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## Business growth, sound planning keep Westlake stable in tough economy



Westlake Mayor Dennis Clough explains the city's action plan for a challenging economy during his March 12 State of the City address before the West Shore Chamber of Commerce at LaCentre.

by Tara Wendell

Through diligent planning, dedicated employees and community reinvestment, Westlake has maintained its status over the past year as a premier destination for residents and businesses alike, Mayor Dennis Clough told members of the West Shore Chamber of Commerce on March 12. In his 28th annual State of the City address, Clough highlighted the achievements of each city department and measured his administration's progress toward

*“One of the things that makes Westlake a very attractive community is simply [that] we do manage the taxpayers' dollars pretty wisely”*

objectives set for the year.

Mayor Clough said Westlake sits in a strong financial position, calling it “pretty much debt free,” with a “higher bond rating [AAA] than the U.S. government.” In accordance with city goals, Westlake's property tax and sewer rates remain the lowest in the

Westshore, and in some cases, the county, while income tax rates have been steady for the past twenty years. Clough, a certified public accountant, credits his city's diverse economic composition and responsible fiscal management.

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## League of Women Voters forum explores city, county collaboration

by Conda Boyd

County officials Ed Jerse and Dale Miller kicked off the League of Women Voters–Cuyahoga Area's three-part forum on regionalization on March 5 at Bay Village's Dwyer Center. Both speakers emphasized opportunities for voluntary collaboration among cities, as well as between cities and the county. Both stated that mergers between political entities are not the first choice, given local communities' desire to preserve their identities, as well as the expense and length of time to effect mergers.

Mr. Jerse, Cuyahoga County's Director of Regional Coordination, cited the county's 59 communities signing a landmark anti-poaching agreement, promising not to attempt to persuade businesses to relocate within the county.

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Ed Jerse discusses Cuyahoga County Executive Ed FitzGerald's policies of regional collaboration.

## WESTLAKE'S ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT SET FOR MARCH 23

by Al Psota

Every year since 1955 the Westlake Town Criers have sponsored the annual city Easter Egg Hunt. This year the event will be held on Saturday, March 23, at the playground in front of the Westlake Recreation Center, 28955 Hilliard Blvd.

Promptly at 1 p.m., children ages four to six will take off on a scramble for wrapped candy and in search for special eggs redeemable for

prizes. The scramble will be repeated at 1:30 p.m. for ages seven to ten.

Simultaneously there is a non-competitive egg hunt for children up to age three. Mr. and Mrs. Easter Bunny will be passing out candy and will be available for pictures. There will also be face painting and refreshments by the members of Westlake High's National Honor Society, and a raffle to win large stuffed animals.

There is no charge and a good time is had by all. ●



Mr. and Mrs. Easter Bunny at last year's Easter egg hunt.

## Bay civic groups team up for 'Fly a Flag' project

by Deb Marisch

Three Bay Village civic organizations – American Legion Post 385, Bay Village Kiwanis and Martha Devotion Huntington Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution – have teamed up to help Bay residents show their patriotism.

If you are a Bay resident with limited abilities or funds, you can obtain a 3-by-5-foot outdoor American flag, flag pole and bracket installed at your home at ground level. (Homeowner assumes all responsibility for the flag bracket's installation location.)

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We hope to see you at one or both of these upcoming free workshops:

**Thursday, April 4, 7 p.m.**  
**Westlake Porter Public Library**

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## CLOUGH

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"One of the things that makes Westlake a very attractive community is simply [that] we do manage the taxpayers' dollars pretty wisely and we have a good, economically diverse base," Clough said.

Westlake takes a conservative position with regard to revenue estimation and uses "worst case scenario" planning for expenditures. This approach has helped the city meet its objective of controlling costs and keeping expenditures below the level of general operating revenue for at least the past several years. With a constant eye toward increasing efficiencies, Westlake managed to maintain a high level of service to its residents while spending \$3 million less in 2012 than in 2006.

Westlake benefits from a thriving commercial sector, with roughly 73 businesses opened, expanded or relocated in Westlake last year. Aside from notable exceptions including St. John Medical Center, Hyland Software and TravelCenters of America, most of the growth has occurred on a smaller scale.

"The key to economic growth often is the result of the expansion of small businesses," Clough told the Chamber members, "so we're very pleased that so many businesses have invested in our community."

2013 will bring a much-anticipated Nordstrom Rack store, a consolidated headquarters building for the financial

services company Equity Trust and Sky Zone Indoor Trampoline Center, a 30,000-square-foot recreational facility. Mayor Clough stated that American Greetings is moving forward with design work, while waiting for approval to construct its new headquarters in Crocker Park.

The city has a number of infrastructure projects ahead, Clough said, namely improvements to Clemens Road and the Bradley/Detroit intersection, as well as a handful of projects in the design phase, including the I-90/Columbia corridor, two Canterbury Road intersections and the Bradley Road storm sewer.

Mayor Clough hopes to soon have a resolution to the matter of switching the city's water supplier from Cleveland to Avon Lake, which is currently tied up in court, saying he "still feel[s] it's in the best interest of the city of Westlake to change ... because it gives us more control over our maintenance as well as the opportunity to use resources that are generated from the sale of water to replace water lines."

Under the current agreement, Clough explained, the city of Cleveland will repair water lines, but Westlake is responsible for the cost of replacement. "It doesn't make any sense for the city of Westlake to replace a road without taking care of the infrastructure underneath that road."

Already Westlake's longest serving mayor, Clough expects to pass the three-decade mark during his next term, telling the crowd of community business leaders that he has been advised that he will be unopposed in the November election. ●

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- Aim for 300-500 words.
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- Submit original stories and photos. Don't copy others' work and remember to credit your sources.
- Be respectful of others.
- Write for the community. The Observer's focus is on the people, news and events of Westlake and Bay Village.
- 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.

- 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. To join in, sign-up through the Member Center at [www.wbvobserver.com](http://www.wbvobserver.com) and submit your stories & photos. Photos should be jpegs & a minimum of 2 megabytes in size. If you have questions, contact us at [staff@wbvobserver.com](mailto:staff@wbvobserver.com).

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## BVEF Spotlight Series Kindergarten teacher Debbie Brax

by Jacquie Mayer

In November 2012, the Bay Village Education Foundation awarded grants to several innovative educators in the district. Full-day kindergarten teacher Debbie Brax was awarded \$2,900 for six iPads for use within her classroom and the two other full-day kindergarten classrooms. The following is what Mrs. Brax shared regarding the new technology:

"These iPads have created some very exciting changes in my classroom. There

are some very cool handwriting games for iPads, and my students are always eager to practice writing letters and numbers using apps like Letter School and Pocket Phonics, which help to reinforce not only proper letter formation, but also letter naming, sound association and initial sound fluency.

"With an app called Story Buddy, students are taking pictures and telling a story about their picture while practicing keyboarding skills. Word Wizard is an app that allows students to move letter tiles to form words, an extension of a skill that they practice in our Foundations Reading Program. An app called Sight Words presents a sight word, and when the student taps the word, the word is heard. Then, students can record themselves reading the word and listen to it play back. Finally, they are prompted to spell the word! Wow! This has been so instrumental in building their sight word fluency!

"One of our latest downloads is called Story Wheel, which allows my students to create and record their very own story with the visual prompts that are provided. I love listening to their imaginations run wild and know that this is helping to develop their expressive language skills! The iPads are a key element in our daily center rotations, and the iPad Center is always the center of choice.

"Aside from the academic benefits, I should mention that my students have gained socially and emotionally. They work collaboratively on activities and are practicing important social skills like sharing and taking turns.

"We share the iPads we received through the Bay Village Educational Foundation with other kindergarten classrooms, and as they circulate and



PHOTO BY JACQUIE MAYER

Grant recipient Debbie Brax, right, with BVEF Grants Chair Ellie Bricmont

make their rounds, teachers often collaborate, searching for those excellent apps that will help to enhance student achievement.

"I knew it would be great having iPads in the classroom, but this has far exceeded my expectations. We are very grateful to the Bay Ed Foundation for their commitment to our students." ●

## Marie Novak announces candidacy for Ward 2 Westlake City Council

Attorney and registered nurse Marie Novak announced her candidacy for the Westlake City Council Ward 2 primary to be held May 7.

Ms. Novak is a wife, mother of two young boys and an active member of the Westlake community.

"I live and work in Westlake," Ms. Novak said. "I am invested in this community, the schools and the people who live here. I look forward to the opportunity to become 'a new voice for continued suc-



Marie Novak is a candidate for Ward 2 Westlake City Council.

cess' as a member of the City Council from Ward 2."

Her education includes a bachelor's degree from Baldwin Wallace University (previously Baldwin-Wallace College), Juris Doctor from Cleveland State University's Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Master of Taxation from Case West-

ern Reserve University School of Law and an associate degree of Applied Science in Nursing from Cuyahoga Community College.

Ms. Novak is currently employed at St. John Medical Center as a registered nurse and nursing supervisor. She has previous nursing experience with both the Cleveland Clinic Foundation and the Summa Health System. Prior to becoming a nurse, Ms. Novak was employed as an attorney with the law firms Ross, Brittain & Schonberg Co. and Rademaker, Matty, Henrikson & Greve (previously Rademaker, Matty, McClelland & Greve) with expertise in tax law.

She is an active member of the community. She volunteers extensively with the Westlake Early Childhood PTA (WECPTA) and the Westlake Council

of PTAs. She serves as the third vice president of the WECPTA and chairs the Kiddie Klost Committee which is one of the largest sales in the area.

Ms. Novak recently continued her volunteerism in the community by joining the Westlake Women's Club, which participates in volunteer services throughout the community, raises money for scholarships for Westlake High School seniors and distributes funds to local charitable agencies for services they provide.

For more information, please visit [www.votemarienovak.blogspot.com](http://www.votemarienovak.blogspot.com) or email [votemarienovak@gmail.com](mailto:votemarienovak@gmail.com). ●

## Bay Men's Club to collect, sell sporting goods

by Eric Eakin

The members of the Bay Men's Club will be holding a gently used sporting goods sale Saturday, March 23, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Bay Middle School, 27725 Wolf Rd.

The organization is currently collecting athletic shoes/cleats (smaller sizes are most in need); soccer shin guards; baseball and softball gloves and other equipment. Tax-deductible monetary donations may be made at Heinen's.

The equipment will be cleaned and sold to raise money for the club's scholarship fund, which offers financial aid to worthy Bay Village students.

Unsold equipment will be donated to other communities in need. (The Bay Men's Club adheres to the "Bay Good Neighbor Policy." If there is a child in need of sports equipment and times are difficult, please contact the club and we will work to quietly find a solution.)

For more information contact Sean Riley at 440-835-1825. ●

### POETRY

## Mixed Emotions

by Dave Scullin, Westlake

You can see his cardboard sign, held chest high, as you get off the Innerbelt Freeway at the Chester Avenue exit.

All it says is "HOMELESS" as he stands there. If you get stuck at the light, he will stare at you with pleading eyes.

I can't help thinking to myself...suck-it-up, go flip hamburgers, bag groceries, wash cars, anything but begging!

As I drive away, my heart softens. The Good Book says we will always have the poor with us. Easy for me to judge. Here's hoping that the dirty Starbucks cup he thrusts at you fills with money and perhaps a little hope!

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# Relay For Life takes on deeper personal meaning

by Amy Brediger

For those of you new to the Observer, I am the event chair for Relay For Life of Westlake. I have been writing over the last 11 months for Relay and about my dad, Bill Hackenberg. To any devoted followers, I am back after a two-month hiatus to support Relay and provide an update.

I started participating in Relay when my dad was diagnosed with stage 4 gastro-esophageal junction cancer. I also began writing to tell people the story of a most wonderful man, my dad. On Jan. 17 he was taken from us way too soon at the age of 64 by this horrible disease. He went peacefully, and I was given the gift of being at his side when he took his final breath after a fierce fight against his illness.

Two months have gone by and we are still trying to learn to live without a man who loved us, made us proud and wanted to find a cure for the next person stricken with this disease. We knew his cancer was terminal but he was a big part of Relay For Life and I plan to pursue his dream of a cure.

The American Cancer Society has so many ways to help the patient, caregivers and family of those with cancer. I want to let people know that they can help be a part of a bigger picture by simply joining the Relay. Our Relay will be July 13-14 at the Westlake Recreation Center. Our theme is Game Shows and we are working very hard to make this year a huge success. This year Bay Village will not have its own Relay so I would like to invite all of you to come and meet us for a day of fun, caring and

some very moving moments honoring those fighting, caregiving and of course the ones who have lost their battle.

Amazing things have happened since I started writing for the Observer. Old friends found my dad before he passed, amazing people have come into my life and people have joined the Relay to help make more birthdays. It has taken me several attempts to write since my father's passing, but I am slowly finding peace and ready to get out there again to drive the mission to gain teams, sponsors and volunteers.

My father's memorial service was a testament to the man he was. Over 350 people came to honor him and give our family the support and love that we needed so badly. I am encouraged by the memorial and hope that for one minute I can affect people the way that he did over his lifetime. He is my hero and my dad – a man I watched decline in just a few short months. I want to help any other person facing this struggle, even if just one...the same way my dad would have.

So take some time to love your family, tell them that you do and take that one extra trip to see them. You will be glad you did. And when you are done doing that, join us in the Relay For Life. You will be glad you did. Please contact me for any info at 440-666-0662.

None of this would have been possible if it were not for Tara and Denny from the Observer; faithful friends, editors and genuinely amazing people. Thank you both for your kind words, love and understanding.

Write to you all in two weeks. "Till then, live each day. ●

## SPORTING VIEWS

# Putting the 'psycho' in sports psychology

by Jeff Bing

It was not too many years ago, while still considering a career in psychology, that I took a class which included the examination of some of the social aspects of professional sports and their impact on the human psyche. I always had more than a casual curiosity why any sane person would follow three professional sports teams which – for the most part, anyway – routinely had their rears kicked (as I recall, that's technical talk) on a regular basis, only to still come back for more.

If you really think about it, many of the theories on the subject make a lot of sense:

1) Back in the day – and I mean really far back – when we lived in small groups or tribes, we were usually protected by a group of warriors who went into battle representing us as a whole. Today, that still holds true as our sports teams do indeed represent us. We won't get into any of the specifics regarding how successful they are at achieving their task; that would be too painful.

2) We, as humans, also have this so-called "healthy" desire to be affiliated with groups - be they family, clubs, church or lousy sports teams. My own personal opinion here is that if we really wanted to be top-notch psychologically, we'd have the good sense to know when to "cut the cord" as it were. But hey, my last name isn't Freud or Jung, is it? (I should probably have just stuck to cherries like Mom wanted me to).

3) Another of the common theories

presented is that we need the distraction derived from sports to help us deal with the negatives in our daily lives, such as work, family, the IRS, or Snooki. I don't know about you, but personally, there have been many times in my life when I'd wished I'd had the distraction of WORK to help me forget what I was witnessing at an Indians, Browns or Cavs game. Talk about reverse psychology...

4) Finally, there's also the benefit of being able to shout, yell, scream and generally act like an idiot with thousands of others who will think no less of you for acting in that manner. Of course, that's primarily because they're acting like idiots too. But it's a release which allows you to vent and blow off a little steam, right? You can't do that at home without drawing a few stares, can you? Remember how the family looked at you when you went ballistic over the new mandatory service charge on your water bill? We don't want that to happen again now, do we?

I remember asking my professor – and keep in mind this man was always dead serious – about the dangers of following professional sports in Cleveland, specifically.

He looked up at me and, with one of the best impersonations of Freud I've ever witnessed, replied, "You'll have to take Abnormal Psychology to cover that, my friend."

What a wise guy - probably from Pittsburgh. ●

*Jeff welcomes all feedback and suggestions, pro or con, which may be sent to editor@wbvobserver.com.*

# Bay Village shopping opportunities of yesteryear

by Dan Hirschfeld

In the 1960s and '70s, when I called the city of Bay Village home (for about twelve years), "online" shopping may have meant waiting in a long queue for one's purchases to be rung-up. It's doubtful anyone other than the most visionary among us would have imagined the concept as it exists today.

Still, back then residents of Bay Vil-

lage didn't have far to travel if they wished to purchase a surprisingly wide variety of items. A story of mine appearing in the Feb. 19 issue of this newspaper regarding some of the dining-out options that existed when I was a Bayite spurred further recollections of other retail businesses in the city during that era. This is by no means a complete list, but following is my recollection of many of those retailers:

Starting in the area of Dover Center

Road and the railroad tracks, a then-relatively-new shopping plaza, now known as Dover Junction, housed a Kroger's supermarket which featured a very comprehensive selection of produce, groceries and other related items. Just to the north of Kroger's sat a Cunningham Drug store, itself offering a wide variety of products. Other retailers located in that plaza were a D.O. Summers dry cleaner, a beauty salon and, I believe, a music store.

On the east side of Dover Center, between the railroad tracks and East Oviatt Road, the NAPA auto parts store (now located in Dover Junction), a florist, both Reehorst and Quen's dry cleaners and maybe another beauty shop could be found.

Just a bit north on Dover Center, on the west side of the street, sat the old Sell's store, which featured all sorts of candy, Matchbox cars and a wide variety of gift items. Malley's Chocolates now occupies the site. The Bay Delicatessen sat just to the north

of Sell's and, for a time, a Lawson's Dairy store could be found next to them but that retailer would eventually relocate to a modernized facility across the street (plus an additional location out east on Eaton Way). Nearby, a Marshall's (I believe) drug store occupied a space next to the Bay Post Office.

A little further north on Dover Center, then as now, a Heinen's supermarket, featuring a wide variety of fine foods, made its home.

North of Heinen's, on Wolf Road, the Bay Shopping Center hosted an impressive variety of stores in its U-shaped confines. A few of them included the very fine Avelone Pharmacy, Roger and Wray's – which sold Schwinn bicycles and a "complete selection of indoor and outdoor needs," Bay Hardware, Barth's Meat Market, Bay Travel, Grebe's convenience store, Bay Pastry, Arthur's Shoe Tree, a pet shop, the Bay Barber Shop and the Bay Sportsman Shop – itself selling an impressive variety of goods.

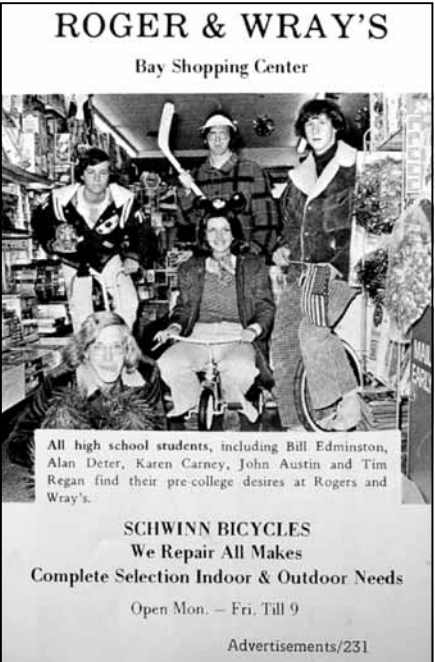
Add to the list a number of banks, realtors, service station/garages that called the city home, plus a superette on either end of town, and one could find almost anything one needed within the borders of Bay Village, Ohio.

With the very substantial number – and variety – of retail outlets that have found their way to Westlake over the many years I've called the city home, its easy to forget the comprehensive mix of stores that existed in Bay "back in the day." ●

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These ads for Quen's Cleaners and Roger & Wray's appeared in the "Bay Bluebook," Bay High's yearbook, in 1976.





WESTLAKE PORTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

# Upcoming events at Westlake Porter Public Library

by Elaine Willis

**Wednesday, March 20 (10:15-10:45 a.m. or 11-11:30 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. Space is limited, so please arrive early enough to receive a ticket at the Preschool Desk.

**Wednesday, March 20 (4-5 p.m.) BOOKS WITH BELLA** – What do you get when you bring children, dogs and books together? You get happy, confident children who love reading! Stop by the Youth Services Department each Wednesday and sign your child up for a 15-minute reading time with Bella the Bulldog! Bring your own book to share with Bella or choose one of ours.

**Wednesday, March 20 (5-6 p.m.) TWEEN BOOK CLUB** – Read a really good book recently? Looking for suggestions? Then join us for lively discussions about good books, audio, apps and more. Snacks provided! Grades 5-8. Please register starting March 13.

**Wednesday, March 20 (6:30-8:45 p.m.) CUYAHOGA WEST GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY** – “Our Favorite Genealogical Websites Demo” by Jim Denham and John Noble.

**Thursday, March 21 (5-6 p.m.) TEEN BOOK DISCUSSION** – Read a really good book recently? Looking for suggestions? Then join us for a snack and a lively discussions about books, audio, apps and more. Grades 9-12. Please register starting March 14. Meets at Panera Bread, 26137 Detroit Rd., Westlake.

**Friday, March 22 (10-10:45 a.m.) COME PLAY WITH ME!** – Open playtime with age-appropriate toys, songs and rhymes. For children ages 2-5 with a caring adult. Registration begins one week before each program.

**Friday, March 22 (11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) CONNECTING FOR KIDS PARENT DISCUSSION & FACILITATED PLAYGROUP** – Participate in a discussion group led by a pediatric expert while your children play in a separate room with a CCBDD facilitator. You must RSVP for the playgroup starting one month before each session by calling 440-250-5563. Children do not need a formal diagnosis to attend. Topics listed at connectingforkids.org.

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

**Friday, March 22 (4-4:45 p.m.) HOPPIN’ FAMILY STORYTIME** – Hop into spring in our family storytime featuring frogs and other animals that hop! We’ll also sing songs and do a spring craft. Ages 3-6. Please register starting March 15.

**Saturday, March 23 (2-3 p.m.) HAPPY 50TH BIRTHDAY, AMELIA BEDELIA** – We can’t wait to celebrate Amelia’s 50th birthday with you! Stories, games and a goofy craft will be part of the fun. Come prepared to be silly and laugh a

lot! Ages 5-8. Please register starting March 16.

**Monday, March 25 (1-7 p.m.) AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE**

**Monday, March 25 (4-6 p.m.) TEEN LOUNGE** – Need a place to hang out after school? Come to WPPL’s Teen Lounge on Monday afternoons! We’ve got computers, video games, board games, snacks and more! Meets only when Westlake Schools are in session. Registration not necessary.

**Wednesday, March 27 (10:15-10:45 a.m. or 11-11:30 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. Space is limited, so please arrive early enough to receive a ticket at the Preschool Desk.

**Wednesday, March 27 (4-5 p.m.) BOOKS WITH BELLA** – What do you get when you bring children, dogs and books together? You get happy, confident children who love reading! Stop by the Youth Services Department each Wednesday and sign your child up for a 15-minute reading time with Bella the Bulldog! Bring your own book to share with Bella or choose one of ours.

**Wednesday, March 27 (2 p.m.) WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION** – March’s selection is “Olive Kitteridge” by Elizabeth Strout.

**Thursday, March 28 (7-8:45 p.m.) WESTLAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY** – Will Krause interview with Roger and Lolly Cooley.

**Friday, March 29 (1:30-2:30 p.m.) KIDS IN MOTION SENSORY TIME** – Join us for stories, activities, music and more! Program consists of a 30-minute storytime followed by a 30-minute social-sharing time for the group. No registration required. Program is designed to engage children with autism or other special needs/sensory challenges. Each child must have an adult caregiver.

**Saturday, March 30 (10:30-11:30 a.m.) POKEMON LEAGUE** – Bring your cards and accessories for a fun morning of play, drawing or coloring your favorite characters! For kids ages 7-10 only. Please, no younger siblings. Registration begins one week before each session.

**Saturday, March 30 (2:30-3:30 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 before each session.

**Saturday, March 30 (3:45-5:15 p.m.) WII-STRAVAGANZA!** – Join us for games, tournaments, snacks and fun! Grades 6-12. Please register starting two weeks before each session.

**Sunday, March 31 – Easter Day: Library Closed**

To register for any of the programs, please call 440-871-2600 or visit [signup.westlakelibrary.org:8080](http://signup.westlakelibrary.org:8080). ●

# Village Foundation accepting donations for Bay’s Fourth of July fireworks display

by Eileen Vernon

Last year, Bay Village Mayor Debbie Sutherland announced that the city could not afford fireworks due to budget constraints. Mayor Sutherland announced that an anonymous donor offered a generous donation to start a private fund to pay for 2012 fireworks. The donor promised an additional contribution for the 2013 display. These donations allowed the city to offer the traditional Fourth of July fireworks as a finale to Bay Days.

Beyond 2013, funds will have to come from private donations made specifically for this purpose to “The Bay Village Community Fireworks Fund,” which will be managed as a community service by The Village Foundation. This special fund is to enable citizens to make a tax-deductible contributions to The Village Foundation specifically earmarked for the continuation of the annual fireworks display.

The regular Village Foundation funds from the annual drive will not be used for this purpose. Those funds are used to support many other projects throughout the city.

Fireworks are a big draw to Bay Days and to Bay businesses as well as to not-for-profit groups raising funds for their projects. Offering fireworks encourage attendance and creates the opportunity to “stay in Bay.” Some suggestions heard during the year include the possible formation of a committee representing vendors at Bay Days to come up with a plan to include the cost of fireworks as a percentage of their annual net proceeds.

Another possibility is the formation of a group to go door to door to collect for this event. The community will welcome other suggestions. To get the fund started, several residents have made contributions and The Village Foundation granted the fund \$1,000 for a total of just under \$2,000. The goal will be to raise \$11,000 before March 15, 2014, in time for the city to order the materials.

This is a donor-specified fund. All contributions made for this project must designate the “Community Fireworks Fund.” All funds maintained by The Village Foundation are carefully managed. Information is available at [thevillagefdn.org](http://thevillagefdn.org). As with all requests for funds, the city will be required to submit a grant request along with documentation. Upon receipt, and providing that there are sufficient funds, a grant will be made by The Village Foundation to the City of Bay Village from the Community Fireworks Fund.

“The Bay Days celebration has included fireworks for more than fifty years,” said Village Foundation President Eileen Vernon. “The maintenance of this fund will allow residents, businesses and civic groups to raise money throughout the years for the fireworks display.” As Mayor Sutherland stated in her announcement last year, “this type of generosity is a hallmark of Bay Village citizens.”

Donations may be mailed to:  
**The Bay Village Community Fireworks Fund**  
**The Village Foundation**  
**P.O. Box 10422,**  
**Bay Village, OH 44140**

# April 2 program highlights upcoming opera stars

by Louise Seeholzer

An international quartet of opera stars of the future will be featured in the April 2 “FYI: Opera” program at Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd. The program, which begins at 7:30 p.m., previews “Opera Scenes,” a widely acclaimed program presented annually at the Cleveland Institute of Music.

David Bamberger, artistic director of the CIM Opera Theater, who narrates the program, said the April 2 program will include such favorites as “The Laughing Song” from Johann Strauss’ “Die Fledermaus,” “The Legend of Kleinzack” from Offenbach’s “The Tales of Hoffmann,” “The Aria of Queen Mab” from Gounod’s “Romeo and Juliet” and “Glitter and be Gay” from Bernstein’s “Candide.” The singers will be accompanied by music

director John Simmons at the piano.

The four CIM singers who will perform in Westlake are Korean soprano Min-Kyeong Kim, who starred in last fall’s production of Cimarosa’s “The Secret Marriage.” Joining her will be three American singers, all of whom have taken leading roles in major CIM productions: soprano Sarah Mossman, tenor David Fair and baritone Brian Myer.

The April 2 program is part of the FYI: Opera series which the Westlake-Westshore Arts Council has sponsored for over a quarter of a century, offering the programs FREE to the public.

The FYI program offers an inviting sample of CIM’s fully costumed production Opera Scenes, which will be performed April 19, 20 and 21 at CIM in University Circle. Information and tickets for CIM’s production are available at [cim.edu/events/tickets.php](http://cim.edu/events/tickets.php) or call 216-791-5000, ext. 411. ●



# Hair one minute, gone the next; losing locks for worthy cause



PHOTO BY TARA WENDELL

Russell Coleman and his son, Dylan, 5, have their heads shaved in solidarity with kids fighting cancer as part of the St. Baldrick's event March 16 at the Whistlestop Restaurant in Westlake. Russell's wife, Heather, and two other sons, Mason, 10, and Aidan, 9, also sacrificed their hair in exchange for donations to the childhood cancer research foundation. Jim Sgro and Marie Simone from the Village Barber Shop in Bay shaved the heads of 50 men, women and children who raised over \$20,000 during the event. Bay Councilman Dwight Clark, pictured, and radio host Jimmy Malone emceed the event.

## Bay Village establishes crisis communication task force

by Jen Kennedy

In an effort to improve communications between Bay Village residents and its safety forces during crises or emergencies, a special volunteer task force has been appointed by Mayor Debbie Sutherland to research and recommend changes.

Stubborn communications issues experienced in the wake of "super storm" Sandy last October prompted the mayor to commission the all-volunteer panel to begin meeting and consider potential recommendations to city council designed to improve communications. The task force has been meeting since December, and is welcoming public input on their draft plan.

It became evident that while the city services and safety forces were able to stay in communications with one another, getting information out to residents became

more of a daunting task, with landline phones and the internet being down for up to 6 days.

A particular focus for the task force is on how to ensure that those residents who might not have access to cell phones or who may have mobility issues can stay connected to get the information and resources they need to stay safe during storms, power outages and so on.

The task force's next meeting will be Monday, March 25, 6-7:30 p.m. at Bay Village City Hall. Our meetings are always open to the public. The task force is expected to give its recommendations to the mayor sometime this spring. Then, after her review, would submit the draft recommendations to city council for their consideration.

In the meantime, here are some actions that residents can take to make better use of existing communications tools:

- Sign up for the Nixle program, a system that sends out emergency announcements and information to subscribers via text and email. The program is free, and operated well during Hurricane Sandy. But less than 20 percent of Bay residents are subscribed. To enroll, it takes less than a minute, and you do not need to provide your name, your age or even your street address. Please visit: [cityofbayvillage.com/safety-services.aspx](http://cityofbayvillage.com/safety-services.aspx)
- Contact the Bay Village Fire Department to enroll in the free Resident Lockbox Program, in which the city maintains a key to enrollees' homes in the event that they need to gain quick emergency entry. The Bay Village Fire Department can be reached by calling: 440-871-2200.
- Sign up for the Mayor's email newsletter, which is free and goes out when needed to all subscribers. To sign up, go to: [cityofbayvillage.com/email-signup.aspx](http://cityofbayvillage.com/email-signup.aspx)
- Enroll in the Bay Village Police Department's free Homebound Check-in program, in which the department uses automated calls to check in on enrollees. If the phone is not answered, the police check on that resident. For more information, contact Bay Village Community Services Director Deborah Bock at 440-988-3409.
- Help out older relatives and neighbors by gently checking on them, proactively asking them if they are willing to enroll in any of these programs, and what kind of help they might need during an emergency.

For more information, on the task force, please contact co-chairs Jennifer Kennedy at [jenkennedy@kennedymarketing.com](mailto:jenkennedy@kennedymarketing.com), David Adams at [bbutton.1234@gmail.com](mailto:bbutton.1234@gmail.com) or Mayor Sutherland at [dsutherland@cityofbayvillage.com](mailto:dsutherland@cityofbayvillage.com) or by calling 440-899-3415. ●

## Prosperity Money Club announces final three meeting topics

The Prosperity Money Club, started last fall at Westlake Porter Public Library, announced the final three programs on its schedule. The group, which is open to all, meets the first Wednesday of each month: April 3, May 1 and June 5, and runs from 7 to 8 p.m. There is no charge.

Topics for the remaining three months are: April – Using the Internet for Financial Education; May – Reading the Financial News; and June – Finding an Advisor. Facilitated by veteran financial services professional Jan Litterst. For more information, call Jan at 440-263-6176 or email her at [litterst\\_7@hotmail.com](mailto:litterst_7@hotmail.com). ●

## Behind the Swoosh: Sweatshops & Social Justice



Join us  
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Jim Keady shares his stories of living with Nike's factory workers and his decade-long effort to end sweatshop abuses.

This is a free event but RSVP is appreciated: 216-987-5849. Light refreshments will be served.





## Westlake Scout makes history the focus of Eagle project

*The Westlake Historical Society is proud to be working with Nico DiGiulio as he works to complete his Eagle Scout requirements. He is a freshman at Westlake High School and, as you will read, has a strong interest in military history. —Lysa Stanton, Westlake Historical Society president*

by Nico DiGiulio

Hi, my name is Nico DiGiulio. I have lived in Westlake for seven years. Scouting has always been a big part of my life. About a year ago I earned my Life Scout Award, which is the last rank before Eagle. I am now ready to take on my Eagle project.

I have always had an interest in history, and especially regarding the military, so I met with Mrs. Lysa Stanton, president of the Westlake Historical Society who operates the Clague House Museum. I told her my interests and offered to do something for the Historical Society.

After touring the museum, we noticed that the current military exhibit was in need of an upgrade. It is currently located in between a wall and balcony in the back of the house, and only contains a handful of artifacts. I thought that I could remake this exhibit to make it on par with the rest of the museum. Mrs. Stanton agreed.

I have some artifacts that I am putting on loan to the exhibit. I am also looking for military artifacts to be donated or put on



**Nico DiGiulio will remake the Clague House Museum's military exhibit as part of his Eagle Scout project.**

loan to expand the military history collection. These artifacts would help round off the exhibit. Donations can range from the Civil War to the Gulf War. I would also like to honor those who have served from the Dover/Westlake area.

If you are a veteran or active service member and would like your picture displayed as part of my project, please contact the Historical Society at 440-808-1961 or email at westlakehistory@yahoo.com. With the help of your donations, I look forward to sharing my love of history with the people of Westlake, and completing my Eagle Project. ●

## Westlake Kiwanis adapt toys for kids with disabilities

by Victor Rutkoski

The Westlake Kiwanis and Kiwanis Key Club teamed up to take part in a RePlay For Kids workshop at Westlake Porter Public Library on March 6.

RePlay for Kids is an organization of volunteers who repair and adapt toys and assistive devices for children with disabilities in the Northeast Ohio area.

The Kiwanis learned to disassemble, reassemble, repair and adapt a wide range of new and gently used toys under the

direction of RePlay volunteers. These toys were fitted with special connectors so children with a wide variety of disabilities would be able to use them.

Several toys were adapted and the Kiwanis and Key Club expressed the fact that they had fun while helping children with disabilities.

If you're interested in volunteering at RePlay For Kids check their website at replayforkids.org for dates and times of future workshops. They also accept donations of new or gently used toys and monetary donations. ●



**Hal Paul, Key Club members and Ray Budoj wait to pick out a toy to adapt.**

### WESTLAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## Westlake Historical Society seeks your story

by Natalie Nurse

As a history major at Baldwin Wallace University, and previously as a student at Westlake High School, I have studied a myriad of events, throughout many different time periods, spanning all across the world. My fascination with history has remained

constant, regardless of the era. It is not the great wars that have taken place or the monuments erected that continue to hold my interest, but the people.

I continue to be in awe of the impact that a single person can have on history. It's amazing to think that every single person has a unique story to tell and every story is important. Every person has shaped history.

They may not have created an expansive empire, but maybe they have done something as simple (or as great) as helping a person in need. Or maybe they were educators and passed their knowledge on to future generations. Whatever the case may be, they deserve to have their story heard.

This is why I am starting an oral history project through the Westlake Historical Society. Oral history provides people with an opportunity to give future generations valuable insight into the past by relaying their



**Westlake Historical Society volunteer Natalie Nurse is conducting interviews with people who have a past or present connection to Westlake.**

own, personal histories to an interviewer (in this case, me). By talking about the past, each participant in this oral history project will be helping to piece together the story of our community, or the community they came from.

I will be interviewing people about their lives, whether they grew up in Westlake, or currently live in Westlake or a surrounding area. There are no restrictions on those that can be interviewed; I simply ask that you are willing to share your story with me. Interviews can be conducted at the Clague House Museum, over the telephone, in person at Porter Library, whatever is most convenient for you.

If you are interested in being interviewed, please send an email to westlakehistory@yahoo.com, write "Oral History Project" in the subject bar, and it will be forwarded to me. I look forward to starting on this worthwhile project. ●

### ONE SENIOR'S OPINION

## Staying positive while waiting for spring

by Dianne Borowski

Spring has not sprung so far. With the exception of Sunday, March 10, the weather has been cold. With Easter so close we can only hope for some warm weather and sunshine.

It is miserable trying to hunt Easter eggs in the snow. How can we ladies show off our Easter outfits with winter coats covering them? Cleveland weather is so unpredictable not even our local weather forecasters can always predict it accurately.

I would like to put my winter clothes away but that would be a big mistake. Hauling out boxes of warm weather clothing off the shelf when the weather has the potential to drop into the low 30s is not for me. I must be more patient. After all, living in Cleveland for most of my life I shouldn't expect a tropical paradise. A person can still dream but I won't hold my breath.

It could be worse. I could live in eastern New Jersey. Disasters of the magnitude of Hurricane Sandy are rare in our area. I should count my blessings and stop complaining but sometimes that's hard. Who knows, Easter Sunday may be a beautiful day. Even if the weather continues to be chilly I will try to keep a positive attitude. Life is not perfect but focusing on the negative doesn't help.

Wishing you a Happy Easter with all the trimmings. Don't worry about the weather. It will change. ●

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# Clague Playhouse production an 'actor's adventure'

by Mary Levitzow

Westlake's Clague Playhouse production of the award-winning play "Almost, Maine" by John Cariani and directed by Rose Leininger is a smashing success. This five actor and nineteen character production runs through Saturday, March 30, starting at 8 p.m. on Thursday through Saturday with a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday at Clague Playhouse, 1371 Clague Rd.

In addition, this unique production for mature audiences has at least nine one-act plays bubbling across the stage – all about love. Director Rose Leininger shares, "Almost, Maine" offers us a chance to look at the complexities of love from many different perspectives." The degree and type of relationships formed, broken and lost provides for a fascinating evening of comedy and universality.

"Almost, Maine" was honored as one of the best regional theater productions of the 2004-2005 Season by The Wall Street Journal and the American National Theater.

The play is called an actor's adventure because facial expression and body actions are so important. Once one realizes that this romantic comedy is a series of distinctive romance stories, one is content to celebrate and experience the different facets of love. So many highlights of great acting appear that it is hard to select one episode as best. For all students and adults planning a career or avocation in the theater,

viewing this production is essential to see the challenges of acting from using only facial expression to falls that have great meaning.

The superior, wonderful and unforgettable actors include marvelous Matthew Klaben as Pete and Steve; dynamic Don Knepper as Lendall, Randy and Man; kaleidoscopic Keith Kornajcik as East, Jimmy, Chad, Phil and Dave; laudable Lynna Metrisin as Glory, Waitress, Gale, Marci and Hope; and keen Kate Mussey as Ginette, Sandrine, Marvalyn and Rhonda.

The sets are fascinatingly brilliant, from the cyclic wintry sky-like floor to the inviting house fronts, created by set director Ron Newell and his set construction crew of Becky Beil, Lyn Daberkow, Len Haas, Earl Hamilton, Donna Hughes, Bill Nordgren and Richard Walz. Sound designer Dale Hruska with light/sound manager Al Archambault and light/sound technician Mary Kahelin present the "Almost, Maine" nature sounds in a joyous cacophony of celebration.

Lighting designer Lance Switzer achieves success at highlighting each episode's strengths. Resident costume designer for the Lorain Palace Youth Theater since 2007, D. Justin Bilewicz III is the production's cool costume designer, along with costume shop manager Candace Lipton and costume staff of Mary Lou Meyers and Marillyn Hamilton.

Additional outstanding production staff includes production manager Sharon

Dane; assistant to the director/stage manager Richard Lynch; bookholder Margy Haas; prop shop manager Gig Giauque; props procurement crew Sharon Dane, Gig Giauque, Margy Haas and Donna Nordgren; props manager Janet Kuss; run crew Ellyn Kilpatrick, Janet Kuss and Richie Lynch; program and publicity Pam Kilpatrick. Further support was provided by audition secretaries "Al" Archambault and Karen Bidulph-Hazey, photography by Jim Ely, and usher Toni Becker.

Clague Playhouse lobby gallery artist for "Almost, Maine" is watercolorist Joleen Arthur. Joleen's passion for art fostered in her Detroit, Mich., childhood and enhanced by her professional training provides her with exciting and captivating views. Her fervor and zeal for watercolors and art education are known locally and nationally. Joleen loves the fluid transparency of watercolor along with the ability to mingle colors on the paper to create subtle changes in hue as well as glazing and building values and form. Feel free to stop by and view this wonderful exhibit of landscapes, florals and nature during box office hours: Wednesday through Saturday from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.



"Almost, Maine" character actors Don Knepper, Lynna Metrisin and Matthew Klaben.



Clague Playhouse lobby gallery artist, watercolorist and educator Joleen Arthur, next to her watercolor "Grace and Peace."

PHOTOS BY MARY LEVITZOW

Tickets may also be purchased during box office hours by calling 440-331-0403. Ticket prices are \$16 for adults, \$15 for seniors (60+) and students, and for this season a special \$10 Saturday rate for students with an ID. Cash, check, MasterCard, Visa and Discover are accepted. A 50/50 raffle is being held at each performance with a drawing during the intermission to raise the additional \$749 needed for Clague Playhouse's electronic street sign. ●

## Safe boating class for middle school students

by George Christ

Now in its 13th year, the Spirit of America Foundation and the Bay Village School District will offer a summer boating education class to students completing sixth through eighth grades in June. This class is open to any students in western Cuyahoga County. As part of the program, students are required to complete and pass the Ohio Boating Education Class, which is required by Ohio Law to operate a power boat over 10 horsepower.

This class will be held on Saturdays, May 4, 11 and 18, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Bay Village Board of Education office. A water safety session will be held on June 1 from 8:30 to 10 a.m. at the Bay Village Community Pool.

Students will then learn to operate powerboats, paddle craft, sailboats

and personal watercraft on Mondays, June 17 and 24 and July 1. The boating portion will be held at Whiskey Island Marina near Edgewater Park in Cleveland from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Parents are responsible to provide transportation to and from classes.

Applications are available in local libraries, Bay Middle School and the Bay Village Recreation Department. This program is funded in part through a Boating Education Grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources – Division of Watercraft. Deadline to apply is April 27. Students must pre-register to attend the class and there is a \$10 registration fee. Participation will be limited to the first 40 registrations.

For more information or to get an application, please go to spiritofamerica95.org or email cuyahoga@spiritofamerica95.org. ●



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Students learn to operate a personal watercraft in last year's safe boating class.

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# Remembering ‘The Opener’

by Dan Craven

The Cleveland sports fan torment meter tilts to eleven with the recollection of certain painful scars: the Game 7 Marlins 9th inning World Series debacle, The Fumble, The Drive, The Shot, Red-Right ‘88 and, of course, The Decision. While not registering the same angst magnitude of those landmark failures, the 2012 Indians home opener earned a place in the egregious lore of Cleveland sports tragedies.

The Indians-Blue Jays opener was the longest of 1,360 Opening Day games played since 1901. The crushing loss of that landmark opener served up some distinctively painful twists of fate that foreshadowed the events of a doomed 2012 season.

The Indians Home Opener generates a unique euphoria – a Christmas Eve-type anticipation – and on April 5, 2012, my 15-year-old son Cal and his friends Loren, Patrick and Cole were geared up for a fun afternoon. The healthy return of Choo and Kipnis, and Casey Kotchman's gold glove installed at first base provided reason for optimism for the 2012 Indians.

The pre-game ceremonies provided a truly powerful patriotic tribute. A massive American flag was unfurled across the field, two military helicopters rocketed overhead, and then an active duty marine sang the “The Star-Spangled Banner,” live via satellite from Afghanistan, igniting a crescendo of emotion as the entire stadium anticipated Justin Masterson's first pitch.

Then Masterson harnessed the energy and blew the place up. In a

breathhtaking first half inning of the season Masterson whiffed the first two Blue Jays, and then – with the crowd in a frenzy – the third batter, slugger Jose Bautista, as well. Wow! Other than a solo homer to Bautista, Masterson masterfully dominated the game. He struck out 10 and brought the Tribe to the 9th inning ahead 4-1 and at the precipice of victory. Masterson would surely deliver the final 3 outs.

But then the unthinkable happened. Closer Chris Perez replaced Masterson. But wasn't Chris Perez still rusty from a spring training injury? An uneasy murmur swept over knowing Cleveland fans. After back-to-back singles by the Jays, the murmur transformed to panicked groans of inevitability. In a momentary blur the Jays had rallied to tie it in the ninth 4-all.

But all seemed destined to end well in the home-half of the ninth as the Tribe got the potential winning run to third base with one out. Casey Kotchman strode to the plate and stared down the Jays pitcher. The thought crossed my mind – it's actually cool that Chris Perez didn't lock down the save, winning in the bottom of the ninth is even better. A simple bloop single by the Indians' big free agent acquisition could erase the epic failure of the infamous “Casey at the Bat” legend and clinch opening day glory for the Tribe and mighty Casey. Unfortunately, Kotchman dribbled a grounder to first and then Jason Kipnis made the final out to retire the side.

Thereafter, the innings piled up as we implemented a continuous exhibition of shouting, chanting and seat

jumping to ward off frostbite and urge on the Tribe. Following the 14th inning stretch, I asked the kids with frigid desperation in my voice: “What do you guys want to do? Stay or...” and before I uttered the word “leave,” Patrick steadfastly proclaimed, “We're not leaving no matter what!”

Cleveland sports fate would never allow a miracle ending however, and bitter defeat inevitably ensued in the 16th. “The Opener” turned out to be a microcosm of the season. The Indians burst out to the front of the division the first 2 months of the season, but just like The Opener's ninth-inning lead, it didn't last. The offense and starting pitching collapsed, and long losing streaks spiraled towards a truly hideous season finale.

On a beautiful October evening we decided to head back to the stadium for the final home game of the season and watch Travis Hafner's last game as an Indian. Stub Hub provided seats for 75 cents and we hoped Travis might provide heroics like he had the night before with a pinch-hit, 12th-inning game-winning homer. I guess you get what you pay for... the season ended with a putrid 9-0 defeat.

After making a family trip to Arizona this year for Spring Training, the disappointment of last year's Opener and the 2012 season has faded. The approaching 2013 Season Opener against the “evil empire” promises exciting roster additions, a new manager and cheaper hot dogs. Maybe this will be the year for the Indians. The Opening Day siren call beckons to all Tribe fans. We can hardly wait! ●

## FORUM

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Instead, the focus is on developing a strong region that businesses outside the county and the state will find attractive. Mr. Miller, Cuyahoga County Council District 2 representative, agreed, citing the Global Center for Health Innovation (Medical Mart) as a project that will revitalize downtown Cleveland and bring new businesses to the entire region.

The speakers discussed the unique opportunities presented by city-county collaboration. The County is now offering specialized services and products that they can provide more economically than individual cities. For example, not every city can afford a human resource specialist and when a lawsuit arises, it can be expensive, time-consuming and possibly error-prone for a generalist city attorney to research the case law.

The County does have the specialists and can contract with a city for that expertise. Costs are held down because, unlike a private contractor, the County is not profit-driven. Other areas for this type of collaboration include website development, sewer maintenance, health care and crime lab services.

Finally, city-city collaboration offers opportunities for efficiencies. This is a topic that will be explored in more detail in the series' next forum, Tuesday, April 16, at 7 p.m. at the Dwyer Center in Bay Village. Speakers will include representatives from the Westshore Council of Governments (WCOG). Westlake Mayor Dennis Clough, Lakewood Mayor Mike Summers and WCOG finance officer Steve Presley will discuss WCOG's background, operation, current collaborations and future plans. WCOG members Bay Village, Rocky River, Westlake and Fairview Park are currently pursuing the feasibility of merging fire districts.

A third regionalization forum is planned for June, with the format and topic to be announced. ●

## Cloth diapers a healthy, environmentally-friendly option

by Kristin Hoops

I gazed bleary-eyed at my husband and told him, with just a little edge in my voice, that we had to at least try cloth diapering. I was standing at the changing table after a sleepless night, holding my new daughter's feet. All of us were disturbed by what was going on: red, painful excoriation on her little bottom.

At first, the doctor called it a rash. Later, a “chemical burn,” caused by the diapers we used. She urged us to use cloth diapers. We reluctantly gulped and prepared.

I am used to gross stuff, but my husband had his reservations. Pins. Shower-cap panties. Cotton square origami on a squiggling baby. Laundry. He was not on board.

I research before I put anything on my babies' bodies, in their mouths or in their toy box. After checking out the cloth diaper scene, I bought twenty pocket diapers – they look like disposables but do not involve cotton squares, plastic panties or pins. Modern cloth diapers looked pretty easy. But I was alarmed at some of the things I found during my research, and I felt like a real chump for never having heard about this stuff before.

First of all, I am a baby nurse (RN)

and a mom of three. I like to think I know a lot about taking care of babies. We use disposable diapers at hospitals and give each baby a new pack to take home. I had no reason to think they could be bad.

After my daughter's rash, I discovered that disposable diapers have 50 different toxins each. These chemicals are what make them absorbent, but also cause chemical burns, rashes, asthma and even infertility in boys. Disposable diapers are also full of carcinogens like dioxin and poisons like polyacrylic acid (the gel bubble stuff known to parents who have frequent diaper explosions – as little as five grams of it is lethal if ingested).

Diapers are the third biggest consumer contribution to our country's landfills. Each year they generate enough garbage to make a chain to and from the moon nine times, or to fill Yankee stadium 15 times. Each year. Caring for the environment is important to me, and it feels really bad to know that centuries from now, my baby's poo and diapers will still be in intact in some landfill, continuing to contaminate groundwater and expanding her carbon footprint.

So we tried the cloth diapers. Within a few days, our daughter's skin problems were gone. We cloth diapered day and night, even on

vacation. Then she potty trained when she was only a year old – naturally and easily – and this is common with cloth. Of course, my husband converted.

Once you become a parent, blood and body fluids become a part of your daily life, and you quickly discover there are grosser things than washing diapers. But if you just can't stomach it, diaper services are available. And they're amazing. You don't have to use disposable diapers. ●



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## BAY VILLAGE CITY SCHOOLS

## Two Bay High seniors win special Rotary honors



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Bay High seniors Tim Figueira and Jennifer Norad were honored for their work at the West Shore Career Technical District

by Karen Derby

Two Bay High seniors who are enrolled in courses at the West Shore Career Technical District in Lakewood were recognized with special Rotary honors.

Tim Figueira was honored by the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce/Lakewood-Rocky River with its Sunrise Rotary Work Ethic Award for exemplary performance in his Automotive

Technology program. His strong work ethic, consistent balance of fine performance in both academic and work areas, and his positive attitude both at work and at school earned Tim this recognition.

Jennifer Norad was recognized by the Lakewood/Rocky River Rotary Club as a top performer in her Interactive Media program.

Congratulations to these talented, hard-working students! ●



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## WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS

## WHS 'hunks' raise money for charity



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WHS Valentine Hunks, from left, juniors Adam Sandor, Eoin O'Donnell and Connor Fife, senior Corbin Dunlap, junior Jabri Johnson, seniors Kevin Wang and Jamie Lackner. (Not pictured: senior Adrian Simion.)

by Kim Bonvissuto

Westlake High School Student Council collected \$1,660 for charity in its second annual "Valentine Hunks" contest. Each year Student Council asks four junior boys and four senior boys to volunteer to collect money for a designated charity

during the week of Valentine's Day. This year's collections went to Emily's Rainbow Fund benefiting pediatric cancer research.

The "Hunks" played musical instruments for donations, dressed as Cupid and just asked fellow students to donate to a worthy cause. This year's overall winner was junior Connor Fife. ●

## WHS students earn honor roll status on national math exam

by Kim Bonvissuto

Six Westlake High School students received Honor Roll status on the American Mathematics Competition 10/12 contest. One of those students scored high enough to earn Distinguished Honor Roll status, garnering him an invitation to the American Invitational Mathematics Examination.

WHS sophomore Kartik Dhinakaran scored in the top 2.5 percent of test takers on the AMC 10 exam and will compete in the AIME. The AMC is a 25-question, 75-minute multiple choice exam that uses pre-calculus concepts and is meant to spur interest in mathematics and to develop talent through excitement of solving challenging problems in a timed multiple-choice format. The National Honor Roll cutoff score for the AMC 10/12 is 100 out of a possible 150 points.

AMC 10 students who finished in the top 5 percent are sophomores Kartik Dhinakaran, Aswin Bikkani and Peter Slater. AMC 12 students who finished in the top 5 percent are junior Robert Hoon, and seniors Aakash Shah and Ashwen Ravichandran.

The AIME is 15 questions over a three-hour period. The AIME is intended to provide further challenge beyond the AMC 10/12 to high school students with exceptional mathematical ability. The top scoring students will be invited to take the United States of America Mathematics Olympiad. The 12 top scoring USAMO students are invited to a two-day Olympiad Awards Ceremony in Washington, D.C., sponsored by the Mathematical Association of America and the Akamai Foundation. Six of these students will comprise the U.S. team that competes each summer in the International Mathematical Olympiad. ●



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Westlake High's top AIME finishers, front row: Ashwen Ravichandran, Peter Slater and Kartik Dhinakaran; back row: advisor Judy McMasters, Aswin Bikkani, Aakash Shah and Robert Hoon.



# Harry, the leopard and the elephants

by Audrey Ray

**C**rash...chew, chew... crash!! That is what I heard as I approached a male (bull) elephant eating on my second safari at Shamwari Wildlife Reserve. Shamwari is in the Eastern Cape of South Africa and is about nine hours away from Stellenbosch along the Garden Route. The Garden Route is a beautiful drive along the coast of the Indian Ocean. It has spectacular mountains, great forests with ancient trees and white sandy beaches.

When we arrived at Shamwari we had to drive down a bumpy dirt road to get to the gate of the reserve. I noticed right away it was different from Sanbona Wildlife Reserve because it wasn't dry and it had a lot more green trees and plant life. But it still had bumpy roads and mountains.

Our ranger's name was Harry. He is from the Eastern Cape in a city called Grahamstown. Harry speaks five languages! He speaks Xhosa, English, Afrikaans, Zulu and another African language I can't remember. He taught us about his family's Xhosa history. When a Xhosa person has a reason to celebrate a life event like getting married or having a baby, the person slaughters a cow and has a feast for his family, neighbors and friends. He says the Xhosa people used to have cattle so they had a cow to spare for these events. But now, people have other jobs

leopard, which is a really rare sighting. We went to the spot that it was seen last and sat and sat in the jeep quietly waiting to see if she would come out of the thickets on the mountainside. We heard her roar which sounded more like grunting. Harry was afraid that she might not be coming out so we decided to leave. As we were leaving, the leopard walked across the road and slowly walked right by the jeep, as if she were showing off how magnificent she was. Many South Africans have never seen a leopard, and Harry told us how lucky we were.

The elephants were my favorite sighting though. We saw them eating, swimming, and a herd walking down a road in a line. The first elephant we saw was the bull eating and tearing branches off trees with his trunk. Elephants eat grasses and tree leaves, and they don't really care what kind of tree or grass it is. Adults can eat up to 300 pounds of food a day! Bulls live by themselves, not in herds like the females and kids. We got to get really close to this



**A herd of elephants blocking the road.**

Next we saw a herd of elephants walking down a road. The herd was coming from a waterhole just off the road, so we went to check to see if any of the elephants were still drinking or swimming there. (Yes, swimming; elephants are actually great swimmers and they will swim to cool off on hot days. Crazy! Harry predicted we would find a herd swimming and drinking because it was such a hot day). When we arrived at the waterhole, we watched two young males still playing in the water. It was really cool!! They used their trunks to push and touch each other. They were splashing a lot too, and they looked like they were having a lot of fun.

We left the waterhole to follow the herd up the hill. The elephants on the road were getting angry because there were a couple of vehicles watching them too, and it was making them nervous. The leader of the herd (the most experienced female) even trumpeted several times because she was so upset. I felt bad for them because the elephants were so agitated, but it was pretty cool to hear one actually trumpet. There were a few calves with their mothers on the road too, and even they were big compared to us. The older elephants blocked the road from the vehicles to protect the herd. So we turned around and left them alone.

It's amazing how big elephants actually are! They are lucky because they don't really have predators. Lions are considered a predator, but they don't often prey on them because their size is



**A leopard coming out of the thicket.**

so intimidating.

Harry told us that elephants have a special connection with each other. When one elephant dies, they will mourn for him or her. Elephants from other herds will also come to mourn for the elephant that died. They can be found carrying bones or smelling bones from carcasses. Researchers aren't sure why they do this but believe that they might be reliving memories of that elephant or trying to figure out whose remains they may be. I think that it's really interesting behavior, and I'm surprised how similar it is to how we behave when someone dies.

I had a really great time at Shamwari with our guide, Harry. We saw so many animals – all the Big 5 (lion, leopard, buffalo, rhino and elephant) – and we learned so much from him. We think that even if we hadn't seen any game on our drives we still would have learned so much from him! He told us so many stories and facts about the animals and his Xhosa history. I hope we get to go to Shamwari again and have Harry as our ranger. ●

*Audrey Ray is a fifth-grader at Bay Middle School, currently living abroad in South Africa.*



**Harry (in hat) with the Ray kids and a trainee ranger during a sundowner in the bush.**

and don't have cows to slaughter. Many have to pay for them and it costs a lot of money so that tradition isn't used as much anymore.

We spent two nights at Shamwari and went on four game drives. Harry showed us so many animals including a

bull, and we could see his long eyelashes and his huge, white tusks really well. His eyelashes were so long and thick that you could barely see his eyes! I read later that the eyelashes protect their eyes from the dust. Harry explained that elephants rely on their sense of smell and hearing.

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# Bay's first medical building gets new life as pizza shop

by Kay Laughlin

Soon Bay Village will benefit from a new Pizza Hut carry out and delivery service located behind Burns Auto at 380 Dover Center Road. The new facility will be housed in a one story colonial brick building trimmed in white wood. You have probably driven by the building traveling down Dover Center Road zillions of times in the last 62 years. Did you ever wonder where that little building came from, or who built it?

Earl Ross grew up on the west side of Cleveland and graduated from old Lincoln High. He attended Western Reserve Medical School and was president of his class. While attending medical school, Earl worked at the Brookside Zoo. He loved all animals and always had them around him. He married his high school sweetheart, Louise, in a ceremony officiated by John Eaton's father, the Justice of the Peace.

Earl liked Bay Village and chose to make it his home. In 1917, he and Louise purchased an empty lot at 554 Upland Road and had a one room pre-fab house moved to it. Here he started his family of Donal, Polly, Helen and Sandra. The house grew, acquired a fireplace and a basement. Soon Earl was known as Dr. Ross, the village doctor, while he maintained a practice in the Lorain Street Bank Building in Cleveland. Polly Ross Ebert remembers living at the Upland address until she was 5 years old. She says another house was built next door for her grandparents. The family kept

animals, even a pony, in the back yard.

The growing family built a new house and moved to 28925 Wayside Lane in 1936. Dr. Ross had a doctor's office built in the basement of the new house, off the driveway. All around were the animals he loved. To walk to the office door, one needed to shoo aside a goat, lamb, rabbit, raccoon and dog. They also kept tropical fish, a parrot and a lovebird. The pony was kept in a barn next door.

Dr. Ross made house calls. He could bark like a dog, and when he came into the house on a house call, he would bark. The kids called him the "barking doctor." Office hours were in the afternoons and evenings and on Saturdays. Thursday was his day off. No appointments were necessary. You came in, sat down and waited your turn. Office visits were \$2 in the 1930s and \$3 in the '40s. House calls were \$3 in the '30s and \$5 in the '40s. Everyone paid in cash and Louise sent out bills once a year. Medicines were given in the doctor's office at the time of the visit.

Participation in community activities was very important to Dr. Ross. He was a member of the Ohio National Guard, Bay Village American Legion, and Bay Players. He became the Bay High School team doctor for football and basketball. He possessed his own pilot's license but didn't own his own plane. He flew as an observer for the Air National Guard. During his rides, he took many pictures of Bay Village from the air, and the Bay Historical Society attributes our many aerial photographs to him. During Memorial Day parades,

he flew over the ceremony at Lakeside Cemetery and dropped rose petals.

In the early 1940s, a dentist, Dr. Edward Knoll, purchased the Lou Scholl farm-land located at the corner of Dover Center and Wolf Road. (The Bott family had already purchased the corner lot from the Scholls and built a successful gas station.) Dr. Knoll built a new one-story brick building containing two offices in the middle of his property facing Wolf Road. His intention was to open his dental practice on one side and rent the other side.

Ed had been a neighbor of the Rosses on Upland Road and Dr. Ross, renting above the Blaha grocery store at the time, approached Ed about renting the other side. Dr. Knoll was on the left side of the front door and Dr. Ross on the right. Bay Village now had a medical building on Wolf Road. They were successful and stayed at this location until 1950 when Dr. Knoll decided to develop the rest of the farmland



The former medical building at 380 Dover Center Rd.

and build a strip shopping center on the east and south sides of the property. The medical office sat in the middle of the land where the parking lot was to be, therefore the building was moved around the corner on a piece of the property facing Dover Center Road behind the gas station.

About 1951, Dr. Earl Ross, village doctor, retired and his son, Donal, just back from WWII and out of medical school, moved into the right side of the building with Dr. Paul Sadler, DDS, on the left. Over the years the colonial brick building's renters have worn many hats but the building remained the same. Now with Pizza Hut coming in, the front of the building will be remodeled and take on a decidedly different look. The building will begin a new life. ●

## EATS BEAT

# Siblings open D'Italia in Westlake

by Steve Novak

When Lisa Andrews and Rick Dow planned on a "quiet opening" of their Westlake catering and carryout restaurant in late October 2012, they didn't count on Hurricane Sandy. To their surprise the day after the storm hit, they had power, unlike most people on the west side of Cleveland. Their business started out with a bang!

Lisa's career path started as a barber and owned her own shop, while Rick was in the construction and remodeling business. Despite their other experiences, the sister and brother team always dreamed of opening their own restaurant.

"Cooking has always been a big part of our family," Lisa said. Their dad worked the counter and managed Alesci's in North Olmsted. So when their uncle presented them with the opportunity for a restaurant in Westlake, they jumped at it.

Their carry-out menu at D'Italia consists of soups, salads, pastas, pizza – red or white, deli sandwiches, hot subs, "fresh made" pastas, lasagna, chicken, veal, eggplant and many other Italian standards. Catering has per-person pricing along with half and full pan options. For the sweet tooth in all of us they offer homemade cannolis, their mom's cheesecake, Aunt Linda's pizzelles and Corbo's Italian Ice.

D'Italia also boasts a deli counter of fresh sliced cheeses, meats and "fresh baked" Italian bread.

Many menu items are packaged and refrigerated from their homemade pastas, pizza dough, meatball and home-



PHOTO BY STEVE NOVAK

made sauces so you can take them home to create your own Italian dishes. They also have a modest selection of canned goods for your additional cooking needs.

The carryout prices range from \$4.99-\$6.50 for salads; subs and sandwiches are \$6.50-\$9.50; pizza, \$2 per slice or half/full sheets, \$10/\$20; and pasta dinners ranging \$6.99-\$15.50. Catering of party trays and entrees has a 10-person minimum with prices ranging from \$4-\$6.95 per person for salads, pastas and side dishes, and \$20-\$80 for half or full pans.

There are a few high top tables if you would like to eat in.

I've spoken to several friends who have already patronized the authentic Italian cuisine and heard rave reviews. I sampled the pepperoni bread and pizzelles myself, and they were delicious!

So check out D'Italia in the heart of Westlake at 26285 Detroit Rd. Hours of operation are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed Sunday.

Visit [www.ditalia.biz](http://www.ditalia.biz) for menus and daily specials or call 440-871-0887. ● Steve Novak is a Westlake resident and 30-year veteran in the restaurant industry, working at all levels from dishwasher to chef/owner.

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# Spring soiree at BAYarts

by Erin Stack

Spring is a time to refresh and renew. Bayarts' Dianne Boldman Education Gallery and porch will soon be transformed into a vignette of renewed furniture, architectural pieces, wall art, gypsy couture clothing and more. Find that special piece that will freshen up your home this spring.

On April 5 from 6 to 9 p.m., you can meet the artists: Carrin Andress of Chic Unique, Debby Martinez of Treasure & Tea, Jenni Carrino of The Vintage Songbird, Shannon Vance of

Stash Style, Kathy Stantz and Terri Osborn of Nostalgia's Cottage and Marcy Hoke of Shabby Shore.

The Gallery will also be open on Saturday, July 6, from 9 a.m. to

5 p.m. All proceeds from this event will benefit the Education Program at BAYarts. Email [erin@bayarts](mailto:erin@bayarts) with questions. ●



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Upcoming programs at the Bay Village Branch Library

by Joyce Sandy

Let's hope we've seen the last of the snow, especially as we get closer to welcoming spring on March 22! Spring-themed book displays are popping up all around the library – come and find your favorites. Storytimes continue through April so please join us for the ones that fit your schedule.

Don't forget about the Toy Library – it has just what you need to get your little ones through to the nice weather. Request them online – just like books – and they come directly to the branch for you, which is also where you'll return them. Enjoy a new toy with your child for three weeks, then mix it up and choose another one! Ask us if you're not familiar with it; we'll be glad to show you how to request them!

Please join us for the following programs and browse the collection during your visit. There's a whole world waiting for you here!

ADULT DEPARTMENT

**Wednesday, April 3 (1:30 p.m.) BOOK DISCUSSION** – Our discussion will be on the book “Across the Pond” by Mary Carter.

**Thursday, April 4 (7:30 p.m.) THURSDAY EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION** – The

book to be discussed is “Sutton” by J. R. Moehringer.

**Tuesday, April 9 (10 a.m.) THE ELECTION OF 1864** – Join Paul Goebbel as he talks about the bloodiest year of the Civil War, and how Abraham Lincoln never gave up on his efforts to keep the Union together when everyone around him felt he was a failure. Please register by calling the Dwyer Senior Center at 440-835-6565 or by calling the library.

**Saturday, April 13 (11 a.m.-3 p.m.) GET INVOLVED** – Did you know that volunteers help our communities thrive? Meet nonprofit organizations that need volunteers. Share your talents and skills by helping your community and exploring new hobbies, while meeting new people and enjoying new experiences.

**Saturday, April 13 (11 a.m.) WHO LIVED HERE? HOW TO DO A HOME GENEALOGY** – Researching the history of a house is very similar to researching a family. Learn the basic steps for completing a house history, relevant resources and further steps that you could take.

**Monday, April 15 (7 p.m.) LESS IS MORE: EDITING YOUR OWN WRITING, FROM MEMOS TO NOVELS** – Join editor Frank W. Lewis as he demonstrates techniques for making your own writing more correct, concise and compelling before

anyone sees it.

TEEN DEPARTMENT

**Tuesday, April 2 (3:30 p.m.) ROUND T.A.B.L.E.** – For ages 11 and up. Join other teens at the Round T.A.B.L.E. – and do what Teens At the Bay Library Enjoy – whether it's completing projects that serve the community, helping the library or sometimes just hanging out and playing video games. All students must have a permission slip signed by a parent or guardian since snacks will be served.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

**Wednesday, April 2 (11 a.m.) EXPLORATION STATION: DINOSAURS** – For ages 3-8. Help us celebrate the release of “Jurassic Park 3D” during Spring Break! Families with children can hear a story, participate in science and math activities at various stations and go on a dino hunt!

**Thursday, April 11 (7 p.m.) FAMILIES READING TOGETHER** – Families with readers ages 8-12 are invited to discuss a good book, try a related activity and enjoy a treat. Copies of the book are available at the Children's Desk.

**Please register for these programs by going online to [cuyahogalibrary.org](http://cuyahogalibrary.org), by calling 871-6392, or when you stop in to see us at 502 Cahoon Rd. We look forward to seeing you! ●**

Bay Library offers unique interactive computer class for preschoolers

by Susan Ballard

On Saturday, March 23, at 11 a.m., Stephanie Sutton returns to the Bay Library to present “Preschool Digital Media.” Preschoolers ages 3-5 with a caregiver can explore the sensory motor group through fun, interactive computer time together. They will take a journey combining rapid sensory development, gentle computer introduction and natural inquiries into all things electronic.

Stephanie Sutton, owner and instructor of Digital Animation for Kids since 2007, has been teaching in the Cleveland area for 7 years. She was a technology consultant for 9 years in Atlanta, Pittsburgh and Cleveland, specializing in technical support systems and training. Ms. Sutton holds a master's degree in public management with a concentration in technology from Carnegie Mellon University. She also holds certifications in software ranging from

Java to Desktop Publisher and everything in between. Now, she incorporates the best from the myriad of instructors she has worked with over the years into her own classroom learning plan.

Her current projects include digital media classes for students of all ages in animation, video and gaming using the best of the free, educational technology tools that are available and widely used to create programs in digital animation, digital moviemaking, video game creation, 3D modeling, website creation, book trailers and video production.

Join Stephanie on March 23 for this engaging one-hour program with your preschooler that offers fun and educational activities through the latest electronic media. Caregivers will need to sign release forms for themselves and their children attending. Space is limited and registration is required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Bay Village Library. ●

Compeer volunteer honored as United Way ‘spotlight volunteer’

by Denise Ayres

On March 8, the United Way of Greater Cleveland held its annual meeting in downtown Cleveland to review the 2012 United Way Campaign, to launch the 2013 campaign and to honor the outstanding and ever-giving United Way organizations that serve the Greater Cleveland area. United Way asks its organizations to nominate their “Spotlight Volunteers” for the past year.

Far West Center, located on the Health Campus of St. John Medical Center, is a United Way agency. The Compeer Program at Far West Center nominated Mr. Terry Koozer as our agency's Spotlight Volunteer of 2012. Terry Koozer has been volunteering for our Compeer program since October 2003. I'd like to share with you the difference Terry has made in the lives of others. As a Compeer volunteer, Terry offers friendship to a man that manages a mental illness.

Terry and his Compeer match were introduced in October 2003. Terry continues to have the same commitment and enthusiasm for his friendship and supportive role in his Compeer's life. Terry offers ideas for activities that are

social, informative and health-oriented and the ongoing encouragement his natch needs to do them. Terry's friendship has helped his match recover from brief symptom relapses he has experienced. Terry continues to make sure that his Compeer match does not become isolated and depressed, which can cause a recovery setback.

In October 2012 Terry and his friend went together to see President Obama speak at Burke Lakefront Airport. Terry's friend told him that this will be one of his most memorable lifetime experiences!

Terry provides an outstanding example to the others who volunteer for our Compeer program. In the past year, Terry and his match volunteered additional time together to set up for our two major Compeer annual events,

a summer picnic and a winter holiday party. Their friendship focuses on health, well-being and recovery....not on illness.

All too often people who experience a mental illness also become depressed, isolated, and may even attempt to harm themselves. Terry's time, care and commitment for the past ten years has provided a very significant benefit to his Compeer match's recovery. The Compeer motto is “Making friends. Changing lives.” By his participation in our program Terry has helped change life for his friend and has also had significant positive influences on the lives of others.

The Compeer program at Far West Center is grateful to Terry Koozer for all of his time and efforts. Our program is honored to have Terry as an outstanding example of our Compeer mission

and the powerful gift of friendship in changing lives!

The Compeer Program at Far West Center is one of over 60 affiliate programs of the international nonprofit Compeer Inc. Our program is local, flexible, fun and changes lives! To become a Compeer Volunteer please call Denise at 440-835-6212, ext. 242. ●

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## READERS' OPINIONS

## We have a pope!

As a lifelong (75 years and counting) Catholic I am embarrassed by the royalty-like lifestyle of many church leaders and the outrageous accumulated wealth in the Vatican. My views, including that the Catholic hierarchy resembles King Herod more than Christ, has brought me some support and some condemnation over the years.

With that in mind, I'm well pleased with the selection of the simple, humble man who is now Pope Francis. A man who, as cardinal, eschewed the trappings of his office to live a quiet life, taking care of himself and his people – no palace, no limos, no servants. I believe his appointment bodes well for a papacy more dedicated to its people – especially the poor – than to misguided practices of past decades.

Pope Francis, in his first acts as Pontiff, showed he means to keep things simple – taking the bus back to his hotel, picking up his own belongings rather than sending someone to do it and blessing the cardinals standing among them rather than from a throne – indications that the church and not him will change. While the fundamental principles of the Catholic Church (which do not include child abuse or the coverup of any crimes) as given us by Christ can never change, its practices can and have changed over the years, especially since the papacy of Pope John XXIII.

While the number of Catholics in this country

continues to increase – largely due to the growth of the Hispanic population – the number of active Catholics, including attendance at Mass has decreased. At one time, not all that long ago, the vast majority of Catholics would never miss Mass on Sundays and now the majority attends Mass when they feel the need, usually Easter and Christmas.

Somehow, the church is not what it once was to these good folks. This problem is recognized and efforts are being made to make parish membership more meaningful to keep members and to bring members back, as well as attracting new members. Initiatives aimed at doing all of this, for example, are being planned by my parish, St. Ladislav, and others. I believe the selection of Pope Francis will help in this regard.

For me, and many others, a good pope is one who I can picture as the pastor of my parish, one who may not know me, but does know people like me; one who knows he is here to serve us in serving Christ and not him in place of the Lord; one who leads by example and expects those in his church to do the same; one who truly represents God on Earth.

I did not expect to be excited by a new pope but I am and I hope that my fellow Catholics, active and not, are too. May God bless Pope Francis in his work and us in our faith.

– Mel Maurer, Westlake

My Lent mantra:  
Next year I'll do better

In this world of good intentions, I'm beginning to wonder if my latest one even counts.

I chose to give up chocolate candy during Lent, and I have no doubt I will successfully uphold that promise. The reason I'm so certain has nothing to do with my strong willpower, but rather the lack of it. I found that after depriving myself for just a few weeks of anything that resembled a chocolate bar, my body started to rebel, and the shaking suggested that I was a prime candidate for the dreaded chocolate candy withdrawal syndrome.

In order to prevent such a terrible thing from happening, I decided that it would be in my best interest to substitute other chocolate goodies for my usual intake of candy. There was no shortage of choices, and anything that started its life as a cocoa bean has become acceptable.

Today I will enjoy – no, relish – the last piece of the second Boston Cream Pie that I purchased at the grocery store. It certainly isn't the yellow cake or vanilla pudding center that gets my attention, but savoring that smooth, satin chocolate frosting is like taking a trip back in time to

Hough Bakery.

My choice of beverage, which is iced tea, has been replaced by tall glasses of milk, that I amply fortify with extra squirts of chocolate syrup. The dark kind. And since a glass of milk is only as good as what accompanies it, I've reverted to a childhood habit of dunking chocolate-covered grahams or Oreos. Only the ones that have a delectable mint filling will do.

I've indulged myself with chocolate-frosted brownies from Heinen's, Buster Bars from Dairy Queen and chocolate eclairs from Fragapane's Bakery. I could continue to describe more of the scrumptious ways that I'm taking care of myself, in order to avoid that awful withdrawal thing, but I'm aware that a major overkill of my beloved chocolate is about to come upon us.

I hope, however, that this information has explained why I am wondering if my original good intentions will still appear on my record in the Big Scheme of things. I'll do better next year, but now I'm on my way to the coffee shop and I can hardly wait to inhale a large, iced mocha. With extra chocolate, of course!

– Barbara Lahey,  
Bay Village

Westlake school levy  
needed to avoid  
deeper cuts

Once again, I'm a very proud parent volunteer to be co-chairing the levy campaign for Westlake City Schools.

Westlake Schools are excellent, consistently rated in the top 5 percent of Ohio school districts. But without this levy, Issue 16, that excellence is at risk.

It has been seven years since the Westlake Board of Education placed an operating levy on the ballot. In 2006, the school board committed to making that operating levy last four years. Through diligent planning, the 2006 operating levy was stretched three extra years.

In the last two years, Westlake Schools have lost over \$4.2 million in state funding and have had to make deep cuts to address those funding reductions, including cutting 17 positions. Westlake Schools are accountable and fiscally responsible. Our school district was recently recognized by the state as a top school district for sharing services in order to operate more cost-effectively.

The new teachers' contract will save over \$5.5 million by reducing salaries, increasing employee health care contributions by 50 percent and requiring additional work days. With Issue 16, our schools keep current programming without making deeper cuts, avoid making further cuts to educational necessities, maintain excellent educational opportunities to ensure our students can compete globally and avoid further cuts to transportation services.

It's no secret that the quality of our schools affects the quality of our community and we must protect the excellent education our residents expect. We know we have a great, diversified tax base and because of the efforts by the city AND the schools, even with issue 16, Westlake Schools will remain in the bottom 20 percent of school taxes in the county.

Two information sessions will be presented at Westlake Porter Public Library, on March 26 and April 11, from 7-8 p.m. Superintendent Dr. Daniel J. Keenan and myself will make presentations and answer questions.

On May 7, please join me in voting FOR Issue 16 to protect our excellent education and our community.

– Cathy Axcell, Westlake

Spring fundraiser  
launches Arts Council's  
scholarship fund

by Louise Seeholzer

The Westlake-Westshore Arts Council adds another jewel to its crown by making an investment in art for the future in the form of an Arts Scholarship Fund, which will receive start-up monies from the group's April 21 fundraiser.

Festa di Primavera (Spring Celebration and Feast), the April 21 event, is from 1 to 4 p.m. at Daddona's Fine Italian Restaurant, 29580 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake. It will have a backdrop of spring colors with an Italian flavor.

WWAC co-presidents Betty Lou Curatolo and Patt Long said personal and business sponsorships are welcome and those received by March 31 will be included in the event program.

The event is an invitation to enjoy an Italian feast with friends, meet new friends, enjoy the music of violinist Mary Beth Ions and participate in auctions and raffles while

supporting the WWAC's strong commitment for funding all aspects of art. And now this funding includes a scholarship fund designed to provide monetary scholarships to students pursuing a higher education in the arts.

The WWAC's establishment of an Arts Scholarship Fund was given careful consideration and included input from the Cleveland Foundation. The wording for the creation of the WWAC fund states: "The first goal of the W-WAC Arts Scholarship fund is to raise the \$10,000 necessary to endow the project, so that it can be administered, promoted, and managed by the Cleveland Foundation. Once that amount of capital is raised, the W-WAC can begin awarding yearly scholarships at the board's discretion."

The annual fundraiser provides support for all of the group's endeavors. Throughout the year, donors have the option of designating which WWAC program their monies will benefit.

In addition to the scholarship fund, WWAC supports arts programs, public art and a future home for the WWAC where art programming could flourish.

The WWAC's dedication and funding of art in all forms, for all ages, merits support. For information about sponsorship and/or tickets for the April 21 fundraiser contact Patt Long at 440-686-0055, patt.long@yahoo.com or Betty Lou Curatolo at 440-835-5600, westshore@ameritech.net or go to the WWAC website: www.w-wac.org. ●

Support Westlake  
schools with  
'box tops'

by Margaret Schulz

Westlake residents can support their schools by saving "Box Tops for Education," found on everything from Ziploc bags to Betty Crocker mixes, breakfast cereals, granola bars, Yoplait yogurt and Kleenex boxes. Westlake residents and others can drop off "Box Tops for Education" at the Westlake Community Center front desk (and you can mention my name if you do!). I feel this is a great way to support our Westlake schools.

The Westlake Community Center is located at 29694 Center Ridge Rd. Box Tops for Education go directly to the PTA for Westlake Schools. ●



## Westshore Lions Club seeking new members

by Kristi Vaughn

The Westshore Lions Club continues to seek men and women, 18 years and older, to become Lions Club members. The Club was founded in Westlake and we have expanded our borders and are inviting residents of Bay Village and North Olmsted to join us.

Since 1996, the Westshore (Westlake) Lions Club has supported individuals in need of eyeglasses and eye surgeries. They have donated reading machines to Porter Library to help the visually impaired, and assisted those in need of hearing aids. The Lions Club will soon be partnering with several local businesses as well as with local Boy and Girl Scouts for an exciting new project!

You are invited to join us to learn more about the Lions Club at an informational meeting on April 1, 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd., in the Dover meeting room. There is no obligation to join.

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization with nearly 1.35 million members in 45,000 clubs within 206 countries and geographical areas around the world. Founded in 1917, we are best known for helping the blind and visually impaired. But we also volunteer for many different kinds of community projects, including caring for the environment, feeding the hungry and aiding the youth, seniors and the disabled.

Lions Clubs are made up of ordinary people who work together for the benefit of their community and to make a difference in the lives of others.

The Westshore Club has the ability to connect with other clubs, allow community-minded people to freely exchange ideas on how to assist people in need, raise funds and launch new projects. If you are a community-minded individual who wants to help others, meet humanitarian needs and enjoys volunteering, then the Lions Club is right for you!

For more information, please visit the website: [e-clubhouse.org/sites/westshore](http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/westshore), or call 440-250-5564 and leave a detailed message. ●

### BAY VILLAGE CITY SCHOOLS

## Bay Village Schools named to Best Music Communities in America for tenth straight year

by Karen Derby

In an extremely rigorous and detailed assessment of its exemplary music program, the Bay Village City School District has been named once again to the NAMM Foundation's Best Communities for Music Education list. This marks the tenth consecutive year that the district has been named to this prestigious list.

Each of the schools from across the country receiving the "Best Communities" designation scored in the 80th percentile or higher in the survey's grading process. The districts were measured across curricular and programmatic criteria as well as public support of their music programs.

Participants in the survey answered detailed questions about funding, graduation requirements, music class participation, instruction time, facilities,

support for the music program and other relevant factors in their communities' music education programs. The responses were verified with district officials, and advisory organizations reviewed the data. The survey was developed and administered by The Institute for Educational Research and Public Service, an affiliate of the University of Kansas.

"Music is truly an integral part of our schools and the Bay Village community," said Clinton Keener, superintendent of the Bay Village City School District. "Our students, parents and music instructors are passionate about music, and our community members of all ages turn out in droves for our student performances."

Keener noted that Bay Village just wouldn't be the same without music provided by the schools. "Our student musicians and vocalists contribute to the quality

of life here, whether leading the homecoming parade, the Memorial Day parade or the local merchants' Boo Village Parade at Halloween. Our jazz bands bring senior citizens and their younger counterparts to their feet during our annual Ballroom Blitz. And our holiday concerts have become cherished traditions that leave our audiences with uplifted spirits," he said. "Our students add a festive, musical note wherever a sense of celebration is required and wherever community members gather."

Music instructors at the Bay Village City School District are teachers Darren Allen (Bay High instrumental), Mark Awad (Bay Middle instrumental), Nicole Barrick (Normandy music), Elaine Dwyer (Normandy music), Carrie Engelbrecht (Westerly vocal), Devon Gess (Bay High vocal), Heidi Herczeg (Bay Middle vocal), Jeffrey Schimelp-

fenig (Westerly strings) and Carrie Singler (Bay High and Bay Middle instrumental).

In conducting the annual survey, the NAMM Foundation is joined by advisory organizations in the fields of music and education, including Americans for the Arts, League of American Orchestras, The Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation, The Metropolitan Opera Guild, Music for All, Music Teachers National Association, National Guild of Community Schools of the Arts, National PTA, Yamaha Corporation of America and VH1 Save The Music Foundation.

The NAMM Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing active participation in music making across the lifespan by supporting scientific research, philanthropic giving and public service programs from the international music products industry. ●



PHOTO BY PAM BONNETT

Bay Village Schools music instructors, left-to-right: Mark Awad (Bay Middle School instrumental), Nicole Barrick (Normandy Elementary), Carrie Singler (Bay High Orchestra), Carrie Engelbrecht (Westerly Elementary, vocal), Darren Allen (Bay High Marching and Concert Bands), Heidi Herczeg (Bay Middle School, vocal) and Devon Gess (Bay High, vocal). Not pictured are Jeffrey Schimelpfenig (Westerly strings) and Elaine Dwyer (Normandy).

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# Motivational speaker to light up Unity Spiritual Center April 7

by Kenneth Cooper

Curious about Unity Spiritual Center in Westlake? Ever wonder what goes on up that hill on the south side of Detroit just west of Clague? Your perfect opportunity to find out presents itself on Sunday, April 7.

On that morning Terry McBride will speak at Unity Spiritual Center at both the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday celebrations. Mr. McBride, esteemed author and one of the most sought-after speakers in the metaphysical and motivational movements, will speak on the topic, “The Mystical History of Unity.”

Terry will also lead a workshop that

afternoon from 1 to 4 p.m. entitled, “Taking Control of Your Creative Mind.” This workshop will give you simple tools, which will enable you to take control of your creative mind and become the creator of your own destiny. Cost of this invaluable workshop is \$30.

Terry McBride’s speeches, seminars and published work all have the same central theme: People have unlimited abilities that can be realized through conscious choice.

His message was not developed from the comfort of an armchair. During his 20s and 30s, Terry had 27 major surgeries on his spine and abdomen. At times he was not expected to live. Doctors told him the

infection in his spine was not curable and his best hope was to live with his human limitations. This entailed a colostomy and the inevitability of “significant permanent disability.”

Instead, Terry chose to fight that bleak prognosis. Through his study and practice of Choice and his belief in Unity principles, he created perfect health where there seemed only disease. Make no mistake; Unity is not about enduring conditions or simply accepting your human limitations. The teachings of Unity are about changing conditions and creating reality.

In his book, “The Hell I Can’t,” Terry shares the challenges he faced trying to believe in his own ability to heal when the experts said he couldn’t expect to come out of his incurable disease whole. He refused to accept that. He did not give up or give in to the pressures of conformity. He stood boldly and challenged the lie of human limitations.

You too can take charge of your own thoughts, actions, feelings and beliefs and, in so doing, take charge of your creative mind. You can start right where you are and take control of your life. You can actually take charge of your health, your abundance, your relationships and your connection with the Divine. All things are indeed possible, if only you believe.

Plan now on hearing Terry McBride and experiencing Unity on Sunday, April 7, at either 9 a.m. or 11 a.m. If you like what you hear, and I’m guessing you will, consider attending his workshop that afternoon at 1 p.m.

In fact, why wait till then? Come to one of our services on Sunday, March 24, or the breathtakingly beautiful Easter Service on March 31. Unity Spiritual Center is located at 23855 Detroit Rd. For more information check our website, [www.unityspiritualcenter.com](http://www.unityspiritualcenter.com), or call the office at 440-835-4000. ●

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**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27**

**6 p.m.** Tenebrae Service

**MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 28**

**12:10 p.m.** Eucharist & Healing Service

**6 p.m.** Potluck and Vigil

**GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29**

**12 p.m.** Solemn Liturgy

**1 p.m.** Good Friday Blues & Lamentations

**1 p.m.** Children's Good Friday Program

**7:30 p.m.** Good Friday Concert  
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**EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31**

**6 a.m.** The Great Vigil of Easter  
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**9 a.m.** Contemporary Festival Eucharist  
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<b>Good Friday (March 29) 12 Noon</b> (Traditional Service) <b>7 pm</b> (Traditional and Contemporary)
<b>Easter Sunday (March 31)</b>
<b>7 am</b> (Traditional Service) Followed by Easter Breakfast
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## Bay alumni launch community networking group

by Mark Hofelich

Recently, three Bay High School alumni, Dan Lunoe class of 2000, Mark Hofelich class of 1998, and Scott McManamon class of 1998, founded the Bay Business Network. The group will hold their first open membership meeting on Monday, March 25, 7 to 9 p.m., in the front room of the Ironwood Café, 688 Dover Center Rd. Future meetings will be on the last Monday of every month.

The meeting is free and open to all alumni of Bay High School as well as all members of the Bay Village business community. The focus of the BBN will be for the

betterment of the Bay community as well as each of its individual members. We intend to share business ideas and marketing strategies, while networking and working to support local charities at each event.

There are no membership dues to join the BBN, although donations will be accepted at each event. All proceeds from our first meeting will be contributed to the Bay Alumni Association. A new charity will be chosen each month.

If you think this is something you want to get involved in, it probably is. We hope to see many fellow members of the Bay Village business community on March 25. Bring marketing materials to share, and if interested in presenting to the whole group please contact us.

For questions or more information, contact Dan at dan@stuart.co, Mark at hofelim1@nationwide.com or Scott at scottmcmanamon@gmail.com. ●

## Bay United Methodist offers alternative worship service

by Robert Penick

“Open Harbor,” a second weekend worship service will be added Saturday evenings at Bay United Methodist Church beginning next month, William Buckeye, the pastor, announced.

Beginning April 6, the new alternative will start at 5 p.m. Saturdays with coffee and fellowship. The service will begin at 5:30 and “Rev. Bill” promises the total time to be an hour or less.

The service will be structured on an Open Table/Progressive Christianity model, the pastor said, noting it will be a more contemporary and casual offering than the current, traditional service at 10 a.m. Sundays. This casual service is open to anyone, with the GLBT community particularly invited and welcome.

The Saturday services will feature a variety of worship experiences including drama, art, contemporary music and an interactive approach, he said. Child care will be provided for children up to age four.

“We have been looking at launching a second service for several years,” Buck-

eye said, “and we believe this approach is the right one for our church and community at this time. The name of this service was carefully chosen; ‘Open’ because all people are welcome at this service and at the communion table, and ‘Harbor’ as a place that is secure and sheltered. We are seeking to create the kind of community where anyone can come, bring their faith, their doubt, their questions, and their scientific understandings of the world to fully engage both their hearts and minds in worship together.”

Buckeye added: “Additionally, this service is meant to be an inclusive spiritual experience for those who may have been hurt by the church, have felt unwelcome or disenfranchised by churches they have visited. Finally, it also will provide an alternative for those facing conflicting activities on Sunday morning. The point of the new service is to provide a spiritual connection to people who don’t feel that they have one. That’s what this church, congregation and new service are for.”

For questions or more information, call Rev. Bill Buckeye at Bay UMC, 440-871-2082. ●

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# COMMUNITY EVENTS

Post your community group's events for FREE at [wbvobserver.com](http://wbvobserver.com)

**March 20, 11 a.m.**

**Westlake Garden Club General Meeting**

Celebrate the beginning of spring with a tour of the LBMS Vivarium. Lunch will be provided by Lee Burneson. Meeting begins at 11 a.m., the tour begins at 1:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please RSVP to 440-892-0189.

*Lee Burneson Middle School Vivarium, 2240 Dover Center Rd., Westlake*

**March 20, 6:30-8:45 p.m.**

**Cuyahoga West Chapter, Ohio Genealogical Society**

Chapter president Jim Denham and treasurer/webmaster John Noble will be "visiting" some old and new favorite genealogical websites. Their annual online demonstration is always a popular program. The meeting is open to the public, free of charge. Social time, with refreshments, is from 6:30-7 p.m.

*Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

**March 21, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

**Meet and Greet with Therapists, Programs and Camps**

More than 60 west side pediatric professionals will be represented at the Connecting for Kids Meet and Greet. The event is designed especially for parents of children with special needs and developmental delays that need to look beyond the traditional sport and day camp programs. The Meet and Greet offers one-stop shopping for parents to find the right fit in therapists, after-school programs and summer camps. Visit with the staff, discuss services, explore program options and find out how your child's development can be further enhanced. The free event is open to the public. For more information, visit [www.connectingforkids.org](http://www.connectingforkids.org) or contact Sarah at 440-250-5563.

*Rocky River Memorial Hall, 21016 Hilliard Blvd.*

**March 22, 8:30-11 a.m.**

**Free AARP Tax Assistance**

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*Dwyer Senior Center, 300 Bryson Lane, Bay Village*

**March 22, 9 a.m.-noon**

**Beyond Pesticides: Creating Safe and Affordable Organic Lawns and Playing Fields**

Join us for this informative FREE comprehensive seminar for how to transition to an organic turf program for your lawn or playing field. This seminar is for everyone who maintains grass turf, from private residents to institutional grounds managers. Registration at 8:30 a.m. or register in advance by contacting Barry Zucker, Beyond Pesticides Ohio, at 216-371-3263 or email [beyondpesticidesohio@gmail.com](mailto:beyondpesticidesohio@gmail.com).

*Rocky River Memorial Hall, 21016 Hilliard Blvd.*

**March 22, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.**

**Communication Temptations: How to Get Your Kid to TALK!**

Ellen Spear, M.A., CCC-SLP, from Lakeshore Speech Therapy, will lead an interactive discussion about how to tempt children to use their words. This will include strategies to improve communication with your preschooler. The objective is to increase parent knowledge of simple and straightforward language-enriching activities they can do at home with their child. Connecting for Kids and the Westlake Porter Public Library are co-sponsoring this event. Childcare is provided but space is

limited. To reserve a spot for your child, visit [www.connectingforkids.org](http://www.connectingforkids.org) or contact Sarah at 440-250-5563.

*Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

**March 23, 9-11 a.m.**

**Breakfast with the Easter Bunny**

Hop over for a free breakfast buffet and picture with the Easter Bunny. Questions, phone 440-871-5900.

*West Bay Center, 27601 Westchester Pkwy, Westlake*

**March 23, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.**

**Gigantic Rummage Sale**

Looking for bargains? Interested in great value? Everyone is invited to come and find that special treasure or a terrific bargain. Tables at the sale may also be rented by persons who would like to sell their own items. Cost is \$10/table. \$3 bag sale at 1:30 p.m. Call the church office, 440-331-9433, for more information. See you at the sale!

*Rockport United Methodist Church, 3301 Wooster Rd., Rocky River*

**March 23, 11 a.m.-noon**

**Herb Gardening**

Learn how to cultivate and harvest many popular herbs grown in the area. Presented by Becky McKinley of Beck's Greenhouses.

*Gale's Westlake Garden Center, 24373 Center Ridge Rd.*

**March 23, 6-9:30 p.m.**

**Christian Musician Jam Night**

Are you a Christian musician? Do you love to hear God's praise? Or just looking for a wholesome, free family entertainment opportunity? Please come join our praise band 24/7 for our first Christian Musician Jam night. For solo musicians or groups, we provide drums, amps and p.a. with up to 4 vocal mics. You provide up to 3 Christian-themed songs per performance, of any genre. This is a FREE event but we would be most grateful if you would like to make a love offering, so bring some friends and be heard! Please send questions or RSVP to [oldrock singer@yahoo.com](mailto:oldrock singer@yahoo.com).

*CrossPointe Community, 1800 Columbia Rd., Westlake*

**March 24, 11:15 a.m.**

**Easter Egg Hunt**

Grab your baskets and hippity-hop over to the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Children ages 1-10 are welcome to join in on this eggs-tra special egg finding mission on the church lawn at 11:15 a.m., following the 10 a.m. service. We'll need help finding every last egg, so share the fun with family and friends. We hope to see you on the bunny trail!

*Bay United Methodist Church, 29931 Lake Rd.*

**March 24, 3 p.m.**

**Eggstravaganza**

Bring the family for an afternoon of free fun with eggs! There will be egg dying and decorating, egg experiments and even an egg drop competition. You'll leave with your own egg masterpieces and be ready for Easter.

*Westlake United Methodist Church, 27650 Center Ridge Rd.*

**March 25, 11:30 a.m.**

**Shade Gardening with Native Woodland Plants**

Bay Village Garden Club presents Garrett Ormiston of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, discussing the use of native wildflowers and shrubs to create a more natural yard. He will give tips on gardening in a deer-dominated landscape. Luncheon served at 11:30 a.m. \$5 fee for guests. All gardeners welcome.

*Bay Community House, 303 Cahoon Rd.*

**March 26, 7-8 p.m.**

**Westlake Schools Levy Information Night**

The Citizens for Westlake Schools presents its first Levy Information Night to inform the community about the Westlake City Schools 5.0-mill operating levy on the May 7 ballot. Westlake Superintendent Dr. Daniel J. Keenan Jr. and Citizens for Westlake Schools co-chair Cathy Axcell will make presentations. There will be an opportunity for Q&A.

*Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

**March 26, 7 p.m.**

**Westshore Democrats Host Marcy Kaptur**

U.S. Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur will be the featured guest at a gathering of the Rocky River Democratic Club, co-sponsored by the Westshore Democrats. The event is free of charge to all Democrats and Independents. Light snacks will be provided and drinks will be available for purchase. Free will donations to cover the costs will be accepted. Don't miss this chance to hear directly from the Congresswoman. For further details, please email [jeanne\\_618@msn.com](mailto:jeanne_618@msn.com) or Erika Pilis@[aol.com](mailto:aol.com) or call 440-892-3430.

*Beachcliff Tavern, 19245 Detroit Rd., Rocky River*

**March 27, 6:30-8:45 p.m.**

**Meeting of North Coast Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America**

The program will be a Chinese auction of needlework projects and supplies. Please join us to meet fellow stitchers and to have fun. For more information, please call 440-777-7085.

*Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

**March 27, 7 p.m.**

**Advanced Nutrition Seminar**

Health & wellness coach Bryan Ruocco will teach you how to boost your energy and change your life with a food plan that makes sense. Learn how foods can promote healing, maintain ideal body weight and transform your life. Call Clare at 440-899-3441 to RSVP.

*Bay Village Police Station Community Room, 28000 Wolf Rd.*

**March 27, 7:30 p.m.**

**Bay Village Community Band Concert**

The musicians of the Bay Village Community Band present a public concert of a variety of classic and popular band music for your enjoyment. Free admission.

*Bay Middle School, 27725 Wolf Rd.*

**March 28, 7-8:45 p.m.**

**An Evening with Roger & Lollie Cooley**

Learn more about the history of the Dover Center/Center Ridge part of Westlake during a discussion with Mr. & Mrs. Westlake 2007, Roger and Lollie Cooley. Roger Cooley's ancestors were among the first to arrive in Westlake in 1811, and have made many important contributions to the community through the years. The circa 1828 Asher Cooley house still stands across from Porter Library. Lollie's family arrived in Dover in 1936 when they purchased four acres of land next to Evergreen Cemetery to start a successful nursery business. Roger and Lollie attended Dover schools, raised their three children in Westlake and their involvement in the community includes being strong supporters of the arts and the Westlake Historical Society. Refreshments will be served.

*Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

**March 28, 7 p.m.**

**Maundy Thursday The Lord's Supper**

Connect with fellow Jesus followers to commemorate The Lord's Supper... a time of worship and

celebrating the event Jesus launched some 2,000 years ago; the table being extended to us today. You are welcome.

*CrossPointe Community, 1800 Columbia Rd., Westlake*

**March 28, 7:30 p.m.**

**Maundy Thursday Service**

Church of the Redeemer's traditional Maundy Thursday service recounts the story of Christ's final days in a Service of Tenebrae, or Shadows. For more information, please call 440-331-0834.

*Church of the Redeemer UCC, 23500 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake*

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*Dwyer Senior Center, 300 Bryson Lane, Bay Village*

**March 30-April 13**

**Stuffed Animal Drive**

Bay Village Brownie Troop 278 is collecting gently used stuffed animals to donate to emergency organizations to ease children's nerves and calm their fears during troubling times.

*Collection boxes: Westerly, Glenview, Bay High, City Hall and Bay Village Police Station*

**March 30, 5-6:30 p.m.**

**Free Community Meal**

Join us for fellowship, conversation and socialization. Everyone is welcome, the church is accessible to the physically challenged. No carry outs.

*Clague Road UCC, 3650 Clague Rd., North Olmsted*

**April 1-12**

**Book Drive to Benefit Low-Income Children & Adults in NE Ohio**

Leadership Lorain County Best Class of 2013 is holding the book drive in conjunction with Lorain County Health & Dentistry, to collect new and gently used books suitable for children to adults. A majority of LCH&D patients are unable to afford to purchase books, and often have limited access to libraries. Individuals and families will be offered books at LCH&D new-patient visits and yearly physicals – that they can keep! No textbooks or encyclopedias, please. The goal is to collect 1,300 books. To help, contact Janice at 440-847-1031 or [jsnyder@concordreserve.org](mailto:jsnyder@concordreserve.org). Drop off books inside the Lutheran Home's main entrance.

*Lutheran Home at Concord Reserve, 2116 Dover Center Rd., Westlake*

**April 3, 1-2:30 p.m.**

**Free Family History Research Help Session**

If you need help getting started or have come to a "road block" in your path to finding your ancestors, member volunteers of Cuyahoga West Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society will be available to assist you at the computer terminals. Please bring a copy of your pedigree chart and relevant family group sheets. Or, if you are just starting out, a member will help you begin to organize and record what data you currently have. Basic internet skills required for this computer-based help session. There is no charge for this service.

*Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

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