Dover Bear wanted to get more information about the plans being made to construct a Bicentennial Founders Walk. This special pathway made up of engraved bricks is to commemorate the community’s Bicentennial anniversary.

Dover headed directly across the street from the Clague House Museum to Clague Park. Dover wanted to see the Clague Memorial Monument, as well as where the Founders Walk will be located in the park.

Two of the Clague children, Walter and Sophronia, donated their former farm to the village of Dover in 1926. Three

years later a monument was dedicated across from the Clague House. Dover was very interested in what was inscribed on the memorial monument. It read: “Forty years ago Walter Clague desired to donate his property for a park when the opportunity time came. This desire was realized on Sat., Oct. 9, 1926, when Dover Village accepted the 78 acres on Clague Rd. for park purposes, which park to be called Clague Memorial Park, both name and park for all time.”

Last fall when the Red Brick School was demolished by the Westlake City Schools, the city decided to purchase 4,500 souvenir bricks. Dover wants to let everyone know that you can purchase a brick with your message engraved for

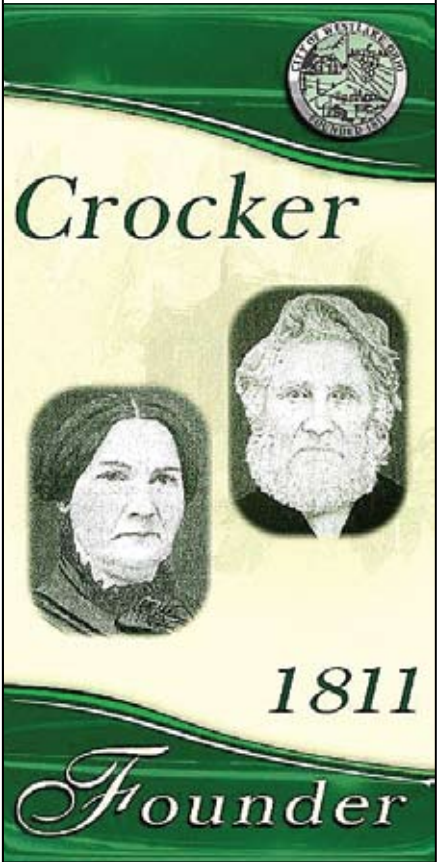


This memorial in Clague Park commemorates the family’s donation of their land to the city.

only \$60.00. His friends at the Westlake Historical Society have a special link on their homepage at www.westlakeohiohistory.org to order your own “personalized” brick. A portion of the brick sales will go toward preservation materials for the museum and for the Clague Kids program for children.

Dover was also interested to learn that the walk will be about 100 feet long, and include a 20-by-30-foot patio area. Trees and benches will also be placed along the path. Larger engraved stones will be used to commemorate some of Westlake’s prominent past residents. Dover Bear has already purchased his brick from the Westlake Historical Society website. He looks forward to being a part of Westlake history. ●

Bicentennial Banners: FOUNDING FAMILIES



In 1811, Noah Crocker, his wife and three children were among the first residents of the part of Dover that would later become Westlake. They lived on land purchased by Noah’s father, Jedediah Crocker Sr., as no deeds with Noah Crocker as land owner have been found.

Jedediah Crocker Sr. sold his land to son Sylvanus after his son Samuel died in 1839 in Lorain County, where both had been living.

On land shown on a map as still owned by J. Crocker in 1852, Sylvanus constructed a house that still stands at 29242 Detroit Rd., on the northwest corner of Detroit and Old Bassett roads.

Crocker descendants still owned much of the land Crocker Park is constructed on as late as 1892 and some of the land as late as 1911. ●

Historical societies shouldn’t be taken for granted

by Lysa Stanton

Established in 1961, the Westlake Historical Society has been telling Westlake’s history for more than fifty years. Today, we are more committed than ever to preserving our local history, and educating the members of our community. We believe our local history is important to the people of Westlake, and we’re dedicated to preserving our

history for generations to come.

I may be biased, but I feel that in any community the local historical society is one of the most important volunteer organizations. Many people assume that every town in America has an established local historical society and museum.

The truth is that while many towns and communities have historical societies formed, many still do not. Some have

a physical building to call home, while others wait years to finally have a structure to call home. We are very blessed in Westlake to have both.

This year the Westlake Historical Society is celebrating 50 years of preserving and telling our historical story. The motto of our Society, “Yesterday lives today, for tomorrow,” points out that our history actually

affects our future. History tells us where we came from and how we arrived where we are now. With that information in mind, we can shape a better tomorrow!

If you are curious about what we do and would like to learn more, we invite you to contact us at 440-721-1201 or check our web site at www.westlakeohiohistory.org. ●

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Did you know that over 30 of the early pioneers who came to Dover Township (Westlake) before 1820 are buried in historic Evergreen Cemetery? On Saturday, May 21, at noon, you are invited to tour this historic cemetery at 29535 Center Ridge Rd. and meet many of those pioneers and hear their story.

After a blessing of the new cemetery fence, guests will be led on a guided tour of the cemetery, with stops at the grave sites of some of our most prominent ancestors – portrayed by knowledgeable, costumed volunteers – including: Lev-erett Johnson, Walter Clague, Noah Crocker, Asher Cooley and Abigail (Cahoon) Johnson.

After the tour, join us at Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd., for light refreshments. ●

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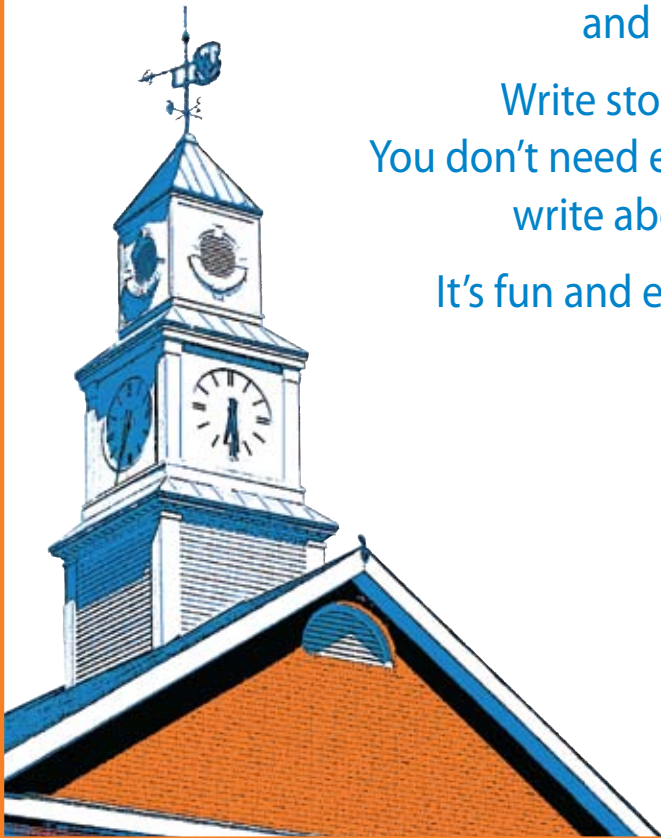
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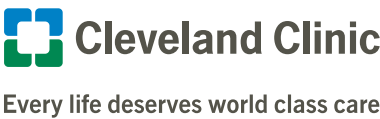
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Why we relay

Although Relay For Life comes once a year, it is planned for months. Several devoted people spend countless hours making the event perfect. As a member of the planning committee, I relay to see everyone else relay, to see the joy on their faces because they are helping end cancer. I relay because I know that one day it will end. I have no doubt that our efforts can help find the cure to cancer. The one-day event, the laps walked around the track, the numerous smiles and the hope of a cure are worth all the planning because I relay to stop cancer.

I relay to bring hope. Cancer has touched my life personally, profoundly, too many times. The deaths of my mother, my brother and my parents-in-law are all directly related to cancer. The witnessing of the devastation to the individual and to their core being, coupled with the subsequent impact on family and friends, are outstanding reasons to relay. It is the goal of the American Cancer Society to Celebrate, Remember and to Fight Back. To end cancer and its impact on so many lives will forever be the reason I relay.

I relay because it is not a matter of if we will find the cure to cancer, but rather when we will find the cure. Cancer is a tragic disease that, although we may not realize it, has touched every individual. I relay because cancer never sleeps; it is our duty to raise awareness and show the passion of those who believe that the cure will be found. I relay because each individual possesses a small spark and when we join forces, we have the ability to illuminate the path to the cure.

For me, and all of the high school

participants, Relay For Life is a different kind of event. It is a celebration of all the survivors and the happiness and dedication is obvious. It's great to see the team booths lined along the track, kids running around and the band playing. All the people willing to support the community inspire me to help, too. I want to do what I can to destroy cancer because it has already destroyed too many lives. I think everyone would love to see the end of cancer and through Relay For Life, it is definitely possible.

Relay For Life brings our town closer together. There are families all over that have been affected by cancer. It gives me a chance to give back to my community. It could be to some a social event for a good cause. It shows how supportive our community can be. People are recognized for being survivors and fighters. People are also honored who have not survived. If I impact at least one person's life, that is enough.

Participating in Relay For Life, for me, is one of those experiences that I will treasure forever. The opportunity for me to be involved in an organization that gives back to our community is amazing. Relay For Life's fight against cancer inspires me to continue on the path towards helping others. Cancer affects almost every person in the world, whether they are afflicted with it or a loved one



Walkers in last year's Relay for Life at Bay High School.

suffers from it. Recently, I found out about several people I know who are fighting the battle. Being able to help in some small way, whether setting up tables or calling restaurants, makes me feel like I'm making a difference. Seeing the survivors taking the lap and enjoying their time celebrating the fight against cancer makes everything worthwhile.

I relay because I want to put an end to cancer. I enjoy helping out the community and giving back. I'm glad to see the progress that cancer survivors have made and learn from their courage and strength, both mentally and physically. Everyone comes together as a community in efforts to make a difference. Those who lost the battle against cancer are properly recognized and honored. I want to make a difference in the community and society in general by contributing to and fundraising for an end to cancer.

Relay For Life is the perfect opportunity for me to give back to my community. Taking part in philanthropic activities is important to me because it is my chance to make a difference. Relay For Life is special

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because cancer is one of the most common diseases in the world, and everyone is and can be affected in some way. Collectively, our community can make a difference, while remembering those who lost their lives to cancer at Relay For Life this month. Please join us on May 27 and May 28 at Bay High School Memorial Stadium. Opening ceremonies are at 6:00 p.m.

As a community, some people relay for a family member or a friend because they want to help a great cause. We come together forgetting our own wants, to give our support to cancer victims and survivors. We relay to stop cancer, together.

The aforementioned are reflective contributions from Erin Mohny (BHS class of 2012), Megan Mohny (class of 2011), Lauren Liegl (class of 2012), Paige Altieri (class of 2011), Katie McFeeley (class of 2012), Jim Cahoon (Chairman), Jaimie Kerka (class of 2012) and Mady Chang (class of 2012). ●

ONE SENIOR'S OPINION

Senior centers offer royal fun

by Dianne Borowski

The past few weeks have had a fairy-tale like quality about them. Attending the Royal Wedding Luncheon and Fashion Show at the Dwyer Senior Center was like walking into Cinderella's ballroom.

Royal Coachman, Bob Goodwin, looking quite dapper in his top hat, greeted guests at the door. Lovely linens and china graced the tables along with the most delicate shade of purple rose petals. Guest Joanne Rubino looked elegant in her beige suit and matching hat. Also stunning in beige was Royal Wedding Planner, Susan Zisko, who made sure guests were happy and comfortable.

Lunch was a royal treat. The best Chicken Cordon Bleu I've experienced was created by Chef Jim of Avon Lake Community Towne Center. Pastries and wedding cake completed the meal. Volunteers in Vin-

tage Attire modeled gorgeous wedding dresses from the late 1800s to the early 1970s. Yards and yards of lace, satin and organza floated bewitchingly around the room.

Alas, as in Cinderella's story, the beautiful flower-filled room was transformed back into the senior center by Monday morning; the Royal Coachman was seen driving for Bay Senior Transportation and the Royal Wedding Planner returned to her position as senior center manager. Perhaps, if all the ladies in the area would wish upon a star, similar magic might occur sometime next spring at the Dwyer Center.

The Westlake Senior Center also provided a royal experience – this time for mothers on Mother's Day. The breakfast, fit for a queen, consisted of pancakes, sausages, quiche, fresh fruit, coffee, pastries and cake. A Chinese raffle was held and I was lucky enough to win the garden basket donated by Gale's

Garden Center. Hopefully this will become an annual event, as the food was delicious, the decor lovely and service exceptional. Mothers received a long stem rose to take home with them.

Topping off my Royal Extravaganza was a return visit to the Dwyer Center to see the Academy Award-winning movie, "The King's Speech," the true story of King George VI's courageous effort to overcome a lifelong speech impediment. The Center shows its movies on a large screen TV, complete with munchies and coffee. Those who can, are encouraged to bring a canned good to contribute to the center's food program.

As we move toward Memorial Day, I am saddened to leave my royal holiday behind but looking forward to the fun-filled days of summer in our lakefront community. Happy grilling to all. ●

FAITH & RELIGION

Unity to host forum exploring core values of four major religions

by Terri Zajac

Understanding one another, particularly in the area of faith, is critical if peace is ever to reign over our planet. Unity Spiritual Center is offering a unique forum on June 5 at 4 p.m., where leaders of four major religions will respectfully discuss the core values of each and explore their similarities and differences.

The forum is free and open to the public. A frank question and answer session will follow the discussion. The forum is being presented in the spirit of lightheartedness where people can learn about each other amid laughter and good feeling. Light refreshments will be served.

Creators of the forum say that we have the ability to blow ourselves up many times over, yet all it takes is once. Everyone in

the community is invited to join this forum as we discuss the steps we can take to help prevent our destruction and transform our society into a more people-friendly, eco-friendly civilization.

The presenters are:

- Hindu – Dr. Sunder Iyer, Ph.D., M.D. (alternative medicine), yoga master, CPT
- Jewish – Rabbi Moshe Saks, Congregation B'nai Israel
- Christian – Rev. Barbara Smith, Unity Spiritual Center
- Muslim – Farooq Aboelzahab, Imam and Director, The Islamic Center of Greater Toledo

The forum moderator is Cynthia Rantala.

Unity Spiritual Center is located at 23855 Detroit Rd. in Westlake. Call 440-835-0400 for more information or visit www.unityspiritualcenter.com. ●

BAY VILLAGE GREEN TEAM

Habitat for Humanity collection planned in Bay Village

by Brenda O'Reilly

Do you have things sitting around gathering dust? Bring your gently used household items to the Habitat for Humanity Donation Collection on Saturday, May 21, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Bay Village Police Department parking lot, 28000 Wolf Rd.

This is a great opportunity for you to donate your used items to a worthy cause. If you have a large item to donate, a pick up can be arranged by calling Jerry Jarc at 440-823-4579 in advance of May 21.

According to Habitat volunteer Jerry Jarc, this is the second Habitat for Humanity Donation Drop Off to be scheduled this spring in Bay. The first drop off in April was very successful, resulting in four large truckloads of great usable items being donated. The

Volunteers are needed (14 years and older) to help load donations into the truck and provide receipts to donors. Please call Brenda at 216-905-7451 to volunteer. Hours are from 9-5 p.m. at the Bay Village Police Department parking lot. Volunteers are needed for 1 or 2 hour shifts. Please dress for the weather.

Habitat for Humanity drop off events are organized by the Bay Village Green Team.

Accepted: Garbage cans, windows, doors, lumber, wallpaper (full rolls), furniture, faucets, sinks, cabinets, hand and power tools, yard tools, ladders, light fixtures – all

types of items large or small that come from your house or garage. All items must be clean and in working condition.

Not accepted: Mattresses, clothing, paint

Attention Bay residents: You may drop off your used garbage cans if you no longer have use for them due to the new Automated Trash Pick Up program. The cans should be clean and in usable condition.

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If you are renovating your home, ask your contractor to carefully remove reusable items (like sinks and cabinets), so that they are not damaged and can be donated to Habitat for Humanity. You can drop donated items off at the Donation Center at 2110 W. 110th St., Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

You can also support Habitat for Humanity by shopping at the Restore at 2110 W. 110th St. ●

Top traits hiring managers are seeking from candidates

by Michael Perry

Recently I heard from three of the people who have just landed new jobs. Each did a terrific job of networking, putting together customized resumes that focused on key accomplishments and truly separated themselves from other candidates during the interview process.

In addition to doing the right things during a job search, candidates in today's very competitive job market must have the "right stuff." OK...so what is that?

From conversations with dozens of recruiters and hiring managers, I have compiled a list of the top traits that "ideal candidates" are expected to possess:

Excellent communication skills (written and verbal) – Let's face it, if you cannot deliver your message or share your thoughts in a clear, concise and intelligent manner, how are you going to "work well with others" within the organization or develop strong relationships with clients? Whether you manage, lead or follow, you must be able to communicate very well and by any means (verbally, letter/memo, email, social media, etc.).

Self-confidence – Ask any salesperson how important they feel having a high degree of self-confidence is to their overall success. Remember, folks, we all sell...every day, regardless of our function/title at work. We pitch our ideas to co-workers, supervisors and/or clients. If we don't have confidence in ourselves, our message, our suggestions, our work product...why should anyone else? Displaying self-confidence is one of the keys to having a great interview.

Team building – Today, more than ever before, we work in collaborative environments that officially or unofficially are team-based. For the most part, we cannot find ongoing success without the input, support and participation of co-workers. Thus, candidates who can demonstrate that they are able to either lead a team or make a team better as a result of their participation in such, are more desirable than those who are unable to do so.

Time management/planning and organization – No hiring manager wishes to have on their team an employee who is not well organized in regard to their approach to completing assignments.

In today's work environment, it is assumed/expected that ALL employees can multi-task; they have to do so because there are less people doing the same amount of work than there was a week ago, a month ago or a year ago. The work did not walk out the front door along with the outplaced employees who used to spend 40 hours (or more) a week doing it. That work was just re-allocated to the "survivors." And those survivors are expected to get it all completed, in basically the same amount of time.

Leadership – Again, you don't have to be the boss to lead. Everyone has the opportunity – each day – to lead by example. Managing is not leading. Managers are expected to do things right, leaders are expected to do the right things. So, whether you are going to be the CEO or the receptionist, the hiring manager wants proof of your ability to lead. ●



Leave Your Mark! and become a part of Westlake History!

Buy an engraved century old brick from the Red Brick School for the Bicentennial Founders' Walk at Clague Park.



As part of the city of Westlake's Bicentennial celebration, we will be honoring the city's founding families and preserving history with a Founder's Walk at Clague Park. The city has purchased bricks from the recently demolished Red Brick School on Dover Center Road for the walkway. Your engraved brick will be placed along side the founders of Westlake on the pathway.

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Classic car show in Westlake May 21



by Janice Snyder

A Classic Car Show will be held on the campus of the Lutheran Home at Concord Reserve located at 2116 Dover Center Road in Westlake on Saturday, May 21, from 1 to 4 p.m.

All vintage, hot rods, antiques, classics and muscle cars are welcome, with black top parking available for all cars. Commemorative dash plaques will be presented to the first 50 cars registered. Trophies will be awarded in eight categories, including Westlake Mayor's Choice Award. The registration fee for car exhibitors is a bargain at \$2, or two canned goods for the Westlake Food Cupboard. Spectators are admitted free.

Local Car Cruisin' celebrity DJ, Frank LeManna, will provide the music and entertainment. Other fun family activities include a Bake Sale featuring home-made baked goods, kid crafts and temporary tattoos, and a 50/50 Raffle. A Chinese Raffle will feature three lovely handmade afghan blankets and gift baskets including car care items, gardening tools, Avon beauty products, and a one night stay at a local hotel.

Lunch will feature \$1 hot dogs. Hamburgers and Veggie Burgers will also be on the menu at reasonable prices. Proceeds from the 50/50 Raffle will kick off fundraising for the Concord Reserve "Cruisers" Walk Team to participate in the Walk to End Alzheimer's sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association Cleveland Area Chapter to be held on Sunday, Sept. 25. Walk sponsor forms will also be available at the car show. ●

Civil War soldiers in Lakeside Cemetery

by Kay Laughlin

Our nation's Civil War began in April 1861 with the firing of canons on Ft. Sumter. This year, 2011, is the 150th anniversary and commemoration of the Civil War. Activities are planned to remember the men who fought and made sacrifices.

Nine men from North Dover Township who answered the call of their country are buried in Lakeside Cemetery in Bay Village. They are: James Conklin, Washington Elmer, Alonson Grant, Luman Griswold, John Schultz, Chauncey Stevens, Alfred Wolf, Michael Wolf and an unknown union soldier.

This is the story of Luman Laomi Griswold who was born to Luman and Margaret Marilla Smith Griswold in Orange Township, Cuyahoga County, in 1835. At the time of Margaret's marriage to Luman (the elder) she was living with Caleb Eddy in Dover Township.

When Luman Laomi was a small boy, the family moved to Avon Township to farm. Luman had blue eyes, light hair, was slight of build and 5'6" tall. As a young man, Luman began courting Melinda E. Smith, his neighbor. Luman was 15 in 1850, when his mother, now a widow, married Caleb Eddy and moved Luman and his sisters to Dover Township.



The 8th Ohio Volunteer Infantry (O.V.I.) joined the 53rd PA at Antietam in 1862.



The 8th O.V.I. flag

Luman enlisted as a three-year soldier at Camp Chase in Cleveland, on the August 17, 1861, with the newly-formed 8th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Private Griswold served in Company I which was made up of men from Lorain County. While at home in June 1863, he married Melinda Smith.

This regiment organized for three monthsservice on May 2, 1861, and for three years service on June 26, 1861. It served in West Virginia until March 1862 when it moved to the Shenandoah Valley and engaged in battles at Cedar Creek and Winchester, Va.

In July it was ordered into the Virginia Peninsula, where it took part in operations along the Chickahominy River. It is believed that it was during this march to the Peninsula that Luman contracted the "bloody diarrhea disease." He was sent to a convalescent hospital in Alexandria, Va., to recuperate and then returned to his unit.

In August the 8th O.V.I. moved

north and fought at South Mountain and Antietam. It sustained heavy losses at Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg. The 8th took part in Grant's battles through the Wilderness campaign and when its term of service expired was withdrawn from the trenches at Petersburg, and mustered out July 13, 1864. Three soldiers of the 8th O.V.I. received the Medal of Honor for heroism at Gettysburg and the Wilderness.

Luman still had time left to serve, and he was transferred to the West Virginia 4th O.V.I. until his discharge August 22, 1864. Luman came home sickly from disease and never fully recovered. He walked with a cane for more than a year before he died in Sheffield Township on May 1, 1867. Luman and Melinda had one child who died in infancy.

We invite you to visit Lakeside Cemetery and take a walk down Row Two, between David Foote and Chauncey Stevens, and visit Luman's grave. Their grave sites are decorated with company identification markers and will be decorated with American flags during Bay's Memorial Day services. ●

Sources: "Retracing Footsteps" by Catherine Burke Flament, *The History of the 8th Ohio Volunteer Infantry*



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Bay Village PTA officers recognized for their role in Excellent school district

by Karen Derby

Bay Village PTA Council recently held its annual induction of new officers and honored the current officers from all the school district's PTA units.

PTA Council President Suzanne Hippler conducted the swearing-in ceremony and thanked the volunteer leaders for their many hours of hard work and support to help make the schools the best they can be for children.

"You are exceptional in that you care enough to give the most precious gift – your time and energy," she said. "I know how hard it is with our crazy schedules and the immense demands on our time from so many areas. Please remember that you are all very much appreciated, and that you truly do make a difference."

Almost the entire board for Bay Village PTA Council will return to repeat their successful roles for the 2011-12 school year: President Suzanne Hippler, First Vice President Andrea Schwartz, Treasurer Cheryl Maude, Recording Secretary Liz Sobszak, Corresponding Secretary Marilyn Smith (being replaced by Cassia Schell), Founder's Day co-chair Susan Woznicki, Founder's Day and Scholarship Dinner Co-chair Mary Michaud, Scholarship Dinner Co-chair Gayatri Jacob-Mosier, Reflections Chair Wendy Mastromatteo, and Legislation Chair Pam Bonnett. Council Delegates Barbara Padgett, Beth Lally, Robin Lucak and Melissa Mason were also recognized.

Outgoing PTA unit presidents honored were: Holly Colleran (Bay High School), Laurie Humphrey (Bay Middle School), Cassia Schell (Westerly Elementary), Amy Papp (Normandy Elementary) and Chrissy Morscher (Early Childhood).

Colleran, Humphrey and Papp have agreed to serve a second year in their respective president posts. New incoming PTA unit presidents are Colleen Oxsalida (Westerly Elementary) and Melissa Alten (Early Childhood).

Other incoming officers are: Vice Presidents Andrea Schwartz, Diane Frye, Anne Callahan, Julie Meadows, Kari Kawa, and Anna Norcross; Treasurers Cheryl Maude, Liese Nainiger, Melissa Carpenter, Wendy Mastromatteo, Lisa Durkin, and Sue Watkins; Recording Secretaries Marilyn Smith, Laura Geuther, Tamara Vesikallio, Lis Sobszak, Laura Rankin, Michelle Kerber; and Corresponding Secretaries Cassia Schell, Pam Bonnett, Holly Risch, Lisa Priemer, and Maureen Stratton. Council Delegates will be Beth Lally, Andrea Sheppa, Laura Konschak, Barbara Padgett, Mindy Thomas, Melissa Mason, Laura Konschak, Leslie Brown and Heather Spellman.

The Bay Village City School District has the distinction of having all four of its K-12 schools earning the National PTA Parent Involvement School of Excellence certification. The designation was granted thanks to a complex application process (completed by the district's PTAs, with Pam Bonnett coordinating) which measures schools against the National Standards for Parent/Family Involvement as determined by 100 health and education organizations nationwide.

Superintendent Clint Keener, in attendance along with other administrators and school principals, said parent involvement is a key component in the district's success. "We are very fortunate to have parents who value education and who understand the importance of their active role in our schools," he said. "We have a real partnership with our families. The schools can't do it alone." ●



Passing the torch: Bay Village PTA Council thanks departing PTA officers and welcomes the new volunteers.

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SUMMER CAMPS & ACTIVITIES

Popular baseball camp returns to Westlake Rec baseball fields

The Phil Bova Baseball Camp will return to Westlake Rec June 20-24, its second year in the city after years of instruction at Baldwin Wallace College. The camp welcomes boys, ages 7-14, from across Northeastern Ohio and instructs them on the fundamentals of baseball.

Students will be divided into groups and assigned coaches. The first half of each day will be spent rotating between six separate training stations: hitting, run-downs, cut-offs, bunting, fielding and pitchers covering first base. Afternoon games will put training into practice. Each day ends with individualized instruction specific to each student's preferred position on the field.

Phil Bova, a Westlake resident and member of the Greater Cleveland Sports Hall of Fame, says the goal of the camp is to "teach our youth the right way to play the game, and prepare them to get



to the next level."

The camp costs \$230. For more information, call 440-779-1390 or visit www.bovacamps.com. ●

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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.

www.clevelandymca.org

West Shore Family YMCA

SUMMER CAMPS & ACTIVITIES

Explore and investigate nature and science at summer camp

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center is calling on kids of all ages to spend active time in the Great Outdoors this summer; hiking, beachcombing, interacting with live animals and launching rockets. Two of the Center's summer camp offerings take a cue from television titles, but the action is far from the couch and remote control!

In NSI: Nature Scene Investigation, campers, ages 6-14, will collect evidence and perform experiments to solve some natural mysteries. "The 'detectives' in this camp will investigate science and nature using their powers of observation and a variety of tricks and tools," said Education Director Darci Sanders. "We take care to group campers by age and to offer age appropriate experiences for each group," she added.

The Center is partnering with neighboring BAYarts for The Amazing Place Day Camp this year. "The Amazing Place is, of course, The Great Outdoors," said Sanders. In the morning, campers ages 6-14 will encounter live animals and trek forest, field and stream in and around Lake Erie Nature & Science Center. After lunch they'll work in the pottery studio, create sand sculptures on the beach and more with BAYarts. Like the NSI

Camp, "teams" for the week will be organized by age. Registration for The Amazing Place takes place ONLY at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center.

In the always popular Nature Nuts preschool camps, children ages 3-5, sing, paint, hike, explore and meet cool animals up close. Nature Nuts includes an option to attend camp for four days in a row during a single week or an alternative to come one day a week for four weeks. For 5 and 6-year-olds, each week brings a new Log Cabin Kinder-camp and quality time in the cabin, hiking field and stream and enjoying the Center's animals.

At "Space Explorers" camps, children in Grades 1-3 can eat space ice cream, hold a real meteor, do experiments with electricity and send up a water rocket. Kids who've completed Grades 2 and up are eligible for one-day Rocket Camps where they'll build and launch a real model rocket.

"An epic week of eco-fun" awaits students in Grades 5-7 during Junior Naturalists: Eco-Explorers Take Action! Campers will master a quest of strategy and skill in the forest, enjoy lake fishing and spend an evening at the Center enjoying the night sky and a campfire cookout. An overnight camp for middle schoolers in Grades 6-8 will make stops across Northeast Ohio as



"Creek-walking" is a favorite summer camp activity at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center.

part of an exciting hands-on field biology experience. Students spend a night in Punderson State Park cabins and 2 nights in a train boxcar at the Coupling Reserve historic train depot.

Summer Camp Registration is underway now and some camps are filling fast. Stop in at 28728 Wolf Rd. in Bay Village or call 440-871-2900, ext. 218, to register by phone.

A family camp-out, family picnic night, summer star shows, telescope viewing and the annual Perseids Meteor Night, plus the annual Family Fun Fest are also on Lake Erie Nature & Science Center's 2011 summer calendar. Visit www.lensc.org for all the details. ●

Kids with disabilities can blossom at area summer camps

Camp Happiness is a seven-week program which provides summer day camp experiences to children and young adults ages 5-21 with cognitive and other developmental disabilities. Camp is from June 20 - August 5, 2011. We offer three sites in the Greater Cleveland area.

Each site provides and enhances social, spiritual, recreational and educational opportunities, as well as the opportunity to make new friends, swim, go on community field trips, play fun games and create exciting arts and crafts!

Camp Happiness is operated by Catholic Charities Health and Human Services, Disability Services. Children of all faith traditions are welcome.

The three locations are: Camp Happiness at Lakewood Catholic Academy, 14806 Lake Ave., Lakewood; Camp Happiness at Parmadale, 6753 State Rd., Parma; and Camp Happiness at Center for Pastoral Leadership (CPL), 28700 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe.

For further information on Camp Happiness, contact Kathy Rich at 216-334-2997 or krich@clevelandcatholiccharities.org; or Marilyn Scott at 216-334-2963 or mjscott@clevelandcatholiccharities.org. Registration packets are available at www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/disability. ●

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

May 19, 2-3:30 p.m.
Learning from the Labyrinth
Come learn the many ways the labyrinth can help you on your healing journey through cancer. Includes the use of art, imagery and music. Advance registration required by calling 216-595-9546.
The Gathering Place West, 800 Sharon Dr., Westlake

May 20, noon
A Photo Journey of Ohio's Public Gardens and Arboretums
The Bay Village Garden Club presents a fabulous photo journey of Stan Hywet Hall, Kingwood Center, Cleveland Botanical Garden, Holden Arboretum, and Franklin Park Conservatory with award-winning environmental and nature photographer, Ian Adams. All interested gardeners are welcome. Doors open at 11 a.m.; luncheon at noon. Cost is \$25 for BVGC members; \$35 for guests. Registration is required. For more information, visit bayvillagegardenclub.com or call 440-871-7879.
Lakewood Country Club, 2613 Bradley Rd., Westlake

May 20, 1-2:30 p.m.
Choosing Your Element
This process of exploring the elements of fire, air, earth and water through the creation of mixed media art will help enhance the healing process while on the cancer journey. Advanced registration required by calling 216-595-9546.
The Gathering Place West, 800 Sharon Dr., Westlake

May 21, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Westlake Planting Day
This year's planting of the Hilliard Boulevard flower boxes will have a "red, white and blue" theme, in honor of the Bicentennial. The eastbound land bordering the median will be closed during this time for the planters' safety.
Hilliard Boulevard, Westlake

May 21, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Flower Day at the Farmers Market
Join North Union Farmers Market at Crocker Park for a special market day focused on getting your garden, yard and landscaping ready for summer! The event will feature local, acclimatized vegetable starts for planting your garden; flowers and perennials; herbs; hanging baskets and container

gardens; garden art made by local artisans; lawn care advice and organic products; a special Chef at the Market and much more! Support your local nurseries!
Market Street, Crocker Park

May 21, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Habitat for Humanity Donation Drop Off
See the story on page 16 of this issue.
Bay Village Police Dept. parking lot, 28000 Wolf Rd.

May 21, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Bay Spring Waterway Clean Up
Bay High's Project Earth Club and the BV Green Team will clean up trash and debris from Bay's waterways. Adult volunteers are needed; email BayVillageGreenTeam@gmail.com to sign up. Co-sponsored by The Village Foundation.
Bay Community House, 303 Cahoon Rd.

May 21, noon
Evergreen Cemetery Fence Dedication and Living History Walk
See the story on page 13 of this issue.
Evergreen Cemetery, 29535 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake

May 21, 12-3 p.m.
Bay Village Bark for Life
Bark for Life is a noncompetitive walk event for dogs and their owners to raise funds and awareness for the 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. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. and the fee is \$25. For more details or to download the registration form, visit relayforlife.org/bayvillage.
Walker Road Park, Avon Lake

May 21, 1-4 p.m.
Classic Car Show
See the story on page 17 of this issue.
Lutheran Home, 2116 Dover Center Rd., Westlake

May 26, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Teen Talk
This monthly support group for teens who have or have had cancer to gather in a fun and supportive

environment to talk about life and the cancer experience. Advance registration required by calling 216-595-9546.
The Gathering Place West, 800 Sharon Dr., Westlake

May 27, 1:30 p.m.
Bonsai for Beginners
Learning about this ancient and fascinating hobby. Then create your own living work of art to take home to enjoy for years to come. Materials provided by our instructor, Ray Biltz (a Bonsai expert) who will guide you step by step in the process of selecting, trimming, potting, watering and displaying of your new tree. Cost: \$25. Seating is limited. Call 835-6565.
Dwyer Center, 300 Bryson Lane, Bay Village

May 27, 6 p.m. - May 28, noon
Bay Relay for Life
The Relay is an 18-hour, overnight event dedicated to celebrating the lives of people who have battled cancer, remembering loved ones lost, and fighting back against the disease. For more information, visit relayforlife.org/bayvillage.
Bay High School stadium, 29230 Wolf Rd.

May 28, 8:30 a.m.
May In Bay: 1-Mile Fun Run and 5K Run/Walk
Just added this year, the 1-mile fun run begins at 8:30 a.m. The annual 5K starts at 9 a.m. Pre-registration (by May 25) for the 5K is \$20; \$10 for children 10 and younger. Race day registration is \$25; \$10 for children 10 and younger. Visit relayforlife.org/bayvillage for details or hermes.cleveland.com to register.
Bay High School track, 29230 Wolf Rd.

May 28, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Westlake Historical Society Yard Sale
Rescheduled from May 14, 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. Proceeds from the sale will go towards maintenance and preservation costs at the Clague House Museum. Volunteers are still needed to help on the day of the sale. For more information or to volunteer, contact Dave at 440-667-0969.
Clague House Museum, 1371 Clague Rd., Westlake

May 28, 3 p.m.
Meet An Animal: Barred Owl
This free program for families of all ages features one of Ohio's lesser known owls, the Barred Owl. Come for a daylight, up-close look at this mysterious denizen of the woods. We'll talk about "who cooks for you," silent flight, and other "head-turning" facts about owls.
Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, 28728 Wolf Rd.

May 28, 5-6:30 p.m.
FREE Community Meal
All ages are welcome. This month's dinner consists of turkey and stuffing, salad, vegetables, dessert and beverages. No carry-outs. Bring your family, join your neighbors, meet new friends. Co-sponsored by two local United Churches of Christ: Church of the Redeemer and Clague Road church.
Clague Road UCC, 3650 Clague Rd., North Olmsted

May 30, 8:45 a.m.
Bay Village Memorial Day Parade
The parade departs from Huntington Park and marches to Lakeside Cemetery for a brief ceremony. The parade continues to Cahoon Park, where there will be a ceremony and speakers.
Lake Road; Lakeside Cemetery; Cahoon Park

May 30, 10 a.m.
Westlake Memorial Day Parade
The parade will kick off at Westlake Christian Church, 25800 Hilliard Blvd., and proceed east to Clague Park for a ceremony honoring members of the military who have lost their lives.
Hilliard Boulevard; Clague Park

May 30, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
The Village Foundation Memorial Day Program
See the story on page 5 of this issue.
Cahoon Park (north of Lake Road), Bay Village

June 1, 1-2:30 p.m.
Free 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, come to this help session. Cuyahoga West members will help you plan your next step. There will be no help session in July or August.
Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.



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STEM students receive awards from Cleveland Technical Societies Council

by Kim Bonvissuto

Westlake-based Cleveland Technical Societies Council recently awarded scholarships to 21 science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) students from Northeast Ohio. The merit-based scholarships were presented and funded by area businesses and professional society members of the Council at the 65th Annual Scholarship and Achievement Awards.

Congratulations to the following students: Matthew Brant, Bay High School; Patrick Dowling, St. Edward High School; Meghan Drews, North Olmsted High School; Elizabeth Galko, Lake Catholic High School; Lila Greco, Westlake High School; Gar Wai Guan, Brooklyn High School; Aobo Guo, Hathaway Brown School; Danielle Hadler, Highland High School; Kevin R. Harold, Springfield High School; Hyun-Seung Hong, Gilmour Academy; David Miller, Oberlin High School; Ariel Minardi, Kirtland High School; Saajid Moyan, Copley High School; Erin Ohlinger, Magnificat High School; Matthew Rader, Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School, Anand Rajan, Beachwood High School; Stephanie Saed, Lakewood High School; Eric Super, Shaker Heights High School; Andrea Szabo, Lake Ridge Academy; Abigail Thayer, Riverside High School;



Westlake High School senior Lila Greco (left) received a \$1,000 scholarship at the CTSC awards on May 2. WHS junior Nicole Klidas is the junior nominee this year and will be eligible for scholarship money next year.

Robert Wright, Chardon High School.

These students were selected as the top STEM students during their junior year of high school and attend the CTSC Honor Junior Workshop held prior to the Scholarship and Achievement Awards Event. This year more than 60 students were honored as juniors and will compete for scholarships next year.

Founded in 1941, the Cleveland Technical Societies Council is comprised of professional, technical societies in Northeast Ohio and serves to promote collaboration among members, promote STEM education at all levels, and to recognize outstanding work by professionals and students. ●