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## Bay High grad takes command of U.S. naval destroyer

by Tara Wendell

Scott Carroll, a 1991 Bay High School graduate, was promoted in 2010 to the rank of Commanding Officer for the U.S. Navy, prior to his most recent deployment to the Persian Gulf. At the end of July, he will be taking command of a guided-missile destroyer, the USS Paul Hamilton, in a change of command ceremony at Pearl Harbor in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Commander Carroll's family, including his mother, Colleen Bennett of Bay Village, will be joining him in Hawaii for the ceremony. The Navy is sponsoring a week-end of family activities, including a picnic on the deck of the ship and gun firing exercises.

"I am [taking] a family cruise on my son's naval destroyer... which is a once-in-a-lifetime experience for a civilian like me," Bennett told the Observer. "I am busting my buttons with pride... as would be any mother."

Bennett explained that her son is at a very young age, 37, to have reached such a high rank in the Navy. "I truly believe the outstanding education my son received in the Bay school system prepared him for the hard work and arduous requirements of his profession," she said.

Carroll had always wanted to be a naval officer and was accepted to the U.S. Naval Academy – on the nominations of Senators Metzenbaum and Glenn – during his sophomore year in high school.



BHS grad Scott Carroll, pictured here when he was commissioned into the Navy in 1995, will be the new commander of the USS Paul Hamilton.

The Academy rescinded its offer the following year after Carroll developed scoliosis, and he opted for Northwestern University – one of the few schools with an on-campus Navy ROTC program.

He entered the ROTC program in his second year of college and was commissioned into the Navy on the day after he graduated from Northwestern.

In Carroll's estimable military career, he has served in support of United Nations sanctions against Iraq, counterdrug operations in Central and South America, and completed a round-the-world deployment in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. His service awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, six Navy Commendation Medals, the Navy Achievement Medal and various unit and campaign awards. ♦



The USS Paul Hamilton is an Arleigh-Burke-class guided-missile destroyer stationed at Pearl Harbor.



## ST. JOHN MEDICAL CENTER DIGS INTO NEW ERA OF CARE

Breaking ground for St. John Medical Center's five-year revitalization plan are, from left, Westlake Mayor Dennis Clough, SJMC Medical Staff President Adnan Mourany, SJMC President Cliff Coker, Sisters of Charity Health System President/CEO Sister Judith Ann Karam and University Hospitals President of Community Hospitals Richard Hanson.

St. John Medical Center held a groundbreaking ceremony June 26 to kick off their five-year revitalization project. The cost of the \$100 million modernization and expansion will be shared between the Sisters of Charity Health System and University Hospitals. As part of the project, SJMC will update several entrances, common areas, all patient rooms and surgery units. It will also expand the spaces for cardiovascular, endoscopy and breast health services.

The objective of the medical center's strategic growth plan is to deepen its commitment to the community and improve the range of services offered on its Westlake campus.

"We're focused on the community in which we serve," said Cliff Coker, SJMC president. "Our investments are directed toward what we believe the needs will be now and into the foreseeable future."

The timing of the revitalization coincides with St. John Medical Center's 30th anniversary this year. ♦

## Bay Men's Club awards two scholarships

by Eric Eakin

The Bay Village Men's Club has awarded scholarships to Bay High seniors Elizabeth Keating and Alex Burke.

Scholarships are awarded on the basis of grade point average and a demonstrated need for assistance.

Keating, a member of the National Honor Society, was active in the Drama Club, Young Life, track team and ski club. She will be attending the University of Dayton.

Burke, a member of the National Honor Society, was a member of the Science Club for two years, the Academic Challenge Team for four years, and played on the baseball team for two years, the football team for four years and the track team for one season. He also was a member of the debate team and won the overall debate competition. He also won an Ohio University chemistry competition. He will be attending Ohio University in the fall.



Bay Men's Club scholarship winners Alex Burke, left, and Elizabeth Keating, right, are pictured with Scholarship Chairperson John Stanton.

"Every year the Bay Men's Club, the city's oldest civic organization, awards scholarships to worthy high school seniors, and we have two winners in Elizabeth and Alex," Scholarship Chairperson John Stanton said. "It is our pleasure to help these young leaders started on the road to success." ♦



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# Westshore community members gather to welcome new Tri-C campus in Westlake

by Tara Wendell  
Cuyahoga Community College held a grand opening ceremony June 16 for its Westshore campus on Clemens Road in Westlake. The well-attended event included presentations by those involved in the development of



The striking modern architecture of the Health and Science Careers building works in harmony with its lush, wooded surroundings.

Tri-C's fourth campus, as well as remarks from a current student and a procession of "future" Westshore graduates. The campus's health careers and sciences building, which opened its doors in January, now serves over 2,200 students. Tri-C Westshore will eventually be a full-service campus, with additional buildings planned to support science, technology, education and math course offerings.


Westlake Mayor Dennis Clough thanked the college's planners and architect for their "strategic vision" in designing a facility that complements its location and is accessible to members of the surrounding communities. He remarked that not only will the campus serve full-time students, but may also be beneficial to local students who attend college out-of-town. "It's great for families with college students who return home in the summer to take a few classes...and save their parents a few dollars," Clough said. The Westshore campus is Tri-C's second location in Westlake, along with



Tri-C Westshore's "future graduates" shoot confetti into the crowd as part of the grand opening celebration June 16.

its Corporate College West facility on Center Ridge which opened in 2003. It was the strong enrollment at that facility that led the school to begin planning the Westshore campus. Tri-C's president, Jerry Sue Thornton, praised the efforts of the entire Westshore community in helping to bring the new campus to Westlake. "We could not be more pleased with the citizens of Westshore who have come together to help us," Thornton said. "[The campus] is, by and for the citizens of Westshore." Jennifer Doolittle, a Fairview Park resident and single mother of four,

represented the student voice at the ceremony. She is a full-time licensed practical nurse, studying to become a legal nurse consultant. Doolittle spoke highly of her experiences at the school and the flexibility it offers as she continues her education. The presentations concluded with a procession of capped-and-gowned youngsters billed as the "future graduates" of Tri-C Westshore. After a small pyrotechnics display, the future students – and a group of current students lining the second-floor balcony – released a wave of confetti that exploded out into the atrium. ●



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## BAY DAYS 2011

CARNIVAL RIDES ★ CHILDREN & ADULT GAMES  
FOOD ★ LIVE MUSIC ★ FIREWORKS  
CAHOON MEMORIAL PARK (at Lake & Cahoon Roads) – BAY VILLAGE

Thursday, June 30	12 Noon – 10:30 pm	Booths and Rides Open
	12 Noon – 4 pm	<b>\$15 One Price Ticket</b> for All Rides
	6:30 pm	Live Music at the Gazebo – <b>The Belaires</b> (50's & 60's Music)
Friday, July 1	12 Noon – 10:30 pm	Booths and Rides Open
	12 Noon – 4 pm	<b>\$15 One Price Ticket</b> for All Rides
	5 pm	Classic Car Cruise-In at Cahoon Park with <b>DJ Cadillac Mike</b>
	6:30 pm	Live Music at the Gazebo – <b>Sloppy Joe Band</b>
Saturday, July 2	12 Noon – 10:30 pm	Booths and Rides Open
	12 Noon – 4 pm	<b>\$15 One Price Ticket</b> for All Rides
	12 Noon	<b>Vintage Base Ball Game</b> at Cahoon Park – Bay Men's Club Bay Villagers Club 9 vs. National Champion Cleveland Blues Club 9
	2 pm	Live Music at the Gazebo – <b>The Elegant Winos</b>
	6:30 pm	Live Music at the Gazebo – <b>The Four Lads</b>
Sunday, July 3	<b>CLOSED</b>	
Monday, July 4	11:30 am	<b>Bike, Trike and Wagon Parade</b> – Meet at the Gazebo
	12 Noon	Recitation of the Declaration of Independence – Pete Dannemiller
	12 Noon to 10:30 pm	Booths and Rides Open
	12 Noon to 4 pm	<b>\$15 One Price Ticket</b> for All Rides
	2 pm	<b>Adult and Children Games</b> at Cahoon Soccer Field
	2 pm	Live Music at the Gazebo – <b>The Keller Brothers Singers</b>
	6:30 pm	Live Music at the Gazebo – <b>The Dan Zola Orchestra</b> (Big Band Music)
	9:45 pm	<b>GALA FIREWORKS DISPLAY</b>
Tuesday, July 5	9:45 pm	RAIN DATE for FIREWORKS

LOCAL DINING

# For Eastern fare, come west to Vieng’s

by Steve Novak

It may not have been one of the original restaurants at Crocker Park, but Vieng’s Asian Bistro has established itself as a definite stop in Westlake’s entertainment mecca.

A giant statue of Buddha, with falling waters behind him, greets you as you enter this contemporary style décor restaurant. Las Vegas-style booths surround two sides of the U-shaped bar, also with a falling-water backdrop, which centers the Bistro. The rest of the dining areas are a mix of booths and tables. There is also a very spacious outside patio with a large gas fireplace and very quaint outdoor lighting strung from end to end.

The description “Asian Bistro” in the eatery’s name should be your first hint that they serve a variety of Eastern cuisine. Japanese, Chinese, Thai, Vietnamese and Indian offerings make the menu quite large.

One tip starting off is that the portions are generous, so sharing with friends is a great way to experience lots of dishes, which is exactly what my party of four did.

We all started off with cocktails; my wife ordered her usual Cosmopolitan. When it came to the table, it bubbled with a slight mist rising from it – yes, they put a small piece of dry ice in it – my wife just loved it. Nice presentation!

Let’s talk sushi. If you want to see the sushi chef in action, sit at the front of the bar where there is a small sushi bar. Don’t be afraid to ask questions about what they are making or what you should order, they’re very helpful. And if you order sushi, remember to toss a few dollars into the tip jar of the chef; it is truly a fine culinary art and should be rewarded.

The misconception is that all sushi is raw; I was one that believed that, too. Novices should try the California Roll (\$5). Crab meat, cucumber and avocado rolled with rice outside, dipped in soy sauce with fresh ginger and a little wasabi – it’s delicious. When I say a little wasabi *I mean it*, it makes horseradish seem tame. We also tried Dragon Roll (\$13) featuring barbeque eel (scrumptious) and Spider Roll (\$12) with soft shell crab, which my friend said is

“consistently perfect every time.”

We were expecting the sushi to be served first as an appetizer but, disappointingly, the whole order arrived together.

We shared Vietnamese Roll (\$4), a thin rice pancake stuffed with cabbage, glass noodles and seasoned pork. It was deep fried golden brown and wonderfully crispy, served with a sweet plum/ground peanut sauce. Yum.

We tried Vieng’s Pad Thai (\$12) next and were hooked. Their signature dish of rice noodles, egg, shrimp and chicken all stir-fried and garnished with bean sprouts and ground peanuts – once you start, you can’t stop.

The Orange Chicken (\$15) was chunks of chicken thighs batter dipped and fried crispy then tossed in a spicy orange sauce that left just the right tingle on the tongue.

Of course, no meal would be complete without Pork Fried Rice (\$7), a tasty blend of scrambled egg, onion, peas and carrot tossed in soy sauce. In my opinion, it was the best fried rice dish I have ever had. You could opt for either chicken, beef or vegetables if you’d like, but for me, pork is the standard.

There are a few more items I must touch on. Sweet Sour Chicken (\$11) is a great item to order for kids, actually enough for two kids. Crisp chunks of breast meat chicken with stir-fried vegetables, served with that classic red sauce. Lo-mein Noodles (\$10), a delicious blend of onion, bean sprouts, carrots and egg noodles mixed in a their special teriyaki sauce, again choose your meat or make it vegetarian.

Watching the Peking Duck (\$38) in all its crispiness being deboned table-side is quite the show. It does require 45-minute cooking time but I was told it’s worth the wait.

With its relaxing decor, extensive menu and attention to detail, Vieng’s Asian Bistro is a satisfying choice in busy Crocker Park.

*Steve Novak is a Westlake resident and 30-year veteran in the restaurant industry, working at all levels from dishwasher to manager to chef/owner. The Observer makes two anonymous visits per restaurant and does not accept complimentary meals.* ●

## WESTLAKE PORTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

# July events at Westlake Porter Public Library

by Elaine Willis

**Friday, July 1 (10:30-11 a.m.) LET’S SING AND DANCE!** – Join us for a fun session of singing and dancing. For children ages 2-6 with a caregiver. No registration required.

**Friday, July 1 (2-4 p.m.) MOVIES @ YOUR LIBRARY: “GULLIVER’S TRAVELS” (PG)** – Cool off with fun summer movies at the library! Titles may change depending upon release dates. All ages welcome; room limited to 58. Registration begins one week before each movie.

**Saturday, July 2 (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, July 4 Independence Day – LIBRARY CLOSED**

**Tuesday, July 5 (2-7 p.m.) AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE** – Type O blood drive

**Thursday, July 7 (3-4 p.m.) STRATEGY GAMES CLUB** – Think, plan, outwit and enjoy – learn to play new and classic games of strategy with your friends! Grades 4-7. Registration begins one week before each session.

**Thursday, July 7 (7-8:30 p.m.) INVESTOR INTEREST GROUP** –

John Sawczak will discuss “Intermediate Charting Part 3.” Please register.

**Friday, July 8 (2-4 p.m.) MOVIES @ YOUR LIBRARY: “TRON: LEGACY” (PG)** – Cool off with fun summer movies at the library! Titles may change depending upon release dates. All ages welcome; room limited to 58. Registration begins one week before each movie.

**Tuesday, July 12 (7-8:45 p.m.) HISTORY OF THE 42ND OVI** – Representatives from the National Parks Service, based at the President Garfield National Historic Site at Lawnfield, will present a history of the 42nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Please register.

**Wednesday, July 13 (2-4:30 p.m.) TEEN/TWEEN MOVIE** – Journey into the Deathly Hallows with Harry, Hermione and Ron as they try to put a stop to Voldemort’s evil plots. Rated PG-13. Grades 4-12. Registration begins July 6.

**Thursday, July 14 (3-4 p.m.) STRATEGY GAMES CLUB** – Think, plan, outwit and enjoy – learn to play new and classic games of strategy with your friends! Grades 4-7. Registration begins one week before each session.

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## CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BAY VILLAGE BRANCH

# Upcoming Bay Village Branch Library programs

by Joyce Sandy

It’s officially summer now and things are heating up at the Bay Village Branch Library! From author visits, to family programs, to on-going storytimes there truly is something for everyone. Come in and cool off – we’ll help you find a book, music or movie to relax with. Check out those Summer Reading Lists books now and be ahead at the end of the summer!

### ADULT DEPARTMENT:

**Thursday, July 14 (7 p.m.) AUTHOR VISIT: TERRY PLUTO** – Join us as veteran sportswriter Terry Pluto discusses his newest book “Things I’ve Learned From Watching the Browns.” Pluto’s book includes stories from 1,000 fans, interviews with former players and his own expert analysis.

**Wednesday, July 27 (7 p.m.) FAITH, CULTURE, AND LANGUAGE: THE ETHNIC PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND** – Join us as Rev. Thomas Tifft discusses the founding of ethnic parishes within the ethnic experience of Cleveland. For the immigrants, these parishes played an important role in the Americanization process.

### TEEN DEPARTMENT:

**Thursday, July 21 (10 a.m.) MUSICAL SOUNDSCAPES** – For ages 11-18 years. Progressive Musical Alliance will help you create an original musical soundscape while you take an exciting

musical journey of different musical samples. Leave with a CD of the recording you produce that will feature a layered texture of samples and original sounds.

### CHILDREN’S DEPARTMENT:

**Tuesday, July 5 (2 p.m.) BOOK BUZZ: TRAVELING WITH STRING-BEAN** – For grades 2-4. Have fun reading “Stringbean’s Trip to the Shining Sea,” discussing it, and enjoying activities related to the book.

**Monday, July 11 (11 a.m.) PAINT AROUND THE WORLD** – For families with children ages preschool-grade 3. Carolina Martin from Art on Wheels Inc. is returning with another art program on reverse painting. Make a bookmark of places around the world!

**Wednesday, July 27 (4 p.m.) PAPA DIEUX’S WELL: A FOLKTALE FROM HAITI** – For families with children ages 3-8. Lindsey Bonilla is back to tell this folktale about greed and one of our greatest resources – water – with help from the audience.

**Wednesday, July 20 (2 p.m.) SUMMER FUN IN THE SUN PARTY** – For families of all ages. See the sun through a special filtered telescope, chalk the walkway and bring a white piece of clothing to tie-dye. Then you can cool off with a cold treat!

**Please register for these programs by calling 871-6392 or go online to [cuyahogalibrary.org](http://cuyahogalibrary.org). We look forward to seeing you!**

# The birth of America: July 4, 1776

by Mel Maurer

Our forefathers, in attempting the redress of many oppressive actions by the Kingdom of Britain in the mid-1700s, were just seeking the full free democratic rights of other Englishmen under King George.

However, the British considered the American territories as just colonies to be used and exploited in whatever way best suited the kingdom's interests. This attitude ensured that armed conflict was inevitable. It came the morning of April 19, 1775.

British soldiers, sent to these shores to keep the colonists in line, advanced on Americans, first in a meadow in Lexington and then later near a bridge in Concord, Mass. – shots were fired and later immortalized in a poem by Ralph Waldo Emerson which begins with these words: “Their flag to April’s breeze unfurled, Here once the embattled farmers stood, And fired the shot heard round the world.”

America was then no longer just negotiating for its rights – it was fighting for them. America’s 13 colonies with their rag-tag army of men of all ages and professions, under General George Washington, was at war with the greatest army in the world.

History tells us that there

was no one singular event that led to the American Revolution. Maybe so, but there was one great need: Freedom! We, as Americans, had to be free. Patrick Henry said it best in 1775 with these words, anticipating that war may be needed to achieve the Colonies’ goals: “I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death.”

Even once hostilities broke, many of those in the colonies’ Second Continental Congress in 1776 still hoped for a settlement with Great Britain that would not only save them from the gallows – Britain had declared rebels to be traitors subject to death – but also make them full citizens of the British Empire.

That was not to be. As they debated issue after issue it became clear that only independence as a nation would give them the freedom they desired. The final debate on the great issue of independence began with these words on Friday June 7, 1776:

“Resolved... That these United Colonies are, and of a right ought to be, free and independent states, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved.”

This resolution was then

followed by days of debate and backroom dealings and agreements, as Thomas Jefferson prepared the first draft of the Declaration. Finally, on July 2 – a rainy day with frequent cloud bursts as they met in Philadelphia – a vote was taken and independence was declared.

A final, more official vote on the Declaration of Independence as we know it was then taken on July 4. It was our birth certificate as a country, opening with these words:

“When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature’s God entitle them...”

We were free but it would take years of war – with great hardship – to finally defeat our former masters. The outcome of the war was uncertain until the end with the surrender of the British army on October 19, 1781.

We were then, as President Lincoln later said at Gettysburg, “a nation, conceived in liberty.” It is that liberty that makes us Americans, and to be American is to be uniquely free.

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## Westlake celebrates the Fourth of July, Bicentennial style!

### CITY OF WESTLAKE, 4TH OF JULY, 2011

**10 a.m.** Parade kicks off on Hilliard Blvd.

### CROCKER PARK EVENTS

**10 a.m.** Classic Car Show at Crocker Park

**11 a.m.** DJ Eazy spinning tunes

**12 p.m.** Mayor Clough, City Council and Westlake students celebrate America’s birthday.

**1 p.m.** Geeze Cats perform; balloon clowns; face painters and glitter tattoo artists

### CLAGUE PARK EVENTS

**Starting at 4 p.m.** - Food vendors will be available including; Ironwood Café, Bailey’s Boardwalk Fries, Romeo’s Pizza, Dippin Dots Ice Cream, Island Delights Smoothies, Zog Dog Hot Dogs and Nuts & Such.

**6 p.m.** DJ Eazy @ Gazebo

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come here from so many places with so many backgrounds – and yet we live so well together, enjoying our ability to be ourselves, to do what we want within our democratic laws and society. Not

always perfectly, but always freely. We are many people, but as Americans, we are one.

God bless those who make our freedom possible. We repay them by using our liberty well. Happy birthday, America! ●

# Remembering the old days on the Fourth of July

by Kay Rothaermel Laughlin

Tuesday, July 4, 1944, in Bay Village

It was hard to fall asleep the night before the Fourth of July just thinking about all the goodies that were going to be piled high under the big tree across from the Community House the next day. Checking it out was one of the wonderful parts of the day.

Up on top were the two bicycles, one boy’s and one girl’s, for the winning raffle tickets. Underneath were all the rest of the goodies: basketballs, baseballs, footballs, bats, baseball mitts, roller skates, tennis rackets and balls, badminton sets, croquet sets, decorated wooden boxes, books, dolls, paper dolls and more. For Mom and Dad, there were clocks, radios, mixers, toasters, hand-crocheted towels, pillow cases, hot pads, aprons, dishes and glass sets. It was a smorgasbord of goodies to see, and it was all donated by area merchants.

In the morning, in our best shorts and T-shirts, we headed for the park. The activities for the day were organized and run by our parents. Here are some of the names on the 1944 roster: Austin, Baldwin, Bellish, Benbow, Botts, Burt, Chamberlain, DuProw, Harter,

Hoagland, Hockett, Holliday, Hook, Houk, Hudak, Jacobs, Knoll, Koeliker, Laverty, Leavens, Linsenmeyer, Mosely, Peterson, Potter, Pyle, Redinger, Rothaermel, Smith, Solt, Wendt, Wingard and Wischmeyer.

It all started at 9:55 a.m. with an aerial salute and the raising of the flag by the Bay Village Scout Troops. At 10:05 a.m., a ball game featuring the Canterbury Tigers and the Bay Village All Stars began. At 11 a.m., the decorated Bicycle and Tricycle Parade started at Rose Hill, and at 11:30, there were bicycle races on Cahoon Road.

At 1 p.m., there was an assortment of choices. Down at the mouth of Cahoon Creek, motor and sailboat races commenced. In the park there were bowling, golf, horse shoe or beach ball contests. At 1:30, the Girl Scouts and Brownies sang at the Community House. At 2:00, the games and races began for the children. There was the three-legged race, the wheelbarrow race, the sprint, tossing the baseball the farthest, toss and catch and badminton fly. The top three winners got something from under that marvelous tree by the Community House. For adults, there were the three-legged race, egg throw and who could wrap and unwrap dad

with toilet paper the fastest.

At 4 p.m., the firemen had a water fight with their fire hoses, and at 4:30, Bingo started in the Community House. The dinner hour was at 6 p.m. and featured ham and potato salad or wieners and beans. Coffee was served by the Girl Scout mothers, and soft drinks were sold by the Boy Scout fathers.

The flag was lowered at 7 p.m. and the Parkview High School Band concert started. At 9 p.m., dancing in the Community House began, and a movie was shown in the valley. Special events were the war stamp treasure hunt, time guessing contest and largest fish caught. Prizes were awarded to all, and we watched the goodies disappear under the tree. Every hour there was a raffle drawing, and near the end of the day the bicycles were awarded to the lucky boy and girl with the winning raffle tickets.

We arrived for the evening events in our best dresses and summer sandals. Our parents were often in charge of the dance. No matter the age, anyone could dance in the Community House to the 78-rpm records, with owner’s names on them, loaned by the high school students. The fans were running overhead and with the windows open, the sounds

of “Opus One” and “Stardust” drifted out over the park. I can still hear them.

Those were the days. Although it was a sad time in Bay with our boys fighting in WWII, this was a day to remember. As kids we wondered how it could get any better! ●

Kay Rothaermel Laughlin is the Bay Village Historical Society Historian.

## POETRY

### Haiku

David Scullin, Westlake

Happiness is fidelity  
to a worthy purpose  
Helen Keller eulogy

The melancholy  
shadows of evening  
gather in silence

The horizons radiant line  
gives its promise  
of a brilliant sunrise

LAKE ERIE SCIENCE & NATURE CENTER

# Alternatives for removing animals living in places you don't want them

by Joanna Galysh

**D**o you have an animal living somewhere that you don't want? Lake Erie Nature & Science Center receives countless calls every year about raccoons nesting in attics, skunks living under porches and other animals taking up residence in places where people don't want them – in our own homes.

Recently, the Center received a call from a homeowner who had called a trapper to remove a mother and baby raccoon from their attic. However, two more babies remained in the attic, and rather than have the trapper come back for an additional fee, the couple removed the babies on their own and brought them in to the Center.

Unfortunately in Cuyahoga County, raccoons cannot be rehabilitated by professionals or released by trappers because of rabies laws and therefore must be euthanized. However, in most cases there are alternative options to hiring a trapper that can be more beneficial to homeowners and to the invasive animals in the long run.

"There are often first steps that can be done easier or cheaper than live trap-

ping, especially considering that trapping often legally must result in the death of the animal," said Dave Wolf, Wildlife Director at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center.

Wolf recommends that homeowners first check to see if it is the nesting season of the animal living in your home.

"If babies are involved, removal of the animals must be approached with extreme caution. If the mother is taken out but the babies are left inside, the mother will do whatever is necessary to get back into your home and find her babies," said Wolf.

To remove a family of animals, Wolf suggests moving the babies outside while the mother is away foraging for food, and then making certain to securely board up the area before she returns.

"As long as she has her babies with her, the mother will not try as hard to get back inside and will likely relocate elsewhere. That being said, the mother's motivation to get back inside will increase greatly if she is separated from her babies," said Wolf.

When attempting to remove animals on your own, it is crucial to identify what the animal likes about the area and change it. For example, if an animal is

living under a porch where it is dark and dry, try illuminating the area with a floodlight and letting a hose run to see if the animal will leave on their own. If you are able to scare the animal out, be certain to board up where they were living because their old home will be just as attractive to the next animal that comes along unless it is closed up.

Animals often build nests and live in human houses because it is easy for them. A shelter (your house) is already provided and often, garbage or pet food left outside doubles as the animal's food source. When confronted with the situation of an animal living or nesting in or around your home, many people think that calling a trapper is their only option, but trapping is usually only a temporary fix. Once the animals are removed, it will likely not be long before another animal finds the same location appealing and moves in.

Remember that not every method



**This little critter may look adorable, but Lake Erie Nature & Science Center receives many calls asking how to remove them from unwanted places.** Photo by Tim Jasinski.

of removal works in every situation. Each case is unique and different, and in some circumstances, calling in a trapper may be the best decision for a homeowner. If you are dealing with an animal living in your home and would like more information about your options, please call Lake Erie Nature & Science Center at 440-871-2900. ●

## Sea Scouts devise way to turn hazardous waste into cash for marinas

by Richard Gash

**T**o help clean up our waterfront, a group of 20 high school youth and adult leaders, members of Sea Scout Ship 41, are working with local marinas to improve their used oil recycling stations. The scouts are participating in the Waterfront Challenge, an international initiative sponsored by Interlux, a worldwide manufacturer of yacht paints, aimed at encouraging people to "make a difference" by improving the quality of their local waterfronts.

The scouts have found that marinas tend to locate their used oil recycling stations behind their maintenance sheds – out of sight, out of mind – but one improperly-disposed-of used oil filter could contaminate 62,000 gallons of drinking water. The EPA requires that a used oil filter be "hot" drained at engine operating temperature for a minimum of

12 hours before being disposed of as regular trash.

Even so, the filter at this point still contains 50-60% of its oil and would be rejected by most landfills. It would then have to be removed from the marina by an approved EPA transporter at an increased cost. If the filter was crushed to 50-70% of its volume, a greater percentage of its oil would be drained and the filter would now be considered scrap steel. The crushed oil filter now is a potential income producer rather than being an environmental hazard.

The Sea Scouts, by designing and testing a hand operated mechanical crusher for used oil filters, would now have provided an income source such that the marinas would be more likely to have their boaters recycle in a responsive manner.



**At a local marina, used oil filters are collected (right drum) and then drained for at least 12 hours (left drum). Sea Scouts determined that crushing the filters would result in a recyclable scrap metal product.**

Sea Scouting is a co-educational program of the Boy Scouts of America offered to young adults between the ages of 14- 21. Sea Scouting is organized to promote better citizenship and to improve

members' boating skill and knowledge through instruction and practice in water safety, boating skills, outdoor, social, and service experiences and knowledge of our maritime heritage. ●

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# Westlake Kiwanis to host second annual Special Olympics

by Victor Rutkoski

The Westlake Kiwanis, along with the Westlake School District, will be holding their second annual “Westlake Kiwanis Family and Westlake School District Special Olympics” on Saturday, July 9.

The event will begin at 10 a.m. with a parade around the Westlake High School track, which will be led by the Special Olympics Torch followed by the participants, parents, caregivers and members of the Westlake School District, Westlake Kiwanis, Westlake Key Club and Westlake Aktion Club. There will be competition in the various events: the 400-meter

run, softball throw, standing long jump, 25-meter walk, 50-meter dash, 25-meter wheelchair run and the 25-meter assisted walk.

Event organizer Russ Milan of the Westlake Kiwanis hopes this event will be well attended. Members of the Westlake School District, Westlake Kiwanis, Westlake Key Club and the Westlake Aktion Club will be handling everything, including organizing the parade, handing out water, helping the Olympians with their various events and judging the events.

Hopefully the Westlake community will turn out to support and cheer on these very Special Olympians. ●



Athletes at last year’s Special Olympics.

# Bay resident to walk 60 miles in national three-day cancer event

Sixty miles in one direction can take you many places, but Theresa Gamble, a Bay Village resident, has joined thousands of breast cancer supporters in preparing for the 2011 Susan G. Komen Cleveland 3-Day for the Cure because 60 miles can take her closer to finding a cure. After months of training and fundraising, participants will walk 60 miles during three days to raise awareness and funds for breast cancer research and community-based breast health and education programs.

Each 3-Day for the Cure participant raises a minimum of \$2,300 in support of the research and community-based service efforts of the Susan G. Komen for the Cure organization. Gamble is sponsoring a fundraising “adult fun night” event at Bay Lanes on July 14 from 7-10 p.m. to help her reach that goal.

In addition to two games of bowling, appetizers and drinks, the event will feature entertainment by the bands, Herded Cats and The Show Goats. There will also be an opportunity to purchase tickets

for a raffle with great prizes, some from local Bay donors, Arriabiatta’s and Minotti’s, as well as sports-related prizes including Cleveland Indians tickets and golf. Ticket price for this event is \$35. To make donations, purchase tickets or for additional information, contact Theresa Gamble at 440-808-8077, or tmsgamble@aol.com.

“This is my first year participating in the Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure but I am certain it won’t be my last,” said Gamble. “Through my participation in this event I know I am making a personal impact on the breast cancer movement. The Komen 3-Day for the Cure is challenging, but the opportunity to have an impact is enormous.

“I am walking in honor of my mom who is fortunate enough to be one of the five-year breast cancer survivors,



and other dear friends that have lost their battle with breast cancer. I want to give back to the Komen organization. I hope that they will one day soon find a cure, and in the meantime, continue to provide wonderful services and support to all the women and men with breast cancer.”

Each walker is supported by coaches and online assistance aiding in all aspects

of training and fundraising. Additionally, clinics, meetings, training walks, teams and buddy walkers provide ongoing encouragement.

The Susan G. Komen Cleveland 3-Day for the Cure will be walking on Cleveland’s west side again this year, starting on Friday morning, July 29, and ending with the Closing Ceremony on Sunday afternoon, July 31. Walkers cover about 20 miles a day, traveling at their own pace. Hundreds of volunteer crew members support the walkers through the three-day journey providing meals, refreshments and snack stops, gear transport, hot showers, portable restrooms, safety on the streets and 24-hour medical services.

More than 1.4 million women will be diagnosed with breast cancer globally each year. To help Gamble reach her goal by making a donation, visit <http://bit.ly/mPK5OV> To learn how to participate or volunteer with the Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure, visit [www.The3Day.org](http://www.The3Day.org) or call 800-996-3DAY. ●

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## CELEBRATING WESTLAKE'S BICENTENNIAL

## The art of painting barns

by Tara Wendell

**“Y**es. There is still a guy that paints stuff on barns.” That’s the motto of Belmont County’s Scott Hagan, one of the last barn artists in the country. Hagan, whose work painting the Ohio Bicentennial logo on barns in each of the state’s 88 counties a few years back garnered national attention, was the guest speaker at a joint Westlake Historical Society/Westlake-Westshore Arts Council event at Porter Library June 22.

In his hourlong presentation – really

a conversation with the 50-plus audience members – the engaging Hagan discussed his path from an ambitious high school art student to a professional barn artist with a portfolio spanning the country.

Hagan’s talent was encouraged by his art teachers, who noticed something special in his small class projects. Hagan always challenged himself to “go bigger” artistically, and was granted permission to paint the school’s logo on its football field.

His next personal challenge would effectively change his life. He had an idea, but needed his father’s permission.

Hagan approached his dad and asked if he could paint the Tasmanian Devil cartoon character on the side of the family’s barn.

“He told me, ‘I don’t think I want a devil on my barn,’” Hagan recalled. So, he went back to the drawing board and came up with a theme sure to please: the Ohio State Buckeyes. The painting turned out so well, his grandfather took a photo of the barn and sent it to the local paper.



Scott Hagan describes one of the 88 Bicentennial barns he painted in Ohio.

## ONE SENIOR'S OPINION

## July 4th events are fun for all ages

by Dianne Borowski

**B**urgers, brats, steaks on the grill – is there any better way to celebrate the Fourth of July? Well, yes and no. You could make ham sandwiches and potato salad or head out for some fun fair food at Bay Days. In addition to food, you’ll find games of chance, fantastic rides, live music and, of course, a spectacular fireworks display which begins at 9:45 p.m.. Really, it’s the best show in town.

A little bird told me some young-at-heart seniors would be scooting up to the Gazebo at 11:30 a.m. on July 4 to show off their decorated vehicles. Will these seniors really rally to make the trip to the park to join in the mini-parade which will take place there? I

certainly hope they make it. To find out if they did, why not drop around to cheer on the participants. I’m told there may be lots of little ones on bikes to root for, too. Sounds like fun.

You know, I think the best part of holidays just might be the anticipation and the memories. Some might chastise me. Live in the present moment, they’ll say, and usually I try. It’s rather hard not to notice the present. Of course, sometimes the present moment is not so great but then we always have our memories to look back on and enjoy, and hopefully, still something to anticipate in the near future.

From one who has had many wonderful memories and still things I look forward to doing, I wish you a very Happy Fourth of July weekend. ●



Barn artist Scott Hagan describes the amount of time needed to paint a complex design on the side of a barn.

The Barnsville Enterprise printed the photo in color on the front page, and the image caught the eye of a member of the newly-formed Ohio Bicentennial Commission, who just happened to be in town.

She thought it would be a perfect way to celebrate and raise awareness for the state’s upcoming 200th birthday, and the commission agreed. They asked Hagan if he would be willing to take on the task of painting the Bicentennial logo in all 88 counties, and he agreed.

“I never let on that I didn’t know how I was going to do it,” Hagan said. He learned on the job, trading in his ladder for a more efficient rope-and-pulley system, with each barn painting going faster than the one before. Hagan’s first barn took four days to paint; his last took eight hours. In all, the Bicentennial

barn project took five years, finishing in September 2002.

All of the designs Hagan paints are done freehand. He uses a carpenter’s crayon to layout the design, relying on measurements and angles. When needed, he will prep the entire barn with a fresh, even coat of paint before applying the design.

Scott Hagan has received national recognition for his work and receives requests from across the country. He has been hired in 15 states, California being the most recent. He admits that most of the barns he paints are not on working farms, and in fact, barns are not his exclusive canvas. He recently painted MFA’s logo on one of the farmer cooperative’s fertilizer terminals in Missouri – 155 feet above ground. ●

## CELEBRATING WESTLAKE'S BICENTENNIAL

## A WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE

In a June 26 celebration of Westlake’s Bicentennial, the Westlake Garden Club hosted a tour of six gardens, including the gardens at Clague House and Museum, and gardens at two historic homes.

**RIGHT: Garden club member Marge Emblom greets visitors at the garden of Dean’s Greenhouse.**

**BELOW: A group tours the historic Detroit Road property of Steve McQuillin, which was once a sheep farm known as Dover Farm.**



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# Westlake Bicentennial, 1811-2011

*A yearlong celebration of Westlake's history*

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**1911-1929**

## George Cooley: Champion of the farmer

by Lysa Stanton

I recently had the pleasure of interviewing Mr. and Mrs. Roger Cooley at their home in Westlake. I wanted them to share the story of Roger's "Uncle George" so I could pass it along to our readers.

George Cooley, affectionately called "Uncle George," was born in 1861. He was raised on a farm on Dover Center Road at corner of Hilliard Boulevard. After attending school in Dover, George went on to Ohio Northern University. George came back to Dover to teach for ten years.

He taught at the Osborn School, located in what is now Bay Village, then taught as well in the old Red Brick School on Dover Center Road. George Cooley was a builder and would build many of the homes and barns in and around present-day Westlake. He was also the contractor for the water tower at Huntington Park. At the turn of the century, when Cooley became a contractor, he became very interested in road building, as well.

In 1904, he took his talents to Columbus where he built the pavement of Neil Avenue through the campus of Ohio State University. George was instrumental in his work with the federal government and the development and organization of the state highway departments of California, Louisiana and Ohio.

Having come from a strong farming family and community, George turned his attention to the problems facing farmers. He felt strongly that farmers must organize to protect themselves. In 1915, he organized the grape growers of Cuyahoga County and in 1918, he helped establish the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation.

George could also be found in the state legislature, working, as always, on behalf of the farmers. Mr. Cooley received the second medal offered for service to Agriculture from President Coolidge at a 1929 Farmer's Bureau convention in Chicago.

In 1920, he and Murray D. Lincoln founded the Farm Bureau Mutual Auto Insurance Company, which is now known as the Nationwide Insurance Company. George served as the company's first president until his death in 1939.

In 1971, the Ohio Agricultural Council honored Mr. Cooley by inducting him into the Agricultural Hall of Fame. ●



## Dover's fire department comes together

Frank Sauer, a mechanic who owned a garage and auto agency on Center Ridge Road, served as a volunteer fireman in the 1920s. Dover did not have a fire truck so Frank decided to build a pumper for the volunteers. He took the chassis from an old Cadillac, and converted it into the village's first fire engine in 1926. Prior to this, Dover had a hand pump brigade.

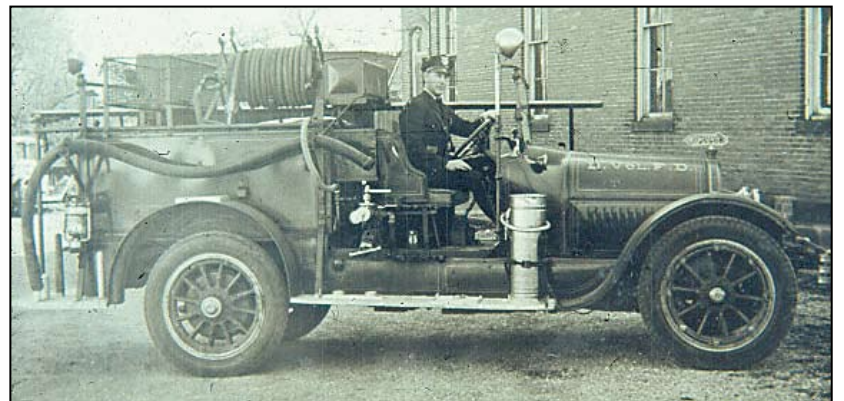
In 1937, Frank was hired as Dover's first fire chief. He retired in 1966 at the age of 83 and Edmund Geiger became the next fire chief.

The fire department, always cognizant of the safety of Dover/Westlake's citizens, continued to improve not only services, but equipment. In 1938, a new fire engine was purchased at a cost of \$7,000 and the Sauer-built pumper was retired from service. This Ahrens-Fox model was capable of pumping 980 gallons of water per minute. Today, Westlake's fire department has two engines and two aerial trucks capable of pumping 1,250-1,500 gallons per minute, as well as three medic units.

The 1938 truck can be seen today in our parades, as well as other special events including the annual Antique Vintage & Craft Show held every July at the Clague Museum. Children of all ages enjoy seeing and getting a photo with the engine. ●



The hand pump brigade, pictured in front of the town hall, was modernized in 1926 with Frank Sauer's hand-built pumper.



Frank Sauer sits in the pumper he built from a Cadillac chassis for the volunteer fire department.

## Scouts continue to serve community

The Westlake Historical society is honored to have four young men working with us as they pursue the rank of Eagle Scout. Evan Keleman and Rick Kolar of Troop 208, Brian Amsted of Troop 77 and Jacob Ogonek of Troop 225 are working on various projects to fulfill the requirements for completion of the Eagle Scout. The twelve points of Scout law are "Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent."

We see examples of this from the young men as they work toward the goal of Eagle Scout. ●



The first Boy Scout troop in Dover is pictured in this 1912 photograph.

## Research your family's history at Bicentennial event

Adding to the festivities of the 4th of July weekend is a Bicentennial event, "Westlake is 200! How old is your family?" Banners around town proudly proclaim Westlake's 200-year history and this is an ideal time for everyone to consider their own 200-year (or more!) history.

Borders at the Promenade will host the free event from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, July 2, and anyone interested in finding ancestors is invited to attend. In addition to Border's, the event is sponsored by the City

of Westlake in partnership with ancestry.com and family historians from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Attendees are encouraged to bring any family documents that contain names, dates and locations – such as birth, death and marriage certificates.

Dorothy Titera, family historian, has been instrumental in programming this event to allow people to begin or add to their family history. In as few as five minutes one of the experienced volunteers at the event can help search for documents

from the lives of grandparents or older ancestors.

Researchers will have immediate access to familysearch.org and ancestry.com, and will be able to leave Border's with resource information to continue their research. Border's manager and Westlake resident, Sylvia Scherma, recognized the 200th Bicentennial and approached the city's Community Services Department Director, Joyce Able Schroth, about a possible partnership.

Ms. Schroth thought it was an easy

partnership, bringing together two organizations that exist because of people's desires to read and research. In addition to the free access to ancestry.com for this event, there will be a drawing for three ancestry.com memberships for those who attend.

Ms. Schroth added that the event may be repeated on Saturday, November 12, near Westlake's actual 200th birthday on November 14. For further information, contact Westlake's Community Services Department at 440-899-3544. ●

BAY VILLAGE GREEN TEAM

Important information on Bay's new recycle and trash program

by Brenda O'Reilly

FRIDAYS: The following items are picked up by 3 separate trucks:

- 1. Green recycle container – for your recyclable materials (bottles, cans, plastics No. 1 and 2, paper, magazines, newspaper and cardboard).
- 2. Blue trash container – all items than cannot be recycled, donated or composted (yard waste)
- 3. Compostable yard waste (collected April 15-December 15) must be in brown compostable bags or in a trash container clearly marked “Yard Waste.” Approved “Yard Waste Only” stickers are available from the Bay Village Green Team for \$1.50 and can be purchased at the mayor's office in City Hall.

NOTE: The recycle and trash pick-up date is moved to SATURDAY when there is a holiday during the week. (For example, the pick-up for the week of July 3 will be moved to Saturday, July 9, due to the Fourth of July holiday.)



“Yard Waste Only” stickers available at the mayor's office for \$1.50

MONTHLY: Special BULK TRASH Pickup

The Bulk Trash Pick-Up each month allows you to put out additional trash such as used carpet or extra garbage bags that don't fit into your trash container.

Bulk pickup occurs on trash days only during the first FULL week of the month. Bulk pickup is only one day per month. In 2011, bulk items will be picked up on the following Fridays or Saturdays:

July 9, August 5, September 10, October 7, November 11 and December 9.

DO'S AND DON'TS FOR THE NEW RECYCLE & TRASH PROGRAM

DO register at www.recyclebank.com. You will receive rewards from area merchants based on the level of recycling in the community. The more you recycle, the more you get!

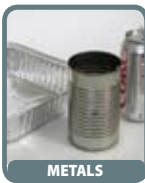
DO place your green recycle and blue trash bin by the curb, no more than three feet from the street. Also, there must be at least three feet between each bin. The bins must be facing the street (so that they open from the street side), with the wheels facing the house. This placement is important to allow the mechanical arm on the truck to lift the bin and empty the contents into the truck.

DO NOT place compostable yard waste in the green recycle or blue trash container. Compostable yard waste should be kept separate as noted above. It will be picked up weekly and taken to Kurtz Brothers in Avon to be composted into valuable soil amendment.

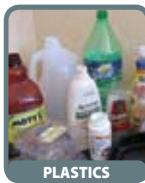
DO NOT place non-compostable items such as plastic, glass or metal in the compost. This can ruin a batch of compost. Only yard waste should be

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Questions should be directed to the Bay Village Service Department at 440-871-1221 Monday - Friday 7:00am-3:30pm. To view the city's recycling guidelines and tips, go to http://recycle.bayvillagegreenteam.com

placed in your trash container marked “Yard Waste” or brown compostable bag.

DO NOT place additional items out for collection, except on the Monthly Bulk Trash Pick-Up dates.

ALL ITEMS IN USABLE CONDITION SHOULD BE DONATED

This helps those in need and keeps valuable resources out of our local landfill. Here are some local charities that accept used furniture and household items. Many donations are tax deductible.

Donate your used materials and household items to Habitat for Humanity. For your convenience, there will be a Habitat for Humanity Drop-off at the Bay Village Police Department parking lot Saturday, Sept. 17, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. To arrange for pick up of large items, call Jerry Jarc at 440-823-4579.

Items accepted: trash containers, furniture, windows, doors, cabinets, light fixtures, sinks, tubs, showers, plumbing/electrical/HVAC, tools (hand, power, yard), lumber, tile, wallpaper (full rolls), appliances and MORE. Items must be in good, usable condition.

Items NOT accepted: mattresses, paint, clothing.

Items can also be dropped off Tuesday-Friday between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. or Saturday between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. at Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity ReStore located at 2110 W. 110th St., Cleveland. Pick-up of donated items is available

upon request; please call 216-429-3631.

Donate gently-used furniture to the Cleveland Furniture Bank. They will pick up items at no cost to the donor. Two-thirds of all the furniture collected is given to those in need. The other third is sold to help underwrite the cost of running the Cleveland Furniture Bank. Call 216-459-2265 or visit www.clevelandfurniturebank.org for more details.

Donate Clothes and Household Items to Goodwill at http://locator.goodwill.org/, Salvation Army at http://www.satruck.org/donate-goods, West Side Catholic Center at http://www.helpcleveland.org or United Way Donation Locator at http://www.211cleveland.org (click on Donations and Volunteering).

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## Skate park foundation starts to 'pay it forward'

by Tara Wendell

The Bay Skate and Bike Park Foundation remains active in the community, despite the fact that its seven-year mission was completed with the opening of the park in October 2010. The organization, led by Lawrence Kuh, still has unfinished business. The BSBP Foundation's second annual Rib Rockin' Raffle fundraiser was held in May, raising more than \$10,000 for various projects, including spectator seating and other park improvements.

But the group had other plans for a portion of those funds – sharing it with their friends. On June 14, members of the Bay Skate and Bike Park Foundation stopped by the monthly meeting of the Bay Village Green Team at the Community House with a check in hand.

Lawrence Kuh told the Green Team members that the \$500 donation was “a way of saying thanks for all of your support.”

“[The BSBP Foundation] wanted to pay it forward to all of the organizations that have stood by us in our seven-year journey to build the skate park,” he added. “You guys always supported us.”

The Green Team, made up of residents seek-

ing to make Bay a more environmentally-friendly and sustainable city, was established by Mayor Debbie Sutherland in 2007. The group receives no city funding, and to date has received just over \$10,000 in grants – mostly from the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District – for specific projects. The funds used to support the Green Team's Community Garden project come from the plot fees charged to each gardener.

The Green Team has not yet decided how to use the money, although preliminary discussions have involved improvements to the Community Garden site. ●



BSBP Foundation members Ted Vovos (holding son, Carver), Bob Steiner and Lawrence Kuh present a \$500 check to Green Team co-chair Lori Sprosty on June 14.

## Bay Kiwanis contributes to Reese Park playground equipment



Bay Kiwanis Club President Tom Johnson (right) presents Law Director (and Acting Mayor for the day) Gary Ebert with a \$500 check for adaptive playground equipment at Reese Park. The park will be renovated this summer, and will feature equipment for children with special needs. “It makes them stronger; it makes them smarter; it teaches them confidence,” Johnson said of the new equipment. The check also represented a significant milestone for Kiwanis. Based on their calculations of annual contributions to the city and civic groups averaging \$16,600 per year over Kiwanis' 60 years in Bay, Johnson announced that the group has reached the \$1 million mark in donations this year.

## Gardens at Westlake hosts happy hour every Friday

by Barb Bartlome

Hosting a Happy Hour every Friday at the Gardens at Westlake, 27569 Detroit Rd., has become an event that the residents, their families and the community attend on a regular basis bringing all their friends. It is a great opportunity for everyone as they enjoy having their friends from the community attend the weekly social event that attracts a large attendance of people every Friday and many attendees develop new acquaintances.

The senior living community has over 100 residents living in their own apartments and provides three meals a day prepared by an executive chef, also

housekeeping, laundry, transportation to medical appointments and the many organized trips make this well-rounded facility an attraction. Since the Happy Hour began four years ago it is a major highlight on Friday and a welcoming sight to see so many “regulars” attend.

What makes the event so special, besides all the regular attendees, is that a different band is featured every week, there are drinks and delicious taste-tempting appetizers prepared by the chef. The comfortable, inviting environment offers a chance to relax and enjoy the music for listening or dancing. The residents easily relate to the golden oldies tunes as they utilize the dance floor.

The open invitation to meet every week at the Gardens at Westlake is diverse as often there are theme parties and also the different holidays are celebrated at Happy Hour so the variety offered is unique.

Stop in any Friday, 3:30-4:30 p.m., no reservations necessary and join the Happy Hour. Be our guest. ●

Barb Bartlome is Director of Community Relations for Gardens at Westlake.



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TALES OF A FOURTH-GRADE SOMETHING

Part I: Summer plans

by **Audrey Ray**, fourth-grader at Westerly Elementary School

Are you having a fun summer so far? I know I've had a fun summer so far except for the part about getting an ear infection and bronchitis but I won't talk about that.

This summer, I am going to be writing a column for the *Observer*. Why am I writing this column? I'm writing it because my teacher, Mrs. Fisher, suggested it and I loved the idea. Mrs. Fisher set it up with the publisher, Mr. Wendell, and this is my first column.

For the first column I want to introduce myself and talk about my plans for the summer and things I hope to see and do. First, my name is Audrey Ray and I am nine years old. Last school year, Mrs. Fisher asked me to write an article about Bay Village's Bicentennial Celebration at Westerly Elementary. That was my first chance to publish something and it got me excited about newspaper writing. Then I wrote other articles about my class' rain barrel project.

Some things I want to do this summer I am already doing. Right now, I am taking theater

camp at Huntington Playhouse for two weeks. I have also been to the pool several times, played in my backyard with friends and family, built a giant sandcastle, gone on bike rides, swam in my friend's pool and I've read a few books.

I hope to do many of those things all summer long but there are other things I want to do. I want to go to Huntington Beach and try a Mitchell's ice cream cone there. I hope to get ice cream at Malley's, too. I also hope to go to the zoo, University Circle for the Wednesday night music programs called WOW, the Great Lakes Science Center on a rainy day and COSI when I visit my cousins in Columbus. Finally, I hope we go to Blossom for the Cleveland Orchestra's Fourth of July celebration with fireworks.

Oh, and I'm going on vacation, too, and I hope to write about that later in the summer.

Before I go, I want to thank Mr. Wendell for agreeing to let me write this column for the summer. I am very excited about this and I will work very hard at it.

I also want to thank my teacher, Mrs. Fisher, for making this column happen. She is a special teacher that cares so much about me and my



**Audrey Ray, the Observer's newest – and youngest – columnist will report throughout the summer.**

whole class. I wish everyone could have Mrs. Fisher for a teacher. I already miss her.

Remember to look for my column, "Tales of a Fourth Grade Something," this summer. ●

Readers' Opinions

The future of the Bay Village kennel

Due to budget cuts, the Bay Village Animal Control Officer (ACO) will be eliminated July 15, 2011. Effective immediately, the kennel that served to protect and retain stray, abandoned and special situation animals is closed. The Bay Village police will not be picking up any animals, either.

This shocking and stunning announcement came a few days after the Friends of the Bay Village Kennel were asked to meet with Mayor Debbie Sutherland and Public Service Director Dan Galli on June 6, to discuss the building of a new kennel in Bay Village. It was discussed that the project would take approximately one year, during which time the kennel would remain open, and that outsourcing animal care and control was not being considered.

A copy of the audio from this meeting is available and may be requested via the contact form at [www.friendsofbayvillagekennel.com](http://www.friendsofbayvillagekennel.com).

An engineer and architect, both Bay residents, have offered their professional services pro bono for this project. Funds for the new structure will come from private donations raised by the Friends of the Bay Village Kennel and perhaps the \$7,000

in donations made directly to the city that are reflected in the animal control budget.

Discussions and details from the June 6 meeting are not consistent with what the Bay Village administration is now stating to the media.

Annual reports obtained from Bay Village Police indicate that from 1999-2010, approximately 22,700 animal-related calls were handled by the BVPD and Animal Control. These calls included various animal-related complaints, follow-up on animal bites, educating residents on responsible pet ownership and dealing with wildlife that inhabit our area.

The animal control position is currently a full-time job.

We are asking you to please contact Mayor Debbie Sutherland at [dsutherland@cityofbayvillage.com](mailto:dsutherland@cityofbayvillage.com) or 440-899-3416 to please not eliminate the position of Animal Control Officer. If emailing, we suggest that you copy the following [dwright@cityofbayvillage.com](mailto:dwright@cityofbayvillage.com) and [jkemper@cityofbayvillage.com](mailto:jkemper@cityofbayvillage.com).

– Nancy Brown, Bay Village

Westlake needs to address sanitary sewer problems

In my opinion, there are four things the city of Westlake has failed to display toward solving the sanitary sewer system inadequacies: I have never received any communication from the city concerning my basement filling with sewage. I have never seen the mayor initiate any type of response to the sewer back up. I have never seen any type of plan to investigate or resolve the problem (for SIX years!). The city sewer system is clearly inadequate after 20+ years of neglect.

I have repeatedly asked the engineering department for proof of activity and proof of plan. I have visited the engineering department and mayor at City Hall and I repeatedly receive nothing in return – zero, nada. I send emails and make calls and receive the same.

Is this a national security issue? Should not the residents receive some type of communication and commitment to resolve the problem? The mayor has buried his head in the sand and the engineer has gleefully obeyed his manager to "keep costs down."

There are two individuals at city hall who have influence here: the mayor and the city engineer. In this letter, I'll comment on the mayor's performance. In the next, I'll focus on the city engineer.

I spoke with the mayor

for about an hour earlier this year. His response to me about the sewer system backup was this: "Several years ago, my basement was flooded from the rain." Huh? This is his response to a problem the city should be resolving?

At least three times in the past six years (and it may be more than four times), the Westlake sanitary sewer collection system has flooded and backed up. Yet no plan has been started to create a solution or investigate the situation.

I'll give the mayor the benefit of the doubt and state that this is probably a difficult situation – until you realize that the city has neglected the effect of the city's growth on the sanitary sewer collection system. The city has a brand new city hall – unnecessary. The city has a brand new recreation center and park – unnecessary. But the sanitary sewer system has been neglected and is now causing major problems.

The city can redeem itself. Now that American Greetings is moving in, the city's coffers will expand. How will that money be spent? The city needs two plans: one to determine a solution and another to implement. Show me the plan.

– Paul Makuh, Westlake

Proud of second place

Does it make you proud to win a soccer game? Does it make you even more proud to hear that your soccer team came in second place?

I'm on a team for Bay Village travel soccer. My team came in second place this season. In the first game that we played, we played against Ashland. We lost 6-2. Our team also played them in our last game and lost again. We won the rest of the games that we played!

Our team is proudly coached by Tim Kozak and Mason Wynocker. Our team name is the Sharks! It doesn't matter that we lost two games, it matters that we worked hard, tried our best and worked as a team!

– Katarina Chesterfield, fourth-grader at Westerly Elementary School, Bay Village

The ability to create

I am a gardener that takes advantage of my freedom to create. As a landscape designer I have honed my ability to see in my mind's eye something that does not exist in material form.

I used to do my landscape plans on paper. Now I design in the field. This means that I work three-dimensionally, much like a painter would. The oil painter squeezes out paint onto his pallet to begin creating a beautiful image. I bring in plant material and set it before me, on location, in order to create the perfect garden design.

There is a trust that I must establish with inspiration and there is a creative freedom I tap into. Creativity is something we all have and utilizing this is truly independence.

– Julia Shutt, Bay Village

FOOD & TRAVEL

Fish stories

by Robin Benzle

I grew up in a household where the boys got to go fishing and the girls got to bake cookies for the boys to take fishing, so recently, when the opportunity arose to go fishing for the very first time with a group of hard-core fisherwomen from Avon Lake – I jumped on it like a cat on a bug.

“Come by around noon,” Captain Linda instructed, “and don’t wear heels.”

In a Boston Whaler equipped with an inflatable musical toilet, we headed out about a mile offshore into

Lake Erie, the sun sparkling on the water like tin foil. Already, I loved the feeling of leaving the telephone, the computer and all that dirty laundry back on shore. Suddenly, I noticed they had already caught a bucket full of small fish.

“That’s the bait,” Linda said, probably wondering why I bothered with mascara. “Now, take this hook and thread it through the eyes.”

“Sure thing,” I said, trying to act really cool even though I wanted to take all the minnows home and raise them as my own.

We all threw our lines in the

water, fixed our gaze on that bobber thing, and waited for the first tug. I hit first, dramatically landing a two-foot... well, eighteen-inch... well, nice-sized perch – and felt as if I had just won the lottery. We whiled away the rest of the day catching lots more fish, telling dirty jokes and reliving scenes from “Jaws.” That night, when I fried up my fresh catch of the day, I don’t think anything ever tasted more delicious.

(By the way, I do believe it is Lake Erie law that the only way to cook lake perch is to dip it in egg, coat it in seasoned breadcrumbs, fry it in peanut oil, and dress it with a squirt of fresh lemon.)

The second time I went fishing

was last week, in the South Pacific. Wearing nothing more than a loin cloth clinging to my tanned body and a harpoon clenched between my snow-white teeth, I dove off the side of Antonio Banderas’ boat and returned in less than an hour with a shark under one arm (boy did he put up a fight) and a salmon under the other.

I also caught a giant squid but threw him back because I just wasn’t in the mood for calamari. That evening, we enjoyed a wonderful candlelit dinner under the stars. OK, maybe that didn’t happen but frankly, I can’t wait till the next time I go fishing. ●

Robin Benzle lives in Bay Village.

SENIOR LIVING

All-day getaway bus trip scheduled

by Anne Naumann

Would you love to step back in time and remember when things seemed so simple? Residents of the Knickerbocker Apartments invite anyone interested in joining them on a bus trip to the Henry Ford Museum, Michigan, to visit one of the premier historical centers in America.

See the actual chair Lincoln sat in when assassinated, Civil War artifacts on loan from the National Archives, presidential limos, and rooms filled with items sure to bring

back memories!

Afterwards we will dine at Tony Packo’s Cafe, made famous by the show “MASH.” Dinner, dessert, drinks and gratuity are included in the price of the trip.

The motor coach will leave the Knickerbocker Apartments at 8 a.m. and will return at approximately 6:30 p.m., Friday, July 29. The cost of this all-day getaway is \$48.50.

Please call Anne at the West Shore Senior Center at 440-835-1111 for more information or to make reservations. ●

COMMUNITY INVITED TO A PATRIOTIC PICNIC AT KNICKERBOCKER

by Anne Naumann

Residents of the Knickerbocker Apartments in Bay Village invite the community to enjoy an afternoon of live music, games and activities on Sunday, July 17, from 1-3 p.m. This event is the residents’ way of saying “thank you” to the community for all of the support received throughout the year.

The senior center will have a concession stand open for lunch and refreshments. The Fairview Park Concert Band will perform all your favorite patriotic songs at 2 p.m. Children are invited to help build an eight-foot-long banana split at 3 p.m. Bring your family and friends for an afternoon of fun and fellowship with your neighbors! ●

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Brain chemistry strikes a delicate balance

by Denise Ayres

Compeer is a program that assists adults that are in recovery from severe mental illness. The Compeer office is located at Far West Center on the St. John Medical Center campus. Our program is a 23-year-old branch of Compeer Inc., an international non-profit mental health recovery organization. In addition to assisting adults that are recovering from mental illness, Compeer strives to provide more accurate information regarding mental health recovery to the general public.

Our Compeer office received a copy of a New York Times article published on June 23, 2011, from our Regional Director, Johanna Ambrose. The article, titled “Expert On Mental Illness Reveals Her Own Fight,” tells the first-hand story of Dr. Marcia Linehan in New York. It is an interview with Dr. Linehan written by Benedict Carey.

The article describes the lifetime journey of Dr. Linehan from her suffering with mental illness to her recovery and becoming a doctor specializing in treating mental illness. Her story demonstrates how most persons managing mental illness can recover.

We at Compeer ask you to please look up and read this interview with Dr. Marcia Linehan in the New York Times. It very well may change what you think and

have believed about the terms “mental illness” and “mentally ill.”

It is true that most of us do not truly understand any illness until we either know someone close that has a specific illness or we ourselves become ill. Mental illness is a physical illness related to how hundreds of natural brain chemicals operate to facilitate brain function. If you look into brain chemistry, I guarantee you will find it complex and amazing. The very fact that brain chemistry remains properly balanced in most people is miraculous.

For a quick example, those of us that need our morning coffee to become alert and more pleasant understand that caffeine is essential in order to balance our morning brain chemistry! Also, many of us parents see behavior changes in our children when they either have too high or too low of a blood sugar level. The sugar level affects the balance of brain chemistry.

The Compeer Program and staff of the Far West Center are happy to answer questions regarding mental health. Call us at 440-835-6212. Illness management and recovery is our business. Also, we ask that you please read the New York Times interview with Dr. Marcia Linehan.

To read the New York Times article, access this story on the Observer website, wbvobserver.com, for a direct link, or visit nytimes.com and search “linehan.” ●

Modern-day treasure hunting with geocaches

by Adriana Chesterfield, sixth-grader at Bay Middle School

Have you ever seen a family searching through the woods or park for something? The family may have been looking for a Geocache!

Going geocaching is a great way to go on an exciting treasure hunt with the family! A geocache is a container filled with prizes. To find one, you will need some directions with a GPS device that may be obtained on a smart phone application.

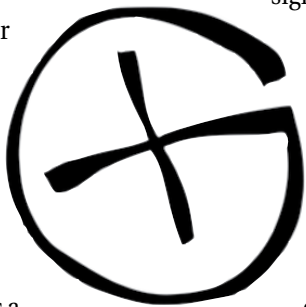
These directions will tell you where to look and how many feet you are from the treasure if you are heading in the right direction. Once you find the geocache, you can take as many prizes as you want from the cache, but you must put in the same number of prizes that were taken out. You do this because more kids will want to find the same cache. The treasures are small, such as silly bands, rings and

gogo’s. Inside the cache, along with the “treasures,” will be a paper log to sign your name and date.

Going geocaching will take you to many beautiful places. Some of my favorite spots have been in Walker Road Park, Clague Park and by the Lake Erie Nature and Science Center. It’s also world-wide, so if you go on vacation, you can go geocaching there, too! Many caches will be hidden in the woods, so bring hiking boots and bug spray!

Geocaches come in all different sizes and shapes, such as CD cases, peanut butter jars, and more! You will have to look closely, as they may be hidden anywhere – in a hole, in a tree or even under a rock!

You may wonder who hides the geocaches. Well, anyone can! So if you are looking for an inexpensive, family fun treasure hunt outdoors, you may want to start geocaching! For more information, go to www.geocaching.com! ●



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by Erin Stack

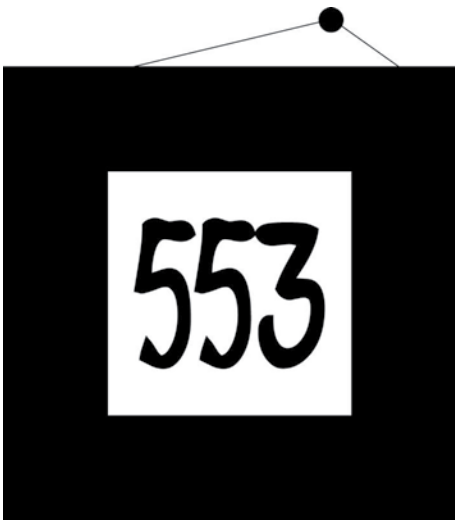
What better way to throw a party than with affordable art by dozens of local artists all in one night and all for \$50? On Friday, July 1, from 6-9 p.m., this fast-paced three-hour fundraising event, entitled “553” (500 works of art at \$50 for 3 hours) will benefit BAYarts education programming and feature the works of Liz Maugans,

George Kocar, Mary Ann Sedivy and Ed Beyer to name a few; plus ceramics and other media.

Held in the Dianne Boldman Education Gallery in the Huntington Gallery Building, proceeds will allow BAYarts to purchase new supplies, update facilities and keep the level of high-quality programming you’ve come to expect. It will be great opportunity to purchase art by regional professional and amateur artists

at an affordable price. If you miss Friday’s event, the show will be open through July 16 during regular office hours.

BAYarts board members will serve hot dogs and other refreshments for donations. In the Fuller House Gallery, stop in for your last chance to see Anna Arnold and George Kocar: “Rock la Randa,” two prolific artists widely known for their wry humor and dazzling color closing July 3. ●



Art, music  
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Visitors from across northern Ohio visited the annual Artistic by Nature Festival on June 18 for an afternoon of local art and music by musicians Alex Bevan and Uzizi in the park setting of the BAYarts campus.



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# Observed around town

## Phil Bova Baseball Camp



Phil Bova, a Westlake resident, instructs ball players on the correct way to slide into a base during the conclusion of his five-day baseball camp held at the Westlake Recreation Center on June 20-24. For 38 years, Bova's annual camp has taught basic baseball skills to over 7,500 youths aged 7 to 14 years old.

## St. Bernadette Carnival



The eighth annual St. Bernadette Community Carnival offered rides, games and fun for all ages June 23-26.

## Bay Village Country Festival



The Bay Village Historical Society hosted its annual Country Festival June 18 at Cahoon Memorial Park with antiques, crafts and activities for all ages. Pictured above is Carli Lintz with balloon artist Pepper Jack and Elmo.



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COMMUNITY EVENTS View more events and post your own on the Observer homepage at [www.wbvobserver.com](http://www.wbvobserver.com).

**June 30, 7 p.m.**  
**Patriotic Band Spectacular**  
A special veteran recognition featuring current and alumni members of the Westlake High School band and jazz band and experienced community musicians with vocalist Lorene Coughlin from the Patriot Concert Band. Tickets: \$5.  
*Westlake Performing Arts Center, 27830 Hilliard Blvd.*

**June 30-July 4 (closed July 3), noon-10:30 p.m.**  
**Bay Days**  
See the schedule on page 3 of this issue.  
*Cahoon Memorial Park, Bay Village*

**July 1-2, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.**  
**Bay Days at the Library**  
Come to the meeting room to get crafty with red,

white and blue!  
*Bay Village Branch Library, 502 Cahoon Rd.*

**July 1, 6-9 p.m.**  
**553 Party at BAYarts**  
See the story on page 14 of this issue.  
*BAYarts, 28795 Lake Rd.*

**July 2, 1-3 p.m.**  
**Local Author Book Signing**  
Join the Westlake Historical Society as we meet Claudia Taller, author of "Images of America: Ohio's Lake Erie Wineries." This event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.  
*Clague House Museum, 1371 Clague Rd., Westlake*

**July 3-4, 10 a.m.-dusk**  
**Liberty Fest**  
Carnival rides, musical entertainment and children's activities both days. For a list of July 4 events, see the schedule on page 5 of this issue.  
*Crocker Park and Clague Memorial Park, Westlake*

**July 9, 10 a.m.**  
**Westlake Special Olympics**  
See the story on page 7 of this issue.  
*Westlake High School track, 27830 Hilliard Blvd.*

**July 10, 6:30-8:30**  
**Summer Concert in the Park**  
Gather your friends and come enjoy a free outdoor concert. This week features the tribute band, Aftermath 60's. Blankets or lawn chairs

are recommended.  
*Westlake Recreation Center, 28955 Hilliard Blvd.*

**July 12, 2:30 p.m.**  
**Natural Ways to Lower Your Blood Pressure**  
Explore with Jennifer Audrey, R.N. CSN, the many ways you may be able to control high blood pressure without using medications. For more information, call 440-892-9777.  
*Gardens at Westlake, 27569 Detroit Rd.*

**July 12, 6:30 p.m.**  
**Bay Village Green Team Meeting**  
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News From Huntington Playhouse

by Tom Meyrose

The 2011 Huntington Playhouse Season continues with a delightful comedy, "Perfect Wedding." The show will run through July 3 with performances on Friday and Saturday evenings at 8:00 p.m. and one Sunday matinee on July 3 at 2:00 p.m.

No one does bedroom farce like the British, and this play is that rare combination: a riotous comedy and a touching love story at the same time. A man wakes on his wedding morning in his own bridal suite, with his bride-to-be about to arrive any moment, and finds a strange girl in bed beside him. The ensuing chaos reaches nuclear propor-

tions. Reservations are strongly recommended by calling the box office at 440-871-8333.

Also, Fratello's Restaurant, located at 32085 Electric Blvd. (at the corner of Lear Road) in Avon Lake, will donate 10% of all dine-in meals every Tuesday night in July and August to Huntington Playhouse. This is the third year they have done this program and is an easy way to support Huntington Playhouse while enjoying great food.

Huntington Playhouse is located at 28601 Lake Road in Bay Village and is a licensed affiliate of the Cleveland Metroparks. For more information, check the website: [www.huntingtonplayhouse.com](http://www.huntingtonplayhouse.com). ●



Alex Nalbach plays Bill, the main character, and Greg Mandryk is Tom, the best man, in the comedy "Perfect Wedding" now running at Huntington Playhouse.

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