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Westlake celebrates Fourth of July with Bicentennial flair



Members of the Westlake Historical Society (from left) Will Krause, Dave Pfister and Lysa Stanton ride in Bicentennial style at the city's Fourth of July parade. The group dressed as prominent members of Westlake's past, lending a historical flavor to the procession. See more photos of the Independence Day weekend on pages 17 and 18.

You can make a difference at Huntington Beach!

by Suzanne Krippel

Are you passionate about the health of Huntington Beach in Cleveland Metroparks and its usability for future generations? If so, be certain to attend the kick-off meeting for a Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) grant project at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center on Wednesday, July 27, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Anyone interested in helping with the monitoring or prevention efforts of the GLRI should plan to attend.

The grant will be explained, an activity will be provided for children, and a preliminary survey to test your knowledge about watershed protection will be given. Additional information is available at the GLRI Website at <http://www.greatlakesrestoration.us>. At the kick-off meeting, Bay Village and Westlake residents will have a chance to win a free rain barrel for their home.

The U.S. EPA has granted over \$247,000 for the project, "A Holistic Watershed Approach to Health at Huntington Beach." As an individual component of a national restoration effort, the project at Huntington Beach will have far-reaching effects on the health of the rest of the lake.

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CELEBRATING WESTLAKE'S BICENTENNIAL



Volunteers from the Westlake Family History Center help curious descendants research their ancestors at a Bicentennial event on July 2.

FAMILY RESEARCHERS FIND HELP AT BICENTENNIAL EVENT

by Joyce Able Schroth

It was a beautiful Saturday in Westlake that second day of July...gentle winds, warm skies, puffy clouds – the first of a three-day weekend celebrating Independence Day. Picnics were planned, residents were walking, biking and swimming. Who would want to be inside on such a wonderful day? As it turned out, over eighty individuals interested in their family history.

They came to Borders Books & Music in Westlake with brief-

cases and file folders full of family information, envelopes containing carefully folded – albeit yellowed and stained – documents, pictures that spanned generations, and some came with just a smile and a family name and nothing else.

As they waited their turn for a family historian, they completed pedigree charts transferring much of the vital information onto an orderly form. Now they were ready, but the historians were still busy with others.

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Village Food Project gardens growing strong

by Kimberly Rush

The wet spring couldn't stop The Village Food Project (VFP) volunteers from preparing three plots in the Bay Community Organic Garden. Thanks to a variety of generous donations and the hard work of our phenomenal volunteers, the VFP kitchen will receive fresh, organic food later this summer and into the fall.

The Village Food Project is a non-profit organization completely run by volunteers. The Project's mission is to come together as a community of all ages to provide nourishing meals and support for neighbors experiencing a cancer crisis. Currently there are over 175 volunteers serving in a variety of roles.

"Our garden volunteers have done a fantastic job despite the inclement weather," Executive Director Barb Harrell stated. "I continue to be awed by all of our volunteers' willingness to share their time, talent and resources. We live in a wonderful community."

VFP Garden Coordinators Wendy Barnes, Meg Butler and Amber Donovan have been busy securing donations, building raised beds, planting, weeding and organizing volunteers.

"People have been extremely kind in donating to our cause," Meg Butler said. "Urban Organics donated SweetPeet for our beds, Landmark Garden Center discounted the organic topsoil, Hansen's Greenhouse provided organic plants and herbs, the Bay Village Green Team donated the plots, and Green Team youth members made a generous cash donation to purchase materials."

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Amber Donovan, Meg Butler and Wendy Barnes are in charge of coordinating the volunteers growing food for The Village Food Project in the Bay Community Garden.

CELEBRATING WESTLAKE'S BICENTENNIAL

THIS YEAR'S
WESTLAKE IN
BLOOM ENTRIES
ARE IN

by Jean Smith

Judging of gardens entered in all 15 categories of the Westlake in Bloom competition will take place on July 11, 12 and 13. Once again, representatives from the Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County will judge the entries. First, second, third place and honorable mention will be selected in all categories provided five or more properties are entered.

Every Hilliard Boulevard flower box will be entered automatically in the judging. Back again for the Bicentennial year are the Evergreen Cemetery Memorial Fence gardens, which will also be entered automatically in the judging.

Everyone who enters will receive an invitation to the 2011 Volunteers in Bloom Appreciation Reception and Awards Ceremony, planned for August 4 at LaCentre Conference and Banquet Facility, where the winners will be announced. ●

Local author book signing

Claudia Taller shares stories from her recently-published book, "Images of America: Ohio's Lake Erie Wineries," with sisters Jeannine Stetz and Jacqui Brown at the Clague House Museum on July 2. Taller was signing copies of her book as part of Westlake's yearlong Bicentennial celebration. Stetz and Brown are the seventh-generation Westlakers – descending from early settler Amos Sperry – although both now live out of state. In town for the Bicentennial, they toured the Clague House, where their mother lived in the 1930s when it was a rental property.



Tralee officials
tour Clague
House Museum

Mayor Councillor Grace O'Donnell enjoys a tour of the Clague House Museum, led by Westlake Historical Society members Lysa Stanton and Dave Pfister on July 4. O'Donnell and other officials from Tralee, Ireland, made their first visit to Westlake, spending six days in their Sister City. In addition to the tour, the group took a cruise on the Nautica Queen, received a key to the city in a July 3 ceremony and enjoyed Fourth of July festivities and fireworks.



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- 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.
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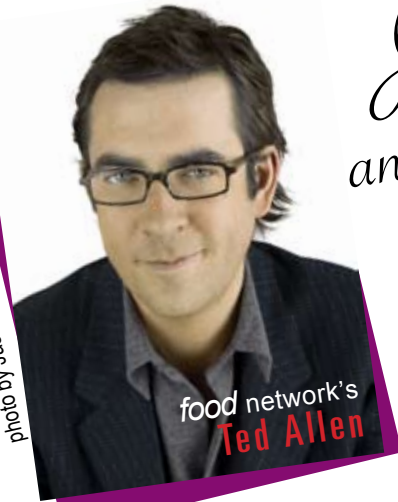
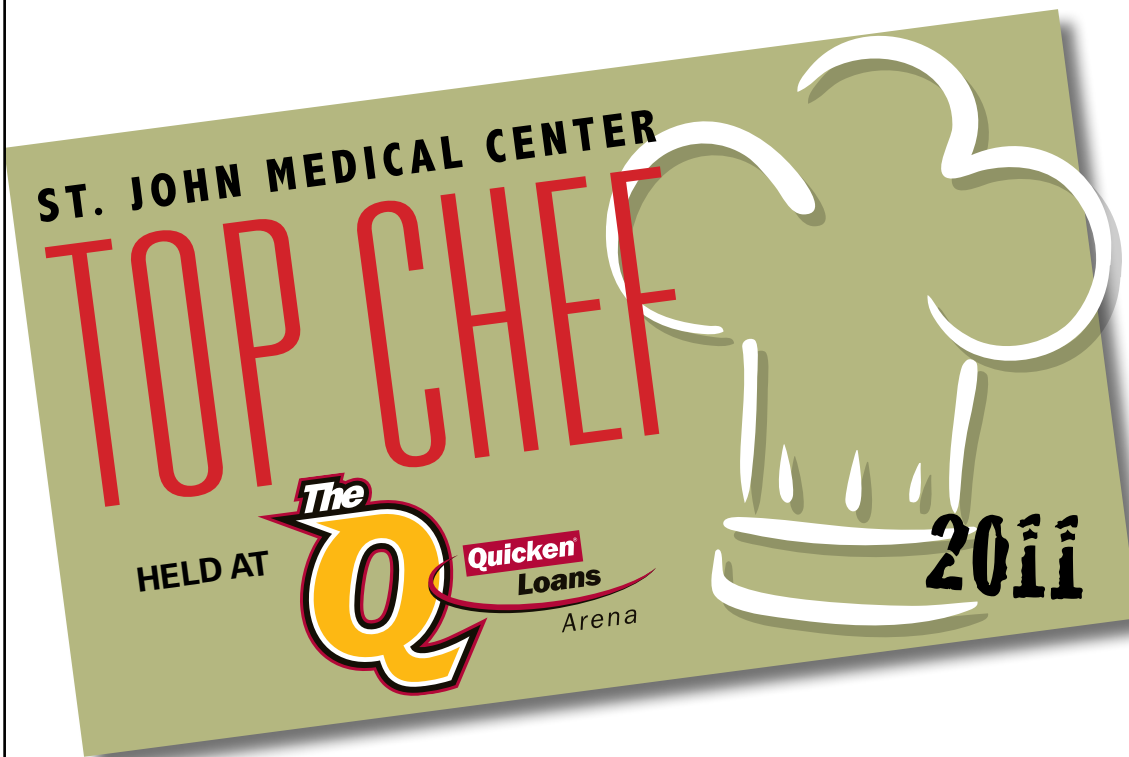
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CELEBRATING WESTLAKE'S BICENTENNIAL

Irish gallery displays artwork by Westlake and Tralee students

by Marge Widmar

Overlooking the Slieve Mish Mountains of the Dingle Peninsula on the edge of Tralee, Ireland's Town Park is the Siamsa Tire Theatre of the National Folk Theatre of Ireland. On Friday evening, June 16, my husband Bob Scarr and I attended the opening reception of the Student Art Exchange between the Sister Cities of Westlake and Tralee.

The international student art exchange is part of Westlake's 2011 Bicentennial celebrations and reconnects Westlake with one of the countries from which Westlake's early settlers emigrated. The combined communities' approximately 130 works of art are on display in three gallery areas of the Theatre. The exhibition is part of Tralee's Féile na mBláth (Garden Festival)

Upon entering the Theatre a wall of portraits created by Westlake K-12 students greets the viewer. The portraits are in a variety of media and are created from many different viewpoints. A torn color-paper collage "Self Portrait" by Daniel Dobish, grade 11, Westlake High School, with its emotional, dramatic and powerful facial expression, is centrally positioned on the wall.

Paintings, drawings and lino prints by students from both cities are installed in a second gallery room. Quickly connecting with the viewer upon entry to this room is a large asymmetrically composed drawing of Salvador Dali, with his recognizable thin-line, wild mustache. It was created by Tralee student Niamh Porter of Presentation Secondary School (ages 13-16).

"Peace," an oil pastel drawing by McKenna Simon, grade 5, of Parkside Intermediate in Westlake, is centered on one of the walls in this room. Its position seems to emphasize the importance peace plays in the Emerald Isle. During our visit, the desire for peace was shared by many, including one of our taxi drivers. It was also mentioned that the recent visit of Queen Elizabeth seems to have had an important and positive effect.

An Early Renaissance work of art by Leonardo da Vinci was inspiration for a mixed media collage by Tralee's Ciara Mooney of Brookfield 2nd Level College (comparable to grades 11 and 12 in the U.S.). The portrait, with a hint of recognition from the original Mona Lisa, has long, multi-color strands of ribbon for hair, large tear-drop, dangle earrings and the expected enigmatic expression. The viewer found this work of art easily brought a smile to one's face. When the joint exhibition opens at Westlake City Hall this coming September, Mooney's creation may be impetus for similarly inspired art assignments in Northern Ohio.

"Abstract" is a non-objective painting, created by the youngest Tralee participant in the art exchange – one-and-a-half-year-old "budding artist" Joe O'Halloran.

In addition to the Sister Cities Student Art Exchange, there were other events in the Flower Festival that focused on youth. An engaging puppet show was followed by the presentation of school art awards for Tralee students. Enthusiastic, energetic student cheers and applause greeted award winners as their names were announced. Each winning student received an Olympic style medal on a ribbon, which the students proudly wore.

In another children's competition, medals for Fancy Dress were given to youth who won awards for most creative outfit. One of the awards was given to "Miss Print," whose outfit was created from pages of newspaper. ● Marge Widmar is president of the Westlake-Westshore Arts Council.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Marge Widmar (left) and Tralee Mayor Grace O'Donnell stand before a wall of student artwork at the Siamsa Tire Theatre in Ireland; Tralee student Ciara Mooney's collage gives the "Mona Lisa" a modern fashion makeover; a banner announcing the Féile na mBláth festival hangs over Tralee's Denny Street; "Miss Print" proudly wears the medal she won for most creative outfit, fashioned from pages of a local newspaper.



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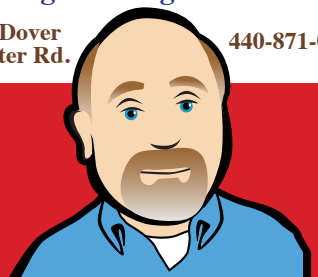
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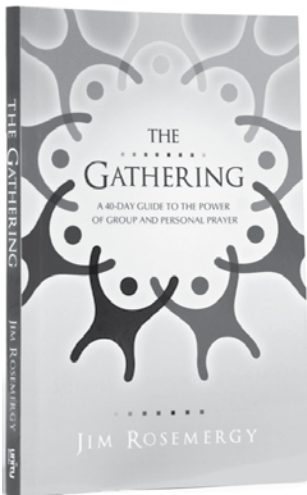
Unity to host ‘The Gathering’ program of group prayer

by Terri Zajac

Unity Spiritual Center invites anyone interested in exploring their inner life supported by the power of group prayer to participate in “The Gathering.” From July 10 to August 18, Unity will host a 40-day program of daily and evening sessions of group prayer, based on the book “The Gathering” by Jim Rosemergy.

People of all faiths or no faith are welcome to attend and to experience improvement in their personal lives through the power of centered group prayer using the guidelines of “The Gathering.” There is no charge for participation. The program is somewhat like a book study but amplified with group prayer using the book’s nine steps.

Sessions will be held at the following times: Sundays, 10:10 a.m.; Mondays, 7



p.m.; Tuesdays 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Thursdays 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.; Fridays, 6 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.

For more information, please call 835-0400, visit www.unityhallpresents.com or simply show up at one of the sessions.

“The Gathering” is available in the Unity Spiritual Center bookstore found in Unity Hall at 23855 Detroit Road in Westlake, or from Amazon and other sources on the web. You do not need to have the book to attend.

The 40-day guide found in the book can be used both personally and in a group, or in a combination. It is spiritual in nature, but not religious. “The Gathering” continues Unity’s exploration into the expansion of consciousness and the empowerment of the individual ●

‘A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum’ opens at Huntington

by Tom Meyrose

The perfect way to enjoy a summer’s evening is to attend “A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum” at Huntington Playhouse. Performances begin on July 14 and will run through August 7. Shows are on Friday and Saturday evenings at 8:00 p.m. with one Sunday matinee on August 7 at 2:00 p.m.

Based on the outrageous farces of ancient Rome, this musical comedy tells the bawdy story of a slave named Pseudolus and his hilarious attempts to win his freedom by helping his young master woo the girl next door. As promised in the opening number, there will be “Comedy Tonight!”

The show is directed and choreographed by Gerry Macek. David Coxe is the musical director. Reservations are strongly recommended by calling the box office at 440-871-8333.



Huntington Playhouse is located at 28601 Lake Rd. in Bay Village and is a licensed affiliate of the Cleveland Metroparks. For more information, check the website: www.huntington-playhouse.com ●

FRIENDS OF BAY VILLAGE LIBRARY SUMMER BOOK SALE, JULY 23-26

by Linda Lamb

The annual summer book sale sponsored by the Friends of the Bay Village Library will be Saturday, July 23, through Tuesday, July 26. The book sale is held during regular library hours on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, but closes at 7 p.m. on Tuesday evening.

There is a wide range of adult and children’s hardback and paperback books, as well as DVDs, CDs, books on tape, and magazines. Items are priced to sell and have

been categorized for easy selection. Tuesday, the last day of the sale, is “bag day” when patrons can buy a bagful of books for only \$1.00. Bags are provided by the library.

Volunteers to help with the book sale and other library-related projects sponsored and funded by the Friends of the Bay Village Library are needed. For information on volunteering, the book sale, or becoming a member of the Friends of the Bay Village Library, visit the library at 502 Cahoon Road or call 440-871-6392. ●

GARDEN *continued from front page* VFP gardens growing strong

The garden will be tended to by adult volunteers, seventh- and eighth-graders, and even younger children (when accompanied by a parent). Vegetables and herbs harvested in the garden will be used by the teen cooks in the VFP kitchen. Growing excess food will not be a problem. The Village Food Project has prepared and delivered over 1,000 meals since February 1, 2011. However, if there is additional food, VFP will donate it to the Bay Food Bank.

VFP Coordinator Amber Donovan has been involved in the Community Garden from the beginning. “I have always enjoyed gardening,” she said. “Helping to coordinate the gardening efforts for the VFP is a way to utilize my love of gardening to help our neighbors in need. Involving the

kids is a great way to teach the importance of serving at an early age.”

Coordinator Wendy Barnes works to schedule volunteers to water and weed on a weekly basis. “People have really been wonderful to come forward and offer their time. I have met some fantastic people who want to make a difference. Our schedule is filling quickly, but we still have spots left and welcome new volunteers.”

If you would like to be a part of the Project, please email info@villagefoodproject.com, call 440-348-9401, or mail: The Village Food Project, P.O. Box 40023, Bay Village, Ohio 44140. VFP encourages you to visit their website: www.villagefoodproject.com and “like” them on Facebook: www.facebook.com/villagefoodproject. ●

‘Lu-Wow’ fundraiser on August 27

by Eric Eakin

Want a chance at winning \$1,000 or more while having fun, eating, drinking and enjoying live music? Then mark Saturday, August 27, on your calendar. That is the night of the Bay Men’s Club “Lu-Wow” scholarship-fund fundraiser at the

Bay Lodge.

All purchasing \$50 admission tickets are automatically entered into a raffle with the grand prize of \$1,000. The event will also feature a catered BBQ ribs and chicken dinner, refreshments, live music, a corn-hole tournament, silent auction, a reverse raffle and much more. Call 440-669-9686 for more information. ●

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WESTLAKE PORTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

July events at Westlake Porter Public Library

by Elaine Willis

Thursday, July 14 (7 p.m.) NON-FICTION BOOK DISCUSSION – The July selection is “Healing Hearts: A Memoir of a Female Heart Surgeon” by Kathy Magliato.

Friday, July 15 (9 a.m.-3 p.m.) AND Saturday, July 16 (9 a.m.-3 p.m.) DIGITAL MOVIE MAKING FOR TEENSWITHSTEPHANIESUTTON – Learn how to create and edit your own mini-movies with a group of peers, video equipment and editing software. Class incorporates peer reviews and discussions on uploading safety. Concepts reviewed include: video technology, analog vs. digital, lighting, audio, movement, computer technology. This is a two-day course. Ages 12-18. Registration begins July 8.

Friday, July 15 (10:30-11:15 a.m.) COME PLAYWITH ME! – Open playtime with age-appropriate toys, songs and rhymes for ages 2-5 and their caring adults. Registration begins one week before each session.

Friday, July 15 (2-4 p.m.) MOVIES @ YOUR LIBRARY: “VOYAGE OF THE DAWN TREADER” (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 16 (10 a.m.-2 p.m.) CRAFTSA GO-GO! – Join us for a fun and easy craft! All supplies provided; just drop in.

Saturday, July 16 (10-11:15 a.m. OR 2-3:15 p.m.) AN AMERICAN

GIRL CELEBRATION – Bring your favorite doll to the library to celebrate Westlake’s Bicentennial! We’ll play games, do a craft and learn what it was like to live in Westlake in 1811. Ages 7-10. Registration begins July 9.

Saturday, July 16 (10:45 a.m.) WEST SIDE WRITERS

Monday, July 18 (7-8:30 p.m.) MANAGING YOURSELF WHEN SEARCHING FOR A JOB WORKSHOP – Management Consultant Nidhi Shah, Ph.D., MBA, will present this program. Please register.

Monday, July 18 (7-8:45 p.m.) MONDAYNIGHT MOVIE – Join us for an Academy Award-nominated animated film about a fading magician with a bittersweet message more for adults than for children. Rated PG. Please register.

Tuesday, July 19 (7-8:30 p.m.) MAD4MANGA – M4M is everything manga! We talk about manga, create manga art and more! For grades 6-12.

Tuesday, July 19 (7 p.m.) TUESDAYEVENING BOOK DISCUSSION – The July selection is “Circus in Winter” by Cathy Day.

Wednesday, July 20 (2-3 p.m.) SURVIVOR: WESTLAKE EDITION – Kids in grades 1-3: Join us for an afternoon of action-packed games. Registration begins July 13.

Wednesday, July 20 (6:30 p.m.) CUYAHOGA WEST GENEALOGY SOCIETY – “Resources for Researching your Austro-Hungarian Ancestors Online” presented by Diana Rogers, Hungarian Genealogy Society of Greater

Cleveland.

Wednesday, July 20 (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.

Wednesday, July 20 (7-8 p.m.) MAGIC AROUND THE WORLD – Magician Jim Kleefeld will take the audience on a trip around the world with spellbinding stories and mind-bending magic! Free tickets available in Youth Services starting July 13. Sorry, no reserves.

Thursday, July 21 (1:30-2:30 p.m.) SPECIAL NEEDS STORYTIME – Take a break from the heat and sun. This storytime is designed with easy, short books, rhymes, songs and fingerplays to appeal to children with special needs. Grades K-4. Registration begins July 14.

Thursday, July 21 (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 21 (7-8:30 p.m.) INVESTOR INTEREST GROUP – Lou Floyd will discuss “Charting Part 4: Customizing Technical Analysis.” Please register.

Friday, July 22 (10 a.m.-12 p.m.) PORTER’S FIBER FANATICS – Socialize, share, and solve problems while you work on your current project.

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Saturday, July 23 (2-4 p.m.) YU-GI-OH TRADING CARD GAME – Come to the library and play the popular trading card game. Please bring your own Yu-Gi-Oh! deck. Grades 4-12. Registration begins July 16.

Monday, July 25 (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 25 (6-8 p.m.) FRIENDS ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL – Enjoy ice cream sundaes and family fun at this annual event. Featured are the Big Daddies, mini-golf holes, and animals from the Lake Erie Nature & Science Center.

Tuesday, July 26 (1-7 p.m.) AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

Wednesday, July 27 (2 p.m.) AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION – July’s selection is “The Brave” by Nicholas Evans.

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Dick Goddard to visit Westlake

by Jane Lassar

Cleveland meteorologist Dick Goddard, the longest-serving TV weatherman in world history, will appear at Borders Books & Music in Westlake on Saturday, July 23, from 1-2 p.m. to share stories from his new book, “Six Inches of Partly Cloudy.”

Goddard, 80, just started his 51st year in television as chief meteorologist for WJW Fox 8 in Cleveland. He holds the oldest active seal of certification from the American Meteorological Society (number 45) and along the way has been a radio forecaster, newspaper weather columnist, written regional almanacs and a weather column for the old Cleveland Press newspaper, and founded the largest one-day festival in Ohio around the folklore of woollybear forecasts.

“Six Inches of Partly Cloudy” is a collection of Goddard’s personal stories, original cartoons, fun facts and essays about weather, pets, local history, the TV busi-



Dick Goddard will share his stories July 23 at Borders in Westlake.

ness and more.

Dick Goddard’s appearance at Borders is free and open to the public. Books will be available for sale and autographing at the event. Goddard’s income from sales of the book will be donated to animal charities.

Borders Books & Music is located in the Promenade of Westlake, 30121 Detroit Rd. For more information, call Borders at 440-892-7667. ●

Resources for researching your Austro-Hungarian ancestor

by Jayne Broestl

Have you been stumped as to how to trace your family tree “across the pond”? The Cuyahoga West Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society hosts Willowick librarian Diana Rogers and her husband, Dan Corrigan, on July 20, from 7:00-8:45 p.m., in the Porter Room, Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake.

Both Diana and Dan are charter members and past presidents of the Hungarian Genealogical Society and have been pursuing their family history for over 25 years. Diana approaches Hungarian genealogy from a librarian’s perspective, while Dan has been successful in tracing his family lines for several generations in Hungary and Slovakia.

They will demonstrate online resources for researching your family’s roots back to the old country, with an emphasis on Hungary and Slovakia. Some of the websites should be helpful to those researching other countries that were once a part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire [1867-1918]: Bohemia, Bukovina, Carinthia, Carniola, Dalmatia, Galicia, Kustenland, Lower Austria, Moravia,

Salzburg, Silesia, Styria, Tirol, Upper Austria, Vorarlberg, Hungary, Croatia and Slavonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Refreshments and social time is from 6:30-7:00 p.m. The public is invited at no charge. For more information, visit <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohcwogs> or email: cuyahogawest@gmail.com. ●

POETRY

Haiku

David Scullin, Westlake

The volunteer
stood ready
Unsure of his commitment

The old man
Looking at his hands
scarred but sun tanned

Oiled bodies on the summer sand
Frisbees in the air
Jet skis in the water

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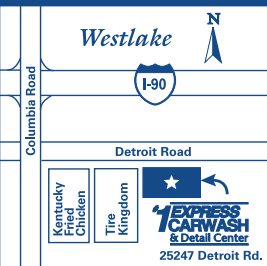
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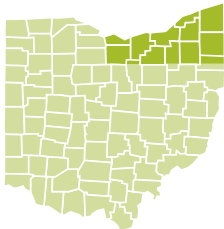
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Oct. 10, 1810: The first white settlers arrive in Dover Township of the Western Reserve. Joseph and Lydia Cahoon and their eight children enter Township 7, Range 15, in the area that later became Bay Village. Asahel Porter, his wife, Rebecca, and their two small children, along with Rebecca's brother, Leverett Johnson, arrive later that day after righting an overturned wagon while fording the Rocky River. Porter built a cabin near the lake. Leverett Johnson began clearing land in the vicinity of Columbia and Center Ridge roads, earning him the distinction of being the first pioneer of what became Westlake.



The Western Reserve area of Ohio shown with present-day county lines.



1820: Abner and Hannah Smith move into their new home at present-day 27748 Center Ridge Rd. The structure still stands today and is the oldest existing house in Westlake.

APRIL 6, 1812: The first township election is held at the house of Philo Taylor. Eighteen votes are cast.
RESULTS:
Township Clerk: Asahel Porter
Trustees: Daniel Perry, Joseph Quigley, Asahel Porter
Treasurer: Philo Taylor
Overseers of the Poor: Asahel Porter, Joseph Cahoon, Azariah Beebe
Fence Viewers: Andrew Kelso, Moses Eldred
Tax Lister and Appraiser: Jonathan Seeley
Supervisors of Roads: Noah Davis, Ralph Lyon, Moses Eldred, Sylvanus Fleming, Daniel Brittle, Lyman Root
Constables: Jonathan Seeley, Philo Taylor
* John S. Reed was chosen as the first Justice of the Peace in a separate election a month later.



1822: A log structure built for the first church in Dover, the Dover Congregational Church. (Now called Dover Congregational UCC.)

1816: Betsy Crocker becomes the first school teacher in Dover in School District No. 1 on Lake Road, which later became part of Bay Village.



An early arithmetic book on display at the Clague Museum

1826: Leonard G. Porter arrives in Dover at the age of 20. Porter would become an integral part of Dover's growth.

1837: Robert Clague, his wife Margaret and their six-week-old daughter Ruth Ann immigrate to Dover from the Isle of Man.



Thousand of emigrants from the Isle of Man moved to the Cleveland area in the 1820s and 30s. To commemorate the immigration to Dover, the Isle of Man issued this stamp in 1975 illustrated with the Clagues and their home.

1826: The dirt road along Dover's middle ridge is officially surveyed and marked. It becomes known as Center Ridge Road.



Lorenzo Bement and his oxen stand on Center Ridge Road at the corner of Bradley Road.

1820

1840



1811

November 14, 1811:

Dover is born. Township 7, Range 15, is incorporated as Dover Township, the official "birthday" of Dover. The dotted line on the map below shows the original Dover Township border, with current Westlake boundary in red.



Dec. 14, 1812: FIRST BIRTH in now-Westlake: Harriet L. Hall, daughter of Barnabas and Hannah Hall.



Leverett Johnson

1814: FIRST MARRIAGE: Leverett Johnson to Abigail Cahoon; the couple move into a cabin built on Lot 13 immediately afterwards. Lot 13 includes the current intersection of Porter and Center Ridge roads.

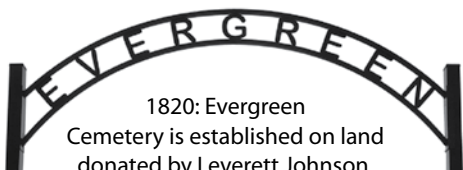


Abigail Johnson

1832: The Dover Blast Furnace is built along Cahoon Creek at Dover Center and Center Ridge roads, an area rich in bog iron ore. The furnace burned down in 1843, was rebuilt the same year, and continued producing pig iron until the supply of area bog ore was depleted.



Bog iron ore on display at the Clague Museum

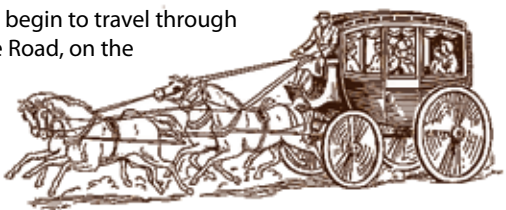


1820: Evergreen Cemetery is established on land donated by Leverett Johnson.

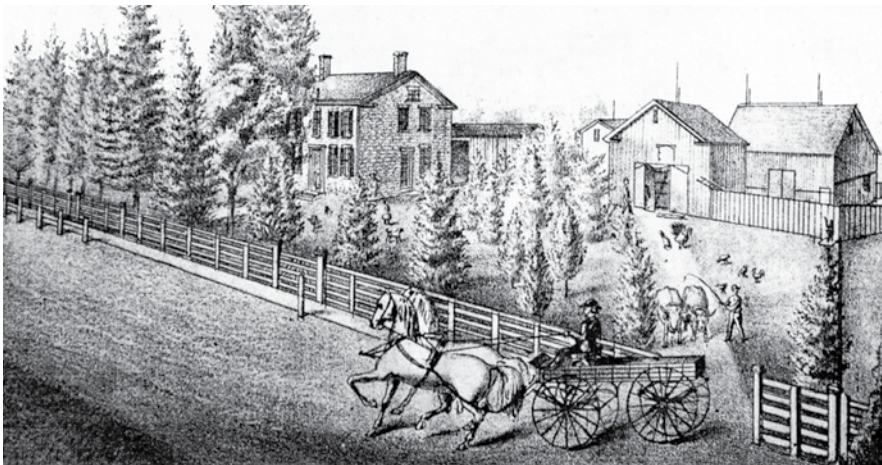


1824: Amos Sperry opens an inn and tavern on Center Ridge Road, east of Clague Road, serving the stagecoach passengers as they pass through Dover along Center Ridge. The building was torn down in 1935.

Late 1820s: Stagecoaches begin to travel through Dover along Center Ridge Road, on the Buffalo-to-Detroit route. This passage stimulated growth in the small township.



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1874 drawing of the T. H. Hurst home.

1813: Dover's first physician, Dr. John Turner, relocates from Rockport Twp. to near Porter and Center Ridge roads.

1818: Asher Cooley and his family arrive in Dover. Their 1828 home still stands at 2871 Dover Center Road. Asher served as Dover's treasurer from 1833-1839 and was one of the founders of the short-lived Cuyahoga County Anti-Slavery Society in 1837.

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1844: Lilly-Weston House built by the Lilly family on Center Ridge Road. The sandstone used to construct this house, which displays the skill and craftsmanship of early Ohio builders, came from a local quarry, probably near Porter Road.

Sandstone was rarely used to build houses because of the immense labor to extract, transport and assemble massive stone blocks into a residence.



George L. Cooley

Early 1900s: Dover Center Road becomes the first “improved” road in Dover – paved with crushed stone and a mixture of stone dust and water. It was built by road builder George L. Cooley.

Cooley’s impact on Dover went far beyond building roads. He was a trustee of Dover Township, a councilman of Dover Village, a schoolteacher, and a contractor for many of Dover’s houses and barns. He was an advocate for the farmer, helping to organize the county’s grape growers in 1915 and establishing the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation in 1920. He also co-founded the company known today as Nationwide Insurance.

July 20, 1901: Residents in the northern portion of Dover secede to form a new village. The split was contentious and involved a dispute over the railroad, which the breakaway group won in a case heard by the Ohio Supreme Court. The new Village of Bay was incorporated in 1903.

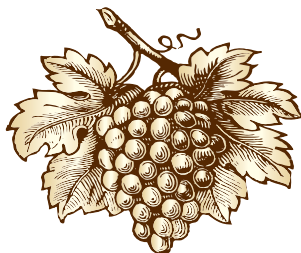


1853: The first structure for Dover Methodist Episcopal Church is built. The congregation had been meeting in homes and barns since its founding in 1825. The original building (pictured, left) still stands at 27330 Center Ridge Rd., but the church – now called Westlake United Methodist – relocated to a new building on Center Ridge in 1956.



1858: St. Paul Lutheran Church, at 27993 Detroit Rd., is the third congregation established in now-Westlake, serving the large German population in western Dover.

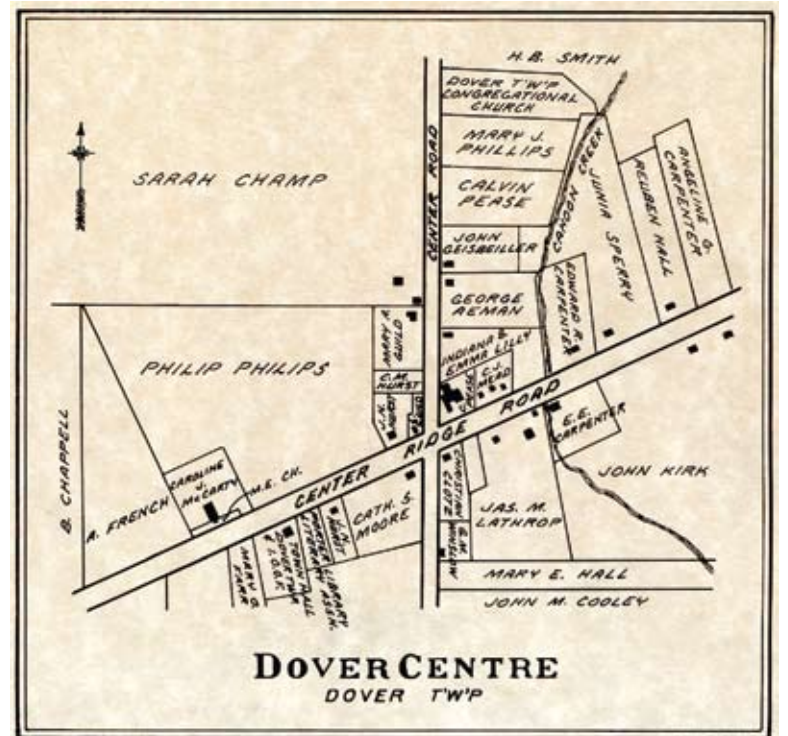
1845: Dover Academy is built 1.5 miles southwest of Dover Center, near Porter Road. It was relocated in 1852 to a white frame building (pictured above) on Dover Center Road. The academy was disbanded in 1862.



1865: The Dover Bay Grape and Wine Company is organized by the grape farmers of the township. Dover’s sandy soil and lake breezes made grapes a popular crop in Dover, and the main source of income for many farmers.



1883: The New York, Chicago and St. Louis Railroad – nicknamed the “Nickel Plate” – lays track through Dover Township.



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1856: Steam gristmill built near Hilliard and Dover Center Road.

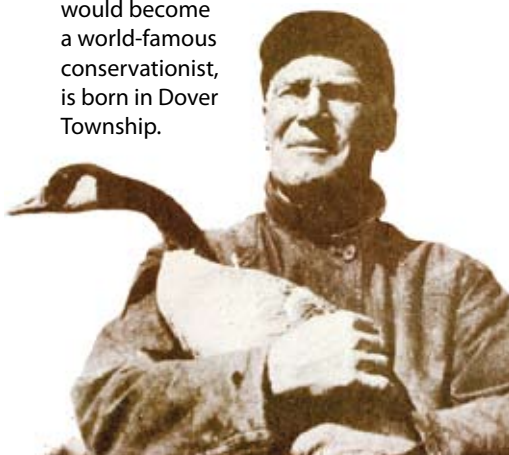


1847: The Dover Agricultural and Mechanical Society forms and purchases seven acres of land behind the current Lee Burneson Middle School on Dover Center Road. Well-attended fairs with livestock shows, art exhibits, food and horse racing are held every year until 1897.



1874: The I.O.O.F. (Independent Order of Odd Fellows) Lodge Hall is built on Center Ridge Road. The brick building also housed the Town Hall until 1955.

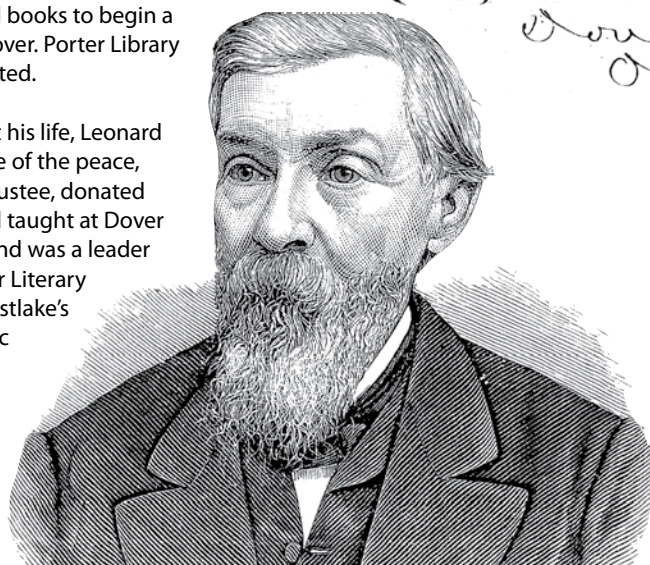
April 7, 1865: Jack Miner, who would become a world-famous conservationist, is born in Dover Township.



Jack Miner

1884: Leonard Porter dies, donating \$1,000 and all of his personal books to begin a library in Dover. Porter Library is incorporated.

Throughout his life, Leonard was a justice of the peace, township trustee, donated land for and taught at Dover Academy, and was a leader of the Dover Literary Society. Westlake’s Porter Public Library is named in his honor.



School bell used at Dover’s first high school, 1898-1908

1882: The Dover Literary Society forms and establishes a private library for members.

1870

1898: The Dover School District is formed and a public high school is set up in the vacant Dover Academy building. It began as a three-year program, and graduated its first three students in 1901.



The entire high school student body in 1903

1885: Porter Library and the Dover Literary Society merge to become the Porter Library and Literary Association. Dover residents could pay \$1/year to borrow books. In 1886, a building was purchased on Center Ridge Road, just west of Dover, to house the library.

1900: Telephone service comes to Dover. The three-party line was shared by the doctor, James Lathrop; the undertaker, Clifford Pease; and a community line at the village store. A telephone exchange was established in 1905 and the number of subscribers grew to 1,220 by 1930.



Early 1900s: Dover grows to become the second-largest grape producer in the country. Thousands of young people would come out on streecars from Cleveland during harvest time to help residents with grape picking.



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1908: Residents in southeastern of Dover secede. Four-and-a-half square miles of Dover Township are given to the new village of North Olmsted.

April 1920: FIRST PTA. The Dover Mothers' Club is organized, later renamed the Dover Village PTA

Early 1920s: Dover's first bank, The Depositors Savings and Loan Bank, is organized. It folded a decade later during the Depression.



Dover Village police officers in 1929, with their Model A Ford coupe police car.

1950: St. Bernadette is established as the first Catholic parish, comprised of 250 families from nearby St. Angela and St. Christopher. Mass is held in the Dover School auditorium until a school and hall are built on Clague Road in 1952.



1952 construction of St. Bernadette school

1909: The first automobiles begin to appear on Dover's roads. Frank Sauer soon opens a garage and gas station on Center Ridge Road.



Mr. and Mrs. Frank May drive along Detroit Road in 1915.

1924: The first water lines are run down Center Ridge, soon followed by Columbia and Dover Center.

1923: Dover High School opens the school year in a new brick building next to the old Red Brick School on Dover Center Road, near the current Lee Burneson Middle School building.

1928: The White Oaks restaurant and speakeasy opens on Cahoon Road, during the height of Prohibition. It served liquor, ferried nightly from Canada, to some of Cleveland's most prominent residents.

1953: The Crown Water Filtration Plant begins operations on Clague Road. The plant brings fresh water to Westlake and the surrounding communities.

1950: The last Dover High School class graduates. The school is renamed Westlake High School the following school year.

CIVIC GROUPS FOUNDED

- 1948: Westlake Businessman's Association
- 1950: Westlake Kiwanis Club
- 1954: League of Women Voters of Westlake-North Olmsted
- 1954: Westlake Women's Club
- 1955: Westlake Town Criers
- 1957: Westlake Junior Women's Club

December 18, 1957: Westlake passes the 5,000-resident threshold and is incorporated as a city.

1911: Dover celebrates 100 years; Reuben Hall gives the centennial oration. Reuben was born in Dover in 1821 and was a prominent member of the township and early historian. He served as a Dover Township trustee and assessor, and was a charter member of the Porter Library and Literary Association.



Reuben Hall



A Dover Village fire dept. badge from the 1920s.

1926: A Volunteer Fire Department is formed

1932: The Lutheran Home for the Aged was established to house elderly Doverites who may have otherwise been homeless, due to the Depression. Henry Kluever donated his land and frame house on Dover Center Road, on the condition that he be allowed to live out his days as a resident under their care. (Now called Lutheran Home at Concord Reserve.)



Henry Kluever breaks ground for the Lutheran Home on land he donated in 1932.

1920

1940

1960

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1950

Feb. 27, 1909: A special election is held to vote on incorporating Dover into a village. Vote totals: 195 for, 16 against. The vote was prompted by the recent secessions and subsequent incorporations of the villages of Bay and North Olmsted.

March 15, 1911: Dover Village is officially incorporated. Frank Bailey is elected first mayor.



1909: The Red Brick School is built on Dover Center Road, near the current Lee Burneson Middle School building. High school classes were held here until 1923, when a new high school was built nearby. It then became a centralized grade school. The building housed the Board of Education from 1968-2003 and was torn down in 2010.

- The mayors of Westlake
- 1911 Frank Bailey
 - 1912-1915 August C. Fortlage
 - 1916-1921 Frank Bailey
 - 1922-1925 Richard Snedden
 - 1926-1927 Frank Bailey
 - 1928-6/1934 Frank V. Cipra
 - 6/1934-1935 Sherman A. Sperry
 - 1936-1941 E. E. Campbell
 - 1942-1943 James O. Nesbit
 - 1944-1/1961 Hugh D. Price
 - 1/1961-12/1961 Chester O. Dean
 - 1962-7/1964 John Tom Kirk
 - 7/1964-1965 Charles W. Thompson
 - 1966-7/1980 Alexander R. Roman
 - 7/1980-11/1980 Joseph Skodis – acting Mayor
 - 11/1980-1985 Theodore R. Busch
 - 1986-present Dennis M. Clough

1938: The Board of Education takes over the library property to establish a school district library, and renames it Porter Public Library.

1921: Bus service comes to Dover, along Center Ridge Road on the Elyria-to-Cleveland route. The first "buses" were privately-owned Buick and Studebaker touring cars.

1915: The first funeral home, Pease Funeral Home, opens in the former Dover Center School. It was purchased by the Jenkins family in 1954 and still stands today as Jenkins Funeral Chapel.



A medical bag from the Pease family, circa 1900.

Westlake

August 21, 1940: Village name changed to Westlake. After years of mixups involving the "other" Dover, in Tuscarawas County, a committee of residents formed to resolve the confusion and circulated a petition with name choices. Each of the committee members had their reasons for advocating the change, including Anna Endress, owner of Hi-Way Nursery, who lost shipments of live plants that were sent to the wrong Dover. The U.S. Post Office also strongly urged the change, reportedly as early as 1915.



1955: A new municipal building is completed at the corner of Dover Center and Hilliard, housing the town hall and the police and fire departments. The building now houses the Westlake Board of Education offices.



Oct. 9, 1926: Brother and sister Walter and Sophronia Clague donate their family's land and house to Dover Township to create a park and museum. During the Great Depression, the federal government provided funds and manpower to convert the farm into a park and to build Clague Cabin.



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1961: The Westlake Historical Society is established.

1962 Bradley Woods Reservation of the Cuyahoga County Metroparks opens.



1967: The Clague Players open their first season at Clague Playhouse, the converted Clague family barn. The community theater group, which was started as the Bay Village Players in 1928 by the Bay Village Women's Club, is one of the oldest and most successful in the country.

1967: Westlake's first ambulance is purchased for \$9,500. Wagons from Jenkins Funeral Chapel are also used to transport patients.



Looking south on Crocker Road at I-90 soon after completion.

Early 1970s: Interstate 90 is constructed eastward from Lorain County to a new interchange at Crocker Road. In 1976, I-90 is completed from Westlake eastward to downtown Cleveland. The highway stimulated the rapid growth of the city.

Oct. 18, 1972: Friends of Porter Public Library is organized to provide volunteer service and monetary gifts to the library.

CIVIC GROUPS FOUNDED

- 1963: Westlake Garden Club
- 1969: Westlake/Bay Village Rotary Club
- 1978: The Herb Guild
- 1979: Westlake Chamber of Commerce
- 1984: Westlake-Westshore Arts Council
- 1993: Cuyahoga West Chapter, Ohio Genealogical Society

1979: Crocker Road completed from I-90 southward to Hilliard Boulevard. 1980: from Hilliard to Center Ridge. 2008: from Center Ridge to I-480, affording Westlake residents access to two major freeways.

Late 1980s: The Juergemeier brothers were likely the last major farmers in Westlake, until the Promenade Shopping Center was built near their farm on Detroit Road.



May 2009: Tralee, Ireland, becomes Westlake's sister city through the Sister Cities International program.

TRALEE



Westlake celebrates its 200th anniversary with citywide events culminating on **December 31, 2011**



1967: The first city pool opens in Clague Park

1984: Construction begins on the current Porter Public Library building at 27333 Center Ridge Rd. The building opened in 1985. A major renovation and expansion was completed in 2002.



Westlake Porter Public Library



Westlake Recreation Center

1990s: City constructs a police station, two fire stations and a recreation center, and acquires Meadowood golf course.

1970

1990

2011

1980

2000



1961: Westlake High School is constructed on Hilliard Road.

1981: St. John West Shore Hospital opens on Center Ridge Road, the result of a merger between St. John Hospital in Cleveland and Bay View Osteopathic General Hospital in Bay Village. (Now known as St. John Medical Center.)



1985: Westlake High School graduate Robert Overmyer commands the crew of the space shuttle Challenger in a successful seven-day Spacelab mission.



2000: Voters approve the construction of the Crocker Park mixed use development on 80 acres at Crocker and Detroit roads. The development plan includes 1.7 million square feet of retail, office and residential space. The first phase of the project opened in 2004.

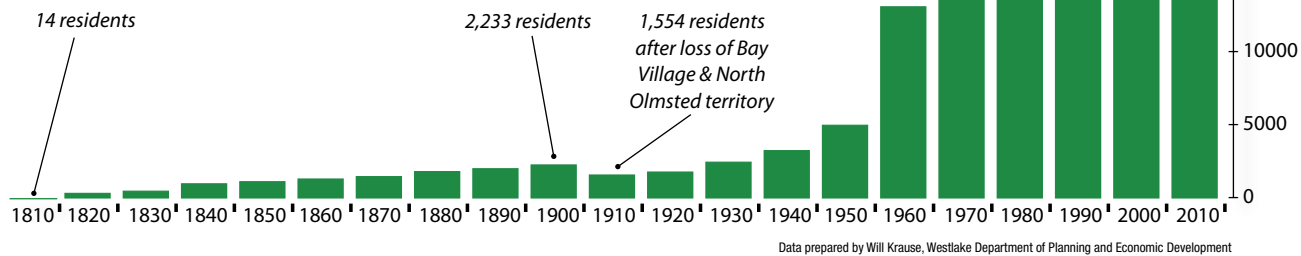


1961: Westlake celebrates its sesquicentennial. The artwork in the center of the commemorative plate, (pictured, left) is the origin of the current city seal.



Ladies wear bonnets sold to raise funds at Westlake's 150th birthday celebration in 1961.

POPULATION GROWTH CHART



2003: The new city hall building at 27700 Hilliard Blvd. is completed.

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Could this be the year, Browns fans?

Find out July 14 at the Bay Village Branch Library

by Barbara Isaacs

Here's a question for any Browns fan: Why, more than four long decades after your team's last championship...despite a relentless pattern of heartbreak, capped with a decade of utter futility... do you still stick with the Cleveland Browns?

Veteran sportswriter Terry Pluto gets a daily barrage of email from fans letting their hearts bleed out orange and brown. So he decided to ask his readers: Just what is it about this team that makes you love them, hate them, and still keep coming back for more? A thousand fans responded – in detail. Their stories, along with interviews with former players and Pluto's own expert analysis, deliver the answer. But, like any intense relationship, it's a little complicated...

Join us at the Bay Village Branch Library on Thursday, July 14, at 7:00 p.m. as Pluto discusses his book, "Things I've Learned from Watching the Browns." Seating is limited. Register online at cuyahogalibrary.org or call 440-871-6392.

Terry Pluto, a sports columnist for the Plain Dealer has won the Ohio Sports Writer of the Year Award nine times and was inducted into the Cleveland Journalism Hall of Fame in 2005. He has written over 23 books, two of which were included on notable sports books lists for the New York Times and Sports Illustrated. He has also been honored by the Associated Press as one of the nation's top sportswriters of a medium-sized newspaper.

This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Bay Village Branch. ●



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The cost is \$140/player and the registration deadline is July 19. Late fee is \$10.

Register online at www.bayrec.org or in person at the Recreation Dept. Please feel free to call us with questions at 440-871-6755. ●

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Upcoming Bay Village Branch Library programs

by Joyce Sandy

We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday weekend, although it's hard to believe it's July already. The days are heating up so there couldn't be a better time to come to the library to chill out for awhile. We have New books that come in every day, so come check out the ones you've heard about, or discover the next bestseller. For that upcoming roadtrip, we'll help you find the right book on CD or Playaway. Stop in and check out a book, attend a program, or sit and read awhile. Browsing is just the beginning!

ADULT DEPARTMENT:

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.

Wednesday, August 17 (7 p.m.) JIM TULLY: REDISCOVERING A LOST OHIO WRITER – Let Paul J. Bauer and Mark Dowidziak introduce you to the subject of their just published biography, "Jim Tully: American Writer, Irish Rover, and Hollywood Brawler." A literary superstar of the 1920s and 1930s, Tully wrote about the American underclass: hobos,

carnival workers, con artists and boxers. The presentation includes the only known film footage of Tully, the first writer to seriously address the Irish-American immigrant experience.

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:

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.

FOR ALL AGES:

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. We look forward to seeing you!

New history class begins September 19 at the Bay Village Branch Library

by Beverly Thomas

Join the CWRU group at Bay Village Library for an interactive experience with lively discussion as we explore a little known part of our history. A number of Observer readers have joined us in the past year for these classes and we look forward to meeting more new people and the insights they bring. These classes are sponsored by Case Western Reserve University's Adult Continuing Education program.

Our upcoming session is titled "Slavery by Another Name,"

an age of neo-slavery that thrived from the aftermath of the Civil War through the dawn of World War II through the leasing or sale of black convicts to commercial interests. Pulitzer Prize winner Douglas A. Blackmon brings to light this shameful chapter in American history in his book "Slavery by Another Name: The Re-enslavement of Black Americans from the Civil War to World War II."

Our leader/teacher will be Jim Van Horn, a perennial favorite of these classes.

We meet at the Bay Village Branch Library, 502 Cahoon Rd.

The eight-week session will be held Mondays from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., beginning September 19.

The fee for the course is \$70. Advance registration is recommended; walk-ins may sign up as space allows. Class size is limited to 25.

CWRU courses are offered across the Greater Cleveland area. For more information on other classes, call the Office of Continuing Education at 216-368-2090.

For more information on this class or to register, call Marianne at 440-808-0076, or Beverly at 440-835-2917. ●

Bay Village Recreation's upcoming fall programs

by Beth Moffat

FLAG FOOTBALL, GRADES 1-4

Grades 1-2 will practice for 30 minutes followed by a 30-minute game on Saturdays; an optional practice during the week is at the coaches' discretion. Grades 3-4 will practice one day during the week and games are played on Saturdays. Parent volunteers are needed as coaches! The season starts September 17 at 9:30 a.m. for grades 1-2, 11 a.m. for grades 3-4.

Location: Hartman Field

Season: Saturdays, Sept. 17-Oct. 29

Fee: \$75 (non-resident: \$95)

Deadline: Sept. 1 (late fee \$10)

Register online www.bayrec.org

YOUTH GIRLS VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE, GRADES 4-8

Learn the fundamentals of volleyball in a fun, recreational environment. Teams practice for one hour per week and games will be played on Saturdays. Volunteer coaches are needed! Practices begin the week of September 12.

Location: Bay Middle School Gym

Season: Saturdays, Sept. 17-Nov. 12

Fee: \$75 (non-resident: \$95)

Deadline: Sept. 1 (late fee \$10)

Register online www.bayrec.org

CHEERLEADING, GRADES 5-6

Show your spirit and join the Head Cheerleading coach from Bay High! Cheer on your classmates during football games! The season begins in early September and ends in late October. Practices will be during the week and games are on Saturdays. For more information, contact the Bay Village Recreation Dept. 440-871-6755

MEN'S HOOPS (18 YRS. AND UP)

Monday evenings

Location: Community Gym

Times: Until August 22: 6:30-8 p.m;

August 29: 8-9:30 p.m.; Sept. 12-Feb. 20:

8:30-10 p.m.

Fee: \$5 per player (non-resident: \$6)

MUST PAY TO PLAY! Questions, call the Bay Village Recreation Dept., 440-871-6755.

INDOOR ADULT VOLLEYBALL (18 YRS. AND UP)

Tuesday evenings

Location: Community Gym

Times: Until August 23: 6:30-8 p.m.; During School Hours: 7:30-9 p.m.

Fee: \$5 per player (non-resident: \$6)

MUST PAY TO PLAY! Questions, call the Bay Village Recreation Dept., 440-871-6755.

Join in at www.wbvobserver.com

TALES OF A FOURTH-GRADE SOMETHING

Part II: Tradition and Change

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

Have you ever had a family tradition that you count on and then suddenly one year it changes? That's what happened to me this 4th of July, and I'm going to tell you all about it.

One tradition that didn't change was my family went to Blossom Music Center to see the Cleveland Orchestra play and watch fireworks the night before the 4th. Sometimes we go with friends and family and sometimes just us. This year we went with family and friends on July 3rd and it was spectacular.

Another tradition we have is we go to my aunt and uncle's farm for the after-

noon of the 4th. All of my mom's relatives come too, and I play with my cousins in the barn, the yard and sometimes in their neighbor's small lake. My uncle drives us around in his lawn tractor from the house, around the barn, and back. We stay for dinner and dessert and then drive home. But this year that didn't work out and I was disappointed.

But instead of that, my friend since kindergarten invited my family to her backyard pool for the afternoon. We also jumped on her trampoline and made a waterslide on her playset. That was a change, and even though I missed the farm and my relatives, I had a lot of fun.

Also, every year we go to the Bay Village fireworks. We walk from our house

with neighbors to the Nature Center and sit in a big field with trees surrounding it. We bring snacks, balls to throw and glowsticks for when it gets dark. But this year we didn't do that, either.

Instead we drove to another friend's house for a cookout and to watch the fireworks. This friend lives on Cahoon Road and can see the fireworks from her neighbor's driveway. We played kickball, monkey tag and other games. As it got dark, we headed over to the neighbor's driveway for the fireworks. I missed my neighbors but I enjoyed spending the night of the 4th with my friends and their families.

After this 4th of July weekend I learned something. Sometimes you can get tired of traditions and want a change.

Other times you don't want to change and want to hang on to your traditions. I didn't

really want to change my 4th of July traditions this year, but the changes ended up being good ones. I'm glad I tried some new things. Maybe, I've even started some new traditions..

(Oh, by the way, I forgot to write in my first column that I'm continuing piano lessons, and my piano teacher, Mrs. Judy Minium, couldn't help but notice that I left that off the list. Mrs. Minium, don't worry I am practicing!) ●



RESEARCHERS

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As they sat near the snack bar they could see and hear the volunteer genealogists from the Westlake Family History Center helping others find loved ones on various censuses, military records, land deeds and ship passenger lists.

No one was in a hurry on this beautiful Saturday. When it was their turn, they, too, might learn something new or confirm a family story.

As is the case with families, there may be some surprises, and that Saturday was no exception. Two cousins wanted to confirm their grandmother's first name since each had a different spelling – their search revealed that even the vital records had two spellings. Another lady screamed in surprise when she saw herself as a

small child in a picture on ancestry.com, one of the websites that were used – this one complimentary for the event.

She learned that a distant relative had posted the picture as part of his (and her) family tree. Late in the day an unexpected patron arrived from Tralee, Ireland. Development Officer John Griffin was in Westlake as part of the Sister City Exchange with Tralee Mayor Grace O'Donnell and left the planned festivities to search for his own family.

His hope was to track a descendant born on a ship that left Tralee in April 1848 and arrived in Quebec. Volunteers Lou Demaline and Dorothy Titera were intrigued with this scenario and have prospects for this family line. This was John's introduction to FamilySearch online and Family History Centers throughout the world (more than 4,500 exist through the

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints). With a grand genealogical event planned in Ireland in 2013, John returns home with information on FamilySearch and a Westlake-Ireland connection.

Borders' manager and Westlake resident Sylvia Scherma, Family History Center representative Dorothy Titera, and myself are already planning another FamilySearch event slated for the Bicentennial weekend on Saturday, November 12. Anyone wishing to search their family may also visit a Family History Center without charge; volunteers are waiting to provide assistance. The Westlake Family History Center is located at 25000 Westwood Rd. Hours are Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6-9 p.m. ●

Joyce Able Schroth is Westlake's Community Services Director.

Community invited to patriotic picnic at Knickerbocker

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. ●

Readers' Opinions

Possibility of cuts to city staff, services has senior worried

The Dwyer Memorial Senior Center is facing the elimination of two part-time positions due to city-wide budget cuts. Senior Center Manager Susan Zisko and Transportation Coordinator Mary Beth Rowland are scheduled to be laid off unless their union chooses to object. Two other part-time positions within the city will also be affected.

With the elimination of the part-time positions, the senior center would need to rely on the efforts of the two remaining full-time employees – Deborah Bock, Director, and Shirley Hostetler, Assistant Director and Meals on Wheels Coordinator – to keep the center up and running efficiently. This would be very difficult, a real hardship for the center and those who rely on its services.

Obviously, these cutbacks would put the center in a very challenging position. Over the years the center has had numerous cuts in funding, and has done an exemplary job in pro-

viding services to Bay Village's senior population with very limited means. The possible loss of the two part-time position would almost surely cause a reduction in some services.

As a senior citizen who relies on many of the senior center's services, I would be very distressed. The center provides social opportunities, support services, free medical equipment, transportation to medical appointments, grocery shopping, classes, lectures and other educational opportunities within the West Shore community.

All these services are so very vital in helping seniors "age in place," allowing them the freedom and independence to remain in their own homes as long as possible.

The union will meet this Friday, July 15, to decide whether to allow the cuts. I hope that enough members step up and fight for the seniors of Bay Village.

– Dianne Borowski, Bay Village

Be nice to Cleveland's visitors

Recently, I have attended several meetings and luncheons that talked about all the wonderful things that are happening in Cleveland. "Positively Cleveland" is in full force and is gearing up for great things. We have a Convention Center, a Casino and a Medical Mart all promising to bring people to our town, create jobs and excitement.

It is estimated that two billion dollars is going to be spent to make these things happen. Greater Clevelanders are chomping at the bit for some kind of a revitalization especially after the county corruptions scandal. We are tired of people coming into our town with big promises and sucking it dry of resources, finances and dreams.

We now have a plan and it seems to be moving in a direction that may have some hope. As small of a detail as it may seem, we need to remember to "be nice" to visitors. I know this may sound silly when you look at the big picture but it's not. It's actually quite a big part of the success of this plan. I would rather go anywhere with great people than to go someplace fantastic with nasty folks.

A big part of any experience is how we are treated. Most people find Ireland to be a fantastic country to visit. It is a nice place but really no better than others. It's the people that make it so wonderful. They are kind and they make you feel safe and welcomed. They don't tell you where to go when you ask, they take you there. When we travel outside of our own backyard, we want to feel safe and welcomed. It's the reason no one is flocking to Mexico right now unless they throw a deal at you. We just don't feel safe there.

Visitors need to feel safe in our town and it's not about seeing policemen on every corner. It's about Clevelanders stepping up and helping to create a positive experience. People will speak highly and return to our town if they feel that they were treated well. So the next time you see someone that looks lost or speak with someone that isn't from our town, do something above and beyond and consider it your contribution to promoting Cleveland. If we all help and assist just one visitor, imagine what it will do for our reputation.

– Colleen Harding, Bay Village

Westlake 4th of July and bicentennial events



Pretty and patriotic, Lily Grover waves a flower and a handmade flag.



The lure of music by the Cleveland Pops Orchestra followed by fireworks attracted thousands of people to Crocker Park's annual LibertyFest on July 3.



Aaron Bonk juggles at LibertyFest.



A stilt walker towers above the classic car show.



Will Clay recites Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech on July 4 at the Crocker Park ceremony celebrating America's birthday.



Fireworks light up the night sky over the Clague House.



Bagpipers march down Hilliard Boulevard during the Fourth of July parade.



Mel Maurer, as one of Westlake's founding fathers, Leonard G. Porter, acknowledges the parade crowd on July 4.

Bay Days 2011



Vintage baseball team captains Jay Demagall of the Cleveland Blues and Ray Yoder of the Bay Men's Club Bay Villagers



Pete Dannemiller reads the Declaration of Independence at the gazebo on July 4.



Bay Village Green Team volunteer Laura Crabb educates Bay Days visitors about recycling.



Lawrence Kuh makes curly fries at the Bay Kiwanis booth.



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BAYarts

Mad men (and a woman) show coming to BAYarts

by Eileen Stockdale

“Mad men” was a term coined in the 1960s for men working in advertising on Madison (“Mad”) Avenue in New York City, the heart of the advertising business at the time, and the inspiration for a popular TV show, “Mad Men.” Well, grab your skinny tie and bouffant hair-do: past and present advertising professionals (including one “mad woman”) have assembled for a

group show currently on display at BAYarts in The Sullivan Family Gallery of the Fuller House.

The art of Mike Guyot, Milan Kecman, Lou Grasso, Keith Berr, Dennis Balogh and Mary Deutschman is on view now. A special reception on Sunday, July 17, will also include work from their professional careers, past and present, with jazz by the popular The Joe Hunter Trio. The event is from 7-9 p.m.



Regular business hours for the Sullivan Gallery are Monday-Saturday, 7 a.m.-3 p.m.; Sundays, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.; or by request. For more information, visit www.bayarts.net or call 440-871-6543, ext. 26. ●

Mobile learning exhibit to stop at BAYarts

by Nancy Heaton

The PNC “Learning is All About Me!” Mobile Learning Adventure is a traveling exhibit that provides an opportunity for parents and caregivers to learn about the importance of early childhood education while they engage in fun, hands-on activities together.

The free exhibit will be at BAYarts on Saturday, July 16, only. It will be hands-on and feature lots of give-a-ways! Look for the orange tents in front of BAYarts. For more information, call 440-871-6543.

A part of PNC’s 10-year, \$100 million early childhood education initiative, “Grow Up Great” includes interactive kiosks and the “When I Grow Up” station, where kids dress up as different professionals and have their picture superimposed on an appropriate background. In addition, parents can take home activity books and learning kits that demonstrate how to take everyday moments and turn them into learning opportunities.

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PNC learning exhibit visits BAYarts July 16.

LAKE ERIE NATURE & SCIENCE CENTER

Nesting season spells danger for determined, fearless and slow-moving turtles

by Joanna Galysh

Three midland painted turtles are in the care of the Wildlife Education & Rehabilitation staff at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center after sustaining shell injuries. All three were hit by cars while crossing the road.

“The repair on a turtle’s shell can take as long as a few years depending on the placement and depth of the crack,” says Wildlife Rehabilitation Coordinator Amy LeMonds. “We nursed a snapping turtle back to health for two years after it sustained a shell injury.” The Center expects to keep the currently injured turtles in rehabilitation until at least next year.

This is a very dangerous time of year for these turtles because it is their peak nesting season. From May to July, painted turtles will leave the safety of their pond, river or lake and travel to their nesting grounds to lay eggs. Turtles return to the same place to nest every year, even if it is miles away from their home or over dangerous terrain. Nothing will stop a turtle when it’s trying to reach its nesting grounds. These determined little fellows will fearlessly cross a busy street.

“If you see a painted turtle trying to cross the road, it’s best to allow it to continue on its journey,” LeMonds advises. “If you feel interference is necessary – and you can intervene safely – then help the turtle cross the street in

the direction that it is headed. If you move the turtle to a “safer” location, you may inadvertently put it at a disadvantage by placing it farther away from its nesting grounds and it will head right back in the same direction.”

Painted turtles can lay anywhere from 4-15 eggs. After burying the eggs, they return to the water, providing no parental care for the eggs or the babies that hatch. The gender of the eggs depends upon the temperature of the nesting grounds at the time they hatch. Warmer temperatures tend to produce females, whereas cooler temperatures tend to produce males.

In the United States there are many subspecies of painted turtles, but only the midland painted turtle is found in Ohio. They have a red and black coloration along the underside of their plates that gives the appearance of being painted on by hand. Painted turtles prefer to live in quiet and shallow freshwater areas. During warm summer days they can be seen basking in the sun on rocks and logs. During the



This midland painted turtle was hit by a car and suffered a shell injury. It’s one of three turtles in treatment at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center’s Kenneth A. Scott Wildlife Education & Rehabilitation Program. Center Rehab staffers say nesting season is a dangerous time of year for these determined, fearless creatures.

winter, painted turtles will seek deeper water and burrow into the mud at the bottom. They slow their heart rate and absorb oxygen through their skin.

If you see a turtle that you think is in need of help, please call Lake Erie Nature & Science Center at 440-871-2900 prior to attempting a rescue.

“Please do not jeopardize your safety in attempting to rescue any animal,” LeMonds says. “It’s also worth noting that painted turtles will not harm you, but if you see a snapping turtle crossing the road, it is best to let them cross unaided as their bite can be quite powerful.” ●

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Northeast Ohio PC Club General Meeting

The meeting is free and open to the public. The featured speaker will be Tony Kurkov, who will speak on "Comparison of Current Desktop Processors." Wondering if you should upgrade or replace your current computer processor? Then you don't want to miss this talk. The presentation begins at 7:15 p.m., but come early, at 6:30 p.m., to socialize with wonderful folks, and enjoy free refreshments.
Porter Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

July 17, 1-3 p.m.
Patriotic Picnic

See the schedule on page 16 of

this issue.

Knickerbocker Apartments, 27100 Knickerbocker Rd., Bay Village

July 17, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Summer Concert in the Park

Gather your friends and enjoy Partners in Rhyme. This a cappella group has performed at the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and alongside such legendary acts as Leslie Gore and Jay and the Americans. Blankets or lawn chairs are recommended.
Westlake Recreation Center, 28955 Hilliard Blvd.

July 19, 2:30 p.m.

Make the Most of Your Doctor Visit: Celebrate Your Independence

Speaker: Pam Kelly, LPN, Community Nurse Liaison. Patient satisfaction when visiting your physician is more important today than ever before as doctor visits become more frequent. Learn the things to consider before the actual visit. For more information, call 440-892-9777.
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July 20, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Westlake Garden Club July Field Trip

The July meeting will be held at Schoepfle Garden in Birmingham, Ohio, which is part of the Lorain MetroParks. Meeting at 11 a.m., lunch at noon, tour of the gardens and Otto Schoepfle's house at 1 p.m. A tram will be available for those who do not wish to walk the

gardens. We will carpool to the garden. Call 440-331-8722 for information.
Schoepfle Garden, St. Rte. 113 and Market St., Birmingham, Ohio

July 20, 7-8:45 p.m.

Researching Your Austro-Hungarian Ancestors

See the story on page 6 of this issue.
Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

July 22, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Family Picnic Night

Join us for a fun-filled family picnic for all ages in the park! We'll provide a picnic dinner; you bring a big blanket to fit your whole family. After our picnic, we'll meet some animals, take a guided

hike and have a campfire! Meet in the field across from the Center. In case of rain, all activities will take place inside the Center. Fee: \$8/person; \$40/family of 5 or more. Pre-registration required; call 440-871-2900 to register.
Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, 28728 Wolf Rd.

July 22, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Summer Concert in the Park

Gather your friends and enjoy the band, Caliber. Winner of Fox 8's "Best Band" award in 2008 and 2009, this six member group is one of Ohio's premier country/rock bands. Blankets or lawn chairs are recommended.
Westlake Recreation Center, 28955 Hilliard Blvd.

Hobo dog needs permanent home

by Nancy Brown

My name is Hobo, I am the little tan and white beagle/King Charles mix that so many Bay Village residents looked for and tried to catch. Do I look familiar?

I am also the little guy with the healthy set of lungs you would hear in the wee hours of the morning. You see, my pre-genetic disposed instincts would kick in whenever I could corner and terrorize a rabbit.

I must admit the last month, I had great fun running around the middle of the city and being chased by youngsters on bikes, but I managed to keep moving and finding great hiding spots and I am grateful to be telling you my story.

Not sure how or why I ended up in Bay, but I like it here and sadly I am still homeless.

A dog lady took a strong interest in me, she says, because the situation for animals is drastically changing in Bay. She wanted me to be safe and find a forever home.

One evening on my way to my typical dinner date, I encountered this monster of a doggie condo, covered with sheets and loaded with the best of human food selections. I took the bait and BAM...the condo door, aka dog trap, got me. My life was about to take another positive step in the right direction.

The police were called that I was caught, along with the neighbor in case I acted up, and before I knew it I was



in a garage with the fan blowing on me and ladies talking about how cute and young I am.

The night in the trap in the garage went quick and the accommodations were pretty comfortable vs. sleeping on the road. The next day brought a photo op, woman gushing over me and doggie accessories a hobo would dream of.

I would love to meet you and make your home my forever home!

I am now neutered, heartworm negative, crate trained and current on vaccines. I am lovable and will always have the tendency to run...and really would like a real name, too.

For more information, contact Connie Fields at the Love A Stray dog division 216-314-0321 or visit the web-site via www.petfinder.com. ♦

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You can make a difference at Huntington Beach



Through this initiative, citizens will have the opportunity to become more educated about potential pollution sources feeding into the Porter Creek watershed, which empties into the Beach, and can even participate in clean-up activities that show how an individual can make a positive difference in water quality.

The project continues through 2013, so there will be plenty of opportunities for community involvement! Future events include storm drain stenciling, measuring bacterial levels, and teacher workshops which include Project WET and a rain barrel workshop that can be utilized in the classroom.

Project WET is a nationally accredited science course book that integrates hands-on, kid friendly projects into the science curriculum. For more information please go to <http://projectwet.org/use-project-wet/lesson-plans-teacher-water>.

To further encourage the improvement of the health of Lake Erie, the Center will be hosting family-friendly Adopt-A-Beach events in August, September and October to record data on beach conditions. This information will be entered into a database to help improve Lake Erie's water quality. For more information on Lake Erie Nature & Science Center's programs, please see <http://www.lensc.org/education/index.htm>.

Project partners include: the Cuyahoga County Board of Health, Cleveland Metroparks, the Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District, the University of Toledo, the cities of Bay Village and Westlake, and the Lake Erie Nature & Science Center.

For additional information on the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative kick-off meeting, please contact Suzanne Krippel at 216-201-2001, ext. 1242, or skrippel@ccbh.net. ♦



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