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## No.1 Demons fan

by Karen Lackner

This time, all the cheers were for Chad DiLillo.

The Demons' No. 1 fan, DiLillo, who has touched the hearts of the Westlake community with his unmatched spirit and enthusiasm, was given a rousing send-off this week at the high school.

On Thursday, March 28, students, faculty members, alumni, parents and



PHOTO BY CAROL MAAT

**Chad DeLillo, the most enthusiastic fan at Westlake High athletic events since 2006, was given a special send-off March 28, his last day at the school.**

civic leaders who have grown to love Chad, lined the school's hallways for a "State Send-off," a tradition typically reserved for any student or team who qualifies for an OHSAA championship.

No Demon ever deserved one more than Chad.

With the marching band and cheerleaders behind him, Chad, a special needs student who has Williams syndrome, led the rousing parade as only he could, slapping hands and bringing smiles and some tears to everyone in attendance.

In addition to many gifts of appreciation from various sports teams and a photo from his cherished cheerleaders, Chad was also presented with his diploma.

It was Chad's final day at the school. The soon-to-be 22-year-old, who has been cheering for his favorite team since he came to Westlake High School in 2006, has "aged out" of the public school system. Following a family vacation to Florida, he will return home and start a new job at Bridges Rehabilitation Services in Bedford Heights.

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## Bay Brownie troop collecting used stuffed animals for kids in need



PHOTO BY DENNY WENDELL

**Girl Scout Brownies, from left, Lauren McCarty, Claire Lindway, Sydney LaMotte, Jennie Koomar, Chaeli Ziebarth and Norah Hamil make their presentation before Bay Village City Council on March 25. Not pictured: Summer Reid, Alison Hartzell, Allison Reitz and Emily Martin.**

by Kristy Reid

Girl Scout Brownie Troop 70278 would like to announce our Stuffed Animals For Emergencies donation drive. We will be collecting used stuffed animals, cleaning them up and delivering them to Cuyahoga County Department of Children and Family Services. Children in crisis situa-

tions receive these stuffed animals when they come into the center for visitations or to receive services and the toys provide warmth and security. They get to keep the stuffed animals too, which is very special during a difficult time in their lives. We take some of our toys for granted and we just thought all kids should have their own lovable bear to make them feel better.

Collection boxes will be located at Bay Village City Hall, Police Department, Bay High School, Glenview and Westerly from March 30 through April 13. Donations of Febreze, Lysol, ribbon, brushes and combs are also appreciated for refreshing the stuffed animals.

Spring cleaning?! Please consider donating your stuffed animals! ●

## 'Tis the season for pancakes!

Kiwanis hold annual spring pancake breakfasts:  
Westlake High - April 14, Bay Middle - April 21

by Victor Rutkoski

The Westlake Kiwanis will hold their annual spring pancake breakfast in conjunction with Emily's Rainbow Run on Sunday, April 14. The breakfast will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Breakfast includes all the pancakes you can eat, plus sausage, orange juice, milk, coffee and tea. Tickets are \$6. Children 6 and under eat for free.

The breakfast will be in the Westlake High School cafeteria, 27830 Hilliard Blvd.

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by Karen Uthe

Bay Village Kiwanians and Bay High Key Clubbers will hold their annual spring pancake breakfast on Sunday, April 21, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Bay Middle School, 27725 Wolf Rd.

The breakfast includes pancakes, syrup, link sausages, milk, juice and coffee for \$5 per person (\$6 at the door). Children under six eat for free.

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## Three Bay civic groups unite to host 13th annual Tri-Bay Golf Classic

by Jacquie Mayer

Bay Village Education Foundation, Bay Alumni Foundation and Bay Rockets Athletic Boosters are teaming up once again for their annual golf fundraiser. On Friday, June 14, Sweetbriar Golf Club, 750 Jaycox Rd., Avon Lake, will serve as the site for the Tri-Bay Golf Classic. The annual golf outing is a popular, fun-filled fundraiser for the three non-profit host groups and promises to be a good time for all involved.

The event kicks off with registration, coffee, juice and donuts at 7:30 a.m., followed by the shotgun start at 9 a.m. The \$105 golf package includes: 18 holes with a cart, lunch, appetizers, steak dinner, dessert, beer, soft drinks and a fabulous assortment of prizes.

Details of the outing are: four-man/woman scramble format; prizes for first, second and third place (men and women); hole-in-one and putting contests, 50/50 raffle, skins game, raffle tickets for door prizes, silent auction and Play of the Day special contests.

For those unable to golf that day, at 2 p.m. the "19th hole" festivities begin in the pavilion: appetizers, steak dinner, dessert, beer, soft drinks and prizes for \$50.

Attendees must be at least 21 years old. \$20 from each ticket price (full package or dinner) is tax-deductible. For more information on tickets, prizes, and more, visit [www.tribay-golf.com](http://www.tribay-golf.com). ●





BAY VILLAGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

# ‘Settling In’ exhibit at Rose Hill Museum brings history home

by Cynthia Eakin

“Settling In,” the opening exhibit for 2013 at Rose Hill Museum in Bay Village, brings the story of the Cahoon family home for history lovers.

After eight years of living in a tiny, one-room cabin with a loft, the Cahoon family finally moved into their house on the rose-covered hill overlooking Lake Erie in 1818. Wooden crates and trunks were carried by the family into their new home, where they began the task of unpacking.

The Cahoon family collected many more possessions over the course of the next 99 years. Ida Cahoon, the last heir, died in 1917 and followed the family's wish to leave the home and all of its contents in trust to the citizens of Bay Village.

Everyone is invited to the museum on Sundays from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., beginning April 14, to learn the story of Dover Township's first settlers and to see the legacy that they left to area

residents. Museum admission is free.

Also on display at Rose Hill Museum is a secondary display titled, “A Reverence for Wood.” Wandering through the museum, visitors will see many fine, hand-carved wooden artifacts. Carving and whittling are highly skilled crafts, not used so much these days.

The exhibit of wooden toys and artifacts is created by Rose Hill Museum Director Janet Zvara with reference taken from the book “A Reverence for Wood” by author Eric Sloane. Rose Hill Museum is at 27715 Lake Rd. in Bay Village. Phone 440-871-7338.

Visitors to Rose Hill Museum are invited to join the Bay Village Historical Society. Membership cost is minimal and includes educational and entertaining lectures and four annual potluck dinners. The historical society sponsors two annual fundraisers, including the spring Victorian Tea on April 27 and the “Cahoon in June” antiques and crafts fair in Cahoon Memorial Park on June 15. ●

## BVHS hosts annual Victorian Tea

Join the Bay Village Historical Society for a traditional Victorian Tea on April 27, 2 p.m., at the Dwyer Memorial Senior Center, 300 Bryson Lane in Bay Village.

Highlights of the annual tea include a drawing for an American Girl doll and a fun create-your-own hat contest. Carol Major will be selling clothes for 18-inch dolls.

Bring your daughters, granddaughters or little friends, age five and

above, to experience entertainment from Victorian times. Tickets are \$22 for adults and \$12 for children under 12 years of age. Dolls are invited. Reservations are required. Phone Carole Roske at 440-871-4797 for information.

All proceeds from the event go toward the maintenance of Rose Hill Museum and the Osborn Learning Center, and toward student scholarships. ●

WESTLAKE GARDEN CLUB

# Tour Cleveland’s unique Cultural Gardens with garden club

by Regina McCarthy

The Westlake Garden Club, celebrating its 50th year, invites you to join us on our Tuesday, May 7, bus tour of Cleveland's 29 Cultural Gardens, to include a historian as our guide, lunch in Little Italy and a visit to the Rockefeller Park Greenhouse.

How many residents have taken the time to appreciate that Cleveland is the only city in the world with anything

of its kind! The bus will depart from the parking lot at the southeast corner of Columbia and Detroit roads, behind Key Bank, at 8:30 a.m. and return approximately 4 p.m.

Cost, including lunch, is \$55 for WGC members and \$65 for nonmembers. Come with us as we view the gardens' blooming tulips and daffodils. This is sure to be an educational and fun day. Please contact Ruth Bertrand at 440-899-1565 for further information and to make reservations. ●

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WESTLAKE WOMEN'S CLUB

# Women’s Club hosts “Game Night Out” on April 13

by Kasey Crabtree

It's a “Game Night Out” for charity at Panini's in Westlake on Saturday, April 13! The Westlake Women's Club is having their annual spring fundraiser with a “game” theme this year – from 7 to 10 p.m. on April 13, you'll be able to try your luck at bingo, blackjack, roulette and craps, just to name a few. For \$20 you get appetizers, desserts, beer and wine. Come out and celebrate with your friends and neighbors for a good local cause!

There will also be a great Basket Raffle with baskets containing donations from local businesses including gift cards, wine and liquor, and lots of fun merchandise! All proceeds go to the Westlake Women's Club, a non-profit organization which supports local and regional non-profits and provides scholarships to local high school seniors.

Panini's is located at 23800 Detroit Rd. (at the corner of Clague) in Westlake. For tickets or more information, contact the club directly at 440-250-

5561 or [contact@westlakejuniorwomensclub.com](mailto:contact@westlakejuniorwomensclub.com).

If you can't make the Game Night Out but want to support the club, they also have entertainment books and beautiful afghans for sale. The entertainment books are “Save Around Town” books complete with hundreds of coupons for just \$20. The afghans feature scenes from Westlake and make great Mother's Day or graduation gifts. They are only \$40 each. For the books or afghans, please contact Linda at [llkaatz3@aol.com](mailto:llkaatz3@aol.com) or call the club at 440-250-5561.

One of the annual events the Westlake Women's Club hosts is the Over 90s luncheon, honoring Westlake residents over 90 years in age. This year's Over 90s luncheon will be Monday, April 29. On Wednesday, May 1, the club will hold their annual disbursements dinner where over \$10,000 in donations and scholarships will be presented. The club is open to all women (you do not have to be a Westlake resident), simply check out their website at [www.westlakejuniorwomensclub.com](http://www.westlakejuniorwomensclub.com). ●

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- Be respectful of others.
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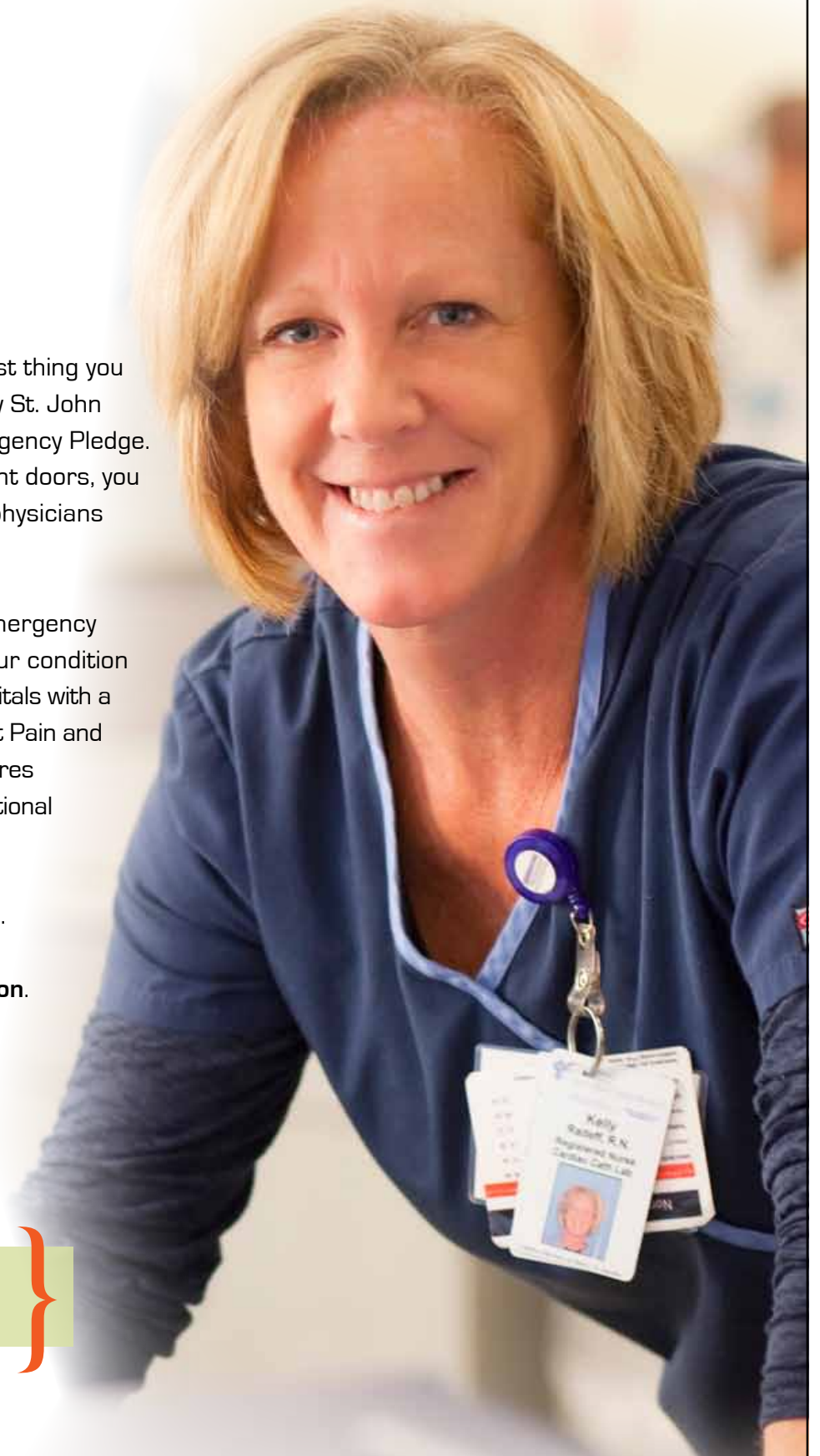
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## PANCAKES *continued from front page*

### Truly a community event, Westlake Kiwanis pancake breakfast set for April 14

A portion of the proceeds from the event will go to Emily's Rainbow Fund benefiting pediatric cancer research at Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital.

The breakfast is prepared, served and cleaned up by the Westlake Kiwanis, the Westlake Kiwanis Key Club, the Burneson Middle School Kiwanis Builders Club and the Westlake Kiwanis Aktion Club. Come out and support your community at this event.

The rest of the proceeds will go to promote various causes throughout the Westlake community such as Holiday Food Baskets for the disadvantaged, student scholarships, Westlake



**Westlake Schools superintendent Dan Keenan keeps the grill clean at last year's pancake breakfast.**

Relay for Life, "Salute to Excellence" – a student recognition program, the Westlake High School Key Club and Builders Club. Kiwanis is a civic organization "serving the children of the world." ●

PHOTO BY VICTOR RUTKOSKI

### Bay Village Kiwanis Club pancake breakfast is April 21

Advance tickets are available from your favorite Kiwanian, or by contacting Russ Bauknecht at 440-871-9162 or baykiwanis@gmail.com. This year's tickets are sponsored by McGorray-Hanna Funeral Home.

"The Kiwanis Club of Bay Village, along with the Bay High Key Club, team up for the annual spring pancake breakfast to welcome warm weather back to Bay. Come on out and enjoy a hot breakfast on a sunny spring morning, while supporting two hometown service organizations," says Rhonda Schneider of the Kiwanis Club of Bay Village.

The meal is a community tradition, popular with students and families. Proceeds from the event benefit the Bay High School Scholarship Fund, as well as projects and organizations such as: Reese Park renovations, Village Food Project, BAYarts, Bay Historical Society, Lake Erie Nature and Science Center, Rachel's Challenge at Bay Middle School and Bay Middle School, Bay Middle School fifth-grade Technology Club, Bay High School Pal Program, and "Kiwi Bags" for Cuyahoga County Children's Services (a backpack given to children who are removed from their homes, which includes toiletries, socks, underwear, a



PHOTO BY KAREN UTHE

**Bay Village Kiwanis and Bay High Key Club members turn out perfectly golden-brown pancakes at last year's breakfast.**

blanket, coloring book and crayons).

Kiwanis volunteers have cooked and served pancakes for community causes in Bay Village for over half a century. The organization holds two pancake breakfasts a year to support community projects and scholarships. The next one will be in the fall over Homecoming weekend.

Visit their website at bayvillagekiwanis.com and look for them on Facebook for more information about the organization. ●

## Hospice of the Western Reserve gives patients and their families a 'Meal to Remember'

by Laurie Henrichsen

**A** Lakewood restaurant with an unusual name and a great big heart will launch Hospice of the Western Reserve's "Meal to Remember" program at Ames Family Hospice House in Westlake on Tuesday, April 16. Jammy Buggars Restaurant and Pub, recently voted one of the area's best new restaurants, will serve hospice patients, their families and caregivers a full-course comfort food dinner.

The innovative Meal to Remember program brings a different Cleveland-

area restaurant to Ames Family Hospice House in Westlake each month to allow families to enjoy a sit-down dinner together, complete with fine china and linens, wine and musical entertainment. A strolling photographer is also available to capture the special memory for families. All of the food, time and talent is donated by the restaurant. The program was introduced at Hospice of the Western Reserve's David Simpson Hospice House in November 2011. The roster of participating restaurants reads like a "Who's Who" of Cleveland's culinary community.

Jim Sprenger, owner of Jammy Buggars,

grew up in the restaurant business, working alongside his brothers at the family's restaurant in Fremont. "Opening Jammy Buggars fulfilled a lifelong dream to open a warm and welcoming neighborhood restaurant," he said. "When we were approached by Hospice of the Western Reserve to launch Meal to Remember, I couldn't say no. Our specialty is comfort food – just like being at your mother's house for dinner – so it's a natural fit for us. We're honored to play a role in bringing families together for a meal during this difficult period in their lives.

"It's impossible to overstate how much the simple act of sitting around the table together to enjoy a meal means to our families," said Bill Finn, CEO of Hospice of the Western Reserve. "Meal to Remember supports our goals of fostering quality time for patients and families, and making Ames Family Hospice House a 'home away from home.' For many families and their loved ones receiving care, this will be the first time they have enjoyed a meal together for months. We're extremely grateful to Jammy Buggars and the other participating restaurants for their generosity." ●

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# In outreach to St. Bernadette eighth-grader, U.S. Coast Guard lives its mission

by Louise Seeholzer

The U.S. Coast Guard's encouraging response to Kala Seeholzer's request for help in acquiring lake water to develop a science project enabled the self-motivated eighth-grade student from St. Bernadette School to navigate the uncertain waters of competition in three major science fairs with gratifying results.

With the help of the Coast Guard, lake water was acquired at recommended distances from shore. To develop her project, entitled "The Effects of pH on Algae Growth," Kala used water from Lake Erie, Lake Huron, Lake Michigan and the Cuyahoga River. Each water sample was separated into three identical glass gallon containers. The 12 containers were maintained under controlled conditions for the six weeks that Kala treated, moni-

tored and recorded the results of her experiment.

On Feb. 10, using a display she created to illustrate her research, Kala related the information to judges, and answered all their questions at Walsh Jesuit High School Science Day and earned a Superior rating. In addition, Kala received the Governor's Thomas Edison Award for Excellence in Environmental Sciences Research. Her compilation of data and thorough grasp of its meaning impressed judges.

From March 4 to 7, Kala participated in the 60th Northeastern Ohio Science and Engineering Fair held at John Carroll University where she was awarded a silver medal and \$25. This fair involves over 600 students from 95 schools in the seven surrounding counties: Cuyahoga,

Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Portage and Summit.

On March 16, Kala competed in the 65th Annual Western Reserve District 5 Science Day at the University of Akron, receiving an Excellent rating and medal.

In addition to their assistance in

attaining water samples, Kala is very grateful to Commander Sean Brady at the U.S. Coast Guard Sector Field Office in Grand Haven, Mich., and Officer Matthew Williamson at the U.S. Coast Guard District 9 Station in Essexville, Mich., for and their enthusiasm and support for her research.

Kala appreciates the encouragement she received from many interesting scientists and researchers she spoke with while facing the challenges and rewards of research competitions. She is also quick to acknowledge the "unwavering support" of her mother, Anne Marie Seeholzer, and her older siblings, who also participated in science fair competitions on their paths to higher education.

In the fall, Kala will continue a family tradition when she attends St. Joseph Academy, the Cleveland Catholic girls' high school, whose graduates include her mother, sisters, aunts, grandmother and great-grandmother. Kala's many fans include yours truly, her grandmother. ●

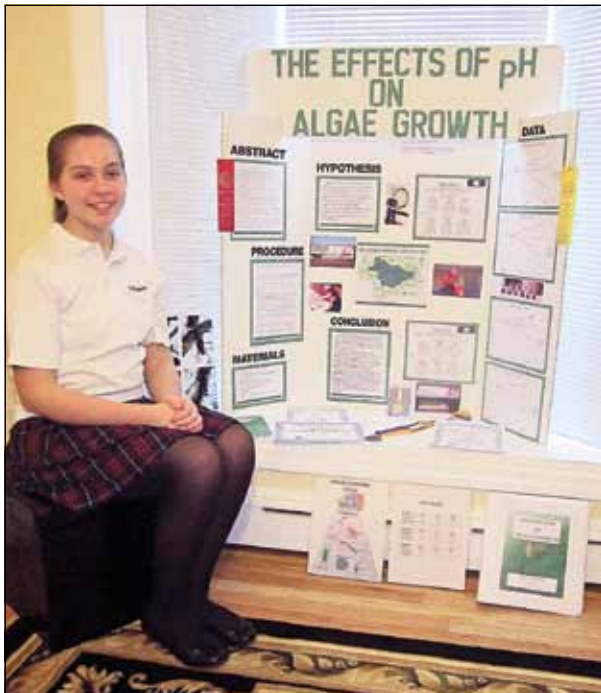


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St. Bernadette eighth-grader Kala Seeholzer poses with her science project display.

## Last-minute free tax help offered in Westlake and Bay

by Mary Levitzow

Making a difference in one's community has always been a priority for all the dedicated individuals that volunteer each year with the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program. This special volunteer program started in 1968 with four volunteers at one site serving 100 taxpayers. Today, the program utilizes 35,000 volunteers at 6,000 sites across America helping 2.6 million taxpayers.

This program is the nation's largest volunteer tax preparation assistance service under a cooperative agreement with the IRS. These dedicated individuals are IRS-certified volunteers that have been trained and IRS tested. This free, individualized, no-strings-attached program was designed to work with low- to moderate-income taxpayers, especially people 60 and older.

Westlake Village senior living community has three trained and tested AARP Foundation Tax-Aide volunteers. The Westlake Village site coordinator is retired Union Carbide engineer Earle McGraw who set up this site in 2002 and has been an AARP Foundation Tax-Aide volunteer for 21 years. Every Tuesday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., during the tax season from February to April 15, he and his team assist Westlake Village community members and local residents. Earle enjoys this AARP program because it provides him the great "satisfaction of helping people." The training and IRS testing every year is very thorough.

Earle's AARP Foundation Tax-Aide team members are counselor Steve Ersek with 25 years of volunteer service and data entry/computer operator Eleanor Joseph with three years of volunteering experience. One could not ask for a better team of tax consultants to quietly help one handle new forms and proper filing. These three volunteers, along with this AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program, deserve accolades and praise for meeting essential community needs.

AARP Tax-Aide volunteers also provide free assistance for taxpayers earning less than \$75,000 per year at Bay Village's Dwyer Memorial Senior Center on Fridays from 8 a.m. to noon, through April 12.

Appointments are required at both locations, and may be made by calling Westlake Village at 440-892-4200 or the Dwyer Center at 440-899-3409. ●



PHOTO BY MARY LEVITZOW

The Westlake Village AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program volunteers are tax counselor Steve Ersek, tax coordinator Earle McGraw, and tax data entry/computer operator Eleanor Joseph.

## 'Friends' donate pet oxygen masks to Bay Village firefighters

Friends of the Bay Village Kennel purchased specialized pet oxygen masks and donated them to the Bay Village Fire Department on March 25.

Chief Lyons graciously accepted the brand new and updated accessories, which are now on a fire truck.

"We hope we never have to use them, but just like humans, pets can be overcome by smoke and other particulates in a fire. These are custom made to fit the snout of an animal and give them the correct flow of oxygen similar to what a human might need. The Bay Village Fire Department is extremely appreciative of this donation."

For more information about FOBVK go to [www.friendsofbayvillagekennel.com](http://www.friendsofbayvillagekennel.com), or on Facebook. ●

## Behind the Swoosh: Sweatshops & Social Justice

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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.





## CHAD *continued from front page*

But you can bet Chad will continue to attend athletic events and cheer on his beloved green and white Demons as a No. 1 alum. His support and enthusiasm have meant more to the student athletes, coaches and the community than he will know. Here is what some of them had to say:

Brendan Zepp, varsity baseball coach: "Chad has been our bat boy for the past six years. Winning or losing, Chad would always stay confident in the dugout and expect a rally. He could also be seen outside the dugout between innings pumping up the crowd. He is an inspiration to all of us."

Shawn Hood, varsity basketball coach: "Chad was one of the most important people I met when I became the Head Coach. His presence made me feel like people cared about boys basketball in Westlake."

Tony Cipollone, WHS director of athletics: "Chad

is the ultimate Demon. His enthusiasm and love for any sport is unmatched."

Tim Freeman, WHS principal: "I attend a significant number of school events each year. I am hard pressed to think of a time when I arrived at an event and Chad was not there, involved, leading a cheer, and making sure that all of us knew that Demon Pride was alive and well. He has taught us a great deal about school spirit, enthusiasm, and determination. We will miss seeing him at school each day, but I have a sneaking suspicion that the next time a crowd gathers to cheer on the Demons, Chad will be there. He has to be there, he's our Number One Fan!"

Nick Wertman, boys soccer team captain: "He's always been to every important sporting event during my four years at high school and I want him to know how much we as athletes



Chad DiLillo, surrounded by Westlake High cheerleaders, during his send-off on March 28.

appreciate that, he's the ultimate supporter and a great friend."

Shawn Turk, boys football and basketball team captain: "It gets us pumped up seeing him pumped up!"

Jamie Lackner, boys basketball and baseball team captain: "Chad is the best! He used to cheer for our travel baseball team when I was in fifth grade and has been there ever since. I have always looked forward to seeing him at our games and will miss his big smile. He is, and always will be, our biggest fan!" ●



Superintendent Keenan congratulates Chad on his accomplishments.

PHOTOS BY CAROL MAAT

## Attorney Patricia Hall Mobberly interviews Brian Thompson, candidate for Westlake Council Ward 2

Part 1:

**Attorney Patricia Hall Mobberly (Trish):** Brian, tell me, if I wanted to run for a Ward seat on Westlake City Council, how would I go about doing so?

**Brian:** You would need to be a resident of the Ward for at least 18 months, but the first step would be to get a petition package from the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections.

**Trish:** Then what?

**Brian:** You then would need to fill out and sign the part-petition forms and get 100 to 300 signatures of registered voters. Three hundred is recommended in order to get at least 100 valid signatures.

**Trish:** How many signatures did you get?

**Brian:** Exactly 300. One wonderful thing to me is that one of the other candidates signed my petition, and I signed his.

**Trish:** What kind of response did you get as you went door to door getting signatures? Any negative responses?

**Brian:** Not many negative. People were generally great. One lady offered me hot

chocolate. Another lady offered me a scarf. (It was about 20 degrees, breezy and snowy). Many people asked me to step inside the door to get warmed. And people asked me a lot of questions.

**Trish:** What kind of questions were you asked?

**Brian:** One of the most frequent questions was, "Why are you running for Council?"

**Trish:** And how did you answer?

**Brian:** I told them that I have been blessed throughout my life and I want to give back to the community.

**Trish:** And how have you been blessed?

**Brian:** I've been blessed with many opportunities. I've always had strong faith and been willing to work hard. Combine that with opportunities and great results are bound to happen.

**Trish:** What are some of the opportunities with which you have been blessed?

**Brian:** I came to Ohio at the age of 16,

alone, from Europe - Northern England, and left behind a large family and all of my friends to come to a place where I did not know anyone. But I quickly developed friendships, and the owners of a small business school in East Liverpool, Ohio gave me free tuition in exchange for sweeping the floor and doing other tasks for the school.

**Trish:** After you graduated from business school, then what did you do?

**Brian:** I came to the Cleveland area to take advantage of the tremendous opportunities that are offered here. I took a full-time job as an accounts payable clerk, rising to assistant controller as I attended college classes in the evenings, undergraduate (BBA) and law school, became a certified public accountant and attorney at law, served as a lay minister and raised a family. God blessed me tremendously, I could write several books about my life.

**Trish:** Wow! And what did you do after you graduated from law school and passed the bar exam?

**Brian:** I went into partnership with two

other new attorneys and then later went into practice on my own - serving the public in general practice, tax, whatever people needed. I've narrowed the practice some, but I still work full-time. I have longevity on both sides of my family and I'm in good health, not on any medications, and I enjoy working. I still have strong faith and I'm still working hard, and I see this bid for Westlake Council Ward 2 as a great opportunity. I am confident that when people get to know me, many will vote for me, and I will be successful in my bid for Westlake Council Ward 2.

**Trish:** Thank you, Brian, I would like to continue this at another time.

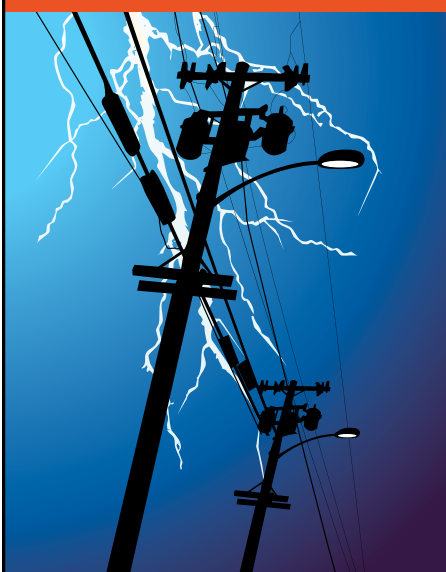
**Brian:** Thank you, Trish.

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WESTLAKE PORTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

# Upcoming events at Westlake Porter Public Library

by Elaine Willis

**Movies @ Your Library** – Join us for some cool movies over Spring Break! All ages welcome. In accordance with library policy, children under age 9 must be with adult. Please register starting March 26. Movies go from 2-3:30 p.m. Scheduled films:

- **Tuesday, April 2:** Video game bad-guy Ralph embarks on an action-packed adventure to prove he's really a hero.

- **Wednesday, April 4:** After young Victor loses his beloved dog, he harnesses the power of science to bring him back – with some interesting adjustments!

- **Thursday, April 7:** Welcome to Hotel Transylvania, Dracula's lavish resort where monsters and their families can live it up, and no humans are allowed!

**Tuesday, April 2 (7-8 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.

**Tuesday, April 2 (7:30-8:45 p.m.) FYI OPERA** – David Bamberger from the Cleveland Institute of Music Opera Theater and students will present a free opera program hosted by the Westlake Westshore Arts Council.

**Wednesday, April 3 (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, April 3 (1-2:30 p.m.) CUYAHOGA WEST GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY** – Stuck on your genealogical research? Not sure how to get started? Stop by for a free Help Session!

**Wednesday, April 3, 10 and 17 (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, April 3 (7-7:30 p.m.) JUNIOR BRICK BUILDERS!** – For our younger builders! Let's build with Duplos and have lots of fun playing and creating! Bring your imagination and we'll provide the Duplo bricks. For ages 3-5 only, please! Registration begins April 1.

**Thursday, April 4 (5-6 p.m.) DUCT TAPE FLOWERS FOR TEENS** – There

are so many fun things to make with duct tape! This time around we're going to transform this bright and colorful tape into flower pins, barrettes, and pencils! Grades 6-12. Please register.

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

**Friday, April 5 (Toddler session: 10:30-11 a.m.; Preschool session: 11:30 a.m.-noon) MUSIC THERAPY & MORE** – Connecting for Kids and the Music Therapy Enrichment Corps invite you to a music therapy group. Learn how parents and caregivers have a direct role in bringing music to life. The toddler session is geared for children under 3. The preschool session is geared for children ages 3-6 (siblings are welcome). Caregiver must stay in the room. No registration required.

**Friday, April 5 (3-4:45 p.m.) TEEN MOVIE** – Drop in for snacks and a movie! Based on a novel written by Stephen Chbosky, the movie is about 15-year-old Charlie coping with first love, the suicide of his best friend, and his own mental illness while struggling to find a group of people with whom he belongs. Rated PG-13. No registration required.

**Saturday, April 6 (10 a.m.-2 p.m.) CRAFTS A GO-GO!** – Come on in and make a craft! We provide the supplies, you provide the creativity. No registration necessary. Meets in front of the Youth Services Desk.

**Friday, April 19 (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, April 6 (1-2:15 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.

**Saturday, April 6 (2-4 p.m.) LET'S BUILD A FORT!** – Drop in between 2 and 4 p.m. to help us build a fort in the Story-

## Take a stroll down Millionaires' Row

Author Dan Ruminski will share tales of the houses of Cleveland's storied Millionaires' Row at Westlake Porter Public Library on Tuesday, April 16, at 7 p.m. Ruminski is the author of "Cleveland in the Gilded Age: A Stroll Down Millionaires' Row." Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing for \$20 cash or check.

Millionaires' Row was a four-mile stretch of Euclid Avenue starting at Public Square. At the height of its gran-

deur in the late 1800s and early 1900s it was called "the most beautiful street in America," and was home to stunning mansions belonging to Cleveland's most influential families. Some of those names are still familiar today – Rockefeller, Hanna, Mather, Wade and Gund to name a few.

To register for the program please call 440-250-5462, stop by one of the library's public service desks or visit [signup.westlakelibrary.org](http://signup.westlakelibrary.org).

time Room. Be sure to bring your imagination; all other supplies will be provided!

**Sunday, April 7 (3-4:45 p.m.) ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY** – Library Director Andrew Mangels will present the library's 2012 annual report.

**Monday, April 8 (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.

**Tuesday, April 9 (7 p.m.) TUESDAY EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION** – The April selection is "The Language of Flowers" by Vanessa Diffenbaugh.

**Wednesday, April 10 (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, April 10 (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.

**Thursday, April 11 (7 p.m.) NON-FICTION BOOK DISCUSSION** – The April selection is "The Other Wes Moore" by Wes Moore.

**Friday, April 12 (11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) CONNECTING FOR KIDS "TEACH ME TO PLAY"** – Experts from the Cuyahoga Board of Developmental Disabilities will lead this playgroup for children 6 years and younger (siblings welcome). Parents will learn how to help

their children play and interact with peers through modeling techniques. Children do not need a formal diagnosis to attend. Caregiver must stay in the room. Please register at [connectingforkids.org](http://connectingforkids.org).

**Saturday, April 13 (10 a.m.-2 p.m.) CRAFTS A GO-GO!** – Come on in and make a craft! We provide the supplies, you provide the creativity. No registration necessary. Meets in front of the Youth Services Desk.

**Saturday, April 13 (10:30-11 a.m.) MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE!** – Join Mother Goose for this interactive storytime featuring simple books, rhymes, songs and movement. For ages birth-3 years old with adult caregiver. No registration.

**Saturday, April 13 (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, April 13 (3-4:45 p.m.) MAD4MANGA** – Do you love Manga, Anime or Japanese culture? If you do, this club is for you! Each month we watch a different Anime series and talk about our favorite Manga. Sometimes we even throw in some crafts, Manga drawing or Japanese treats just for fun! Grades 6-12 only. Registration not necessary.

**Monday, April 15 (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.

**Monday, April 15 (7-8:30 p.m.) MONDAY NIGHT MOVIE** – Join us for "The Odd Life of Timothy Green." Rated PG. Please register.

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

## St. Paul Lutheran to host parenting seminar May 4

by Lorilynn Wolf

St. Paul Lutheran Church in Westlake will host a parenting seminar entitled "Cooperation, Consequences and Keeping Your Sanity" on Saturday, May 4. The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the church located at 27993 Detroit Rd. The cost of the seminar

is \$20 per person which includes both lunch and a children's program running concurrent to the seminar.

Whether your kids are preschoolers, elementary-age, or well into the teenage years, you'll receive practical tools to help build long-lasting character into their hearts. Come learn how to develop cooperation and responsibility. Hear about

choices in a toolbox of consequences, and develop a strategy to bring closeness back into your relationship after discipline.

Led by Marsha Snavelly, this seminar is creative, with participant interaction and plenty of opportunity for you to make specific application to your own family. You'll leave the seminar encouraged, armed with lots of practical strategies

and encouragement to bring change in your family.

Bring the whole family as children through the age of 12 will learn in a supervised environment fun and exciting ways they can enhance family life.

To register, call 800-771-8334 or register online at [biblicalparenting.org/register](http://biblicalparenting.org/register). ●

Join in at [www.wbvobserver.com](http://www.wbvobserver.com)



# Tsitsikamma canopy tour

by Iain Ray

Have you ever heard of a temperate rainforest before? I had heard of tropical rainforests like the Amazon but I didn't know that there was such a thing as a temperate rainforest until I visited the Tsitsikamma National Forest in South Africa. A temperate rainforest is one that has mild temperatures and mild summers and mild winters.

Tsitsikamma National Forest is along the Garden Route on the southeastern coast of South Africa. The word "Tsitsikamma" means "the place with much water," and it was named by the Khoi people. The Khoi people are part of the original people that have lived in South Africa for over 2,000 years.

The forest has many old yellowwood and stinkwood trees. Some of the trees are over 500 years old! The trunks on those trees are very, very wide! The stinkwood trees really do stink when you pull back the bark. South Africa is protecting the stinkwood trees because too many people made furniture out of the wood and too many people used it for medicine to help people fight diseases.

My mom and dad surprised my brother, sisters and me by taking us on a canopy tour zip-lining through the forest! At the canopy tour, we had to fill out paperwork, watch a safety video and then they put on a bunch of

equipment on each of us. I couldn't believe how heavy the equipment felt! Our tour guide's name was Tarky and he told us about some of the animals that we might see as we walked to the forest. He told us that we might see chameleons, baboons, monkeys, snakes, birds and chameleons. He said if we were really, really lucky we might even see a leopard!

I felt a little nervous when we reached the first platform, but once I did the first run I was relaxed about it. Tarky encouraged us to look down as we zipped from tree to tree. When I looked down, I was amazed how high I was! Tarky told me I was almost 100 feet above the ground!

My family and I felt like we were flying like birds! There were 10 runs and the tour lasted about three hours. We didn't see any leopards on the runs but we did see a few chameleons in the trees with us. Tarky told us that chameleons spend all day climbing up trees looking for food.

At the end of the tour, Tarky gave us a DVD of our canopy tour and pictures of all of us zip-lining. I couldn't believe the tour lasted three hours! It was so much fun and it went by so quickly!

I feel so lucky to have been able to go zip-lining through the Tsitsikamma National Forest and am happy to have a video to remember our trip. Thanks mom and



PHOTO BY BRIAN RAY

Tour guide Tarky, left, helps Iain get ready to fly.

dad for our canopy tour and the next time we go on a holiday, I hope you can take us zip-lining again! ●

Iain Ray is a second-grader at Normandy in Bay Village, currently living abroad in South Africa.

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## Register now for Bay Rec programs

by Sarah Gilbert

### SWIM TEAM (AGES 5-18)

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### VOLLEYBALL CLINIC

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For more information on these programs, including fees and registration details, call 440-871-6755 or visit [www.cityofbayvillage.com](http://www.cityofbayvillage.com). ●

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CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BAY VILLAGE BRANCH

# Upcoming programs at the Bay Village Branch Library

by Joyce Sandy

We hope that area students are enjoying their Spring Break, and everyone else is enjoying the break in the weather – finally!! Now is the time to start those spring plans – whether they include cleaning up around the house, planning that garden, or choosing the next book you’d like to read. All of that and more can be found in one place: the Bay Village Branch Library. We’re here to help you find what you need, and there are several displays throughout the library to give you ideas.

Leap Into Books is back in the Children’s Room. Each bag is labeled with the subject of the 4-5 books in the bag. Simply check out the whole bag and you’re ready to go – we’ve chosen the books so you can be on your way quickly. Return them all together and then check out some more! Books on CD, Play-awayViews, and music CDs can be helpful if you’re taking a trip. There are plenty of titles for all age levels – come find the ones that are just right for you. Please join us for the following programs for all ages:

ADULT DEPARTMENT

**Wednesday, April 3 (1:30 p.m.) WEDNESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION** – Join us as we discuss “The Pub Across the Pond” by Mary Carter.

**Saturday, April 13 (11 a.m.-3 p.m.) GET INVOLVED...** - Meet non-profit organizations that need volunteers. Share your talents and skills. As a volunteer you can help your community, explore new hobbies, enjoy new experiences, meet new people and learn new skills.

**Saturday, April 13 (11 a.m.) WHO LIVED HERE? HOW TO DO A HOUSE 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 you could take.

**Monday, April 15 (7 p.m.) LESS IS MORE: EDITING YOUR OWN WRITING, FROM MEMOS TO NOVELS** – Writer/ editor Frank W. Lewis will show techniques for making your own writing more precise, concise and compelling before anyone else sees it.

**Wednesday, April 17 (7 p.m.) I LOVE JAZZ** – Enjoy live jazz music performed

by a group of fine musicians from the Greater Cleveland area. The band will play marches, blues and popular songs from the 1920s in the ensemble style of such bands as Louis Armstrong, and the Preservation Hall Jazz Band.

**Thursday, April 17 (7 p.m.) CLEVELAND’S FAVORITE CHEFS** – Maria Isabella is the author of “In the Kitchen with Cleveland’s Favorite Chefs,” an inside look into the private kitchens of 35 local culinary greats including Michael Symon and Jonathan Sawyer. Maria posed the challenge for each chef to share their favorite dishes that could be prepared in under an hour. She will showcase some of the recipes and tips from the chefs themselves.

TEEN DEPARTMENT

**Tuesday, April 16 (3:30 p.m.) ARTIST DETECTIVES – MINIATURE PAINTING WORKSHOP** – For ages 11-18. Explore and uncover interesting facts about the life and art of miniature artist Oliver Frazier, then create your own mini painting in this workshop conducted by professional artist and author Jo Ann DePolo.

**Thursday, April 18 (3:30 p.m.) SURVIVOR – DUCT TAPE!** – For ages 11-18. Could you survive on a desert island with duct tape being your only supply? Try one of our projects or one of your own; you’ll be stuck on whatever you create!

CHILDREN’S DEPARTMENT

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

**Saturday, April 20 (2 p.m.) G2P PRINCESS DANCE** – For ages 7-11. Put on your dancing shoes and join us for an afternoon of games, crafts and fun based on the fairy tale of the “Twelve Dancing Princesses.”

**Thursday, April 11 (7 p.m.) FAMILIES READING TOGETHER** – For families with readers ages 8-12. Discuss a good book, try a related activity and enjoy a treat. Books are available now at the Check Out Desk.

**Please join us for these programs by going online to [cuyahogalibrary.org](http://cuyahogalibrary.org), calling 871-6392 and, of course, stopping in to see us. See YOU soon! ●**

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Update on the Bay Village Kennel construction and operation

In the past, Friends of the Bay Village Kennel’s meetings with the mayor have not proven to be an effective means of resolving this issue. Further, the mayor has made it clear that she is unwilling to have public discussion on this issue. Until further notice, FOBVK will endeavor in other areas.

FOBVK will continue its efforts to assist distressed animals through the use of generously donated monies for purposes including spaying, neutering, other veterinary care, food, medications, etc.

FOBVK also continues to have the support of a benevolent benefactor willing to fund the construction of a new kennel facility within the city. This facility would, however, be owned by the city with stipulations and/or codified regulations requiring city participation and cooperation. FOBVK would, then, be happy to volunteer TO HELP with its operation and maintenance.

– Friends of the Bay Village Kennel,  
John and Ruth Glasmire  
Tom and Janet Kauker  
Nancy Brown

SPORTING VIEWS

# Season potentially a breeze for Tribe hitters

by Jeff Bing

About a month or so ago, I addressed the issues I had with the Indians’ starting pitching, and it’s no secret the whole key to the season will be tied to just how good – or bad – the pitching is.

On the other hand, the Indians made a number of positive moves over the winter to improve upon their inept 2012 offense, which proved for many to be an instant cure for insomnia. In fact, just for grins, let’s contrast what we had last year to the 2013 edition:

Outfield

In right field, Drew Stubbs replaces Shin-Soo Choo. Choo was a great defensive fielder whose offense deteriorated over the past couple of years, while Stubbs is a good defensive fielder with average power and good speed. Unfortunately, Stubbs also strikes out as much as a guy on the dating circuit who doesn’t see the need for personal hygiene.

In center, Michael Bourn (hope you’re not waiting for a “Bourn Identity” joke) replaces Michael Brantley, who simply moves to left field, replacing the very replaceable Shelly Duncan, et al. Bourn can fly, can hit, and is excellent in the outfield. With this new outfield, one of lesser literary ability might suggest many Tribe fans feel “Bourn again” (but don’t worry, I never stoop that low).

Infield

At first base last year we had Casey Kotchman; this year Nick Swisher. It’s probably one of the biggest talent swings you’re going to witness in a year’s time. Kind of like going to T-bone from Milkbone.

We should be solid at second base with Jason Kipnis – one of only a few returnees from 2012. Jason seemed to hit a wall last year; hopefully that was a result of playing an entire major league season for the first time. The guy is a decent fielder, but has quite a bit of pop in the bat. He’s one of the core players on this team, and for the Indians to improve, he needs to have a solid season.

At third base, we now have Lonnie Chisenhall, the guy who was supposed to grab the job from the departed Jack Hannahan for the last couple of years – but politely declined to do so. Maybe I’ve just never seen Chisenhall at the top of his game, but so far I’ve been underwhelmed. Let’s

hope the guys who labeled the likes of Andy Marte and Matt LaPorta “can’t miss” material weren’t the same ones who evaluated this guy. Just sayin’.

Catcher

Carlos Santana is at the point of his career where he either begins to impact the game in the manner many of us thought he would, or becomes just another disappointment who peaks at a level much lower than anticipated. Now’s the time, Carlos.

Designated Hitter

Mark Reynolds mercifully replaces Travis Hafner. Yeah, Reynolds connects with the same frequency of a toddler and a tee-ball, but that’s STILL more than Travis did. It’s an upgrade, so we’ll live with it. Look at it this way: With Reynolds you simply either strike gold or strike out.

Shortstop

You may have noted that I hadn’t yet mentioned shortstop in my evaluation. That’s because I have a special place in my column (last) for Asdrubal Cabrera, who – in my humble opinion – was the primary reason Manny Acta lost his job.

The way I see it, Asdrubal has performed like an all-star during the first half of the last two seasons, only to mail it in for the second half after making the All-Star team. It’s no coincidence the Tribe also tanked – big time – when Asdrubal did. When Acta failed to discipline Cabrera – no-doubt because Cabrera was one of the few on the roster with big-league talent and Acta didn’t think he could afford to sit Asdrubal down – the rest of the Indians took note of what was going on, and the mind-set became: If Cabrera’s not getting called out for his antics – why should I bust my rear? and Acta lost control of the team, which contributed to last year’s epic tailspin.

This year, I can only hope that the very first time manager Terry Francona gets a whiff of Asdrubal’s act, he sits Cabrera’s rear on the bench – not for a game or two, but a week or so – which will ensure the prima donna gets the message.

A couple of splinters in the rear would do Cabrera justice, for if you really think about it, what could be better medicine for him than a major (league) pain in the Asdrubal? ●

*Jeff welcomes all feedback and suggestions, pro or con, which may be sent to [editor@wbvobserver.com](mailto:editor@wbvobserver.com).*

## CHRISTIAN HEALING CONFERENCE COMING TO WESTSHORE AREA APRIL 26-27

by Steve Merkel

“Sacred Paws – Experiencing the Unconditional Love of God through Canine-assisted Therapy,” a workshop led by Patricia Griswold and Captain Jack, a certified therapy dog, will be one of five Saturday workshops at an upcoming Christian Healing Conference. The conference, “Inviting God’s Presence,” will be held this year at Avon Lake Presbyterian Church, 32340 Electric Blvd., at 7 p.m. Friday, April 26, and beginning at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, April 27.

The other workshops to be held on Saturday are “Opening the Eyes of Our Hearts,” “Finding God in the Midst of Addiction,” “How Do You Experience

God?” and “A Taste of Christian Listening.”

Hawley Todd, executive director of Episcopal healing ministries, spiritual director, author, and well known for his work in healing ministries, will be the keynote speaker on both Friday and Saturday.

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# Three Bay teams take first at DI regionals

by Audrey Ray

**B**ring! Brring! It is amazing how technology has helped me stay connected to my friends in Bay Village. Have you heard of FaceTime? It's software for Apple devices that lets you actually see the person on the other end moving and talking to you as if you were right next to them. I have used FaceTime to stay in touch with the Aqua Girls at our weekly Destination Imagination meetings since January and help them prepare for the regional competition on March 9.

This year the Aqua Girls competed in the fine arts challenge. It is called "In Disguise." For this challenge, we had to make two masks, one that morphs, or changes in front of the audience, and one that is decorative. You also can't talk at all or have any written words in the show which is really hard to do because you have to be sure that the audience understands the storyline. Another thing we had to include is someone in a disguise, and she has to reveal her real identity at some point in the show.

We went through dozens of show ideas and spent lots of time researching theater, masks and theatrical techniques. Finally, we came up with a show that everyone liked that involves some animals that are mistreated at a zoo and are



**The "Aqua Girls" – Olivia Reed, Caroline Fowles, Eliza Aleksandrovic, Grace Chilton, Patty Yuhes and Ava Ransom – took first in the Destination Imagination regional competition.**

eventually rescued and sent to freedom in their natural environment.

Making the masks was difficult. At a BAYarts show in the fall, I asked one of the high school art teachers what she knew about making masks. She told me that I should talk to Mr. Schemrich. Mr. Schemrich makes masks with his high school students.

Mr. Schemrich met with us a week before I left for South Africa in January. He spent almost two hours with us asking lots of questions about our ideas. He made us really think through our plans.

He gave us some great advice to help us with our masks. Thank you Mr. Schemrich so much for all your advice, time and help on our challenge! Without you we probably would have been completely lost on how to make a mask that morphed and how to make our decorative mask so elaborate.

Time flew by and all my late



**The DI team "Penguins with Swag...BAHM!" is Bay High tenth-graders Bethany Comienski, Andrea Bliscik, Haylee Maude and Maria Lally.**



**BMS eighth-graders Olivia Risch and Jessica Bohannon form the DI team "Swedish Chefs".**

night FaceTiming with the Aqua Girls and all their scenes, props and masks were done. They rehearsed and rehearsed the show and it was time for the DI regional competition. I was anxiously waiting to hear from my team on how they did. I am six hours ahead of them so I tried staying awake for the results but I fell asleep!

When I woke up the next morning, I read my texts and emails and found out that the Aqua Girls had won first place! I was so excited because now we would be going to the state competition for the second time! I am so happy that I stayed up late (midnight sometimes) for our DI meetings because I am a part of the team even though I am on the other side of the world.

There are two other teams from Bay Village going to the DI state competition too. "Penguins with Swag...BAHM!" and "Swedish Chefs" also came in first place. The

Penguins with Swag...BAHM! team (their team name uses the first initial of each girl's name: Bethany Comienski, Andrea Bliscik, Haylee Maude and Maria Lally) won the Change in Realitee competition which is an improvisation challenge. The team members are in 10th grade.

The team researched different communication techniques and at the competition were given three random nouns that they had to use to make a slogan and then given five minutes to present a skit that included the slogan, a randomly picked dramatic change and a randomly picked communication technique.

Swedish Chefs competed in the Twist-O-Rama challenge. The team members are in eighth grade and their names are Olivia Risch and Jessica Bohannon. They had to build a structure that would hold as much weight as possible. They won their division too, beating out six other teams to move on to the DI state competition.

I look forward to my late night FaceTiming with the Aqua Girls as we continue to try and reach our goal of heading back to Globals in May. Wouldn't it be amazing if Bay Village had three teams go to Globals? Good luck Aqua Girls, Penguins with Swag...BAHM! and Swedish Chefs at the Ohio Destination Imagination State Tournament on Saturday, April 20! ●



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## Youth Challenge gearing up for Paralympic sports

by Kathy Rigdon

The Youth Challenge kids are going to be better equipped to participate in Paralympic sports thanks to a grant from Northern Ohio Golf Charities Foundation Inc.

The World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational awarded more than \$924,000 to 49 area charities at the Northern Ohio Golf Charities recognition program recently. Youth Challenge received \$9,450 to help purchase Paralympic sports equipment to support their power wheelchair soccer and golf programs. YC brings together children with physical disabilities with trained youth volunteers to participate in adapted sports and recreational activities.

YC has helped children access adapted sports activities for 37 years. With a reputation for providing high quality athletic programming, YC has been designated as the "Paralympic Sport Club – Cleveland" by the U.S. Paralympics, a division of the U.S. Olympic Committee. As a Paralympic Sport Club, YC will continue to introduce adaptive sports to children with physical disabilities while also promoting athletics and teamwork.

YC will offer 80 Paralympic sports activities in 2013, such as swimming, fitness, tennis, bocce, archery, goal ball and camping, among others. During activities, YC will instruct participants in the official rules of each Paralympic sport. This gives all children the opportunity to try Paralympic sports in a recreational setting while also allowing YC to play a part in identifying young athletes



Participants and volunteers compete in an adapted volleyball game during a Youth Challenge Paralympic sports program.

who may want to pursue competitive sports. Children interested in competition will be referred to partners such as SPIRE Institute in Geneva and Wooster's Adaptive Sports Program of Ohio for their team offerings. This will serve as a pipeline for U.S. Paralympic athletes.

"As a Paralympic Sport Club, YC is committed to putting our best foot forward in introducing children to new recreational and competitive sport opportunities," says Chris Garr, director of program services at Youth Challenge. "We're grateful for the support of Northern Ohio Golf Charities Foundation."

To provide Paralympic sport programs, YC will work with the U.S. Paralympics, as well as with other groups in the area. These may include Adaptive Sports Program of Ohio, SPIRE Institute in Geneva, and the Wheelchair CAVS, to name a few. Local sports facilities, such as the North Olmsted Golf Club and Washington Park Golf Course, will help YC offer Paralympic sport activities throughout the year. ●

## Bay's Crisis Communications Task Force advises residents to be proactive, prepared

by Heidi Langer

After two months of public meetings and research, the Crisis Communications Task Force presented its initial draft of recommendations on how best to communicate with Bay Village residents in an emergency situation. At the most recent meeting, held March 25, the committee presented a plan that focused on three impact areas: communicating with vulnerable and at-risk populations; making better use of existing programs and resources; and using tactics that are flexible and scalable for the scope of the emergency.

Committee members are currently revising the draft of recommendations to reflect the suggestions brought forward at the last meeting. A revised draft will be presented at the April 8 Task Force meeting.

The next emergency situation can happen at any time. Bay Village residents are asked to be proactive and be prepared by taking advantage of the free communication and emergency services listed below:

- 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. It takes less than a minute, and you do not need to provide your name, your age or even your street address. To enroll, please visit [www.cityofbayvillage.com](http://www.cityofbayvillage.com) and click on the Safety Services tab.
- Register for the Mayor's free email newsletter, which is sent out when needed to all subscribers. To sign up go to: [www.cityofbayvillage.com](http://www.cityofbayvillage.com) and click on Email Alerts in the top right corner of the site.
- Enroll in the Residential Lockbox Program by contacting the Bay Village Fire Department. The cost is minimal for residents (\$25), and it provides the fire and police departments access to enrollees' homes in the event that they need to gain emergency entry. The Bay Village Fire Department can be reached by calling 440-871-1214.
- Enroll in the Bay Village Police & Fire Department's Community Care Monitor program, in which the departments use automated calls to check in on enrollees. If the phone is not answered, the police check on that resident. For more information, contact the Bay Village Police Department at 440-871-1234. ●



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# Bay Village Bicycle Fair to be held May 1

by Tracey Bradnan

Did you know America's biggest and most successful bike-to-school program was founded right here in Bay Village? Bike To School Challenge returns for its sixth year on May 6-24 and Bay residents can get ready to roll at the free Bay Village Bicycle Fair on May 1.

Organized by Century Cycles bicycle store in conjunction with five local schools, Bike To School Challenge inspires and incentivizes over 4,000 students to ride their bicycles to school as much as possible for three weeks. The program was founded at Bay High School in 2008 and expanded to include Bay Middle School in 2009. Last year, an average of 474 Bay Middle School students (59 percent of the school) biked each day of the challenge. Since 2008, Bay

Middle School and Bay High School students have biked 129,476 miles during the challenge.

To prepare for the 2013 challenge and other spring bike-riding, all Bay residents are invited to the Bay Village Bicycle Fair, a free event open to the public on Wednesday, May 1, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Bay Middle School, 27725 Wolf Rd. The first 20 families to enter will receive a free bicycle helmet from sponsors Century Cycles and Raleigh Bicycles (limit one per family).

The event includes bicycle inspections and helmet fittings by Century Cycles mechanics, bike licenses from the Bay Village Police Department, and information and activities from a variety of Bike To School Challenge sponsors and community supporters, including the Project Earth Environment Club and Bay Skate and Bike Park Foundation. ●



Get ready to roll at the Bay Village Bicycle Fair on May 1.

# Westlake Girl Scout achieves silver award with nature badge project

Katie Cirincione, a sixth-grader at Parkside Intermediate School in Westlake, just completed the Silver Award, which is the second-highest award in Girl Scouting.

Her project involved revamping three Junior Girl Scout "badge backpacks" at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center. Over the past few years, Girl Scout badges and requirements have changed. Katie saw the need to update the backpacks to meet current requirements for the detective, gardener and animal habitats badges.

She spent 50 hours over seven months working on this project. She also purchased and donated badges for the project. When a Girl Scout comes to Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, she may check out a backpack (for a fee), do the enclosed step-by-step requirements at the Center (usually in an hour or so) and receive the patch.

Katie thought of and presented her project at a critical time for the Center. Redoing the backpacks was not in the budget this year for the Center. Katie hopes that any current and future Junior Girl Scouts (grades 4 and 5) will be able to take advantage of this easy, drop-in program.



PHOTO BY JENNIFER CIRINCIONE

Katie Cirincione with one of the "badge backpacks" she revamped as part of her Silver Award project.

Katie has been in Scouting for five years and is currently a Cadette in Troop 989 in North Olmsted, under the leadership of Nel Bratton.

To schedule a time for your troop or individual Scout to reserve a backpack, or for additional information, call Carole Lynn Stradtman at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, 440-871-2900, ext. 211. Lake Erie Nature & Science Center is located at 28728 Wolf Rd. in Bay Village. ●

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I am energized by the opportunity to further serve the public, which has been something I have done my entire life, in both the public sector and non-profit arena – as illustrated by my active involvement in the community for the past decade.

Currently, I serve as an elected member of the Westlake School Board, and currently work for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, where I serve as the executive director.

In addition to my role as an elected representative, I have served as a member of the Westlake Planning Commission; served as co-chair of the Crocker Park Civic Development Committee; served as a member of the St. Bernadette School Commission; serve as vice president of Westlake World Partners Inc.; served as founder and chairman of the St. Bernadette Night at the Races; and served as founder and chairman of the St. Bernadette Community Carnival.



**Westlake Ward 2 candidate Nate Cross**

Additionally, I possess a Bachelor's Degree (BA) and Master's in Public Administration (MPA) degree from Cleveland State University. I have been married for 17 years, have two children and am a member of St. Bernadette Parish, and am a long-time member of the Westlake community.

My goal is to continue to serve the public. I view

Westlake as a wonderfully well-run community, and have made it a point to support and work with all our city leaders such as Westlake Mayor Dennis Clough and State Rep. Nan Baker, who amongst many others, support and endorse my candidacy to become the next Ward 2 Councilman.

With many significant issues on the ballot May 7, please remember to exercise your civic duty and vote!

– Nate Cross

*Candidates running for local office are welcome to introduce themselves in the Observer with a 300-word letter to the community. Submit story and photo to editor@wbvobserver.com.*

## BAY CITY SCHOOLS

## Normandy students and staff show Dr. McGlamery their love

by Karen Derby

Students and staff at Bay Village's Normandy Elementary School took the entire week of March 18 to show their principal, Dr. Jim McGlamery, how much he is loved and appreciated by presenting him with a week of surprises.

Monday, March 18, began with a celebration of Dr. McGlamery's birthday (including birthday cards from all the children). While he thought that was the end of a special celebration, the focus stayed on the principal as the building celebrated Tabasco Tuesday (Tabasco pins worn in honor of Dr. McGlamery's penchant for the spicy sauce), Wear-a-Tie Wednesday (hand-decorated ties worn in honor of Dr. McGlamery's extensive (and growing) collection display of child-oriented ties), and Thank You Thursday (thank you notes from the children).

The week wrapped up with a Friday assembly, where books of



PHOTO BY CAROL SALIM

**Dr. Jim McGlamery was presented with a book of well-wishes from each grade level at Normandy Elementary School. Students are, from left, Caleb Rinehart, Nathan Hart and Jared Jennings.**

memories, thanks and well wishes were presented to Dr. McGlamery. "Norman Bee Finds Normandy," (written by library assistant Julie Holland, soon to be published with illustrations by Jim Durk) was also read. The book describes how Norman Bee, the school's mascot, came to "bee" at Normandy. Dr. McGlamery invented Norman Bee when he began his principalship at Normandy Elementary and had to deal with some bees in the cafeteria that were frightening the children. ●

## Visiting artist shares newspaper illustrations with Westlake art class

by Marge Widmar

Subject matter for Plain Dealer visual journalist Chris Morris covers celebrities such as Woody Allen and Elton John. It includes the complete cast from the daytime soap opera "The Bold and the Beautiful." It covers 22 pages of the Plain Dealer's Friday magazine with 542 inductees of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. It honors orators of great speeches and presidents who made history such as Abraham Lincoln. It illustrates not only the Cleveland Browns but the journalists who cover them and the fans who follow them. In April it will celebrate Superman's 75th anniversary. And, much more.

Art students at Westlake High School were able to experience Morris'

art in a Visiting Artist presentation on March 21 facilitated by the Westlake-Westshore Arts Council. In addition to a PowerPoint with examples of his work, Morris showed early planning sketches in blue Prismacolor giving visual form to his ideas for Plain Dealer illustration assignments. He passed around finished illustrations, done on Bristol board in India ink. For illustrations done on the computer, Morris draws on a Mac with Adobe Illustrator or Photoshop software.

"Chris Morris was an inspiration to students," said Westlake High art edu-

cator Will Wilson. "His real life experience and expertise provided valuable insights for students looking to pursue careers in art. He shared the ways he uses technology in combination with traditional materials in a practical and easy to understand manner that provided me with exciting ideas for future student projects."

A little research shares that in 2011 Morris was awarded first place in Illustration and Full Page Layout from the Associated Press of Ohio. He has received five first place awards from The Nevada

Press Club, and multiple awards from the Society of News Design, including ten from this past year's contest.

Morris joined The Plain Dealer in 2011. He has freelanced for numerous national newspapers, including the Los Angeles Times, Orange County Register, Boston Globe, Washington Post and the Las Vegas Sun. He is also a regular contributor to ESPN.com. Morris' art can be seen on The Plain Dealer's front page, its section covers, the Friday Magazine and throughout Cleveland's daily paper in a variety of media and subjects. ●

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# Citizens for Westlake Schools presents 'Taste of Westlake' April 18

by Megan Moutoux

On April 18, Citizens for Westlake Schools, a community action committee formed to promote and support the excellence of Westlake Schools, will present the fifth Taste of Westlake at LaCentre. The festivities will begin at 6:30 p.m. with samples of hearty fare from over 24 Westlake restaurants. Many guests have come to know this event as “the event”! Tickets are on sale now for \$30.

Citizens for Westlake Schools has been a pioneer in raising awareness and support for the Westlake City Schools, a district rated “Excellent” for the past 13 years. This year, the State Report Card graded the district “Excellent with Dis-

tingtion.” The fundraising efforts of Citizens for Westlake Schools will help the May 7 levy campaign efforts for Issue 16, a much needed operating levy. The Taste of Westlake is an event to inform guests in a comfortable and enjoyable atmosphere.

Each participating restaurant provides ample appetizers for guests to try. From these appetizer bites to sweet treats for dessert, the Taste of Westlake is an event to enjoy and mingle with fellow community members. Guests will be entertained by guitarist Jeff Varga.

Please join in the festivities on April 18 at La Centre. For more information, or to purchase tickets, please visit [www.westlakelevy.com](http://www.westlakelevy.com), or contact Christie Wiedt, Taste Of Westlake chairperson, at [christiesbn@aol.com](mailto:christiesbn@aol.com). ●

# Village Food Project updates mission and name

by Diane Frye

For the past two years, The Village Food Project has brought nourishment and care to individuals and their families who have been touched by cancer. The response to this service has been remarkable, demonstrating an overwhelming opportunity to support those with cancer and a strong desire to come together as a community in service.

In order to continue growth, and clearly reflect its purpose, on Feb. 21 The Village Food Project reestablished and incorporated as the Village Project. The mission: “To come together as a community of all ages to provide nourishing meals

and extended care and service to our neighbors experiencing cancer,” will be the driving force of this newly formed endeavor.

We are dedicated to continue serving nourishing meals to our neighbors battling cancer and equally devoted to increasing services and support for the patient and the entire family. All involved continue to look forward to sharing our long-term vision as it continues to develop.

Executive Director Barb Harrell is happy to welcome board members: Terry Cariglio, John Engelbrecht, Loren McKeon, Jean Prokes and Ann Paras.

For more information contact Barb Harrell at 440-348-3401. ●

## FAITH & SPIRITUALITY

# Unity can help you bring on a breakthrough!

by Terri Zajac

Unity was teaching people about the universal law of attraction 100 years before the famous movie “The Secret” came out in 2006. Many people who viewed the film became enthusiastic about it but, without a consistent effort, failed to realize much change in

their personal lives.

The law of attraction is summed up in Unity’s law of mind action: thoughts held in mind, reproduce after their kind, and out-picture on the screen of life as our experience. It is also in keeping with Unity’s fifth basic principle that encourages people to practice and live the Truth they know.

Jeremy Johnston, an avid student of the law of attraction for over 16 years, brings his enthusiasm, skill and dynamic talent in group interaction to making the practice of the law fun and rewarding.

On Tuesday nights, from April 16 to June 4, 7-8:30 p.m., at Unity Spiritual Center, Jeremy will help people bring on a breakthrough. The class is \$12 per week and walk-ins are welcome. For more details, call Unity at 440-835-0400 or visit [www.unityspiritualcenter.com](http://www.unityspiritualcenter.com) (where you can also watch a video about the class).

By working together as a group, participants in Jeremy’s class will be able to bring on a breakthrough in their personal lives, that has eluded them in the past. Students will learn how to develop a dedicated, focused practice to help integrate consistent and “attractive” thinking that helps to manifest their desires.

Is better thinking the only thing that is required? Of course not. Unity believes we play a



**Jeremy Johnston will discuss the law of attraction Tuesday nights at Unity beginning April 16.**

part in co-creating our experiences, relationships, work, material possessions, health and more with a higher power. Many forces beyond our immediate control influence our lives, however, there are scores of inventors, scientists and spiritual leaders throughout history who contend that thinking plays a big part.

Come to Unity on Tuesday nights beginning April 16 and have fun with the law of attraction! Unity is located at 23855 Detroit Rd. in Westlake, one block west of Clague Road. ●

## They say...

by Dave Scullin, Westlake

They say... “April is a promise that May is bound to keep.”

They say... “Spring is when you feel like whistling even with a shoe full of slush.”

They say... “The sun was warm but the wind was chill. You know how it is with an April day.”

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# COMMUNITY EVENTS

See more events online at [wbvobserver.com](http://wbvobserver.com)

## 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*

## April 1-12

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

Individuals and families will be offered books at Lorain County Health & Dentistry 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.*

## April 4, 7 p.m.

### Photography for Citizen Journalists

Learn from veteran journalist Bob Rosenbaum how photos in printed media are different from online photos, what makes a good photo for publication (including subject, composition, lighting and resolution) and how to use your smart-phone or point-and-click camera to take great shots. This free program, sponsored by the Westlake | Bay Village Observer, will also explain how to submit your photos for publication in the Observer.  
*Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

## April 6, 10 a.m.-noon; 1-3 p.m.

### Porter Library Levy Information Tables

Members of the Westlake Porter Public Library board of trustees will be available in the lobby to answer questions about the library's upcoming renewal levy, Issue 15, along with general library questions.  
*Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

## April 7, 12:30-4:30 p.m.

### Hospice of the Western Reserve Volunteer Education

Join us Sundays, April 7-May 5, for our next series of volunteer education. Teen, non-clinical, attorney and licensed hairdresser volunteers need only attend the first session. All volunteers will also complete about 4 hours of self study. Volunteers 18 and over will receive a 2-step TB test, criminal background check and fingerprinting at agency expense. Preregistration is required. Visit [hospice-wr.org](http://hospice-wr.org) or call Mary McGowan at 800-707-8922, ext. 6881, for an application and to sign up.  
*Ames Family Hospice House, 30080 Hospice Way, Westlake*

## April 8-13, see hours below

### Westlake Computer Round-Up

Drop off your unwanted CPUs, monitors, peripherals, printers, software, inkjet cartridges, cell phones and accessories. Hours: April 8-12, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; April 13, 7:30 a.m.-noon. This service is for Westlake residents only (no businesses, churches or schools). For more information, call the Service Center at 440-835-6432.  
*Westlake Service Center, 741 Bassett Rd.*

## April 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

### Picasa: What It Is and What You Can Do With It

Northeast Ohio Personal Computers welcomes Jerry Slusser to explain the Picasa photo software. You will be amazed at how easy it is to improve your digital photos. Jerry has taught Picasa classes at the Rocky River Senior Center and Rocky River Public Library. He had a 45 year career in retailing, including 15 years with Hallmark Cards. Come at 6:30 for refreshments; program begins at 7 p.m. This event is free and open to all; see [www.neopc.org](http://www.neopc.org) for additional information.  
*Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

## April 11, 7-8 p.m.

### Westlake Schools Levy Information Night

The Citizens for Westlake Schools presents its second Levy Information Night to inform the community about the Westlake City Schools 5.0-mill operating levy on the May 7 ballot. Westlake Schools 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.*

## April 12 & 13, 7 p.m.

### Green & White Revue

The Westlake High School PTSA proudly presents the 28th annual Green & White Revue. This variety show features talents of all kinds from Westlake

schools students ranging in age from kindergarten to high school. Some of this year's acts include vocal, dancers and rock bands. This is a one of a kind show for the city of Westlake! Proceeds from this event benefit Westlake High School's Parent/Teacher/Student Association. Tickets are \$5/person, available at the door.  
*Westlake Performing Arts Center, 27830 Hilliard Blvd.*

## April 13, 8 a.m.-noon

### Kiddie Klost Kids Resale

The sale will feature gently used baby items, kids clothing, toys, games, furniture, and maternity clothes. The sale will include more than 80 tables of merchandise – one of the largest kids resale events in the area. Admission is \$5 for the early-bird preview from 8-9 a.m. (includes entry into raffle for \$50 Gymboree gift certificate) and \$1 for entrance from 9 a.m.-noon. Cash sales only. Please, no bills larger than \$20. A bake sale will also be held during the sale with proceeds benefiting a local Scout troop. For more info, go to [wecpta.org/kiddiekloset](http://wecpta.org/kiddiekloset) or email [kiddiekloset@wecpta.org](mailto:kiddiekloset@wecpta.org).  
*Westlake High School, 27830 Hilliard Blvd. (Park on east side of building; entrance in back)*

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## April 13, 6 p.m.

### Youth Challenge "Gallery Gala"

Enjoy an elegant evening with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dinner, silent and live auctions while supporting Youth Challenge. Tickets are \$125 per person (\$50 tax deductible). All proceeds benefit YC's free, year-round adapted sports and recreational activities for children who are physically disabled.  
*Cleveland Marriott Downtown at Key Center, 127 Public Square, Cleveland*

## April 15, 7-8:30 p.m.

### Less Is More: Editing Your Own Writing, From Memos to Novels

Editors love writers who turn in clean copy. Learn techniques for making your own writing more correct, concise and compelling. Led by journalist Frank W. Lewis, former editor of Cleveland Scene and Cleveland Free Times, current executive director of Ohio City Writers. Registration required at [cuyahogalibrary.org](http://cuyahogalibrary.org).  
*Bay Village Branch Library, 502 Cahoon Rd.*

## April 16, 7 p.m.

### Westshore Regionalism Forum

The Bay Village, Rocky River, Fairview Park, Lakewood and Westlake/North Olmsted Chapters of the League of Women Voters-Cuyahoga Area present the second of three sessions, this time focusing on the Westshore Council of Governments. Westlake Mayor Dennis Clough, Lakewood Mayor Mike Summers and WCOG finance officer Steve Presley will discuss WCOG's background, operation and current issues and collaborations. Audience questions will be welcomed after the speaker remarks.  
*Dwyer Senior Center, 300 Bryson Lane, Bay Village*

## April 17, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

### Westlake Garden Club General Meeting

"Update on the Bees" presented by Walter Jorgenson, beekeeper from Jorgenson's Apiary in Olmsted Falls, will be the program. The meeting starts at 11 a.m., with lunch served at noon. The program begins at 1 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend and learn about bees' effects on gardening. For more information, call 440-892-0189.  
*Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

## April 17, 6:30-8:45 p.m.

### Cuyahoga West Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society meeting

Betty Franklin of the Westlake LDS Family History Center Library will demonstrate the new features of their popular FamilySearch website. Social time, with refreshments is from 6:30-7 p.m. Public is invited to attend, at no charge.  
*Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

## April 19, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

### Portion Distortion

In America, average portion sizes have grown so much over the past 20 years that sometimes the plate arrives and there's enough food for two or even three people. These growing serving sizes are changing what Americans think of as "normal" portion. This is what is called portion distortion. Come to this enlightening talk with Michele Hiatt, RD, LD, from St. John Medical Center, and learn what a portion size should be. RSVP, 440-835-6565.  
*Dwyer Senior Center, 300 Bryson Lane, Bay Village*

Does your group benefit from free listings?

Consider supporting the Observer project by purchasing a display ad inside the paper to announce your next event.

## Focus on Paul St. Denis watercolors at BAYarts

by Eileen Stockdale

When BAYarts opens the Ohio Watercolor Society (OWS) Traveling Exhibition in the Fuller House Gallery on April 12, one artist who will stand out is Paul St. Denis. Not only is he an award-winning member of the OWS, he has been on BAYarts' faculty on and off for years.

To highlight his work as an educator, a sister show featuring Paul's class demonstrations and related paintings

will be in the Dianne Boldman Education Gallery. Paul received his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the Cleveland Institute of Art and his master's from Kent State University; he is a faculty emeritus at the Cleveland Institute of Art. In addition to being a member of the OWS, he is a member of the American Watercolor Society and The National Watercolor Society.

Paul's spring classes at BAYarts are already in full swing, but will



"Spring Thaw" by Paul St. Denis

resume in the fall. Visit [bayarts.net/classes.aspx](http://bayarts.net/classes.aspx) for info. Paul's show and the OWS Traveling Exhibit will run through April 27. Fuller House Gallery hours are Monday to Saturday, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m., or by appointment at 440-871-5432. ◆

## Citizen Photographers

Join us for a simple workshop on how to take pictures for the community's newspaper.

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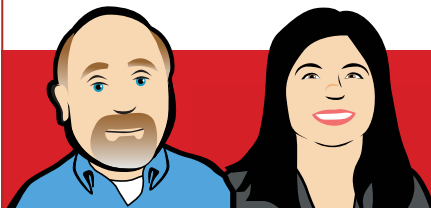
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