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Bay's time capsule seals Bicentennial history

by Dave Tadych

In a quiet, candle-lit ceremony, the Executive Committee of Bay's Bicentennial has sealed the city's 2010 Time Capsule.

The time capsule, which was on display during the two-day Bicentennial Celebration in Cahoon Memorial Park, stands 12.5 inches tall, 11 inches wide, and 20 inches long. The historic piece is meant to be opened during the city's 300th birthday celebration in 2110 and will be placed and marked on Oct. 9, 2011, the first anniversary of Bay's 200th birthday.

The forty-seven-pound coated and water-proofed concrete vault is lined with copper and was specially designed and engraved by Carl Wetzig Jr., co-owner of the 58-year-old Avon Lake Sheet Metal Company located in neighboring Avon Lake.

On Oct. 9, 2011, the history-filled time capsule will be placed near the 1818 Cahoon family homestead in Cahoon Memorial Park. An engraved, black granite commemoration marker from Kotecki Family Memorials dedicated to the Bicentennial celebrations and citizens of Bay will be unveiled. The time capsule will be placed under the granite marker.

On Sunday afternoon, Oct. 9, from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., cake and beverages will be served in Cahoon Memorial Park at the site of the commemorative marker. Residents and their guests can drop by, enjoy refreshments, and tour the Cahoon homestead. Docents and guides will be on hand for the free tours to answer your questions about Bay's early years.

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A beautiful night for a moondance at BAYarts



photo by Dale Caldwell

Over 900 people attended BAYarts' sixth annual Moondance benefit on Sept. 17 under tents, trees and a moonlit night. For more photos, see page 15.

CELEBRATING WESTLAKE'S BICENTENNIAL

Historical marker honors Westlake's first settler



Ann Johnson Rathkamp and her daughter, Grace Rathkamp Danello, were the guests of honor at a Sept. 15 ceremony to unveil the newly installed Ohio Historical Marker recognizing Westlake pioneer Leverett Johnson. Read the full story and see more photos on page 8.

St. John Medical Center crowns 2011 Top Chef

by Steve Novak

Close to 1,000 foodies from all over Cleveland converged on Quicken Loans Arena on Sept. 10 for the 2011 St. John Medical Center Top Chef Competition.

This was the third year of this event, and it brought four more of Cleveland's leading chefs to duel it out for the title of Top Chef. Competing were Chef Michael Nowak of Bar Cento in Ohio City, Chef Rob Records of Johnny's Downtown, Chef Sarah Sherapita of Luxe in Cleveland's Gordon Square District and Chef Jonathan Guest of Washington Place Bistro in Little Italy. All of the proceeds from the fundraiser went to the St. John Medical Center's Women and Children Services.

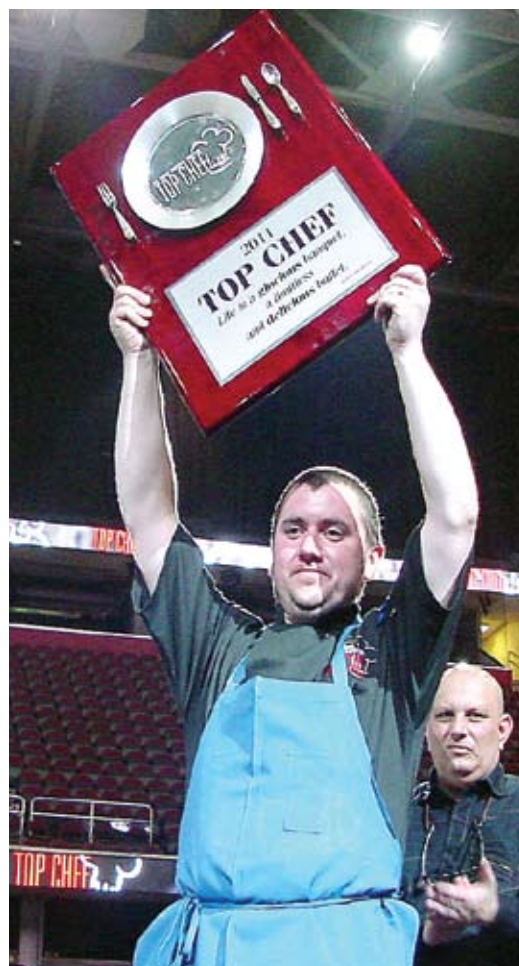
As guests arrived, cocktails and light appetizers were served. Guests could also peruse and bid on the dozens of silent auction items, including electronics, spa packages and \$200 gift certificates for each chef's restaurant.

A video montage of each chef's restaurant was featured on screens throughout the arena. There were also roving cameramen showing the action going on in each chef's prep kitchen, along with the evening's guests being interviewed by Master of Ceremonies Ahmad Crump, the voice of the Cleveland Cavaliers.

People stood anxiously in line at each chef's station as they served their appetizers and then entrees. It was fun listening in as people they gave their impression to friends about each selection they were trying. Toward the end of both courses, the chefs individually presented their dishes to the judges.

They described in detail the dishes they had prepared. Then they were asked to give more details on how items were prepared, ingredients, and why they chose that dish for the evening's competition.

» See TOP CHEF, page 6



Bar Cento's Chef Michael Nowak basks in the glory of winning this year's Top Chef contest. Behind him is event co-chair Patrick Garmone.

Porter Library patrons surpass the one million check-outs mark



Westlake Porter Public Library's patrons surpassed the one million check-outs mark on Sept. 13 when Westlaker Hima Nekkallapu and her son, Rahul, checked out their selections. In honor of the event, mother and son received a bag of library goodies from Assistant Director for Support Services Anita Woods. The library circulates over 1.4 million items annually.

Bay Middle School's Lawrence Kuh named Outstanding Mathematics Teacher

by Karen Derby

Bay Middle School teacher, Lawrence Kuh, was selected as one of only seven teachers to be honored by the Ohio Council of Teachers of Mathematics this year, not only for his dedication in the classroom, but also for his contribution to the profession at large.

His principal, Sean McAndrews, said he is in complete agreement with the Council's assessment of

Kuh's contributions. "Lawrence is very knowledgeable about the math curriculum. He is constantly learning new strategies and implementing them into his classroom. He also discusses ideas with his colleagues and teachers outside of Bay Village," said McAndrews.

"However, his biggest strength is his ability to work with his students. He takes the fear of math away from his students. He encourages, motivates, and excites so that they believe

that they can be successful in math, even if they have never 'liked' math before!

Kuh has some definite ideas about teaching math. "Math must make sense!" he said. "It's important to understand math, not just work numbers on a page or screen. I strive to help each of my students become strong problem solvers and learn from their mistakes. These skills transfer to life."

He credits his colleagues for much of his success. "As teachers, we



Lawrence Kuh is an Ohio Outstanding Teacher of Mathematics

often don't get recognized for our efforts. It's appreciated that OCTM acknowledged the work we do in Bay Village through this honor. Our math program is very strong due to a collaborative effort." ●

St. Raphael offers annual pet blessing

by Anne Straitiff

Lions, tigers and bears are not welcome, but household animals and their families are invited to the seventh annual Blessing of the Pets on the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Tuesday, October 4, at 6:30 p.m. on the front lawn of St. Raphael Church in Bay Village.

Individual blessings will be given to each animal. Dog treats will be distributed and a garden statue of St. Francis will be given away. The event is free and all are welcome!

The following items will be collected for area animal shelters: canned dog and cat food, dry cat food (no dry dog food), pet crates/taxis, kitty litter, bleach, paper towels, anti-bacterial wipes, cash donations for medical supplies and veterinary visits, gift cards for Petsmart, Pet Supplies Plus or Petco.

St. Raphael is located at 525 Dover Center Rd. between Lake and Detroit.

Please note: Dogs should be on leashes; cats and other pets in carriers or cages. The event will be cancelled if it rains. ●



Fr. Tim Gareau blesses an eager pooch at St. Raphael last year.

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- Check your facts. Take the extra time to ensure accuracy.
- Submit original stories and photos. Don't copy others' work and remember to credit your sources.
- Be respectful of others.
- Write for the community. Your stories will be read by people throughout Westlake and Bay Village (and beyond) so keep the audience in mind when choosing topics.
- Know you'll be edited. All stories pass through editors who review stories for spelling and grammar. We try to keep the news as "unfiltered" as possible, but may edit length and content if necessary.

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- Disclose your affiliation. If you have a personal or business relationship with the subject of your story, let your readers know.
- Don't write stories solely to promote your business—that's what ads are for.

Ask questions! We're here to help you at every step along the way. Don't hesitate to come to us for advice or help with topics, content or the submission process.

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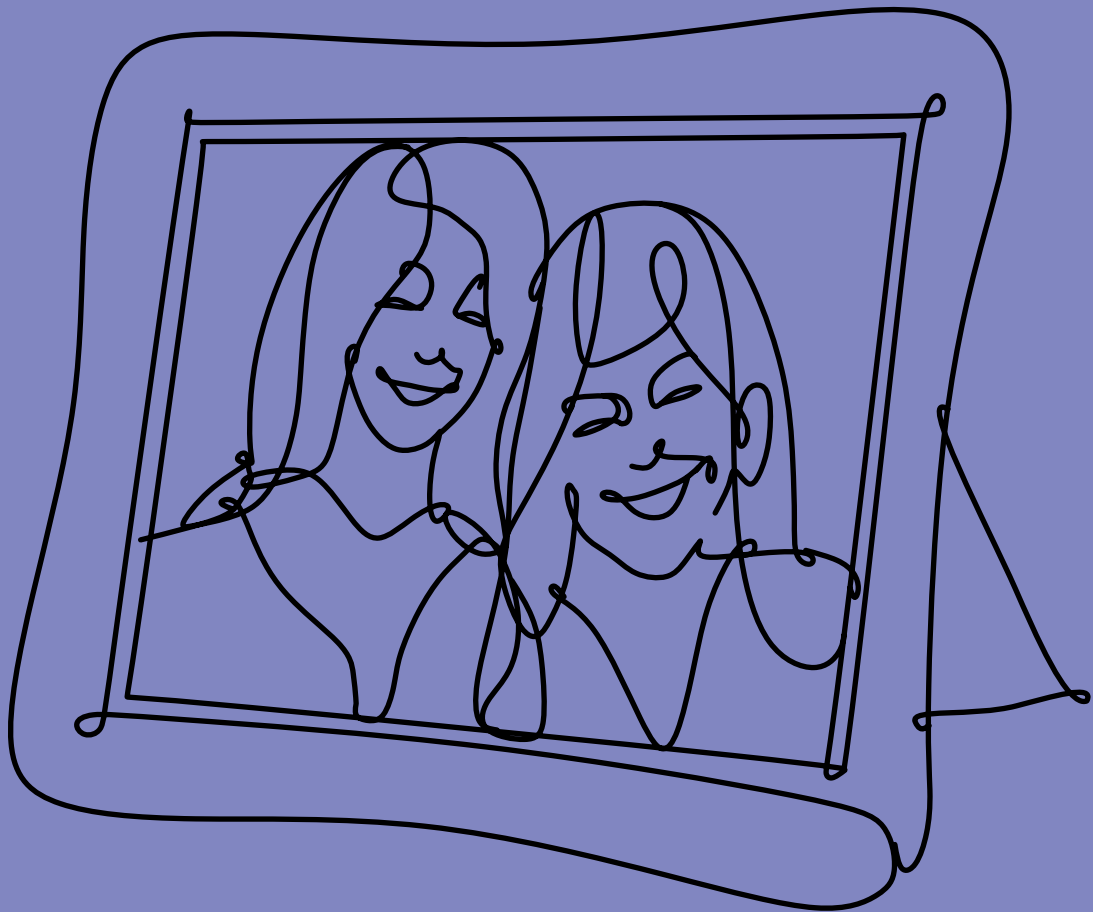
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Parent drug awareness program returns to BMS

The alcohol and other drug awareness education program for parents, NOT MY CHILD!, returns to Bay Middle School on Thursday, Oct. 6, at 7 p.m. The program, developed by local parents who know because they lived it, aims to teach parents how to recognize the signs of adolescent drug use.

No one believes it could happen to their child! Unfortunately, over half of our young, innocent children are experimenting with alcohol and other drugs, as early as middle school. Many parents will not recognize it at this level, which is why it's important to attend

this meeting! Some of the questions discussed will be:

- What do you really know about adolescent drug use?
- Do you know the signs to look for or what to do if you suspect that your child is using?
- Do you know how to respond or where to turn for help?

To find out more, please attend this informative and interactive alcohol and other drug abuse program – presented by parents who have learned from experiences with their own children's drug use! Join them along with an expert panel.

Please attend! All are welcome. ●

Compeer NAMI Walks team invites you to understand recovery

by Denise Ayres

On Saturday, Sept. 24, the "NAMI Walks For The Minds of America" will be held at Voinovich Park. Registration starts at 9 a.m. and the NAMI Walk begins at 10 a.m.

This event has two activities: a 2.5-mile walk around downtown Cleveland and a party at Voinovich Park. The walk route is secured by police and provides a great way to site see downtown. The party at Voinovich Park includes various company sponsor tents and live music. Dogs with leashes are welcome to join walkers.

The Compeer Program at Far West Center will be participating in the NAMI Walks event. Our program has a walk team named "Compeer Club West." If you are interested in joining our walk team please go to our team webpage at: www.nami.org/namiwalks11/GCO/compeerclubwest. If you are interested in donating to NAMI Greater Cleveland on behalf of Westlake's own Compeer Club West team please go to the same webpage. One hundred percent of donations go to NAMI Greater Cleveland.

This annual NAMI event is held in order to raise public awareness about mental illness, mental health services, and recovery. NAMI Greater Cleveland, a non-profit organization, works to provide educational and support groups at no fee to citizens of Cleveland and all surrounding suburbs. Westlake has had a NAMI Family Support Group meeting at Far West Center for many years. This past spring,

a NAMI "Hearts and Minds" Wellness Program opened to adults managing mental illness. "Hearts and Minds" is sponsored by Compeer and also held at Far West Center. Both the Family Support Group and Hearts and Minds are offered on the first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. For more information, call 440-835-6212 or visit www.namigreatercleveland.org.

Decades ago no one ever used the term "recovery" when discussing mental illness. Unfortunately during those times, appropriate and effective psychiatric medications did not yet exist. The good news is that over the past five decades research has lead to the creation of modern psychiatric medication that is a great deal better for both mind and body. Today a majority of mental health consumers can work with their doctors on finding the best medication treatment for them.

As a mental health services worker with various positions, I have seen large-scale improvements in psychiatric medication from the 1980s to today. Adults managing mental illness report less sedation, fewer side effects and are active in planning more personal goals of recovery. One way to describe recovery is to say it is when an individual can manage symptoms, regain confidence in his or her skills, get back on his or her goal path or start new goal paths.

For adults with chronic mental illness recovery is a reality! Please consider our invitation to join Compeer at the NAMI Walks event on Sept. 24. ●

Huntington Playhouse news & cues

by Tom Meyrose

Huntington Playhouse will hold its second annual clambake on Saturday, Oct. 15, from 6-10 p.m. at the theatre. Tickets are \$60 (\$30 is tax deductible). The price includes one dozen clams, 1/2 chicken, corn, side salad and beverages. There will also be a silent auction of items from local merchants, individuals and local organizations. Proceeds will go towards the capital improvement fund.

Next, the Huntington Playhouse season continues with a production of the comedy "The Foreigner" opening on Sept. 22, and playing through Oct. 9.

In this uproarious farce, Charlie, a shy young man in search of rest at a Georgia fishing lodge, adopts the persona of a foreigner who doesn't understand English.

When others begin to speak freely around him, he not only becomes privy to secrets both dangerous and frivolous, he also discovers an adventurous extrovert within himself enroute to the wildly funny climax.

Huntington Playhouse is located at 28601 Lake Rd. in Bay Village and is a licensed affiliate of the Cleveland Metroparks. For more information about tickets, the clambake, or up coming events, call the box office at 440-871-8333, or check the website: www.huntington-playhouse.com. ●

9/11 remembrance ceremony held at Gardens at Westlake

by Barb Bartlome

Residents, their families and community members attended the Tenth Anniversary of 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony at the Gardens of Westlake on Sept. 9.

The morning event began with an opening prayer and remarks by Rev. John Butchko from Westlake United Methodist Church. A Navy Junior ROTC unit from James Ford Rhodes High School then led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a flag presentation and exhibition drill.

The featured guest speaker was Captain Guy

Turner from the Westlake Police Dept., who spoke about the many changes in safety factors and the precautions and interventions in place today.

Gardens' Executive Director Christina Melaragno offered an emotional tribute to those who died in the terrorist attacks, but found hope in the way the experience "unified our strong, proud nation." She added: "What was meant to drive us apart, has really drawn us together."

The Westlake High School Choir, directed by Jennifer Butler, closed the ceremony with a medley of patriotic songs. ●

Bay resident to be featured on WVIZ/PBS stroke special

by Lisa Goss

Two years ago, Bill Forster of Bay Village was a multitasking machine, working as a teacher at Lorain County Community College, as well as a realtor and a labor negotiator. But in August 2009, the then-51-year-old was stopped in his tracks when he suffered a massive stroke that left him paralyzed on his right side and unable to speak.

Bill tells his story and shares his process of rehabilitation (he recently ran a half marathon!) on the WVIZ/PBS program "Surviving Stroke," premiering Thursday, Sept. 29, at 8 p.m. The special also looks into the exciting new developments being made locally in stroke-related research, as well as stroke prevention tips.

A stroke occurs every 40 seconds in America, rang-

ing from barely noticeable to massive and deadly. And although there are risk factors – older age, less healthy lifestyle – that can increase the chances of having a stroke, it can also strike in someone who doesn't have the typical warning signs, which was the case for Bill.

The television program is part of ideastream's multimedia exploration of strokes – learning and recognizing the symptoms, examining new technologies that are revolutionizing stroke survival and exploring the future of stroke treatment and prevention. The programming airs Sept. 23-Oct. 2 on 90.3 WCPN and WVIZ/PBS, with additional health information at health.ideastream.org. For a schedule of all programs, visit ideastream.org/programs/schedules. ●

READERS' OPINIONS

Voodoo engineering?

The City of Westlake's engineer seems to have confused voodoo for engineering. He claims that Westlake's sanitary sewer collection system problem is not with the City of Westlake, but instead is a result of the operation of the Rocky River Wastewater Treatment Plant. Yet he has no evidence of this – or perhaps he does, he just has not shared it with the community. The City of Westlake has not contacted the RRWWTP management to notify them that they are causing our city a problem. Why not?

He has not gathered any information to substantiate this claim. He has not analyzed any

data from which to draw such a conclusion. Yet, this statement allows him to ignore any possibility that the problem may be in the city of Westlake sanitary sewer collection system. How is this possible?

You see, when you have no facts, no data, and you have no plan to collect data upon which a theory may rest, the only thing you have left is...voodoo.

Now I ask you: Are the residents of the city of Westlake going to rely on the advice of a voodoo practitioner posing as an engineer? Engineering requires planning, data gathering, analysis of facts, communication, coordination, consul-

tation with colleagues. None of which has been done by the city of Westlake's engineer.

An engineer cannot ignore facts simply because his manager asks him to. An engineer's job is to gather the data and present the data. If the data points to an inadequate system, so be it. It is not the engineer's job to ignore the facts so the manager can use his resources to fund a palace (city hall) or a playground (city park).

Apparently the Westlake City Council heeds the advice of the engineer because they have no plan to ask the sewer manager the reason for the sewer problem.

– Paul Makuh, Westlake

WESTLAKE PORTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

September events at Westlake Porter Public Library

by Elaine Willis

Friday, Sept. 23 (10 a.m.-12 p.m.) PORTER'S FIBER FANATICS – Socialize, share, and solve problems while you work on your current project.

Friday, Sept. 23 (10:30-11 a.m.) LET'S SING AND DANCE! – Join us for a fun session of singing and dancing. For children ages 2-6 with a caregiver. No registration required.

Monday, Sept. 26 (1-7 p.m.) AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD-MOBILE

Monday, Sept. 26 (7 p.m.) WESTLAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Wednesday, Sept. 28 (2 p.m.) AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION – The September selection is “Freedom” by Jonathan Franzen.

Wednesday, Sept. 28 (4-5 p.m.) WII WEDNESDAY – Come play Wii with us on Wednesdays after school! We'll feature a different game each week. Ages 10-18.

Wednesday, Sept. 28 (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.

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

Meet author Shelley Shepard Gray at Porter Library

New York Times bestselling author Shelley Shepard Gray will visit Westlake Porter Public Library on Sunday, Oct. 2, at 2 p.m. Copies of her book will be available for purchase and signing at the event.

Gray is the author of two series set in the Amish community, the Sisters of the Heart series (“Hidden,” “Wanted” and “Forgiven”) and the Seasons of Sugarcreek series. Her latest novel, “The Survivor,” focuses on a young Amish woman seeking happiness after surviving cancer.

Gray was a teacher in Texas and Colorado before she began writing. She now lives and writes full-time in Southern Ohio.

For more information about the event call the Popular Materials Department at 440-250-5462 or visit www.westlakelibrary.org. ●



Shelley Shepard Gray

TALES OF A FOURTH-GRADE SOMETHING

Homework Challenges

by Audrey Ray, fourth-grader at Westerly Elementary School

Adjusting to the new school year has been a little hard for me. Some things I am really enjoying but some things have been difficult.

This week has been very interesting and very fun. My class (Miss McMaugh and Mrs. Robinson are my teachers) has started this thing, called “tickets.” At the beginning of each month, everyone gets five tickets. If you forget your homework or lunch at home you lose a ticket. Or if you don't follow instructions you lose a ticket. At the end of the month if you still have at least one ticket left you get to do something special with everybody else who has at least one ticket.

We also have a “Brain Bender” each day. Brain Benders are problems Miss McMaugh posts up in the classroom and we get to solve them. If we think we have solved it, then we write the answer and put it inside a basket. (Oh yeah, you have to have your name on it or else your answer gets thrown out. You don't want

your answer to get thrown out because on Fridays, she picks names out of the Brain Benders box and if you get picked you get a piece of candy).

I've been working on a geometry project that was assigned as a 10-day homework assignment. I have to draw and color a picture using only geometric shapes with a ruler. After spending some time on it each day this week, I've finished the drawing part (which was very hard), but I still need to color it and that will take more time!

The homework part of school has been getting a lot harder than it used to be because I have so much more. Plus I have projects, like the geometry one, that take a long time to do, and I have to keep track of when those projects are due. I feel like my brothers and sister and the neighborhood kids are spending a lot of time playing after school and I can't. (And some of those kids are in middle school). My life is changing. I don't have as much free time as I use to and that's been tough. ●

CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Upcoming Bay Village Branch Library programs

by Joyce Sandy

Come to the Bay Village Branch Library for any of the following programs and specials, or drop in and attend some of the ongoing storytimes. When you stop in we'll show you what's new and help you find the perfect book. In the Children's Room, check out the PlayawayView display. The Views show several stories on a handheld screen that children can watch and listen to. Stop in and try one out!

Also, it's not too late to register to attend the Sept. 21 Community Book Discussion on Lee Martin's book “Break the Skin” before his library visit on Sept. 22. Read the book and come to the discussion to express your opinions and listen to what other community members have to say.

ADULT DEPARTMENT

Thursday, Sept. 22 (7 p.m.) AUTHOR VISIT: LEE MARTIN – (preceded by the Community Book Discussion on Sept. 21 at 7 p.m.). In addition to being a Pulitzer Prize finalist, Martin has been awarded numerous prizes for his writing. A teacher in the MFA Creative Writing Program at OSU, Martin will be speaking both about writing and his newest novel “Break the Skin” which has been hailed as a well-crafted tale of romantic desperation. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Tuesday, Sept. 27 (7 p.m.) MEET MARY DORIA RUSSELL – Come hear this Pulitzer Prize-nominated writer speak about her recently released book,

“Doc: A Novel,” and learn about the real Doc Holliday. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Wednesday, Oct. 5 (7 p.m.) GIRLS GROWING UP IN A MEDIA-SATURATED SOCIETY: HOW PARENTS CAN HELP INTERPRET THE MESSAGES – Hathaway Brown Director of Communications Terry Dubow will suggest ways to help your daughter navigate the many powerful messages received in today's world through media outlets. This presentation is for adults only.

TEEN DEPARTMENT

Saturday, Sept. 24 (2 p.m.) SMASH-CON 11: THE TOURNAMENT – Test your skills against other gamers in this county-wide tournament. The top two brawlers from each site will advance to the final championship in North Olmsted on Nov. 12.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT:

Monday, Sept. 29 (7 p.m.) READING WITH THE STARS – Get up close and personal with community “stars” such as a DARE Officer, Dr. Kelly, and Rick Burns of Burns Auto Service. Listen as they share a book, their jobs, and a craft.

Thursday, Sept. 29 (7 p.m.) IT'S A GIRLS WORLD – Girls in grades 3-4 and a female adult friend will read “Stone Fox” and do a related project and a craft..

Please register for these programs by calling 871-6392 or going online to cuyahogalibrary.org. Stop in and visit, too – we're here to help!

Plenty to do at the Westlake Rec Center!

by Jim Dispirito

FIT N FUN AFTER SCHOOL CAMP (GRADES 5 & 6)

Enroll in our NEW after school camp, taught by our trained staff where the emphasis will be on nutrition, fitness, D.E.N. training, sports, swimming and flexibility. Class will meet weekdays except on no-school days. If you attend Parkside School, transportation from school to Rec Center will be provided. For more information, please contact Anne Mitchell at 440-808-5700, ext. 3475.

JUNIOR SPIKERS VOLLEYBALL (GRADES K-2)

This instructional program is designed for children who want to learn the sport of volleyball. Players will learn bumping, setting and serving skills in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Equipment includes Volley-Lite volleyballs. Program starts Thursday, Sept. 22, and runs until Oct. 20; 4-4:45 p.m. every Thursday.

HOOPIN IT UP BASKETBALL (GRADES K-6)

Getting ready for the season? These preseason workouts will help you develop the skills to take your game to the next level. Ball handling, passing,

shooting, footwork and defense will be the primary skills taught by coaches Jeff and Brianne Huber. Each player will be given drills to work on at the conclusion of the workouts so they may improve their skills on their own time. Sundays, Oct. 2-30. K-3, 12-12:45 p.m.; Grades 4-6, 12:45-1:30 p.m..

ENGLISH ROSE & BLACK TIE ETIQUETTE (GRADES 1-5)

Students in this popular etiquette course are taught how to act in everyday social situations at home and away. The class is instructed by Ms. Catherine Holloway, Cleveland's premier children's etiquette trainer. Mondays, Sept. 26- Oct. 24, 6:15-7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING LESSONS

From infant to adult, the Westlake Recreation Dept. offers classes for all ages. We also offer water walking classes, water aerobics and now even water Zumba! Check our website for more information and an entire class schedule.

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

Join in at www.wbvobserver.com

CELEBRATING WESTLAKE'S BICENTENNIAL

Student art exchange returns to Westlake

by Marge Widmar

Visitors to the Westlake Bicentennial Sister Cities Student Art Exchange at Westlake City Hall this month will discover some engaging art created by students in both Westlake and Tralee, Ireland – Westlake's Sister City.

This exhibition is the third phase of the collaboration. The first phase presented Westlake student art in a Send Off to Tralee last April at Westlake City Hall. The art was then shipped to Tralee for the second phase, a joint exhibition with the student art of Tralee at Siamsa Tire Theatre in Tralee's Town Park.

All three phases of the exhibition are

special events to celebrate Westlake's Bicentennial and have been in the planning since spring 2010. The exchange has connected the youth of Westlake and Tralee, sharing expression through visual art, as well as exploring geography, language and music.

Early visitors to the exhibit are exclaiming, "Oh look, there's 'Johnny' [Depp]"; they are smiling back at "Mona"; and they are searching for answers on the process of digital photography.

The art exchange can be visited at City Hall through October 1. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 1. ●

TOP CHEF *continued from front page*

The task of choosing which of the chefs could tempt the pallet and be honored as Top Chef was left to a distinguished panel of judges: guest host Ted Allen of the Food Network; Joe Crea, food and restaurant editor for The Plain Dealer; and Pier W's chef Regan Reik, winner of last year's Top Chef competition.

There was also a People's Choice Award to be handed out for the crowd's favorite chef.

As the crowd awaited the judges' decision, we were tempted with dessert. Pier W, LaBella Cupcakes, Cleveland Cupcake Co., Momochi, Fragapane Bakery, Soho and Great Scott's Bakery provided a wonderful array of sweet treats that finished off the food service for the evening.

In the end, the crowd would choose Chef Sarah Sherapita

of Luxe for the People's Choice Award. Sherapita's menu began with arugula salad, duck confit and ricotta salata finished with an orange chipotle dressing. Her entrée was hand-rolled gnocchi, goat cheese cream spinach puree, cola-braised short ribs, crispy shallots and local micro greens.

The judges awarded the title of Top Chef 2011 to Chef Michael Nowak of Bar Cento. Nowak started with a coriander-crusted tuna, chilled saffron-and-herb spaghetti, and heirloom tomato and olive puree. His entrée was Ohio pork-braised shoulder, roasted loin and smoked tenderloin with hominy, radish slaw and salsa verde.

Having attended this event before, I was again truly impressed with each chef's culinary expertise and originality of their preparations. This made choosing a Peo-

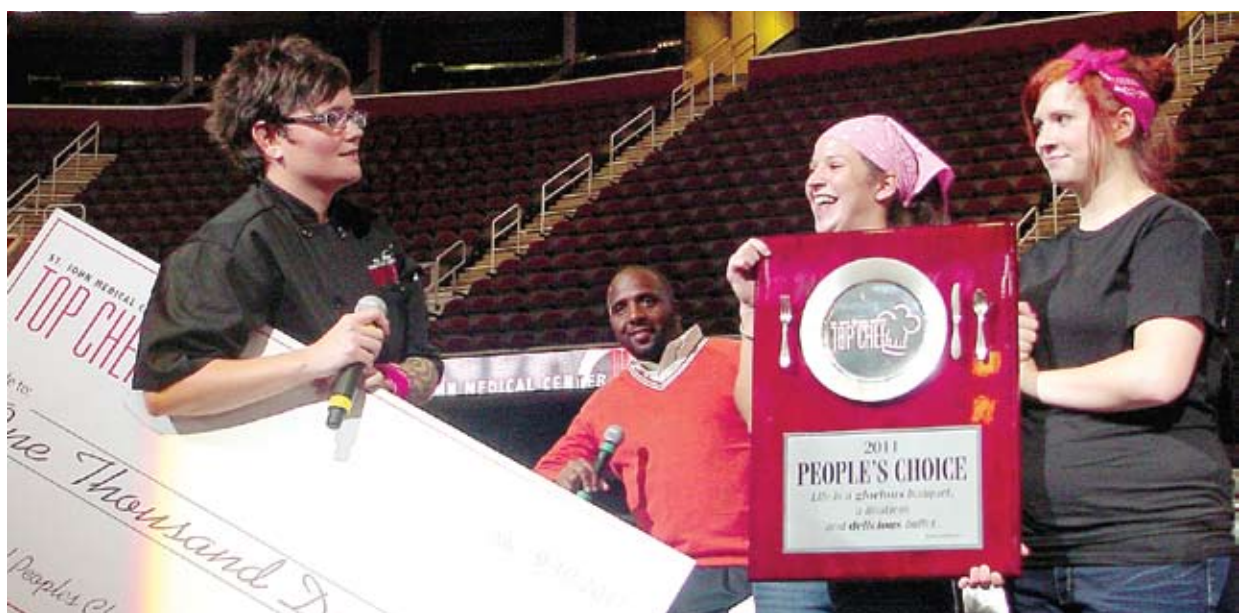
ple's Choice difficult and the judging for Top Chef equally hard.

A special round of applause goes out to Kathy Bacha and Patrick Garmone, co-chairs of the St. John Medical Center Top Chef Competition, and their staff for putting on yet another wonderful event to benefit the Women's and Children's Services.

Take a bow, everyone. ●



Judges for the Top Chef competition – The Plain Dealer's Joe Crea, Pier W's Regan Reik and the Food Network's Ted Allen.



Luxe's Chef Sarah Sherapita (left) accepts the People's Choice award.

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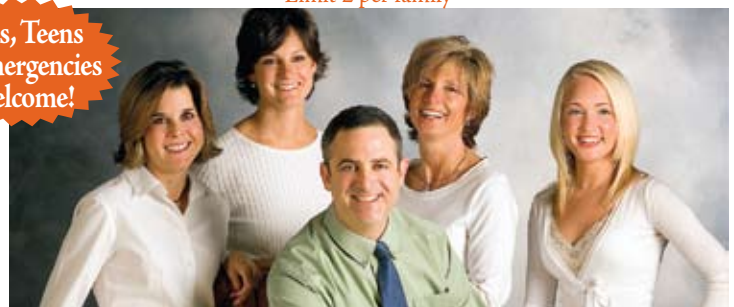


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LAKE ERIE SCIENCE & NATURE CENTER

Hayrides return to Science Center in October



A Fall Family Hayride departs the Science Center last year. Two hayride nights are planned for this year: Oct. 7 and Oct. 28.

by Frank Colosimo

Autumn at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center is a special time with preschool and after school classes back in session and special events on tap to celebrate the season. Although Fall Session classes are already underway, families can still enroll in the few remaining preschool class spots while they last. There's also still time to get in on one of the most popular autumn activities at the Center – Fall Family Hayride Nights – but you'll need to pre-register soon!

The first of two Fall Family Hayride Nights takes place on Friday, Oct. 7, and begins with a full pizza and salad dinner. Participants also enjoy hay wagon rides around Huntington Reservation, kid-friendly seasonal crafts and hands-on activities, planetarium star shows and live animal encounters.

Children are encouraged to wear their costumes to the second Family Hayride event on Friday, Oct. 28, when a trick-or-treat trail through the Center's backyard Wildlife Gardens provides additional un-scary fun. Both of these all-inclusive hayride nights run from 6-9 p.m. and require advance

registration. Fees are \$12 for adults and \$8 for kids.

Kids ages 4-6 who would like a seasonal nature program of their own can take part in the Monday, Oct. 24, Log Cabin Samplers class that's all about bats! This program will give a taste of what Kindergartners enjoy in the weekly Log Cabin Explorers Club program. The Bats Sampler takes place from 9-11 a.m. or 1-3 p.m. Space is limited and pre-registration at \$30 per child (\$20 for members) is required.

The spooky season also takes over the Walter R. Planetarium in October as the weekly Monthly SkyQuest program presents "Ghost Riders in the Sky." As Halloween approaches, families will learn all about ghostly apparitions in the sky – comets – wandering, mysterious and beautiful visitors from the far reaches of our solar system. The expert staff will also teach some observation "tricks" and point out a few astronomical "treats" in the October night sky. Program runs every Saturday at 1:30 p.m., tickets are \$3/person and go on sale on the day of the program.

Get details on these classes and much more at www.lensc.org or call 440-871-2900 with questions or to register. ●



Volunteer Trish Binder shows off one of Lake Erie Nature & Science Center's inhabitants, a Saw-whet owl, to Camille Bloodworth at the Center's annual benefit on Sept. 10. The full-grown bird is the smallest species of owl in Northeast Ohio.

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CELEBRATING WESTLAKE'S BICENTENNIAL

Marker pays tribute to Westlake pioneer Leverett Johnson

by Tara Wendell

The city of Westlake and the Westlake Historical Society held a special ceremony Sept. 15 at Evergreen Cemetery to unveil a historical marker commemorating the city's first settler, Leverett Johnson, and his donation of land for the cemetery.

Johnson was one of the first to arrive in the part of Dover Township that is now Bay Village on October 10, 1810. In 1811, he was the first to clear land in now-Westlake, and built a log cabin for his new bride, Abigail Cahoon, at the present intersection of Porter and Center Ridge roads. Theirs was the first marriage in Dover.

Johnson served as an early township Justice of the Peace, treasurer and trustee, and was a five-term Ohio legislator. In 1820, he donated some of his land to establish Evergreen Cemetery. He died of pneumonia in 1856, at age 61. He and Abigail, along with many members of Westlake's founding families, are buried at the cemetery.

In celebration of the city's Bicentennial this year, an Ohio Historical Marker was commissioned to recognize Johnson's

contribution to the community. The impressive plaque stands near Johnson's final resting place in Evergreen.

The evening ceremony featured a stirring invocation by Dave Pfister of the Westlake Historical Society, and remarks by historical society president Lysa Stanton, Mayor Dennis Clough, State Rep. Nan Baker and representatives from Congressman Dennis Kucinich's office and the Ohio Historical Society.

The unveiling ceremony offered a moment to pay tribute to Leverett Johnson, as well as to reflect on Westlake's history and the many pioneers who have contributed along the 200-year journey.

Quoting Abraham Lincoln, Dave Pfister recited in his invocation, "I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him."

Mayor Clough agreed, stating: "I think [Johnson] would be proud of the community that Westlake has become."

"Another proud day in Westlake," Clough added. "This will go down in history as well."

Special guests of the ceremony were Ann Johnson Rathkamp and her daughter, Grace Rathkamp Danello, descendants of Leverett Johnson's family. Ann is the great-great-granddaughter of Leonard Johnson, Leverett's brother who settled in Elyria shortly after Leverett came to Dover.

Ann and Grace traveled from Virginia and North Carolina, respectively, to take part in the unveiling. The women have been researching their ancestry over the past several years, eventually tracing their lineage to Northeast Ohio.

As the only known descendants of the Johnson family, they were the historical society's first choice to perform the ceremonial unveiling of the historical marker.

Ann and Grace wrapped up their brief stay in the land of their ancestors with a visit to Rose Hill Museum in Bay Village. Carole Roske and Dave Tadych of the Bay Village Historical Society led them on a tour of the museum, pointing out photos and offering information about Leverett and Abigail Johnson as well as the Porters and Smiths, surnames that they encountered often throughout the course of their genealogical search. ●



A two-sided plaque honoring Leverett Johnson and Evergreen Cemetery is unveiled by (from left) Council President Michael Killeen, Mayor Dennis Clough and Johnson family descendant Ann Johnson Rathkamp.



Grace Rathkamp Danello (left) asks Bay Village Historical Society president Carole Roske about the Cahoon brothers, whose sister, Abigail, married Leverett Johnson.

BAY VILLAGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Rose Hill Museum invites you to an exhibit of wedding attire

by Cynthia Eakin

You are invited to a wedding of historic proportions.

An exhibit of wedding dresses and trousseaus spanning the years 1880 to 1990 is on display at Rose Hill Museum in Bay Village, now through the Christmas holidays.

Much of the collection, owned by the Bay Village His-

torical Society, is being displayed for the very first time, according to exhibit designer Janet Zvara. "This special exhibit is my gift to the Rose Hill Museum's many guests, and my way of giving back to my community," she said. Zvara has designed the museum's exhibits over the past 15 years.

Rose Hill Museum, located in Cahoon Memorial Park at Lake and Cahoon roads, is open from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Sundays. Admission is free. Group tours can be arranged by appointment, phone 440-871-7338.

The 2011 ornament depicting the historic Fuller House on the BAYarts campus is now on sale in the Rose Hill Museum gift shop. ●



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Westlake Bicentennial, 1811-2011

A yearlong celebration of Westlake's history

Where's Dover the Bicentennial Bear?

by Lysa Stanton and Dave Pfister

Hey kids (of all ages), "Dover" the wandering Bicentennial Bear from the Westlake Historical Society has found another interesting and historical place! Every month, Dover travels to a different location in Westlake and reports back to us on what he finds.

This month, Dover Bear decided to join the historic Lolly The Trolley tour of Westlake. The Community Services Department organized the tour of Westlake's historic homes on Sept. 15. Will Krause, assistant planning director for the city of Westlake, narrated the tour and Lysa Stanton, president of the Historical Society, was also aboard.

Dover had the opportunity to see all the wonderful historical sites in Westlake, and he enjoyed hearing many interesting facts about our town. He learned that Westlake currently has 188 century homes and buildings and there are also many barns located within our city limits. He even had the chance to visit with a real horse.

The trolley was traveling down Center Ridge Road, near the Westlake Recreation Center, when Dover Bear saw a most wonderful sandstone house. He jumped off the trolley to get an even better bear's-eye view of this house.

A very nice member of the Westlake Historical Society let him inside this home, even though it is currently being refurbished. This house is very special and is recognized by the Ohio Historical Society with a beautiful marker in the front yard.

According to the marker, this house is called the Weston House, although it was originally built for Austin and Roxanna Lilly. The sandstone was from a local quarry and is very heavy. The stone section of the house dates back to 1844.

After the last member of the Lilly family left in 1867,



Dover Bear gets a rare glimpse of the interior of the Weston House. The house is being renovated for use as a museum.

several others have called this house home, including stagecoach driver James Beardsley and August Trudel. The home's namesake, George Weston, lived here for many years, before purchasing 120 acres of land where Tri-C Corporate College now sits.

More recently, the home was purchased by a developer, and then by a descendant of the Weston family. They were kind enough to give this treasure to the city of Westlake for use as a museum. The Westlake Historical Society currently leases it from the city, and is working



Dover Bear visits with Will Krause, narrator of the Sept. 15 historical trolley tour.

to develop it into a museum of early Dover history.

Dover learned that this house holds another special honor. It is one of only two places listed in the National Register of Historic Places here in Westlake (along with the Clague House). A special plaque will be placed here so that everyone will know of this distinction.

The nice person from the historical society told Dover that if anyone in the community would like to help with the refurbishment of the home or donate any funds to help pay for the work, to please call the society at 440-721-1201. ●

Historical society looking for bell ringers

The sound of ringing bells can be heard throughout history, and Westlake's past is no exception. Church bells, wedding bells and school bells have been ringing through the streets since the Dover Township days.

As part of this year's Bicentennial celebration, the Westlake Historical Society is asking members of the community to ring a bell for history. The society plans to ring an old Dover fire truck bell 200 times, once for each year of Westlake's history, during the Founders' Path dedication ceremony at Clague Memorial Park Oct. 22.

Businesses, churches and individuals of all ages are invited to ring a bell for a year that has significance for them. Year requests have already started coming in. Westlake Kiwanis president Rick Grane will ring the bell for the year 1954, his birth year; Carole Roske, president of the Bay Village Historical

Society, will ring for 1901, signifying the year Bay split off from Dover Township; Westlake Historical Society president Lysa Stanton will ring for 2003, the year she moved to Westlake; and Tara Wendell will mark the year the Westlake | Bay Village Observer started by ringing for 2008.

The first of the 200 rings represented the year 1811, and was done in advance of the Oct. 22 ceremony by Ann Johnson Rathkamp and her daughter, Grace Rathkamp Danello. The mother-daughter pair briefly visited Westlake and were asked to ring the bell in honor of their distant family member and first Westlake settler, Leverett Johnson.

If you or a member of your family would like to be one of the 200 bell ringers, please contact Lysa at 440-721-1201 or westlakehistory@yahoo.com.



Ann Johnson Rathkamp and her daughter, Grace Rathkamp Danello, ring Westlake's Bicentennial bell at the Clague House Museum Sept. 16. The women were in town for the Evergreen Cemetery historical marker unveiling. They were asked to be the first to ring the bell, signifying the year 1811, because of their ancestral ties to Leverett Johnson, Westlake's first settler.

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BAY VILLAGE GREEN TEAM

Learn about beneficial rain gardens at free workshop

by Brenda O'Reilly

A rain garden is an attractive landscaped area planted with perennial native plants which don't mind getting "wet feet." Built in a bowl shape, a rain garden is designed to increase infiltration allowing rain and snowmelt to seep naturally into the ground. Benefits of rain gardens are multiple: they recharge groundwater supply, prevent water quality problems, provide habitat for birds and butterflies and are great-looking landscape features.

Amy Roskilly of the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District and the Bay Village Green Team are partnering to sponsor a FREE rain garden workshop on Wednesday, Oct. 19, 6-7:30 p.m. at the Bay Community House, 303 Cahoon Rd. To register, call Amy at 216-524-6580, ext. 22, or email

aroskilly@cuyahogawcd.org.

Recent studies have shown that up to 70% of the pollution in our streams, river and lakes is carried there by run-off from practices we carry out in our own yards and gardens. Some of the common "non-point source pollutants" from our yards that end up in our local waterways include soil, fertilizers, pesticides, pet wastes, grass clippings and other yard debris.

Planting rain gardens is an effective way to help our communities "bloom," as we work to protect the health of our watersheds. Learn about the importance of planting a rain garden and how to site it for your yard in this workshop as we work through the Rain Garden Manual for Homeowners.

For more information, please visit the Events section at www.bayvillagegreenteam.com. ●

Backyard composting reduces waste, enriches soil



Kathleen Rocco from the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District explains how to use a wishing well compost bin during a Sept. 14 seminar at the Bay Community House. Rocco discussed the benefits of composting kitchen scraps and yard trimmings, reducing landfill waste and returning nutrient-rich materials back to the soil.

NEW BUSINESS

Ohio's first rain barrel store opens in Westlake

by Ann Gedeon

I built my first rain barrel in January 2010 to use on my small vegetable garden. After searching local stores and the internet for months, I had

discovered that the only way to get the perfect rain barrel was to build it myself!

I soon began building rain barrels for my friends and family and, as interest grew, I decided to start a business. In Febru-

ary of this year I was invited to appear at the Great Big Home & Garden Show, where I sold 176 barrels in eight days.

The overwhelming response prompted me to begin searching for a location to open the first rain barrel store in Ohio.

I choose a building at the intersection of Center Ridge and Bradley roads because of its convenient location and

began a three-month-long renovation of the 1960s gas station.

The community welcomed me with open arms; passersby stopped in to say hello and

local business owners came by and shook my hand. Neighbors dropped in, letting me know where they lived, and told me if I ever needed anything to call them, giving me their names and phone numbers. The police and city officials stopped in to see my progress and also welcome me to their city.

I opened my doors on Sept. 10, 2011, and have been busy everyday. I am extremely grateful for the warm welcome I have received and look forward to educating customers on the many ways a rain barrel will save them time and money.

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Experiencing the Bay Village Community Garden

by Elisa Demis, photos by Lori Sprosty

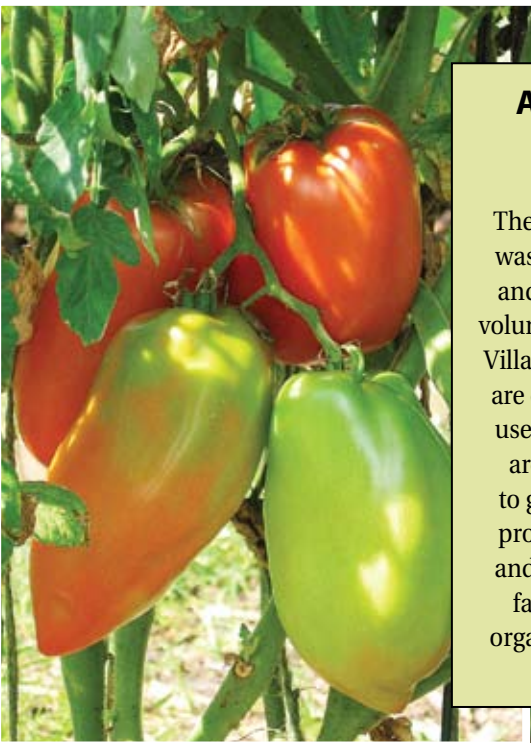
As a new member of the Bay Village Community Garden, I was glad to meet friendly and helpful villagers this summer who shared seeds, garden advice, ideas, suggestions and camaraderie. The garden fee was very reasonable at \$40 per plot. For that amount, I was given soil, compost, mulch, and water which was made available for each gardener.

I was so happy with my experience that I almost bought another space when the beds were reduced to \$20 at mid-season! However, since I have a significant amount of work at my home perennial and annual flower beds, I decided to keep a single plot.

Speaking of flowers, you can find them in the Bay Community Garden and they really help make the overall appearance beautiful. The deer fence that surrounds the entire garden on Wolf Road has been softened by lovely sunflowers and lavender plants. They are part of larger group areas that include a pumpkin patch and butterfly garden. In addition to maintaining one's own spot, gardeners are asked to help upkeep the community areas, too. Weeding and cutting grass around the pumpkin patch was part of my responsibility.

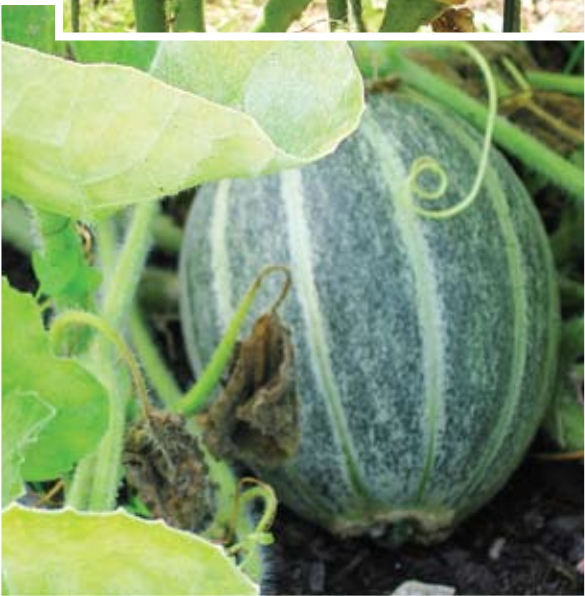
After learning about permaculture principles (derived from observing nature), my own space featured mound plantings like the Native Americans used. I had a corn stalk in the center, legumes to climb the stalk, and zucchini at the outer base to retain the soil and moisture.

The snap peas and zucchini worked out fine but the corn stalks died. The cucumbers, lettuce, and tomatoes tasted great but my strawberry yield was tiny. There is always next year! I have been inspired by the raised bed plots which were contained in wood and planted with a grid method to fill every inch. I think that I will try that next season. After all, gardening is about experimenting and learning. ●



About the Bay Community Garden

The Community Garden was established in 2010, and is run by a group of volunteers through the Bay Village Green Team. There are currently 105 plots in use, including plots that are rented by families to grow fresh herbs and produce for their tables and those that are being farmed by charitable organizations, benefiting those in need.





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WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS

Sixty-six Westlake students earn AP awards

by Kim Bonvissuto

The College Board's Advanced Placement Program (AP) provides students with the opportunity to take rigorous college-level courses while still in high school, and the ability to earn college credit, advanced placement or both for successful performance on the AP exams. About 18 percent of the 1.6 million students worldwide who took AP exams performed at a sufficiently high level to also earn an AP Scholar Award.

The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on students' performance on AP Exams. At Westlake High School:

Two students – 2011 graduates Abhi Ramachandran and Arit Umana – qualified for the National AP Scholar Award by earning an average score of 4 or higher on a five-point scale on all AP exams taken, and scores of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams.

Abhi and Arit also qualified for a State AP Scholar Award as well. The designation is granted to the one male and one female student in each state and the District of Columbia with scores of 3 or higher on the greatest number of AP exams, and then the highest average score (at least 3.5) on all AP exams taken. Westlake's average score was 4.89.

Twenty-one students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. Westlake's average score was 4.60. These students are 2011 graduates Ashraf Abmad, Jaclyn Alatrash, Greeshma Allareddy, Rachel Braun, Joseph Craven, Colin Graber, Elizabeth Greco, Raymong Heimann, Arun Kulshreshtha, Ryan McNeilly, Jillian Moran, Julie Moroney,

Lynn Orfahli, Aroh Pandit, Stephanie Poeppelman, Abhi Ramachandran, Emily Steffen, Arit Umana and Andrew Zeng, as well as seniors Kyle Lathem and Joseph Warner.

Thirteen students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. Westlake's average score was 4.28. The students are 2011 graduates Katherin Beaton, Joshua Buzzard, Matthew Canestraro, Roger Konrad, Jason Linger, Daniel Meehan, Connor Nealer, Nicholas Novak, Peter Ogonek, Amy Schmitz, Olivia Serrat, Jack St. Marie and Jason Wissman.

Thirty-two students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP exams with scores of 3 or higher. Westlake's average score was 3.75. These students were 2011 graduates Amanie Abdelhady, Michael Adamczyk, John Eyre, Tarek Johnson, Kelly Jones, Caroline Keleman, Rory Kelly, Micharl Martziner, Kyle Maxey, Jordan Moran, Christina Parchem, Lauren Poeppelman, Paul Poulos, Lauren Rump, Grace Samenuk, Joshua Schmitt, Christopher Screen, Samiah Shakir, Lau Smith, Sarah Stachowiak, Nicholas Steffas, Sheng-Yu Tang, Lauren Turgeon, Kelsey Wanhainen, Kimberly Yacoub and Shirley Zhu, as well as seniors Thomas Carroll, Jennifer Chern, Lauren Choban, Bhargavi Maheshwer, Sarah Stroh, Joseph Werner and Kelley Zhou.

Through 34 different college-level courses and exams, AP provides students with the opportunity to earn college credit or advanced placement and stand out in the college admissions process. More than 3,800 colleges and universities annually receive AP scores. ●

Early childhood math literacy program earns grant

by Kim Bonvissuto

Hilliard Elementary Intervention Specialist Christina Meecha's proposal to create a combined math and language arts program has earned a \$2,000 grant from Target for math literacy materials.

Meecha plans to create a library of books that deal specifically with math concepts and will be used to "grab students' attention" for math lessons for preschool through fourth grade.

Meecha said many students struggle with math but love reading, so find-

ing books that enforce a greater love of math can help students in a fun way.

"It is important for students to understand the importance of math in everyday life," Meecha said, adding that there are many math books, both fiction and non-fiction, that connect math to the real world for students. "Math includes so much more reading, writing and explanations. Using literature helps to reinforce these skills within the math class."

Meecha said she expects 500 students will be served by the program. ●

WHS senior spends summer studying concussions

by Kim Bonvissuto

A Westlake High School senior spent her summer researching a hot topic in sports medicine – the impact of concussions.

Lauren Choban spent her summer as a science intern at the Spine Research Laboratory at Lutheran Hospital. The Cleveland Clinic Office of Civic Education Initiatives Summer Internship Program is a paid nine-week program that fosters 21st-century skills where students explore science and various health careers through one-on-one mentoring relationships with Cleveland Clinic doctors. Students work with caregivers, medical students and internship alumni.

Lauren's internship culminated with a research report entitled "Cleveland Clinic Concussion Experience." She extracted concussion data from the Cleveland Clinic's database of

the 13,000 student athletes Cleveland Clinic Sports Health oversees in Northeast Ohio. She digitized the data into an Excel spreadsheet and analyzed scores for athletes ages 13 to 20 who participated in basketball, football, soccer, lacrosse and wrestling.

Lauren concluded that current neurocognitive and motor assessments are satisfactory in tracking recovery and return to play time for student athletes. She recommended future assessments analyze the effect of gender on concussion tests, examine a larger population of athletes and compare baseline scores to post-concussion scores.

The Cleveland Clinic program hosted 133 students over the summer from 80 schools in 16 Northeast Ohio counties.

To see more of Lauren's research visit www.clevelandclinic.org/myRESEARCH. Click on 2011 interns and scroll down to Lauren's name. ●

WHS team take grand prize in national design contest

by Kim Bonvissuto

Students of the Westlake High School STEM, Engineering & Technology Education Department earned top design awards in the Design Squad Nation Build Big Contest.

The team of Kalin Ngo, Robert Schill and Paul Poulos were the nationwide grand prize winners for their project "String Thing," configured like a linear guitar that consists of several wooden boxes designed to play the classic piece "Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring" by J.S. Bach.

The team will receive a Cisco UltraHD Flip Camera and a video chat with Judy Lee and Adam Vollmer, hosts of the award winning TV show, Design Squad Nation. To see their project in action visit <http://pbskids.org/designsquad/contest/index.html>.

CNET.com also featured the winning design. See the story at http://news.cnet.com/8301-17938_105-20102370-1/kids-rubber-band-instrument-plays-bach-nets-prize/.

Sponsored by Design Squad Nation (of WGBH-TV in Boston), the Build Big Contest challenged teams to



Kalin Ngo and Robert Schill were part of a team that won the national "Build Big" contest.

choose an activity from the Design Squad Nation website, form a team and build a super-big version. They were required to take a video of the working design and upload it to YouTube.

Other WHS finalists were Scott Michaud and Dane Rimko for their Paper Table Kick Stick Challenge project; Scott Hulver and Steve Orange for their compressed air powered Launch It project; and Jennifer Chern and Kalin Ngo for their Cardboard Furniture Living Room Set project. ●

Youth Challenge celebrates 35 years of fun!

by Kathy Rigdon

Calling all former Youth Challenge participants, families, volunteers, staff and friends! Help us celebrate the 35th anniversary of Youth Challenge!

Youth Challenge (YC) is a non-profit corporation that brings together children with physical disabilities and youth volunteers for year-round adapted sports and recreational activities.

Join us Oct. 7 and 8 at YC headquarters in Westlake for our first ever Alumni Homecoming Weekend. Don't miss the Homecoming Dance and Open House on Friday, Oct. 7, from 6-9 p.m., followed by a YC Tailgate Party on Saturday, Oct. 8, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (or later). Bring your kids (all events are family friendly) or a friend and reconnect with your old pals from YC.

Youth Challenge is located at 800 Sharon Dr., Westlake. Please contact the office for more alumni information or if you would like to help plan the fun: yc@youthchallengesports.com or 440-892-1001. For additional information, visit youthchallengesports.com, or find us on Facebook to RSVP. ●

ONE SENIOR'S OPINION

As weather turns cooler, seniors should turn attention to preventing falls

by Dianne Borowski

On Friday, Sept. 23, Ohio senior citizens will observe the annual Falls Prevention Awareness Day. With winter just around the corner, now is the time to start thinking about how to prevent falls. According to the Ohio Department of Aging: “Falls are the leading cause of injury-related hospitalization and death among Ohioans age 65 and older.”

In order to prevent falls, certain steps can be taken to keep seniors safe and upright. Most of these precautions take just a measure of common sense and a little rearranging.

Keeping as physically active

as possible is important. Walking, swimming, chair exercises, yoga and tai chi will help improve your balance and strengthen muscles. Removing clutter from your surroundings is a good idea. Too many things to walk over or around increases your risk of falling. Make sure throw rugs have non-skid backings. Install handrails in bathtubs and use a shower chair if you tend to get light-headed in the shower.

Keep stairs clear of clutter and keep your home well-lit. Slow down; rushing around isn't recommended even if you're in good shape. Keep an eye on where you're walking, sometimes an uneven surface can be found where you least expect it. When the snow falls and ice covers the walkways, pay special attention to what your feet are doing. If you don't really need to go out, stay home – it's not worth the possibility of fracturing or breaking something.

Perhaps you think it's too soon to be worrying about weather-related falls, but it isn't. Being aware of those things which contribute to falls now will help keep you extra cautious and upright later on.

Thanks to the Ohio Department of Aging for their words of wisdom: “Leaves are supposed to fall. People aren't.” ●

POETRY

Haiku

David Scullin, Westlake

Beach chairs
around the umbrella's
cool circle

Bent in ankle deep surf
the shells are sought
in silence

Cooler with warm beer
Ice chips clattering
Filling the crevices

BAY VILLAGE CITY SCHOOLS

Sixty-five Bay High students earn AP Scholar Awards

by Karen Derby

The College Board has recognized sixty-five Bay High students with AP Scholar awards based on high achievement in rigorous Advanced Placement (AP) college-level courses as measured by AP exam scores.

Two Bay High students, 2011 graduates Emily Kukura and Laura Petto, qualified for the National AP Scholar Award by earning an average score of 4 or higher on a five-point scale on all AP exams taken, and scores of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams. The average score for the two was 4.5.

Twenty-three Bay High students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. These students are Nicholas Anhold, Nathan Baumgard, Anne Blackie, Michael Brajdic, Mathew Brant, Alex Burke, Jeremy Cottam, Joshua Ferencik, Allison Fischer, Daniel Johnson, David Johnson, Emily Kukura, Brian Liehti, Gregory Naegele, Shannon O'Brien, David Perkins, Jacob Petkovic, Laura Petto, Lindsay Stranahan, Kathryn Tokar, Kelsey Weber, Eliscia Wisner, and Jacob Wochna. The average score for this group was 4.32.

Sixteen Bay High students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. These students are Sarah Balch, Brent Baumgartner, Dalton Brewer, Lauren Chen, Camille Eckel, Joseph Garner, Adam Hengst, Freya Hughes, Jennifer Kowalski, Eric Linhart, Shannon Mansfield, Colleen McBride, Megan Mohny, Shannon Myers, Jacob Stokley, and John Urwin. The

average score for this group was 3.72.

Twenty-six Bay High students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP exams with scores of 3 or higher. These AP Scholars are Lauren Barbour, Samuel Chamberlain, Andrew Cooper, Andrew Cziryak, Kevin Dzienny, Matthew Gallagher, Julia Geschke, Margaret Goldsberry, Paul Gorski, Caroline Hall, Luke Heberle, Timothy Hughes, Mary Ellen Kauchek, Jaimie Kerka, Tanner Liptrap, Duncan MacMillan, Alex Moorhead, Caitlyn Murton, Nathan Notarberardino, Anthony Perri, William Prebl, Nicholas Snyder, Michael Sorge, Marisa Timm, Alexander Willson and Brian Woos. The average score for this group was 3.82.

Of this year's Bay High award recipients, 19 took the tests as sophomores or juniors: Brent Baumgartner, Samuel Chamberlain, Lauren Chen, Andrew Cooper, Matthew Gallagher, Julia Geschke, Margaret Goldsberry, Paul Gorski, Caroline Hall, Adam Hengst, Freya Hughes, Mary Ellen Kauchek, Jaimie Kerka, Duncan MacMillan, Alex Moorhead, Nathan Notarberardino, Marisa Timm and Brian Woos. These students have at least one more year in which to complete college-level work and possibly earn a higher-level AP Scholar Award.

Through 34 different college-level courses and exams, AP provides willing and academically prepared students with the opportunity to earn college credit or advanced placement and stand out in the college admission process. Research shows that AP students who score a 3 or higher on AP exams typically experience greater academic success in college and have higher college graduation rates than students who do not participate in AP. ●

JOB SEEKER TIPS

What type of first impression are you making?

by Michael Perry

Many people say that you can tell a lot about someone in just the first few minutes of meeting them. I agree. Body language, tone of voice, attire, level of self-confidence, ability to convey a sense of believability and trust are just some of the snapshots we give or receive that go a long way to creating that critical first impression.

Job seekers often do not realize that basically everything they do, say or write is considered when a hiring manager looks holistically at candidates for an open position. Below are a couple of real life examples of impressions made:

A job seeker had a bullet point in their resume that read, “I sold \$50,000 worth of product X each month.” When I asked her to provide me with some perspective of that accomplishment by ranking that level of production against the other five salespeople in her former company, she replied, “I was fourth.” A bit surprised, I remarked, “Fourth out of six salespeople...that means your sales

volume was below average!” Her reaction to my comment was simply, “Wow, I hadn't thought about that.”

A job seeker includes in his resume's “Career Summary” that he is a “results-oriented team leader.” Yet, there is no mention anywhere else within the content of the two-page document of ANY results for any accomplishment or anything about leading a team. No quantifications of his “claims” to be results-oriented or having expertise as a team leader. This is not a good strategy for making a hiring manager believe that you are his/her “ideal” candidate.

Why do people attend job seekers' group meetings dressed like they just came from a cookout? This is a business meeting. The presenters are most often employed executives and/or hiring managers. Do these folks ever look around the room and wonder, “If that speaker (potential hiring manager or someone with connections to other hiring managers) looks at all of the attendees, observes that some/most come dressed in professional attire and then sees me in jeans or shorts and a T-shirt...what type of first impression

will they have?”

Be your own toughest critic. Put yourself in the shoes of the potential hiring manager. Would you be impressed with you?

Here are a couple of tips to help make a great first impression:

- Check, double-check and then have a couple of other people (who you trust to be excellent proof readers) check and edit your resume and cover letter.
- Do a thorough review of your “digital life.” Ensure that the “story” being told about you on Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter is consistent with the story being told by your resume, during networking conversations and interview discussions.
- Have you proven everything that you claim you can do in your resume? Ensure that each of your key achievement/accomplishment bullet points contains specific examples of how you applied those skills to produce exceptional results (results that are quantified with metrics).

Be aware, be consistent, be impressive. ●

POETRY

The Perfect Night

Sevy Haswell, Bay Village

Why do we fight each other
Over power why mislead?
It makes no sense to kill a man
For nothing more than greed.

Will it not stop this urge to rise,
For fame which I despise,
The ruins that are left behind,
In war are not a prize.

They are remnants of a loveless world
Where man never evolved.
They cared for just themselves and so
Through War their hearts revolved.

Oh help me if I could reach out,
and be heard on this day,
I would embrace the ones who fight,
Their own demons in some way.

Make a promise to yourself,
And show it to the world,
And treat your every brother,
Like a diamond or a pearl.

Hold the fire, show your love,
Embrace your fellow man,
Believe that we all share this Earth,
And forever hold his hand.

Westshore teen leaders learn valuable life skills

by Carole Ochs

Teens from five Westshore school districts participated in a Leadership Training exercise at the Westlake Recreation Center on Sept. 8. The Westshore Enforcement Bureau hosted this event for 7th-12th grade students, school administrators, counselors and resource officers. The Westshore Young Leaders Network is an alcohol and other drug prevention program funded by a grant that was awarded to the Westshore Enforcement Bureau (WEB) in 2010. Special Agent Jeff Capretto and myself have been working with school staff and students to provide alcohol- and drug-free activities and events for students for the past year.

McKeon Educational Group staff members from Bay Family Services Loren McKeon and Jamie Mahnic designed and facilitated the day-long experiential program. Middle and high school staff from Bay Village, Westlake, Lakewood, North Olmsted and Rocky River attended the training as liaisons between students and adult trainers to assist teens as they learned leadership and team building skills.

A variety of activities and games provided the teens an opportunity to make friends with Young Leaders in other communities while having fun. Trainers asked the question, "What one thing would you do to make your school better?" as a springboard to a lively discussion.

The teens identified areas that they would like to improve in each of their schools.

The interactive training model teaches tools for problem solving, therefore empowering students to address problems in a constructive manner. Taking responsibility and ownership for improving problematic situations is a proactive approach to take in school and throughout life.

After identifying specific areas of concern, the teens learned how to conduct a needs assessment to gauge how students in their school viewed the status quo. With the help of school liaisons, young leaders developed specific steps that would need to be taken for the surveys to be distributed and then analyzed. Obtaining permission from the their school's principal was the first step. Teens in each group volunteered to take responsibility for various aspects of the process.

After learning to design a 10-item student survey and analyze the data, plans for improvement can be explored. Trainers also taught teens another aspect of leadership: writing an effective proposal. Ample time was allotted for each school team to discuss their ideas and practice writing their proposal.

While the Sept. 8 exercise was a great start, WEB's Leadership Training is on ongoing process which con-



Loren McKeon of Bay Family Services talks to students in the Westshore Young Leaders Network at a Sept. 8 training exercise at the Westlake Recreation Center.

tinues during monthly meetings held in the Bay Village Police Department's Community Room. Counselors from Bay Family Services will continue to instruct team-building and leadership skill development as teens learn by actually hosting an event in their school.

School administrators, counselors, resource officers and WEB staff are eager to see the creative manner in which the Westshore Young Leaders strive to improve their schools and develop leadership qualities through actual practice that will serve them well not only in school now, but in future academics and life. ●

NEW BUSINESS

All-male salon opens in Westlake



The Man Cave staff, (from left) stylist Jessica Erne, owner Heather Hoty, and manager Kim Novak.

by Heather Hoty

The Man Cave, the West Side's only full-service all-male salon, recently opened in Westlake. In this newly remodeled facility, men can enjoy an array of services in the privacy of their own setting. All of the styling stations are private with flat screen televisions, complimentary beverages (including Starbucks), and the most talented stylists Cleveland has to offer. The Cave ranges from private in-house pedicures all the way to full-service hair replacement.

We believe strongly in giving back to the community. All children's



hair replacement is always complimentary. I have been in the all-male industry for many years and believe that the holidays are the time for all men to feel good about themselves.

The Man Cave team works tirelessly for 18 hours for "Haircuts for the Holidays." This is an event for men and boys in need to get groomed, have a meal, and get personal grooming packages sponsored by American Crew.

The Man Cave features inexpensive children's cuts starting at \$12 and ranges

up to 38 dollars, with many different haircut services.

The Man Cave Premiere cut includes a full detailed hair cut, a mini facial massage (Jack Black Skin), hot steam towels, an undereye lifting serum and a hot stone neck massage with The Cave's famous Dragon Ice. ●

The Man Cave is located at 2089 Clague Rd. in Westlake; 440-331-CAVE, themancaveonline.com.



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BAYARTS

BAYarts to get new pottery building

by Nancy Heaton

Pottery has always been a popular class at BAYarts but with recent equipment upgrades and facility improvements in the last five years, there has been an even greater demand. The studio is located in the stone basement of the historic Huntington House.

In spring 2011, with the endless rain, foundation issues created by Fuller House construction and an overworked drainage system resulted in regular flooding. It was common to see teachers in rubber wellies and young pottery students happily splashing in the puddles. The BAYarts staff worked around the clock with Cleveland Metroparks workers mopping and pumping throughout the day, seven days a week, but the endless rain made it impossible to repair the drains.

So it was rather miraculous when Brian and Gretchen Collieran offered to fund an all-new structure, dedicated to the memory of Gretchen's mother, Karen Ryel: a member of the close-knit advanced pottery students who passed away on her 60th birthday in 2010.

Now in the planning stages with Cleveland Metroparks, construction will begin next spring on the state-of-the-art "Karen Ryel Ceramic Studio" complete with dry floors! ●



Moondance event brings art lovers together for fun night to benefit BAYarts



photos by Dale Caldwell

TIME CAPSULE

continued from front page

A limited-edition, signed and numbered print – one of 295, and exclusive to the Bay Village Historical Society – by Bay's well-known artist, Thomas William Jones, will be awarded. The original, signed watercolor is available and priced from the artist for \$22,000.

The imposing, black granite marker selected by the Bicentennial committee was approved for placement in the park on August 29, 2011, by the Cahoon Memorial Park Trustees. The marker and time capsule are expected to become an important part of Bay's connection to the future.

Memorabilia was collected throughout the 2010 Bicentennial year for the capsule. Included are: U.S. coins dated 2010; two 11-inch twigs taken from the original Wisteria bush planted by the Cahoons and still growing in front of their Rose Hill home; city business cards submitted from some of City Council's representatives with personal, handwritten messages on the back to folks one hundred years from now; and letters from educators in various Bay schools along with the three winning "Letters to the Future" contest submissions sponsored by the Bicentennial Executive Committee early in 2010. Those letters were written by John Suter, then-nine-year old Caroline Dannemiller and a relatively new Bay resident, Dianne Borowski. A copy of St. Raphael's church bulletin from October 10 with its commemorative cover and article has also been added.

There are lists of residents, corporate donors and honoraria of Bicentennial donors contributing \$100 or more to the



The Bay Village Bicentennial time capsule

memorable, fun-filled two-day October Bicentennial event that simply would not have happened without their generosity. There is a photo of the city's Bicentennial quilt (on display at the Dwyer Memorial Senior Center) with a list of the quilters and a history and description of its creation. A Bicentennial flag is also included in the vault along with City Council's resolution of designation of the flag as the Bicentennial standard. Additionally, there is a deck of historical playing cards and a large, brass Christmas Bicentennial ornament from the Historical Society along with other popular 2010 memorabilia of the day. A Bay resident donated a commemorative spoon from America's 1976 Bicentennial that features our Community House (the old Cahoon barn) on its silver handle.

Of course, there are copies of the Westlake | Bay Village Observer dated October 5, 2010, and October 16, 2010, featuring so much of Bay's history and a schedule of the events from Oct. 9 and 10 that attracted more than 5,500 Bay-ites. The program that was passed out to residents during the Sunday 10.10.10

events and a candle that was used in the "Celebration of Light" ecumenical service have also been included. In addition, the poster advertising the Bicentennial Events in businesses throughout Bay has also been included.

Contributors who made possible the new replica of the original 1882 cupola on the Cahoon barn will be listed and included with gratitude from the Bay Village Historical Society. The Society raised over \$26,000 to celebrate this gift from the residents – it was illuminated on 10.10.10. to music and fireworks! Some of the original architectural plans of the cupola have been added. Council

minutes from April 19, 2010, along with the minutes of the Cahoon Memorial Park Trustees meeting of the same date have been added to give residents of 2110 an idea of some of the actions under consideration by city government in our time.

Throughout the year of Bicentennial celebrations, photos were taken to document the various activities. These commemorative photos will also become a part of the 2010 history for those residents of 2110 to peruse.

Although many other items and proclamations are included, the piece of history at the bottom of the capsule will be the actual Resolution No. 10-141 issued by City Council and signed by its president and our city's mayor congratulating the Bicentennial Executive Committee, the many other committees, and Bay's residents on a successful and well-planned celebration. ●

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Sept. 19 - Oct. 1
Sister Cities Student Art Exchange
See the story on page 6 of this issue.
Westlake City Hall, 27700 Hilliard Blvd.

Sept. 24, 8 a.m.-noon
Bay Village Early Childhood PTA Fall Resale Fundraiser
Early shopping for the public begins at 8 a.m. with \$5 admission. General shopping for the public is 9 a.m. to noon with \$1 admission.
Bay Middle School cafeteria, 27725 Wolf Rd.

Sept. 24, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Scrapbooking Retreat for Those Touched by Cancer
Those touched by cancer can learn how to scrapbook or continue working on their own albums and learn new techniques. Scrapbooking supplies and tools will be provided. Participants should bring photos and their own personal scrap supplies if they have them. Advanced registration is required, 216-595-9546.
The Gathering Place West, 800 Sharon Dr., Westlake

Sept. 24, 11 a.m.-noon
Fall Yard Renovation Seminar
Fall is the perfect time to tackle the renovation of your lawn and prepare your beds for winter. Join us for this free seminar as we show you how.
Gale's Westlake Garden Center, 24373 Center Ridge Rd.

Sept. 24, noon-4 p.m.
Benefit for the Cleveland APL
The Animal Protective League will bring dogs and cats available for adoption from 12-3 p.m. Help us find homes for these precious animals. Join Q104's Allan Fee and his Street Team as they spin the prize wheel to win great prizes!
Gale's Westlake Garden Center, 24373 Center Ridge Rd.

Sept. 24, 1-4 p.m.
'Then and Now': Emergency Planning and Food Storage Program
Greg Lassen will capture the essence of food canning and preparation, food storage everyone will eat and general emergency preparedness (including the 72-hour kit). The program will also include information, displays and counseling in education, finances and education. Free; no reservations needed. For information call Greg Lassen, 440-915-6453.
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 25000 Westwood Rd., Westlake

Sept. 24, 5-6:30 p.m.
West Shore Community Meal
This FREE Community Meal for all ages will consist of an Italian herb chicken dinner with mashed potatoes, corn/broccoli bake, dessert & beverages. No carry-out meals are available. Accessible to the physically challenged. Co-sponsored by Church of the Redeemer UCC in Westlake. For information, call 440-734-1040.
Clague Road UCC, 3650 Clague Rd., North Olmsted

Sept. 25, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Bay Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast
The breakfast includes pancakes, syrup, link

sausages, milk, juice and coffee for \$5 per person (\$6 at the door). Children under six eat for free. Advance tickets are available from Kiwanian Rhonda Schneider, 440-892-1829 or baykiwanis@gmail.com.
Bay Middle School, 27725 Wolf Rd.

Sept. 28, 6:30-8:45 p.m.
Embroidery Guild Meeting
Northcoast Chapter of the Embroiderer's Guild of America will meet in Porter Library's Dover Room. The project this month will be stitching on waste canvas. Guests are welcomed! Questions, call Kathy at 440-895-9597.
Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Sept. 30, 7:30 p.m.
Egyptian Multimedia Spectacular
This original production will include film clips, slides, live Egyptian dancers, authentic food and drink, poetry and exotic music. Attendees are invited to wear an Egyptian costume.
Unity Spiritual Center, 23855 Detroit Rd., Westlake

Oct. 1, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Drive Smart for Westlake High School
Members of the Westlake community will have the opportunity to raise money for the high school athletic dept. by test-driving a Lincoln vehicle. For every person from a unique household who test-drives a qualifying Lincoln model at this one-day event, Lincoln and Nick Mayer will donate \$20 to the WHS Athletic Dept., up to \$6,000.
Nick Mayer Lincoln, 24400 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake

Oct. 6, 7 p.m.
Drug Awareness Program for Parents
See the story on page 4 of this issue.
Bay Middle School, 27725 Wolf Rd.

Oct. 7, 9:15 a.m.-2:45 p.m.
Flu Shots
This vaccine protects against this year's three main flu strains. The cost is \$30 for flu and \$45 for pneumonia immunizations, however, many insurance companies cover the cost. Bring your medical cards and be sure to wear short sleeves. APPOINTMENTS ARE NECESSARY: 440-899-3409 or 440-899-3442.
Dwyer Center, 300 Bryson Lane, Bay Village

Oct. 9, 1-5 p.m.
Cleveland West Table Tennis Club Grand Opening
The new Cleveland West Table Tennis Club will meet every Sunday from 1-5 p.m. beginning Oct. 9. We will be playing at the basketball court. Fee is \$5 and you DO NOT need to be a member of Westlake Recreation Center. Beginners and advanced players alike are invited to join us. For more information, visit ClevelandWestTTC.org.
Westlake Recreation Center, 28955 Hilliard Blvd.

Oct. 9, 2-3:30 p.m.
Bay Village Bicentennial Time Capsule Ceremony
See the story on page 1 of this issue.
Cahoon Memorial Park, corner of Lake and Cahoon roads

War of 1812 remembered with ceremony

by Deb Marisch

The Early Settlers Association wreath-laying ceremony, commemorating the Battle of Lake Erie on Sept. 10, 1813, took place at Fort Huntington Park in Cleveland on Friday, Sept. 9, 2011.

Laying the wreath were Marlene Wilkinson, Doris Gorgas and Deborah Marisch, members of Peter Navarre Chapter, United States Daughters of 1812.

Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard, dressed in Revolutionary War uniforms, posted the colors at the

Lakeside Avenue park's Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry Monument.

Perry's victory over the British secured the Northwest Territory for the United States. Fort Huntington Park is named for the garrison that was built there to defend against the British during the War of 1812.

United States Daughters of 1812 members have proven lineal descent from an ancestor who served in a civil or military capacity during the War of 1812, post Revolutionary War years, 1784 to 1815. For more information about U.S.D. 1812 membership, email Marlene Wilkinson at marwilk32@hotmail.com. ●



John Cimperman of the Early Settlers Association and Doris Gorgas, Marlene Wilkinson and Deborah Marisch of the local chapter of the U.S. Daughters of 1812 commemorate the Battle of Lake Erie with a wreath-laying ceremony.

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