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Bay students pedal 28,257 miles during record-setting bike challenge

BY TRACEY BRADNAN

Bay Middle School's front fence packed with bicycles was only one sign of the huge success and impact of the sixth annual Bay Bike to School Challenge. This year, the program set new records, attracted national and international attention, and is helping to transform Bay Village into a bicycling hub.

While the kids won prizes for biking and had fun riding, they also racked up some serious numbers. From May 6 through May 24, Bay

middle and high school students:

- Biked 28,257 miles – the equivalent of biking around the circumference of the Earth and then some;
- Took 9,783 round-trip bicycle rides to school;

“How does it feel to be the best school in the nation when it comes to bicycling?”

– Bay Middle School teacher Lawrence Kuh

- Burned 480,369 calories – or 3,431 cans of Coke;
- Prevented 31,083 pounds of heat-trapping

carbon dioxide emissions from entering the environment;

- Saved their parents \$4,964.78 on gasoline, based on the current Ohio average gas price of \$3.76/gallon.

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Lake Erie Nature & Science Center names new wildlife director

BY KATHLEEN SHIELDS

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center has announced that Amy LeMonds is the nonprofit organization's new Director of Wildlife.

“Amy's proven wildlife rehabilitation expertise and clear vision for the Center's wildlife program point to an exciting future for our visitors, partners, programs and animals,” said Catherine Timko, Executive Director. “In a national search Amy stood out for the breadth of her hands-on wildlife experience, demonstrated leadership skills and credentials in her field.”

A Bay High School graduate, LeMonds earned a biology degree from Baldwin Wallace University



Amy LeMonds was recently named the new director of wildlife at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center.

and gained valuable experience at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo and Crossroads Animal Hospital before joining the Center as a wildlife rehabilitation specialist in 2005.

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Community band seeking musicians

The Sixth Annual Patriotic Band Spectacular sponsored by the Westlake Music Boosters will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 27, at Wagner's Country Inn in Westlake.

If you play a band instrument and would like to be part of this special concert, please contact Ray Walczuk at 440-250-1014 or walczuk@wlake.org for information about rehearsals. ♦

Community honors local veterans on Memorial Day



PHOTO BY DENNY WENDELL

T. J. Rintamaki, of Cub Scout Pack 77 in Westlake, applauds the Westlake High Marching Band as they play “America the Beautiful” during Memorial Day services at Clague Park.

Clague Playhouse accepting donations for annual barn sale

BY PAM KILPATRICK

It's almost time for the Barn Sale at Clague Playhouse! We will gladly accept your gently used donations of household items, outdoor equipment, antiques, collectibles and baked goods! Please, no clothes.

Donations may be dropped off at the theater, Wednesday, June 5, through Saturday, June 8, from 1-6 p.m., and Wednesday, June 12, through Friday, June 14, from 1-8 p.m. The date of the sale is Saturday, June 15, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cash, check, MasterCard, Visa and Discover will be accepted. Proceeds will be used towards the operating costs of the 2013-14 season.

Questions, contact the box office at 440-331-0403 Wednesdays through Saturdays from 1-6 p.m. Clague Playhouse is located at 1371 Clague Road in Westlake between Hilliard Boulevard and Detroit Road. ♦

SPORTING VIEWS

A thorn by any other name is Cleveland sports

BY JEFF BING

Isn't it a wonderful time to be a Cleveland sports fan? Think about it: The Tribe is at or near the top of their division, the Cavs managed to obtain the first pick in the draft lottery, and the Browns, well, let's just say the Browns are undefeated so far in the 2013 season.

Doesn't it make you wish there was some way we could just sort of freeze time for about six months and simply bask in the relative glory of our beloved sports teams before, you know, it all goes “poof”? Otherwise – in reality – don't you envision that a few months from now, we'll all be lamenting what we know to be inevitable?

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Summertime fire safety tips

BY BAY VILLAGE FIRE CHIEF
CHRISTOPHER LYONS

The weather is warming, Memorial Day has come and gone and summer has unofficially begun. The time for outdoor activities and parties is here, and I encourage you to take added safety precautions with fireworks and outdoor grills.

Annually, just under 10,000 Americans are injured by fireworks and almost 5,000 are injured by grill fires according to the United States Fire Administration. Taking a few simple precautions, knowing fire safety tips and following instructions will help everyone enjoy a safe summer.

Fireworks Safety

- The only types of fireworks that can be legally purchased and discharged in Ohio are trick and novelty devices. These include items that smoke,

- sparkle, snap and snake.
- Handle and discharge trick and novelty devices only under adult supervision.
- Appoint one adult to be in charge. This person should know the hazards of each type of firework being used.
- Carefully read and follow the label directions on the trick and novelty device packaging.
- Light only one sparkler at a time and hold it away from your body and others.
- Sparkler wires, which can burn up to 1,800 degrees, should be placed in a bucket of water after they are spent, in order to avoid injury.
- If someone gets burned, run cool water over the wound for two or three minutes and seek medical attention when necessary.

Barbecue/Grill Safety

- Before using a grill, check the con-

nection between the propane tank and the fuel line.

- Do not overfill the propane tank.
- Do not wear loose clothing while cooking at a barbecue.
- Be careful when using lighter fluid. Do not add fluid to an already lit fire because the flame can flashback up into the container and explode.
- Keep all matches and lighters away from children. Teach your children to report any loose matches or lighters to an adult immediately. Supervise children around outdoor grills.
- Dispose of hot coals properly – douse them with plenty of water, and stir them to ensure that the fire is out. Never place them in plastic, paper or wooden containers.
- Never grill/barbecue in enclosed areas – carbon monoxide, one of the products of combustion, is called the silent killer because it can accumulate unnoticed in an enclosed area.
- Make sure everyone knows to “Stop,

Drop and Roll” in case a piece of clothing does catch fire. Call 911 if a burn warrants serious medical attention. All burns to the face, hands, feet or groin require medical attention.

During the summer months, fire safety focuses on outside activities such as fireworks and grilling. But while you are already thinking about taking safety precautions, take the time to test your smoke detectors. If you have not recently changed the batteries, do it now. Also, dust or vacuum around the detector and replace any units that are 10 years old or older.

It is also important to take the time to review your home fire escape plan and make certain every family member has two ways out of the home and knows the outside meeting location. These measures will help ensure that your family and friends stay safe during the summer and all year round.

Enjoy your summer and stay safe! ●

What makes ceremonies special?

BY TERRI ZAJAC

Even with our hectic lives, most of us find time for significant ceremonies.

Weddings, graduations, christenings, memorials, civil unions, birthdays and other rituals in our lives makes us stop and think about what is important to us as human beings. Many ceremonies are short, followed by merriment that goes on much longer. Yet we know in our hearts that the ceremony is still the cake, and the party to follow is the icing, for without the substance that the words and power of the ceremony provide, we have only unsatisfying fluff.

It's usually the ceremony, not the hoopla afterward, that brings tears to the eyes, because a well done ceremony touches the heart. During the ceremony most of us are totally present

and focused, instead of multi-tasking in thought and action like we normally do. In a ceremony, we stand as witnesses to people we care about who are being celebrated, supported or remembered. We allow life to slow down for a few minutes so we can hear what is being said and think and feel about what is meaningful to us.

Weddings are events that often cost thousands of dollars and require hours of orchestration, but years later it is the photo of the couple looking into each other's eyes or holding hands, or the video of the vows spoken, that moves people. It's rarely the memory of the party.

Words spoken by the people being honored by the ceremony, and by the minister, priest, rabbi or host are chosen and spoken carefully, whether they are original or traditional. What we say out

loud in the presence of others matters. Even if the precise words aren't recalled, the meaning and feeling are remembered.

Unity teaches that thoughts and spoken words have power. For over 100 years, a saying that “thoughts held in mind, reproduce after their kind, and out-picture on the screen of life” has been pondered by people on a spiritual path whose lives have been touched by Unity. Thus our church, Unity Spiritual Center in Westlake, and the Unity movement value



Reverend Barbara Smith weds Vanessa Fehr and Patrick Zangardi on Jan. 21, 2012, at Unity Spiritual Center.

ceremonies where the words are never rote but are prepared and spoken with attention to what is brought into manifestation. For more Unity philosophy or ceremonies go to www.unityspiritual-center.com.

When you're invited to a ceremony this season, whether it's a garden wedding at Unity in Westlake, a wedding in a Cleveland cathedral, a simple memorial at a funeral home, the birthday of a cherished grandparent, or a long graduation commencement, give the gift of your totally focused presence and you will be as enriched as the loved ones you are honoring. ●

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- Check your facts. Take the extra time to ensure accuracy.
- Submit original stories and photos. Don't copy others' work and remember to credit your sources.
- Be respectful of others.
- Write for the community. 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

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

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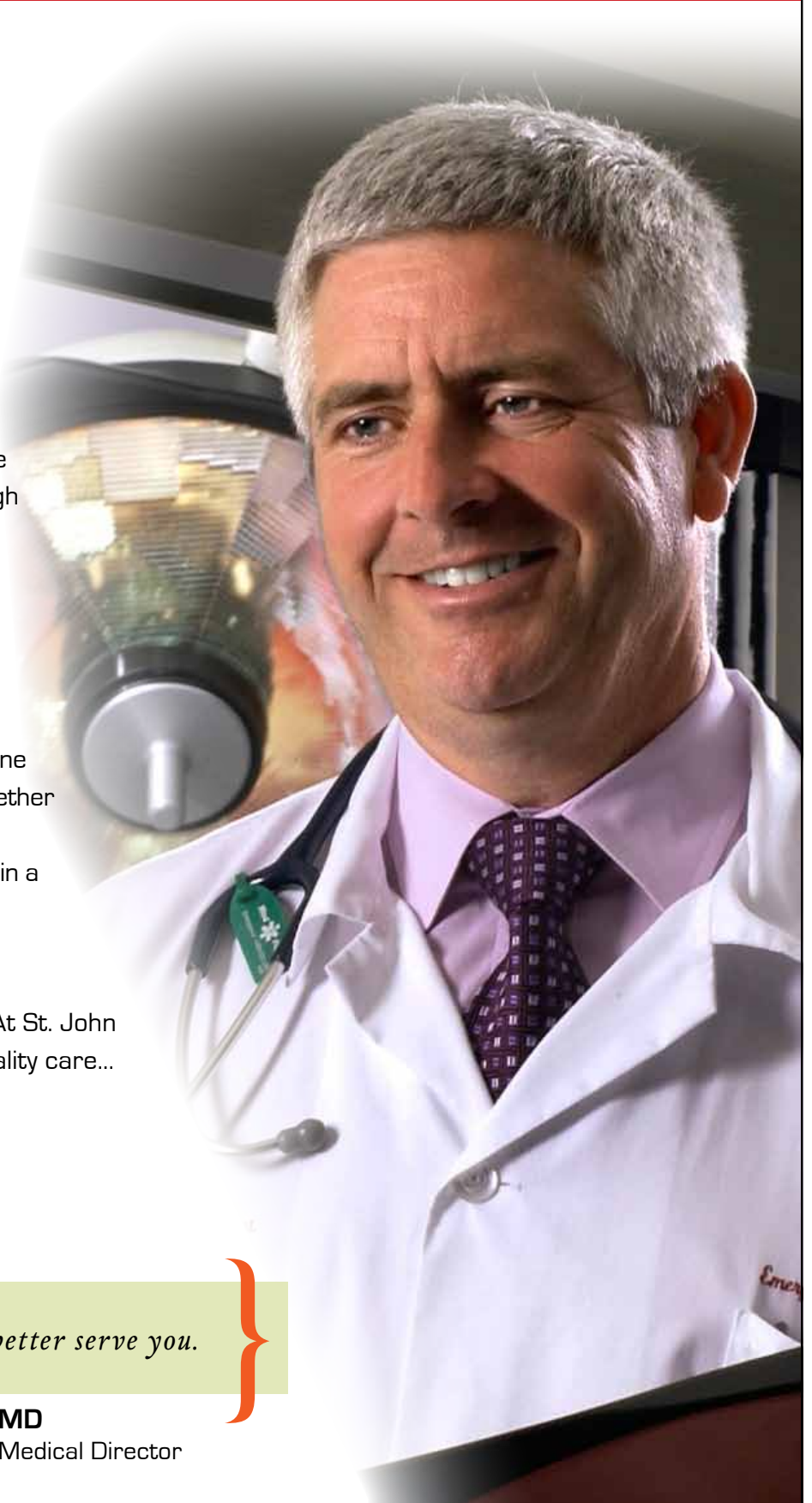
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WESTLAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Two young men from Troop 225 earn rank of Eagle Scout

BY LYSA STANTON

On a beautiful May afternoon, local Boy Scout Troop 225 from St. Bernadette's Catholic Church honored Jacob Paul Ogonek and James Patrick Augustyn as they earned the elite rank of Eagle. The ceremony was held at the Westlake Recreation Center.

The Boy Scout Court of Honor included recognition from local political leaders including State Representative Nan Baker

and Westlake Mayor Dennis Clough. Communications from state and national leaders included Senator Sherrod Brown, Senator Rob Portman and a special letter from President Obama.

The elite rank of Eagle Scout takes several years to earn and includes the completion of a major local service project. Only about 2 percent of the boys who become Boy Scouts finally earn the highest rank of Eagle.

The Westlake Historical Society was proud to work with

Jacob Ogonek on his service project, the design and construction of a historical period garden located next to the Weston House, built in 1844. James Augustyn worked with the Friends of Westlake Porter Public Library to construct a portable mini-golf course.

We congratulate these fine young men on their achievement! We also want to congratulate the parents of Jacob and James on this wonderful milestone. ♦



PHOTO BY DAVE PFISTER

James Patrick Augustyn, left, and Jacob Paul Ogonek achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in May.

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SPORTS *continued from front page*

Stuff like the fact that the Browns quarterbacks will have played so poorly in training camp that Coach Chudzinski had no choice but to announce a “three man rotation” for the 2013 season. Or that the Cavs burned their first round pick on a 7’4”, 150-pound string-bean center from Appalachian State, with Chris Grant stating that he “liked the kid’s upside.” (In a related development, fans want to smack Cavs GM Chris Grant “upside” the head after the pick is revealed).

Or, that after a short stretch of pitching relatively well (it’s his option year, remember), Ubaldo Jimenez went back to pitching like Ubaldo, Brett Myers came off the disabled list and continued pitching like, well, Brett Myers, and Scott Kazmir had reminded us why he was pitching in the low minors only a year ago.

All of which leads me to my next point: What is it about the Indians that makes them think they can take someone else’s rejects and turn them around in Cleveland? Remember Fausto Carmona? The Tribe signed him to a huge contract after he had a terrific year in 2007, then they spent the next five years trying to get him to pitch like that again – with only marginal success.

Come to think of it, that shouldn’t surprise anyone because heck, it took

‘em five years just to get his NAME right, didn’t it?

To paraphrase that famous pitching coach of the Lord Chamberlain’s Men company of theatrical and – I’m almost positive – baseball players, Billy Shakespeare: “A thorn by any other name is still a thorn.” Think about it: half a millennium ago, this guy had sports figured out. I mean Fausto may have become Roberto, but he was still Fausto, capice? You were ahead of your time, Billy.

Now they’re on the very same merry-go-round with Ubaldo Jimenez. The problem is, this particular ride will cost the Dolans \$8 million in 2014, and we all know who pays when they sign a thorn to a huge contract and he becomes a bust. The Dolans don’t pay, baby, we do, and I’m still rubbing calamine lotion on the welts left by the Hafner, Carmona and Sizemore contracts. No mas.

Lastly, has anyone else noticed how Jimmy Haslam had a minority stake in the Pittsburgh Steelers for five whole years – with nary a problem – yet less than a year after buying the Browns, he somehow morphs into Baby Face Nelson?

Oh well ... what’s in a name? ● *Jeff welcomes all feedback and suggestions, pro or con, which may be sent to editor@wbvobserver.com.*

POETRY

Mother and Daughter Reunion

by Dave Scullin, Westlake

I was three cars back from the big yellow school bus when the two large caution lights, like dragon eyes, started winking and the red stop sign by the driver’s window popped out.

Oh no, stuck again as the miniature people dribbled off. A small blond girl half-skipped up her driveway towards her waiting mother.

Mom placed a wisp of her blond hair behind the child’s small ear as they met. Her child, as the Irish say, was “safe home.”

A mutual hug; the child’s arms around her mom’s waist, mom’s more of a “bear hug” – backpack and all.

They turned, hand-in-hand, headed for the house, school day events to review.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

June 8 ice cream social honors dads, father figures

BY LAURIE HENRICHSEN

Father’s Day can be painful for those who have lost a father or father figure. Memories come flooding back. Feelings of grief and loss are often intensified on this special holiday dedicated to honoring dads. To help those who are grieving, the Elisabeth Severance Prentiss Bereavement Center is hosting a pre-Father’s Day Ice Cream Social on Saturday, June 8, 1 to 3 p.m., at Ames Family Hospice House, 30080 Hospice Way in Westlake. Anyone who has experienced the loss of a father or father figure is welcome to attend the free community event – no connection to hospice is necessary. To register for the free event, call Felicia at 216-486-6335.

Activities will be held outdoors, on the patio at Ames Family Hospice House, weather permitting. A commemorative art activity is planned (no experience is necessary), Lorain’s Golden Crescent Chorus barbershop quartet will perform, and an ice cream sundae bar will be provided by Mitchell’s Ice Cream. A spiritual care coordinator from Hospice of the Western Reserve will share brief stories about his own experiences of losing his dad.

Participants are encouraged to bring photos of their fathers or father figures to display on a table of remembrance for a short memorial reading of names. All those who attend are encouraged to enjoy the flowering perennial gardens and stroll the wooded trails located throughout the grounds following the presentation. ●

FAITH & SPIRITUALITY

LIFE Anonymous discussion group can help you overcome battles

BY NELSON BLOUNT

You may not have a substance abuse issue, but is there something – or maybe even more than one thing – with which you constantly battle? Is there something to help you overcome? You can pay a lot of money for someone to listen to you and then to talk to you. You can choose to suffer alone or you can opt to connect with a small group of people who are on the same journey called LIFE and it’s free.

Many of us have character and conduct flaws that challenge us, to say the least. They raise their ugly heads at the most inopportune times. Just when we least expect it and we find ourselves in a painful situation with our children, our parents, our friends, people at work and we just wish we could stop! Like the challenge to stop smoking, these behaviors

are tough to change.

But there is hope! Ann and Melissa have ventured through a 12-step program that has been a real encouragement in their lives. Today they are facilitating a discussion group that meets every second and fourth Monday at 7 p.m. at CrossPointe Community, 1800 Columbia Road in Westlake. The purpose of the group is to provide support and encouragement to those who desire to overcome those things in life that seek to defeat us... like anger and resentment which seem to overpower us.

We hope you will accept this invitation to join this 12-step Christ-centered recovery group. When you come, there is no pressure to talk. You are encouraged to come and simply listen. Life Is For Everyone... real, healthy, peace-filled, abundant life! ●

READER’S OPINION

A Very Unusual Ride

BY BRUCE LEIGH

A very good friend of mine called early the other morning. His car was in a parking lot across town. It wouldn’t start. He asked me for a lift home and, of course, I said yes. I skipped breakfast, thinking we would eat when we got somewhere near home. My stomach began to remind me just how hungry I was as soon as I pulled out of the drive.

I picked my friend up and started driving back to the west side when we came across two big trucks that looked like giraffes. A large slender pole was attached to a bucket which was used to lift workers who were fixing power lines. The thin strands of wire reminded me of spaghetti. Great. My stomach was making rumbling noises by this time. Farther down the street a huge truck pulled an earth-

moving machine. A side street was being torn up for repair. The condition of the street reminded me of peanut butter and jelly. How’s that for a wild imagination?

Just then a police car flew down the street, siren screaming and lights flashing. He pulled a car over. As he stood with his ticket book next to the open window, the police officer looked like a server taking an order in a restaurant. We finally made it to the diner in Bay Village. I thought I was going to pass out from hunger. Oh no, the lights were out and a sign said closed until..... I couldn’t look.

I drove into the parking lot at the Knickerbocker and saw a garbage truck coming at me. He was going out the enter lane. I swerved into the first empty parking space and held my breath. I finally made it home. I made a ham and egg sandwich and got a cup of instant coffee. Not what I had in mind, but it was hot and free. You can’t beat that. ●



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Upcoming events at Westlake Porter Public Library

BY ELAINE WILLIS

Wednesday, June 5 (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, June 5 (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!

Thursday, June 6 (4-4:30 p.m.) GROW YOUR OWN TREATS! – Learn about vegetable gardening and plant seeds in a take-home container so you can grow your own treats! Ages 7-10. Please register starting May 30.

Thursday, June 6 (7-8:30 p.m.) INVESTOR INTEREST GROUP – Les Szarka presents “Mind Over Money.” Join us for a deeper look into the behavior behind the financial decisions you make every day. Please register.

Friday, June 7 (noon-4 p.m.) MARIO KART WII TOURNAMENT – Join WPPL and Game Stop for our Mario Kart Wii Tournament! Grades 6-12. Registration begins on May 31.

Fridays, June 7 and July 5 (1:30-2:30 p.m.) POKEMON LEAGUE – Bring your cards and accessories for a fun morning of play! For kids ages 6-12 only. Please, no younger siblings. Registration begins on May 31.

Saturday, June 8 (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, June 8 (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.

Sunday, June 9 (1:30-2:30 p.m.) ZUMBA FOR TEENS – Zumba is a fun workout that combines elements of several types of dance. Please wear comfortable workout attire and good gym/tennis shoes, and bring a towel and a water bottle. Grades 6-12. Registration begins on June 2.

Sundays, June 9 and July 7 (2:30-3:30 p.m.) SCHWII-NANIGANS! – Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of Wii fun and games! Ages 6-11. Registration begins on June 2.

Sundays, June 9 and July 7 (3-4 p.m.) ZUMBATOMICS – ZumbAtomics is a high-energy fitness party packed with dance. Ages 7-10. Registration begins on June 2.

Mondays, June 10 and July 8 (2-3:30 p.m.) LET’S BUILD! – Explore your architectural side as we build with a variety of bricks and blocks. Grades K-5. Registration begins on June 3.

Monday, June 10 (7-8 p.m.) CELEBRATE FLAG DAY! – Celebrate our flag with stories, songs, a craft and a patriotic treat! Ages 6-10. Registration begins on June 3.

Week of June 11 – SUMMER STORYTIMES BEGIN – Please note that there will be no Storytimes the week of July 4! No registration is necessary, but group size is limited to 58. Storytimes are as follows:

Tuesdays (9:30 a.m.) LAPSIT STORYTIME: Join us for songs, rhymes and play! For ages birth-24 months with caregiver.

Tuesdays (10:15 a.m.) TODDLER STORYTIME: Join us for stories,

rhymes, activities and songs. For ages 2 to 3-1/2 with caregiver.

Wednesdays (1 p.m.) GROWING READERS PRESCHOOL STORYTIME: Join us for a 30-minute early-literacy based storytime, then stay after for literacy activities for ages 3-1/2 to 5.

Tuesday, June 11 (7 p.m.) TUESDAY EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION – This month we’ll discuss “The Lifeboat” by Charlotte Rogan.

Tuesday, June 11 (7-7:30 p.m.) SWEET SUMMER SING-ALONG – You’re invited to our family sing-along! Have fun singing rhymes and songs about your favorite treats! No registration.

Tuesday, June 11 (7-8 p.m.) BURNING RIVER ROLLER GIRLS – The Burning River Roller Girls roller derby team will discuss roller derby and demonstrate their moves! They’ll be joined by the RockStars junior derby team. Program will take place in the library’s parking lot.

Wednesday, June 12 (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, June 12 (3-4:30 p.m.) PRINTMAKING WITH FELT AND MORE! – Use printmaking techniques to create a custom design for a new addition to your wardrobe! Bring a clean, 100% cotton t-shirt, hat, pair of shorts, or tote bag to decorate! Grades 9-12. Registration begins on June 5.

Wednesday, June 12 (7-8:30 p.m.) PROPOSAL WRITING BASICS – Learn the steps of writing a thorough grant proposal, from planning and research to writing to following up. Please register.

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

Westlake’s library and schools team up to offer ‘Summer Brain Games’

BY ELAINE WILLIS

Westlake Porter Public Library and Westlake City Schools are partnering to present an interactive summer learning series for students entering grades 1 to 6. Called “Summer Brain Games,” the series will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from June 11 through August 22, excluding breaks for the week of July 4 and Science Week (August 4-10).

All sessions will be held at the library and prepared and run by staff from the Westlake City Schools with the help of volunteers. There will be a choice of four activity stations, including Reading, Math, Science and Social Studies.

Activities and workshops will include content appropriate for each grade. Activities will change each week, but will be the same on the Tuesday and Thursday of the same week. Four workshops will also be offered: Reading Buddies, Readers’ Theater, Brown Bag Theater and Young Authors.

For more information on the Workshops please contact Nick Miller at MillerNi@wlake.org.

Summer Brain Games will be offered in addition to the library’s annual Summer Reading Program and Science Week. The Summer Reading program encourages children to keep up with their reading over the summer by offering incentives and a variety of programs for all ages. The Summer Reading program takes place from June 3 to July 31. Science Week consists of programs focusing on the STEM fields – Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. It is aimed at getting students ready to study these subjects in the new school year and communicating a sense of excitement about them. Science Week will be August 4-10. ●

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Westlake primary win a ‘vote of confidence’

Thank you to all of my neighbors in Westlake Ward 2 for your support. I appreciate your vote of confidence to elect me as a candidate for city council. On Primary Tuesday I spent the entire day greeting voters at Holly Lane and Hilliard Elementary Schools for Westlake’s election.

I enjoyed meeting fellow Westlakers I didn’t know already. We should be grateful for the caring citizens in our Ward. The number of candidates in the primary alone demonstrates the sense of community in our Ward and our great city. And I want to thank

my opponents, Marie Novak, Steven J. Presley and Brian Thompson, for caring about our community as much as I do to run for city council. I also invite my opponents to join my campaign. Our work has only just begun.

As a near life-long Ward 2 resident, I’m passionate about Westlake and look forward to continued community service. I humbly ask for your support for the November general election. I’m looking forward to being your voice on city council.

– Nick C. Nunnari,
Westlake Ward 2
Council Candidate

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Westlake Health Center installs outpatient radiation technology

Seidman Cancer Center at University Hospitals Westlake Health Center has upgraded its radiation treatment facility to provide state-of-the-art outpatient radiation therapy.

The newly installed Varian iX system offers advanced image guidance and treatment accuracy which enables enhanced targeting of the cancer while simultaneously maximally shielding adjacent normal tissue from potentially harmful effects of the X-ray beams.

Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT) is a specialized form of treatment in which the radiation dose is delivered using small “beamlets” which are rapidly turned on and off and delivered from various angles around the

body. This technique effectively “sculpts” the high-dose radiation area into irregular shapes to match an individual patient’s anatomy which can lessen potential side-effect of treatment and also allow for a higher dose of radiation which can increase the chance for cure.

The Varian iX provides the most precise treatment delivery available because it uses both X-ray and cone-beam CAT scan technology to image the tumor area daily immediately prior to each treatment to enable the physician and treatment team to optimally and quickly align the patient so that the tumor is in the “crosshairs” of the machine with certainty. Image guidance also

allows for tracking the response to treatment (i.e. tumor shrinkage) in selected cases.

In addition, Varian’s “RapidArc” innovation provides faster treatment using a technique called volumetric modulated arc therapy. This reduces treatment time to as little as three minutes each day from the traditional 15-20 minutes. The faster delivery ensures that patient movement and internal tumor movement will be at a minimum which increases the accuracy of treatment and also greatly improves patient comfort and convenience.

The Seidman Cancer Center at UH Westlake Health Center treats adults with most types of cancer and lymphoma. ●

Lemonade stands a sure sign of raising money for Relay

BY AMY BREDIGER

With less than two months to go until Westlake's Relay for Life, we are really starting to have some fun! We're planning games and are encouraged to see more volunteers and new teams signing up. We are also looking to invite more cancer survivors for our Survivor Luncheon. You can sign up online or call me and I will get you the information. Mitchell's Ice Cream is adding to the yummy fun with ice cream for the luncheon.

A few more events are in the works. Join us at Mitchell's Tavern, 24282 Center Ridge Road, on Tuesday, June 18 (rain date will be the following Tuesday), for a night of Relay fun, 50/50 raffle, sign up your team, sign up for the Survivor Luncheon, buy luminaria and caregiver flowers. Also, we are setting up two lemonade stands on the corner of Hilliard and Canterbury (1832 Canterbury Road) on June 6 from 1-6 p.m. and June 19 from 1-6 p.m. (Rain dates will be the following day.) My father's grandkids will be manning the stands and selling fun items they have made.

As I ride the highs and lows of being the chairperson for this event, it brings me back to last year at this time with my dad, Bill Hackenberg, when we just started with Relay and wanted to make a difference. In two months we raised over \$10,000 for our team, Bill's Buddies. Everyone was so willing to help and it was a great feeling for my

dad and our family. My lows now come when I spend time on the phone, walk the streets for sponsorships or just write these articles without my dad. Last year, many people rallied around his fight – this year's zeal is unfortunately, yet understandably, more subdued.

I certainly recognize how difficult this disease is for cancer patients, and I am often reminded that the time we have together is really a gift. Relay is also a gift to help us feel like we're making a difference – a gift to my father to follow his dream: a cure. Join the fight, join me, join the community, feel good.

The weeks before the Relay we will be painting the town purple with ribbons around tree and mailboxes. If you are willing to allow us to ribbon your house, please let me know. You can email me your address at aebrediger@gmail.com or call me at 440-666-0662. And if you are wonderful at tying bows, feel free to volunteer to help us paint the town. Any help is appreciated.

As always, hug your family and this time, tell them you love them. ●



PHOTO BY AMY BREDIGER

The proprietors of last year's Canterbury Road lemonade stand for Westlake Relay For Life – from left, Riley King, Ryan Elizabeth Brediger, Connor King, Luke Brediger and Logan King – will be at it again this year on June 6 and 19.

Mohican boating and sailing camp deadline extended

BY GEORGE CHRIST

The deadline for registration for the Mohican School in the Out of Doors Sailing and Boating Camp has been extended to June 8. The residential camp and commuter camp will be held June 10-14 and is open to fifth-through eighth-graders. Campers will take the Ohio Boating Education Course

which is required for anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1982, to operate a powerboat over 10 HP.

Students will learn hands-on boating with canoes, kayaks, power boats, sailboats and personal watercraft. The cost of the residential camp is \$310 and the cost of commuter camp is \$30. To register, go to www.mohicanoutdoorschool.com or call 419-938-6671. ●

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DIRECTOR

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Lake Erie Nature & Science Center names new wildlife director

In her eight years with the Center, she established relationships with the board of directors of the Ohio Wildlife Rehabilitation Association; increased the Center's educational outreach by directing programs for animal control officers, park rangers and veterinary technicians; and trained many of the Center's wildlife staff and volunteers. In 2011, she was the first wildlife rehabilitation professional in Ohio to achieve certification from the International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council.

As Director of Wildlife, LeMonds will direct the organization's entire wildlife program – caring for resident animals, coordinating the rehabilitation program and supervising staff and volunteers – and further developing the Center's educational and outreach activities.

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center has been performing wildlife rehabilitation at no charge to the public since 1945. In 2012, more than 1,200 injured or ill wild animals were brought to the Center for examination and 908 were admitted into the rehabilitation program. Wildlife rehabilitation specialists are available to answer questions from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily by calling 440-871-2900. After hours questions can be left on the 24-hour voicemail. ●

Lake Erie Family Fest launches summer and the Great Duck Race

BY KATHLEEN SHIELDS

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center is getting ready to launch Lake Erie Family Fest, the Center's annual celebration of a successful year of wildlife rehabilitation, science and nature education and kick-off to summer. Festivities, including the popular Great Duck Race, take place at the Center and throughout the Cleveland Metroparks' Huntington Reservation from noon-4 p.m. on Sunday, June 2.

"Lake Erie Family Fest is an opportunity for people to experience all that the Center offers in one day," said Catherine Timko, Executive Director. "It's a chance for a parent to attend a planetarium program with a child who was originally excited by it on a school field trip, or an opportunity for a student or alum of our popular Nature Nuts preschool program to show off his or her new-found knowledge of the live animals in the Wildlife Garden."

Games, crafts, face painting and Stomp Rockets will start at noon, with the live animal shows, animal encounters and planetarium shows beginning at 12:30 p.m. and continuing at intervals throughout the afternoon.

The Great Duck Race begins at 2:30



PHOTO BY DENNY WENDELL

Duck sponsors line Porter Creek to cheer on their yellow racers.

p.m. with the launch of more than 1,200 rubber racer ducks into Porter Creek. Whether it's a super slow saunter or rapid rain-fueled rush to the finish line, it's an entertaining and surprisingly competitive quest for 20 prize packages. Ducks, which can be sponsored by individuals, families or groups for \$5 each or 5/\$20, can be purchased online, by phone or in person at the Center until 1:30 p.m. on June 2. Not a swimmer? Souvenir rubber ducks are \$5.

Attendees can take part in activities offered by Center partners, such as paddle on land lessons offered by the Institute of the Great Outdoors, a Voyageur Canoe Historical Encampment, making fishing

lures with Ohio Sea Grant representatives and Cleveland Metroparks' Kids Club activities.

Refreshments and snacks from Slanegwiches Mobile Bistro and assorted cakes, cookies and breads from a bake sale hosted by the Center's Women's Board will be available for purchase.

Admission to Lake Erie Family Fest is \$5 per person. Wristbands are provided to allow for easy show and program entry as all activities are included in the price. (Duck sales and refreshments are extra.) Wristbands will be available on the day of the event, which will run rain or shine. For more information call 440-871-2900 or log on to www.lensc.org. ●

CHALLENGE

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Bay Bike to School Challenge

Since Bay Bike to School Challenge began in 2008, Bay students have biked 157,733 miles and saved an estimated 173,506 pounds of CO2 emissions.

That bike-packed fence also reflected the record-setting year at Bay Middle School for the award-winning program, with all-new high marks set in every category tracked:

- 538 students biked each day of the challenge on average, a whopping 66% of the school's enrollment of 820 students and up 13% over last year's average of 474.
- 27% (225 students) biked all 15 school days of the challenge – rain or shine (or

sub-freezing temperatures).

- 634 students biked on May 8 (77% of the school), the highest ride day in the history of the challenge.

All this and more was celebrated at assemblies at both schools on May 24.

"How does it feel to be the best school in the nation when it comes to bicycling?" asked Bay Middle School teacher and BTS organizer Lawrence Kuh, to rousing cheers from the students.

Besides amassing impressive stats, their bicycling also won prizes for the students, the schools and even the city of Bay Village – including six grand prize bicycles from main sponsor/organizer Century Cycles bicycle store and \$4,500 in cash awards from bike manufacturer Raleigh Bicycles presented at the assemblies.

At Bay Middle School, seventh-graders Emma Keane and Jessica Rychel won bicycles in the random grand prize drawing. Two additional Raleigh bicycles were awarded in the inaugural Bike to School Challenge Prose and Photography Contest, which proved that middle school students love to photograph and write about bikes as much as they love to ride them. After a careful evaluation of the 122 entries submitted, contest judges selected seventh-grader Chloe Roberts' prose composition and eighth-grader Bridget Murphy's photograph as the contest winners.

At Bay High School, where an average of 114 stu-



PHOTOS BY DENNY WENDELL

Students cheer their Bike to School accomplishments and anticipate the winners during a Bay Middle School assembly on May 24.



Bay Middle School teacher Lawrence Kuh congratulates seventh-grader Emma Keane, who won a grand prize Raleigh bicycle.



dents biked per day (14% of the enrollment), sophomore Mandy Hoskins and freshman Marin Kirk won the grand prize Raleigh bicycles. Senior Elyse Sopha was awarded the \$1,000 Raleigh Bicycles Bike to School Challenge Scholarship. The T-shirt design contest was won by senior Cameron Meakins, whose winning artwork is featured on the front of the shirt given by Century Cycles to every student

who biked to school four days during the challenge. A special prize was given to senior Joey Strunk, whose runner-up artwork in the T-shirt design contest was used by Century Cycles for this year's commemorative Bike to School Challenge sticker.

"The entire community is really proud of you," Mayor Deborah Sutherland told Bay students at their school-wide celebrations. "Your efforts are making Bay Village a hub for the bicycling community."

Raleigh Bicycles also awarded \$500 to Bay High School, \$1,000 to Bay Middle School, and \$2,000 to the City of Bay Village for bicycling improvements. ●

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Why four ears are better than two when it comes to healthcare

BY KRISTI VAUGHN

Many readers know just how complicated the healthcare system can be these days. I work in the system and I even have trouble at times putting the pieces of the puzzle together. With this in mind, I feel for those people (especially our older folks) who have to navigate this system on their own.

I have personally been witness to how the healthcare system can fail our elderly patients. The following explains why I think it is so important (if you are an older person) to have someone go with you to your medical appointments. Four ears are better than two.

Our healthcare professionals should be sensitive to those who are hard of hearing, but often they are not. These professionals have been taught

that the most important things to remember for someone who is hard of hearing are to directly face the person, speak slowly and in a low/deep tone. Unfortunately, time after time, I witness healthcare professionals who throw these techniques out the window.

They are in such a hurry that they are usually doing three things at a time while they are talking and asking the patient questions. They don't realize the patient is missing half of what is being discussed. The patient is nodding in agreement, not because they understand, but because they want to be socially correct.

The paperwork involved in the healthcare system can be very overwhelming. Forms can be confusing and difficult for our older folks to complete. Medical terminology can also be confusing. Often, older patients leave out important details that would be helpful to the professionals.

A hospital or nursing home stay can also be difficult to manage alone. The number of repeat questions can be very frustrating. Sometimes it feels like there is a huge lack of communication between the healthcare professionals and the patient is left to answer the same questions over and over again.

Having someone else listening and paraphrasing for the patient can make a world of difference in the quality of the medical appointment, hospital or nursing home stay. ●

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

LWV regionalism forum to explore fire district mergers

The Bay Village, Rocky River, Fairview Park, Lakewood and Westlake/North Olmsted chapters of the League of Women Voters-Cuyahoga Area are sponsoring the third of three voter education forums on regionalization on Wednesday, June 19, 7:00 p.m., at the Fairview Park Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, 21225 Lorain Road.

This third forum will focus on the factors involved in a merger of fire departments: how it should be evaluated and implemented and the impact on citizens, cities and firefighters. The forum speakers are Dr. Mary Pissnar-Sweeney, an associate professor of business administration at Baldwin Wallace University and Bernard W. Becker, Director of the Center for Emergency Pre-

paredness at the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University.

Dr. Mary Pissnar-Sweeney co-authored an influential 2005 study proposing a fire district merger in Parma, Parma Heights, Middleburg Heights, Brook Park and Berea. Director Bernard Becker spent 31 years in fire service, 13 of those years as a fire chief. He is a graduate of the National Fire Academy Executive Fire Officer Program and a member of the Institute of Fire Engineers. The forum speakers will answer questions from the public after their presentations.

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Memorial Day ceremonies in Bay Village and Westlake



Bay Village Girl Scouts place flowers on the graves of veterans at Lakeside Cemetery.



The children of John Solomon, Maria and Jeffrey, watch as their mother, Becky, opens the lid releasing a dove in memory of their father. John, a stalwart member of VFW Post 385, organized the Memorial Day remembrances for many years.



Santiago Salazar, left, and Michael Hartranft have a great time watching the parade on Lake Road for the Bay Memorial Day parade.



Future Bay Rockette Emery Ziemnik marches along to the music of the Bay High band.

RIGHT: Burt Wolf, a former longtime resident of Bay Village, receives the French Legion of Honor from Steven Knerly, Cleveland's honorary French consul, during Bay's Memorial Day ceremony. Wolf was honored for helping to liberate France from Germany during World War II, spending 180 days on the front lines. The special moment highlighted the patriotic festivities at the gazebo in Cahoon Memorial Park.



Village Foundation recognizes special Bay residents, programs

The Village Foundation held its 11th annual Memorial Day ceremony to dedicate bronze memorial plaques and announce the recipients of scholarships and grant money.

This year's plaques, to be installed on the T. Richard Martin footbridge in Cahoon Park,

honor two late residents of Bay Village, Lisa Huhndorff and John Yuhas Sr.

The Foundation awarded several project-supporting grants to non-profit groups serving Bay Village: the Village Bicycle Cooperative, Village Project, Huntington Playhouse, Bay Vil-

lage Historical Society, Knickerbocker Apartments Interfaith Housing, Fashion Forward and Game On.

Three scholarships were given to deserving Bay High School seniors Jackson Brothers, Max Lamb and Maxwell Langer.

The event was emceed by Village Foundation trustee, and favorite local meteorologist, Loufman, and featured music by Bay Village Quartet musicians Ashley DeYong, Aubrey Theobald and Jackson Brothers. Director Carrie Singler. Tenor Troy A. and several touching arias and the ceremony concluded with the playing of taps by Village Band musicians Liz Masola and Ryan.



Eileen Vernon, president of the Village Foundation, reveals bronze memorial plaques to the families of Lisa Huhndorff, left, and John Yuhas Sr.



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Veterans from Bay Village American Legion Post 385 fire the traditional 21-gun salute at Clague Park in Westlake.



PHOTO BY VIC RUTKOSKI

Westlake High's Marching Demons parade down Hilliard Boulevard on Memorial Day.



PHOTO BY VIC RUTKOSKI

Westlake Mayor Dennis Clough tosses treats to the kids lining the parade route.



Gold Star Mother Marianne Scherry was the featured speaker at the Memorial Day services in Westlake. Her Marine son, Daniel, served in Iraq.



PHOTO BY VIC RUTKOSKI

Chris Heierding and his daughter, Hannah, at the Westlake parade.



Bay Village Daisy Troop 70230 walks along Lake Road during the Memorial Day parade.



PHOTO BY VIC RUTKOSKI

WWII Marine veteran Ed Sheehan rides in the Westlake Memorial Day parade with Kiwanis Aktion Club members Jennifer Rutkoski, Laura Santamaria and Meghan Drops.

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Foundation scholarship winners Max Lamb, left, and Jon Brothers, right, pose with Eileen Vernon and Betsy Martin's widow, Betsy.

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'Cahoon in June' features antiques, crafts, food & fun

BY CYNTHIA EAKIN

“Cahoon in June,” a day featuring artisans and antiques, music, food and fun takes place in Cahoon Memorial Park in Bay Village on June 15, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Shop for unique, one-of-a-kind

items created by dozens of quality vendors, just in time for Father's Day. Enjoy a delicious lunch or take home a little something for dinner, with food prepared by the Ironwood Café, ice cream by Weber's Premium Custard, Celestial Treats lemonade and hot and cold coffee concoctions by the OG Cafe.

Rose Hill Museum and the adjacent

Reuben Osborn Learning Center will be open to guests. A number of Bay Village community groups are participating with booth space and will be handing out information about their organizations. There will be balloon artists, an appearance by “Chomp,” the Cleveland Browns mascot and free bags of pet toys and treats. Musical entertainment will

be provided by Eve 'n Steven.

Admission to the show and parking is free. Bring the family to spend a fun-filled day in the park at the historic center of Bay Village, on the shores of beautiful Lake Erie. Cahoon Memorial Park is at the intersection of Cahoon and Lake Roads. Phone 440-669-9686 for information. ●

KeyBank employees take a day to spiff up Bay

BY ERIC EAKIN

KeyBank employees, as part of the company's “Neighbors Make A Difference Day,” recently volunteered their time and talents to spruce up the grounds of the Rose Hill Museum in Bay Village's Cahoon Memorial Park.

The group, part of more than 7,500 KeyBank employees who partnered with

local agencies and non-profits to make a difference in their communities, pulled weeds, spread mulch and generally helped to make the museum's grounds look nice.

“We really appreciate the help that these KeyBank employees provide every year,” said Bay Village Historical Society President Cynthia Eakin. “Their sweat makes our museum, and our park and community, that much nicer.”



KeyBank employees (left to right) Derek Lee, Linda Kacanjak, Sean Adamson, Joel Forquer, Jake Draa and Brian Klueber, shown with Bay Village Historical Society President Cynthia Eakin, recently volunteered their time to spruce up the grounds around the Rose Hill Museum in Bay Village.



Bay Village KeyCenter employees help out at Lake Erie Nature and Science Center on May 22 as part of KeyBank's 23rd annual Neighbors Day.

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Kiwanis family plants boxes on Hilliard



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Planting the Aktion Club flower box are: Laura Santamaria, Robert Grant, Linda Santamaria, Chad DiLillo, Louise Grant and Jennifer Rutkoski.

BY VICTOR RUTKOSKI

The Westlake Kiwanis Aktion Club planted their Hilliard Boulevard flower box in blue and yellow – their club colors – as part of Westlake in Bloom. The design was suggested by club member Laura Santamaria. The Aktion Club hopes you stop by to see their display on Hilliard, just off of Dover Center Road.

The Aktion Club also helped plant a box for the Burneson Builders Club and aided the Westlake Kiwanis planting their boxes on Hilliard near Clague Park.

Aktion Club is a community-service group for adult citizens who live with a disability. The mission of Aktion

Club is to provide adults living with disabilities an opportunity to develop initiative and leadership skills; to serve their community; to be integrated into society; and to demonstrate the dignity and value of citizens living with disabilities.

Aktion Club members strive to return to their communities the benefits, help and caring they have received, as well as develop important skills in the process.

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time. ●

Rae Ann employees walk for Boston Marathon 'One Fund'

This year the Rae Ann Nursing facilities really promoted health and wellness during National Nursing Home Week. Over 100 employees from Rae Ann and The Belvedere assisted living participated in the first annual Rae Ann Walk on May 15. The staff had a two-mile path from the Belvedere of Westlake and Rae Ann Suburban down Detroit Road to Rae Ann Westlake and back again.

Over \$1,500 was generously given from staff, residents, families

and vendors to benefit the Boston Marathon "One Fund." Everyone involved agreed that this was so much fun and such a great success, that Rae Ann plans to do this as an annual fundraising event.

"This was a great day for everyone. Whenever you can bring your team together, support a great cause and have a lot of fun, then everybody wins," said Marketing Director Carleen Broberg. ●



Rae Ann employees greet walkers at the finish line of the first annual fundraising walk.

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Rotary Club
surprises
Westlake girl
with Youth
Challenge
sponsorship

The West Shore Rotary Club surprised Westlake resident Megan Teets with a full year, \$1,500 sponsorship to participate in Youth Challenge programs. Megan, 11, will soon be starting her second summer with YC. She has enjoyed more than 30 programs so far, including dance and drama, sled hockey, hip-hop and marching in Cleveland's St. Patrick's Day Parade. Pictured are Dan Fronczak, President of the West Shore Rotary Club; YC participant Megan with her parents, Paul and Dawn Teets; and Tom Eble, one of the founding members of the West Shore Rotary Club.



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WESTLAKE-WESTSHORE ARTS COUNCIL

Afternoon in private studio offers chance to see artist at work

BY MARGE WIDMAR

Westlake-Westshore Arts Council, with an educational event sponsorship from Nordson Corporation, is facilitating an Afternoon in the Bay Village Studio of painter Mary Deutschman on Saturday, June 22, from 1 to 5 p.m.

Known for her powerful use of color and inviting compositions of jazz musicians from Cleveland and New Orleans, scenes from the West Side Market, California beaches, the Metroparks and more, Deutschman will demonstrate her approach to painting. From a photographed subject, she will develop a sketch, a computer color study and capture a moment of time on canvas.

Deutschman states that for her, there is joy in each part of the painting process. She loves the mixing of paints, the buttery feeling of the oils and the brilliant



Mary Deutschman's triptych of New Orleans musicians uses rich color and composition to illustrate her subjects.

colors that come into being. She states her "head gets into the 'zone' where writers write, musicians play and dancers perform."

To receive additional information and to register

for this unique event with painter Mary Deutschman, who has exhibited locally and nationally with paintings in numerous corporate collections, please call 440-835-5765. Space is limited. ●

COURTESY OF MARY DEUTSCHMAN

Bay groups donate, install flags throughout city

Bay's Fly-A-Flag project continues

BY DEB MARISCH

Bay Village's Fly-A-Flag project is underway! Three community groups – American Legion Post 385, Bay Kiwanis and Martha Devotion Huntington Chapter DAR – have joined together to supply FREE American flags to Bay residents with limited means or abilities who request them.

While the DAR does the "office work," American Legion and Kiwanis members install American flags, brackets and flag poles at ground-level locations chosen by the homeowner. The goal is to have about

50 donated flags flying around town by Flag Day, June 14.

Would you like a flag? Call Deb Marisch at 440-871-7680 or email deb@spfutures.com. Deb will take your name, address and telephone number and pass them along to Jim Potter, her Kiwanis "installer." Jim will call you and schedule a convenient date and time for your American flag to be installed.

The response has been encouraging; only a few flag sets still remain.

Honor all of America's military. Call or email Deb today to schedule delivery and installation of your flag in time for Flag Day.



Fly-A-Flag installers, from left, Dan Brasted, Bay Kiwanis; Stan Zeager, American Legion; Tony Dostal, Bay Kiwanis; and Doug Mangan, American Legion.

Bay Men's Club erects American flags

BY ERIC EAKIN

Members of the Bay Men's Club recently erected 25 American flags throughout the commercial district of the city, at no charge to the recipients.

Members of the club donated nearly \$1,200 to purchase the flags and mounting hardware. The Bay Barber Shop also donated \$100.

The flags were erected by Eric Eakin, Tom Nowak (of Master Krafters Home

Improvement in Bay Village) and Garth Graham.

"We saw that Kiwanis and DAR were putting American flags on private residences for free, so we thought that we should do the same in the commercial district," said Pete Winzig, who came up with the idea. "I think they look awesome."

The flags will remain up through Labor Day when club members will take them down, clean and store them. They will go up in the same locations next spring.



Bay Men's Club members, from left, Tom Nowak, Eric Eakin and Garth Graham erected 25 American flags throughout the city's business district, at no charge to the recipients. Club members donated funds to buy the flags and mounting hardware.

Scout running to raise funds for church

BY DILLON FORSYTHE

You may remember me from saving an abandoned little black poodle named Peanut last year from Porter Creek in Bay Village. You may also remember me from selling you popcorn at your door or in front of the Bay True Value store. I am now on a new crusade to raise donations for the Bay United Methodist Church!

I am 15 years old and have always had a goal to become an Eagle Scout by the age of 16. I knew I wanted to combine my Christianity with my Eagle Scout project. Last month, I spoke to the youth council coordinator from the church who told me of the problems within the youth group room. Ever since, I felt committed to helping remodel the youth group room.

I chose my project, but asked myself how would I raise the money in order to help my church? The moment of inspi-

ration happened in the middle of one recent night. I woke up remembering God telling me to run. At first I thought that meant to coordinate a run, but I soon figured out that God was leading me a different route.

I emailed the director of the Fourth of July Bay Days five-mile run. He told me that I could run the race and earn sponsorships. It sounded like I had heard from Angels. Running the race is now a priority of faith and determination for me.

I will have a booth at the Bay Days carnival accepting sponsorships for the run. You may also donate on my secure online fundraising page at www.active.com/donate/Dillon-RunForGod. All donations will go to Bay United Methodist Church to help with remodeling the youth group room. I want to bring other teens to this newly remodeled room so they can learn about Jesus Christ and know that there is always hope for their future. ●



Dillon Forsythe, right, is raising funds to remodel the youth group room at Bay United Methodist Church as part of his Eagle Scout project. He is pictured here with his brother, Logan, selling popcorn for the Boy Scouts.

Bay Village community groups meet to discuss events

BY CYNTHIA EAKIN

Bay Village community groups met recently under the umbrella of Bay Village Community Council to share information about upcoming events in the city.

The Bay Village branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, in partnership with the **Westlake | Bay Village Observer**, is hosting a volunteer fair on August 3 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Any community organization in Bay Village that would like to recruit volunteers to help with activities is invited to attend. Tables will be provided at no cost for the display of brochures. Refreshments will be served courtesy of the Friends of the Bay Village Library. Participating organizations will be listed on both partnership websites, via flyers distributed at the library and in two issues of the Observer. Registration deadline is June 30. Visit www.cuyahogalibrary.org to register or call 440-871-6392.

Bay Village American Legion Post #385 organized the annual Memorial Day parade in Bay Village on May 27. They supported the Bay Village Kiwanis' Academic Achievement Awards on May 28 by providing financial assistance. The group also recognized the outstanding boy and girl student with a permanent plaque displayed in the school hallway. The post is conducting its annual flag retirement ceremony at the post home on June 14.

Each year, the Bay Village American Legion retires more than 400 torn and faded flags using official procedures prescribed by military tradition. The American Legion is also working with the Daughters of the American Revolution and Bay Village Kiwanis to provide American flags to Bay citizens. Anyone interested in receiving a free flag should call 440-871-7680.

The Bay Village Kiwanis spring pancake breakfast fundraiser netted more than \$1,600. The Kiwanis sponsored the Academic Achievement Awards at Bay High Auditorium. They gave out \$12,000 in scholarships. The Kiwanis-sponsored high school Key Club received numerous awards at their Ohio Division Convention. The Kiwanis will again be the coordinator of Bay Days on July 3 through July 6 in Cahoon Memorial Park. Kiwanis assigns booth spaces to local fundraising groups, and contracts for the carnival rides and game booths. The organization will have its own booth, selling curly fries. The Kiwanis will sponsor a matinee performance of the play "Nine to Five" at Huntington Playhouse on July 21.

The Women's Board of the Lake Erie Nature and Science Center is working with BAYarts to organize summer camps and preschool. A Family Fun Fest takes place on June 2, from noon to 4 p.m., with food, games, face painting, crafts and the Great Duck Race. The Women's Board holds its annual luncheon on June 5. The group

will also be sponsoring a performance of "Nine to Five."

The Bay Village Historical Society presented a \$1,000 scholarship to Bay High School senior Elisabeth Rudge at the Academic Achievement Awards Night. Rose Hill Museum and the Reuben Osborn Learning Center are open for the season. The historical society is working with the Village Bicycle Cooperative to organize bicycle and walking tours of historic Bay Village sites. The annual "Cahoon in June" fine crafts, arts and antiques show is June 15, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., in Cahoon Memorial Park. There will be food by the Ironwood Café and Weber's Premium Ice Cream and live music by Eve 'n Steven, as well as balloon artists and an appearance by "Chomp," the Cleveland Browns mascot. Admission and parking are free. Non-profit community groups are invited to participate free of charge. Phone 440-669-9686.

The Martha Devotion Hunting-ton Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) provides T-shirts, books and toiletries for veterans at the Wade Park Oval hospital, sends care packages to active military in Afghanistan and presents the DAR ROTC medal to a graduating senior of the Naval Sea Cadets each year at a ceremony aboard the USS Cod. The DAR also awards scholarships to high school seniors. American flags are presented to new citizens at Naturalization Court, and the chapter has teamed up

with Bay Kiwanis and the American Legion to provide American flags for Bay residents. Phone 440-871-7680 for information.

The Peter Navarre Chapter of the United States Daughters (U.S.D.) of 1812 is commemorating the War of 1812 Bicentennial by offering a coloring book highlighting the war's important events. Bicentennial commemorative events being held this summer include: Fort Meigs, Perrysburg, June 13; Fort Stephenson, Fremont, Aug. 3-4; and Put-in-Bay, Battle of Lake Erie re-enactments, Labor Day weekend and Battle of Lake Erie ceremony, Sept. 10. The Ohio Society U.S.D. 1812 is compiling records of grave locations of War of 1812 military personnel. The Peter Navarre Chapter has documented Lakeside Cemetery in Bay Village.

The Bay Village Women's Club awarded several scholarships at the Academic Achievements Awards Night. The group sells its Bay Village landmark afghans, miniature houses, magnets, playing cards and Bay Traditions II cookbook to help fund its Bay Scholarship and Civic Contributions Funds. Phone 440-871-3075.

The Bay Village Men's Club also participated in Academic Achievements Awards Night. The men have purchased 25 American flags and hardware, and are donating the flags free of charge to businesses around Bay Village. The Bay Men's Club will have a booth at Bay Days. ●

SENIOR LIVING

Inspiring film about senior Olympians to premier at Lutheran Home

BY JANICE SNYDER

"Age of Champions" is the uplifting story of five competitors who sprint, leap and swim for gold at the National Senior Olympics. You'll meet a 100-year-old tennis champion, an 86-year-old pole vaulter and some rough-and-tumble basketball grandmothers who battle to overcome the limitations of age and discover the resilience of the human spirit.

Seasoned citizens, family caregivers and senior care professionals won't want to miss this entertaining one-hour movie. The film premiered to a standing ovation at the prestigious Silverdocs Film Festival and was hailed by the Washington Post as "infectiously inspiring."

The senior life community of the Lutheran Home at Concord Reserve (LHCR), located at 2116 Dover Center Road in Westlake, is hosting six free screenings of the film, over the course of three days at the end of June in the Con-

cord Movie Theater on the campus' Main Street.

The "Age of Champions" film will be shown on Tuesday, June 25; Wednesday, June 26; and Thursday, June 27, at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on all three days. Complimentary popcorn will be provided. Members of the community are invited to come for the movie – then stay for lunch. The LHCR Field House Café serves homemade soup, fresh salads, sandwiches, wraps, cookies, ice cream and daily specials at reasonable prices. The Café is open for lunch beginning at 11 a.m. Church groups, book clubs and other organizations are welcome. Tours of the LHCR facility will be available upon request.

The movie is FREE to all and is wheelchair accessible, but seating is limited to 30 guests per showing. To RSVP, or for further information, please contact Janice Snyder, Mission Outreach Liaison, at 440-847-1031 or via email at jsnyder@concordreserve.org. ●

Namaste Care Program enhances quality of life for people with late stage dementia

BY LISA ANTHONY

The scent of lavender, a comfortable recliner, soft music and the gentle touch of a hand massage from a caring person add up to an improved quality of life for individuals in the latter stages of dementia.

This soothing atmosphere, along with meaningful activities, is all part of the groundbreaking Namaste Care Program now being provided to residents at all of the Arden Courts Memory Care Communities in the Cleveland area, including the Westlake location.

Residents with advanced dementia who have become less verbal and less able to benefit from traditional activities in which they did well in earlier stages become calm and relaxed when brought into the Namaste Room with its slower pace and spa-like tranquility.

Ensuring quality of life until the end of life is the hallmark of Namaste, which means "honoring the spirit within."

This unique program uses creative techniques to connect with residents by presenting

familiar objects that summon memories from earlier times (Pond's Cold Cream, Popsicles, cozy afghans) and by providing attentive personal care, such as neck massages, nail care and hair brushing. During each session, participants are offered beverages to enjoy, which also promotes necessary hydration. The program is offered four hours a day, seven days a week.

The healing power of touch and the one-to-one attention often elicit a bright smile from someone who is frequently agitated, perhaps an unexpected word from a resident who is typically nonverbal, and sometimes a joyful tear. The connection between resident and caregiver is obvious when watching them interact in this quiet setting.

"We believe wholeheartedly in Namaste Care as a way to enhance the lives of some of our most vulnerable residents," said Allison Morrow, regional director of operations for Arden Courts.

All Arden Courts staff members were trained in the Namaste Care Program by Joyce Simard, MSW, an internation-

ally acclaimed dementia consultant who developed the program and wrote the book, "End-of-Life Namaste Care Program for People with Dementia."

In a recent study in six dementia communities in Massachusetts, residents who had experienced the Namaste Care Program exhibited fewer symptoms of withdrawal, delirium and agitation when meaningful activities were offered to them through the program. Dementia residents engaged in Namaste also suffered fewer falls. Since implementing the Namaste program, the Cleveland-area Arden Courts have noticed the same results.

Arden Courts also utilizes Engagement Therapy Treatment, an exclusive program that provides small groups the opportunity to socialize and share with others with similar functional and cognitive abilities. Enjoying time together and sharing past and present memories allows residents in the early stages of their disease to provide shared communication in an environment where opinions and the art of storytelling are valued and honored. ●

CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BAY VILLAGE BRANCH

Upcoming programs & events at the Bay Village Branch Library

BY JOYCE SANDY

It's hard to believe that school is winding down for the year and we hope that everyone enjoys all of the activities that come with that. Congratulations and best wishes to graduates of all ages! Kids everywhere are looking forward to taking it easy and enjoying the time off.

But the one thing that we DON'T want students to do is regress in their reading skills by not reading over the summer. And that's where the Bay Library comes in! We have plenty of activities, specials, storytimes and, of course, books to keep everyone reading all summer long.

ADULT DEPARTMENT

Thursday, June 6 (7 p.m.) THURSDAY EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION – Join us for a discussion of the book “The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry” by Rachel Joyce.

Tuesday, June 11 (10 a.m.) CONVERSATION WITH ELEANOR AND LUCRETIA – Eleanor Roosevelt and Lucretia Garfield meet over tea and discuss their paths to the White House and beyond. Discover how they dealt with marriage difficulties, mothers-in-law, children and politics.

These two educated, intelligent women also examine their early self-esteem issues and how they grew beyond them into strong, independent and formidable widows.

Wednesday, June 12 (1 p.m.) WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION – Join us for a discussion of the book “The Yellow Birds” by Kevin Powers.

Monday, June 17 (7 p.m.) ETSY 101 – Lori Paximadis from Cleveland Homemade will explain this e-commerce website focused on handmade and vintage items and share the four keys to Etsy success.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Saturday, June 1 (11 a.m.) PRESCHOOL DIGITAL MEDIA – For ages 3-5 and a caregiver. Join instructor Stephanie Sutton and take a journey combining our children's rapid sensory development with gentle computer instruction.

Saturday, June 8 (10:30 a.m.) SENSORY STORYTIME – Join us for a sensory storytime designed for children with different needs, including those with autism, Down syndrome, sensory-processing disorder, ADHD and other special needs or challenges.

Thursday, June 13 (11 a.m.) CONSTRUCT A STORY – For ages 3-8. Let's build a tale together! Join storyteller Jennifer Johnson in constructing silly stories using puppets, toys and your ideas. We'll create one of a kind adventures together and a craft to take home.

PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

Monday, June 10 (1-4 p.m.) SUMMER READING KICKOFF WITH BOB THE BUILDER – Bring the whole family to our kick-off event and prepare to Build Your Brain! Bob the Builder will join us along with other activities and fun. Of course, don't forget to register for the Summer Reading Game!

Tuesday, June 18 (2 p.m.) THE BUBBLE LADY – Pop into the library and be astonished and amused as Sue Durante creates acrobatic bubbles, bouncing bubbles, supersize bubbles and more!

Please join us as we begin a fun-filled summer! We'll help you find the perfect book – you just have to enjoy. Please register by going online to cuyahogalibrary.org, calling the library at 871-6392 or when you stop in. See YOU soon! ●

Summer storytimes begin at Bay Library

BY JOYCE SANDY

As school ends for the older children, storytimes begin again in June for Bay Village Branch Library's lit-tlest patrons. There is one storytime every day except Mondays – just choose the day and time that best suits your schedule. Most are for ages birth to 5 years, but there are special storytimes just for young-er children.

“Stories and More” for ages birth to 5 years meets on Tuesdays and Fridays at 10 a.m., Wednesday afternoons at 1:30 p.m., and as “Twilight Tales” on Wednesday evenings at 6:45 p.m. “Snuggle Bugs” consists of nursery rhymes and songs for babies birth-30 months and meets on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. “Morning Movers” is a storytime for ages 1-3 on Thursdays at 10 a.m. and we'll share short stories, music and movement.

Weekly storytimes are 30 minutes long and meet once a week during June and July. Once a month there will be a “Preschool Storytime” for children ages 3-5 that children

attend by themselves. Parents are welcome to read a magazine in the Children's Room while we share books, music and fun!

During all of the storytimes we will share not only books, but pre-literacy tips with caregivers that they can reinforce at home. Skills such as rhyming, learning shapes and narrative skills are all necessary for reading and writing.

“Sensory Storytime” will be held on June 8 and July 13, from 10:30-11:30 a.m., for children with special needs or challenges. We'll have a schedule board, share stories and sensory experiences. The program days, times and descriptions are also listed online at cuyahogalibrary.org. Registration is not needed – just come when you can.

We look forward to sharing books and music with your little ones and providing a fun, interactive time for you to enjoy together. Feel free to stay afterwards while the children play with toys, socialize or make an easy craft to take home. The benefits are endless! ●

ONE SENIOR'S OPINION

Weather Wonder

BY DIANNE BOROWSKI

Ah, spring is here. Sunshine, blue skies and the scent of flowers fill the air, but the possibility of frost, temperatures in the 30s, rain and gusting winds can happen in the blink of an eye. Welcome to Bay Village in the spring. The morning can be balmy and beautiful and by 5 p.m. it can be cold and raining.

Citizens of the North Shore have to be tough. Our weather isn't for sissies. Children can be dodging raindrops and puddles on their way to school and find themselves sitting in a hot, stuffy classroom

that afternoon. What you wear when you're leaving the house in the morning probably won't be appropriate when you're on your way home in the evening.

Don't despair. Summer is on the way. Try visualizing long, hazy days at the beach or ice cream dripping down your chin and on to your shirt. The aroma of an outdoor barbeque gets mouths watering. So much to look forward to. Now, when the weather plays its spring tricks on us, just sit back and think about all the fun summer activities on your calendar this July and August. Let's hope we have a summer of perfect weather.

Build your brain this summer at the Bay Library

BY JOYCE SANDY

There are many cool kinds of slides that are fun: playground slides, pool slides and twisting, long slides at a water-park. But there's one slide you don't want to do: the Summer Slide. Students can lose two to three grade levels in reading skills if they don't read, and that's NOT cool because it doesn't have to happen.

Playing the Summer Reading Game at the Bay Village Branch Library is a fun way to keep reading and earn prizes. The theme this year is “Build Your Brain” and that's just what you do every time you pick up a book.

Open to all ages, it's easy to register and play the game that runs from June 1 to August 3. Simply register

online or in person and get your game board, then read and keep track of the amount of time you've read.

The official kick-off party will be held at the library on Monday, June 10, from 1-4 p.m. Bob the Builder will join us to help everyone register and there will be several other activities, as well. At 2 p.m. there will be a performance by the St. Ignatius Circus Company. Come and be awed by this talented group! At 2:30 p.m. students in grades 4-12 can make a Bristlebot. Don't know what those are? Come and find out! On-going crafts and a scavenger hunt round out the activities.

Besides reinforcing reading skills and entertainment, there's one other reason to read a lot this summer. All of the hours of the readers at the Bay Library will be added up and if they add up to 18,000 hours or more, we will be able to “adopt” the hedgehog at the Lake Erie Nature and Science Center for two years!

So read for fun, information, practice and the hedgehog! You have to register to play, so come to the kick off on June 10 and you'll be on your way! ●

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Cape Point trip filled with shipwrecks and baboons

BY IAIN RAY

Did you know Cape Point is the most southwesterly point on the Africa continent? My family stayed in a cottage there a couple of weeks ago and it was so much fun! Over 500 years ago, Bartholomew Dias was trying to find a route to Asia from Europe and discovered Cape Point. He called it the Cape of Storms because sailors found the seas to be dangerous. It is also known as the Cape of Good Hope.

I learned that there were a lot of shipwrecks along the beaches. We took a hike and saw some of the shipwrecks. The ships were old and rusty, and broken up into many pieces. One of them looked like a fisherman's boat and another one was a U.S. ship from World War II. The WWII ship's name is the S.S. Thomas T. Tucker. That ship was sailing close to shore because the crew didn't want the German submarines to find them. It wrecked because of the rocks. Even



Iain and Audrey Ray take in a bird's-eye view of South Africa's Cape Point.

though the trail was very, very long and hot, it was awesome to see. It made me think that sailing must be tough at Cape Point.

There were huge sand dunes that were fun to slide down and mountains behind us. We were told baboons live in the mountains. One day we were eating lunch outside and the baboons came for a visit

because they wanted our food. We moved inside and watched them from our windows. The baboons left and went on the beach and starting eating. We saw lots of ostriches on the beach too. It's crazy to play on a beach with ostriches and baboons there too. We also saw a giant tortoise, eland, mountain zebra, different antelope and dassies.

I had a great time at Cape Point and I feel lucky to have been there. ●

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



The Ray kids, clockwise from left, Evelyn, Audrey, Iain and Adrian, stand near one of the many shipwrecks at Cape Point in South Africa.

Witnessing litter's harmful effects on nature

BY AUDREY RAY

One day, my family and I were driving near our house in South Africa when we saw someone do something that made me FURIOUS. We saw someone throw trash out of his car window! I could not believe it! I have never seen anyone do that before. Litter is so harmful to the environment, and I cannot imagine why someone would want to hurt the environment.

South Africa is a beautiful country and it is shocking how much litter I see everywhere I go. Even at Cape Point, part of a national park, there was litter on their beaches, including an amazing beach that is hardly used by anyone. You would think at a national park, there wouldn't be any litter especially when they have trash and recycle containers everywhere.

Recently, I spent some time in Cape Town, and have learned that Cape Town is one of three urban biodiversity hotspots in the world. Biodiversity means a variety of plant and animal life that

interacts and depends on one another for survival. A hotspot means that the plant and animal life is threatened to become endangered or extinct because of agriculture, fire, climate changes, construction and invasive species.

While I was visiting Cape Town, I went to the V&A Waterfront and saw seagulls gathered around picnic tables hoping for crumbs. My brother spotted a seagull with something yellow on its mouth, and we realized that there was a piece of plastic stuck to the seagull's beak. The seagull seemed frustrated that it couldn't get the plastic off its beak. It was attacking other seagulls that came near it. It seemed so angry and I couldn't help but feel so sorry for it. I saw with my own eyes the damage that litter can cause to animals and it made me sad for the seagull but also disgusted with people's bad choices.

There is nothing good about litter. After seeing the seagull, I don't know why people would do it. I wonder if sometimes people litter because there isn't a trash can nearby, but still, I wonder why? Why not wait until you find a trashcan?

So this summer when you are at the park, the beach or the pool, please remember the seagull and throw out your trash in an appropriate container. Save the environment and the animals that live in it! ●

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

BVEF Spotlight Series Bay Vocabulary Initiative, Part 2

BY JACQUIE MAYER

As a continuation of last edition's BVEF Spotlight, Bay Village Schools Director of Curriculum and Instruction Char Shryock shared the following regarding the Bay Vocabulary Initiative:

Through the funding provided by the Bay Village Education Foundation, the Bay Vocabulary Team was able to target the families of incoming third-graders, helping them to see the importance of building a broad vocabulary base for their students. With the new Third Grade Reading Guarantee legislation, all of our third-graders need to be reading at or above grade level by the end of third grade.

Reading comprehension is one of the building blocks of successful reading and one of the keys to increased reading comprehension is the ability to understand vocabulary in context and the ability of the reader to pull from a vast word bank to help understand what is being read. On May 13, members of the Bay Vocabulary Team presented an overview of the importance of increasing vocabulary to the parents attending the Third Grade Parent info night at Westerly School.

Through the grant, the team developed a "Parent's Guide to The Magical Power of Words" that included parent info, ideas for games and activities for the summer and some activity pages for students. Also, the team researched, then purchased, a number of vocabulary and word-themed games appropriate for students in grades 3 and up that will be available for students to check out from the Westerly school library.

The Bay Vocabulary Team also reached out to

local pre-schools and community partners that work with our youngest learners in Bay Village. We hosted a Magical Power of Words workshop on May 17 at the Lake Erie Nature and Science Center. Participants from area pre-schools, the Bay Pre-School PTA, the Bay Village Branch Library and the Lake Erie Nature and Science Center met to develop a plan for sharing common vocabulary building strategies throughout our community and how to reach out to parents to share the importance of vocabulary.

The group received copies of "Bringing Words To Life" by Isabel Beck, a leading researcher in vocabulary development. Time was spent talking about the difference between common vocabulary and academic vocabulary. They also had the opportunity to share successful lesson strategies used to focus on word and vocabulary skills. Finally, the team began to build talking cards for parents and childcare providers to use when they are at locations in Bay and beyond.

In addition to the Isabel Beck book, the grant funds also helped to purchase other materials for the workshop, including Foundations Alphabet charts, A Classroom Curriculum for Phonemic Awareness in Young Children, Instructor's Manual for Improving Phonemic Awareness Skills, ABC Foundations for Young Children, The Fluent Reader, Everything Kids Travel Activity Book and Vocabulary Games For the Classroom.

In November 2012, Ms. Shryock, along with educators Kelli McMaugh, Ali Volkman, Gail Hartman, Meredith Myatt, Barb Marsh and Darci Sanders, received \$1,500 in funding from BVEF for this district-wide initiative. ●

Bethesda's Vacation Bible School open to area children

Bethesda-on-the-Bay Lutheran Church invites area children of all faiths to its Vacation Bible School program, "God's Backyard Bible Camp," from 9 to 11:30 a.m. on Monday, June 17, through Friday, June 21.

For preschool through sixth-graders, the program

will focus on serving family, friends, neighbors, community and Jesus. Each day will include Bible stories, crafts, snacks, music, outdoor games and service projects.

For more information or to register, contact the church at 440-871-2276 or Chris Webner at cwebner@gmail.com. ●

Bay Village Green Team's garden show promotes sustainability

With weather warming up, it's time for gardeners to enjoy the season. To get gardeners primed for their planting, the Bay Village Green Team hosted a sustainable gardening event at the Bay Community Garden, located on the corner of Wolf and Forestview roads, on May 18.

The Spring Green Garden Show, a family-friendly event promoting organic gardening and other green home and yard ideas, had displays from local organizations and businesses focusing on organic lawn and garden care, sustainable landscape design and organic gardening products.

On a brisk but sunny day, visitors had a chance to experience the beauty of the community garden and meet the Bay Village Green Team volunteers. The many booths also included children's activities, where kids could make cool crafts from recycled materials, work the Enviroscope Model to learn about the importance of soil and water conservation and visit with animals from the Lake Erie Nature & Science Center.

Visitors could also view the progress of the gardens inside the adjacent community garden. ●



The first annual Spring Green Garden Show at the Bay Village Community Garden on May 18 draws lots of gardening fans.



Councilpersons Dave Tadych and Karen Lieske with Green Team co-chair Brenda O'Reilly and Bay clerk of council Joan Kemper look over the silent auction items at the Spring Green Garden Show.



Judy Brody, a volunteer from Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, shows an owl to kids.



Paul Koomar shows off the first radish plucked from his plot at Bay Village Community Garden.



Bay High School students show off decorated recycled bottles made into vases which are delivered with meals from the Village Project to cancer patients.



Kids make crafts from recycled materials at the garden show.

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BAYarts' visiting artists offer many points of view

BY PIXIE EMERSON

BAYarts' Visiting Artist Series provides students the opportunity to work with artists whose work exemplifies excellence and skill in their medium of choice in intimate hands-on workshops over 2 to 3 days. These artists are professional, award-winning instructors who will offer their unique points of view and inspiration.

Because of the small class size (no more than 12), students get personal attention in a relaxed setting and go home with not only a finished work but new skills. Many students come back again and again to learn new techniques and tidbits from the diverse experience of the different instructors.

This year, BAYarts has raised the bar, and is proud to include artists such as John Nativio, a multi-award-winning artist who has been exhibited in more than 70 national and international museums and galleries. His work is strongly influenced by his travels in Europe, where he had the opportu-



John Nativio's "Conjugated Forest" oil on canvas.

nity to study in the archives of the Old Master drawings at the Uffizi Gallery in Florence, Italy. This workshop, "Forgotten Figurative Forms," on June 29-30 places a strong emphasis on the figure as it relates to the overall composition.

Other visiting artists include painters Stanka Kordic, whose museum quality work has won numerous awards and followers; Paul Beel, who recently won an

award from The National Portrait Gallery in London, among other honors; Judy Takacs to coincide with her August Gallery Exhibit at BAYarts; and watercolor masters Mark E. Mehaffey and Christopher Leeper.

For complete list of Visiting Artist Series, adult classes and workshops, and to register, visit bayarts.net/classes.aspx. ●

The Concrete Chronicles, part IV: Canvass

BY RACHEL POLANIEC

When I first decided to undertake the little conundrum that was my drab, barren balcony, I thought it would be fairly straightforward: Figure out what I like, find plants that I like, plant the plants where I like, and boom! garden I like. While it took a considerably longer time than I initially anticipated, I finally felt it was time to select my plants and get planting.

It was then I encountered perhaps the biggest challenge so far: There are about a bazillion plants out there, and most of them will die mere moments after I put them in the ground. Disappointed, but by no means discouraged, I took a step back to assess the situation.

Since the area being dealt with is so small, every plant counts and there is little room for error. I decided to first figure out where the plants would be going; as there is no actual earth on my particular concrete slab, they would all have to make due in pots and various other containers. Fortunately, I had begun to amass various pots and planters over the previous winter, snapping up great deals on clearance items during the off-season. I highly recommend doing so to all those who like saving money, although the large garden stores and smaller nurseries are closed throughout the winter, Walmart marks all their garden items down considerably, and I've found great bargains there.

Taking inventory of my hardware and positioning them

around the balcony helps with the visualization process, and also allows one to see exactly the amount of rain and light each pot will receive. It is a BIG DEAL how much light and water each and every plant will tolerate, and they are more than happy to die and teach you a lesson if you mess up in the slightest.



An assortment of flower pots for the English garden-themed patio.



These specialty pots for railings will soon hold lavender, herbs and roses.

PHOTOS BY RACHEL POLANIEC

After that, who knows? We'll see how this initial step goes, and then take it from there. There's nothing wrong with starting out small and building on what is learned. In the meantime, I'll enjoy what's there, and continue planning what's next. ●

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HEALTH & WELLNESS

You can save a tooth

BY KATHY WOOLNER

The weather is warming and we want to encourage our children to “go play!”. At recess, a ballgame or in the yard, sometimes play results in an injury that can’t be fixed with a hug and bandage. Any accident involving teeth requires immediate action. Each year, 1 in 4 children experience dental trauma – that’s a lot of children! Your fast response can save the tooth, giving children opportunities to keep their own teeth long into the future.

There are many different possible types of trauma to teeth, but I want to share what I learned from several dentists when my son’s permanent tooth was completely knocked out. I encourage you to have a conversation with your family dentist on this topic at your first opportunity.

If a permanent tooth is knocked out completely (avulsion of a tooth), touch it only by the enamel or crown, which is the part of a tooth that is usually visible.

Do not touch the root.

Don’t go to the Emergency Room, where the wait will be too long for the tooth to survive. Immediately choose one of these four options (listed in order of preference), before heading to the dentist’s office:

Quickly rinse the permanent tooth with the child’s or anyone’s saliva. Place it gently back in the socket where it belongs, facing the correct way. Note: Do not put a baby tooth back in the socket.

If you have a first-aid kit with a “Save-A-Tooth” product, place the tooth in the solution. Save A Tooth is approved by the FDA and endorsed by the American Dental Association. It is available for \$25 at saveatooth.com and amazon.com. The kit lasts for two years (unopened), with no refrigeration necessary. Immediately place a tooth in the solution to transport to the dentist.

Place the tooth in the cheek of the child’s mouth or any adult’s mouth. If there is fear of the child choking on it or swallowing it, put it in an adult’s mouth,

along the gums and cheek. While it may sound yucky, anyone’s mouth is an excellent environment (saliva, pH balance, fluid pressure) to preserve a tooth.

Place the tooth in a plastic bag with cold milk. Some dentists think that whole milk is better than skim. And milk is definitely better than water.

Exposed to air, the tooth begins to die in less than 15 minutes. Go immediately to your dentist or call an after-hours dentist! Any of these options will prolong the life of the tooth and give the child a better chance to have that tooth survive.

Once at the dentist’s office, the dentist will numb the gums, clean the tooth socket with saline, examine the tooth for fractures, and if possible, place the tooth with the root in the original socket, bonding it to other teeth for support. A dentist also will check for any other injuries to gums, lips and other teeth such as chips and concussion (yes, teeth can get a concussion). Most likely, antibiotics will be prescribed to prevent infection, as well as medication for pain management. Your child may have eating restrictions (such as a soft food diet or no biting into foods) and recommended limitations for contact sports for a period of time.

The follow-up treatment should include dental X-rays, regular checks for the color-change and stability of the tooth, and a consultation with an endodontist (root canal specialist). New technologies are becoming available for treatment options through specialists. Always consider getting a second opinion.

Accidents happen. As parents, we can attempt to prevent them and control how we respond. Our best prevention of dental trauma is consistent use of car booster seats, mouth guards and helmets. Our best response is to be informed and equipped to minimize the long-term effects. Create a plan of action to save a tooth, carry your dentist’s contact information, and have the “Save A Tooth” kit available. Then we can focus on comforting the child, knowing that we did everything possible to have the tooth survive well into the future.

As a result of our recent experience, our family donated a “Save A Tooth” kit to our local elementary school, and we have one in our home first-aid kit. I strongly urge parents, PTAs and organized sports to consider including this information and product with their supplies.

Be kind to your teeth. Now, go play! ●

COMMUNITY EVENTS See more events online at wbvobserver.com

Wednesday, May 29, 6:45-8:45 p.m. Westlake Republicans

Westlake Republicans are forging our platform, meeting with our precinct captains and raising issues that Westlakians want to address. Learn more about exciting new groups in our area that are forming to strengthen our party and our voices from the ground up. Meet and share with your Republican neighbors in a friendly setting. Free coffee and snacks. *Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

Sunday, June 2, 7 p.m. Bay Village Community Band Concert

Join us for the 2013 Summer Spectacular Season. This is our seasons first outdoor performance. Bring the lounge chairs and blankets and get ready for an enjoyable evening of music! *Cahoon Park Gazebo, Bay Village*

Sunday, June 2, 7 p.m. Go Forth With A Song

Fifty-nine member Rocky River Community Chorus under the direction of Emily Ortolano and Rocky River Community Bank present a joint spring concert followed by a reception. Free. *Rocky River Senior Center auditorium, 21014 Hilliard Blvd.*

Monday, June 3, 12:30-4:30 p.m. Hospice Volunteer Education

Mondays, June 3 to July 1. Teen, attorney, licensed hairdresser, and non-clinical volunteers only need to attend the session on June 3. All other volunteers wanting to work directly with patients must attend all five sessions. RSVP required. Contact

Mary McGowan at 800-707-8922, ext. 6881. *Hospice of the Western Reserve, 2173 North Ridge Rd. E., Lorain*

Wednesday, June 5, 11:30 a.m. Father’s Day Luncheon

Chef Jim from Avon Lake Campus Towne Center is preparing a complimentary lunch to celebrate Father’s Day! There will also be entertainment. Even if you aren’t a father, you had a father so please join us in celebrating this special day. You are welcome to bring any special men in your life. RSVP to 440-835-6565 by Friday, May 31. *Dwyer Senior Center, 300 Bryson Lane, Bay Village*

Wednesday, June 5, 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. *Computer Lab, Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

Friday, June 7, 9:30 a.m. West Side Market Trip

Join us for our trips to Cleveland’s famous West Side Market for shopping from the many vendors: fresh fruit, vegetables, meats, fish, cheese and

bakery items. After shopping, we will have lunch at the restaurant inside the market. On the way back, we will stop at the 1940s-era Soda Fountain & Treat Shop, Sweet Moses in the Gordon Square Area. Dining and dessert on your own. SEATING IS LIMITED. Cost \$5 for transportation to hold your van seat, payable in advance. RSVP required, 440-835-6565. *Departs from Dwyer Senior Center, 300 Bryson Lane, Bay Village*

Saturday, June 8, 10 a.m.

Fourth Annual Westlake Special Olympics Sponsored by the Westlake School District and the Westlake Kiwanis, the event is open to anyone ages 7 and older with special needs. There will be seven track events: 25 meter wheelchair race (independent), 50 meter wheelchair race (independent), 25 meter wheelchair race (assisted), 50 meter wheelchair race (assisted), 25 meter independent walk, 25 meter walk and 50 meter dash. The field events will include: softball throw, standing long jump and wheelchair softball throw. Participants may pick up to four events to participate in, two track and two field. Anyone is welcome to attend, so come on out and enjoy the day and cheer on these special athletes. *Westlake High School track, 27830 Hilliard Blvd.*

Tuesday, June 11, 2-4 p.m. Free Health Fair

Several area health care organizations will be on hand to provide you with great information on various different healthcare solutions that may be of interest to you or a loved one. We are also offering free cholesterol/glucose/blood pressure

screenings provided by St. John Medical Center. No fasting required for these screenings. No reservations needed. *HCR ManorCare, 23225 Lorain Road, North Olmsted*

Wednesday, June 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m. NEOPC June Meeting

This month’s Northeast Ohio Personal Computers program is “Online and Mobile Banking” with Lata Ojha, branch manager at Charter One Bank’s Westlake branch. Lata’s program covers: What is online banking? What can you do online? What are the risks? How can you protect yourself? How do banks protect your information? What are the benefits? And finally, what is ahead? Come at 6:30 p.m. for refreshments; the program begins at 7 p.m. This event is free and open to all. For more information, go to www.neopc.org. *Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

Friday, June 14, 6 p.m.

Flag Retirement Ceremony Official retirement of old, torn or faded flags. Flags for retirement can be deposited at the Post front door prior to June 14. *American Legion Post #385, 695 Cahoon Road, Westlake*

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