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## Farewell to Five Seasons



BY EILEEN VERNON

We are back to having only four seasons after Westlake's family sports club closed its doors on May 31. My family's charter membership in the Five Seasons club on Clemens Road began in 1999, yet no more will we be greeted by Sharon as we arrive for our morning exercise class. As most readers know, Hyland Software bought the building and land to build its Science and Technology Center.

Members and guests have a lot of good memories to share, and as the last weeks moved along, good friends met for that last

fitness class, the last tennis session and the last time that the water exercise group would ever meet there. Everyone has been asking everyone else where they plan to go now that our club is closing.

Area fitness centers have offered special initiation fees but the members appear to be going separate ways. It is very much like seniors at a high school graduation, where many students are asking each other the same questions: Where will you go? When will we meet again? Many of us are seniors, too, but at this stage of life, change is more difficult.

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## Green Team initiatives focus on quality of life

BY BRENDA O'REILLY

The Bay Village Green Team was established in fall 2007, when Mayor Debbie Sutherland invited several local experts to present sustainability ideas to a group of Bay residents, and from that the Green Team was formed. The Bay Village Green Team is recognized as being one of the most active community green teams in Cuyahoga County.

On May 20, members of the Green Team were invited to share details about their mission, past accomplishments and upcoming projects with Bay Village City Council. We appreciate the City's support and thought others in the community may be interested in hearing about the group.



**Green Team member Warren Remein, left, helps make the Bay Skate and Bike Park's rib cook-off fundraiser on June 8 a near-zero waste event. Ninety-eight percent of the waste was recycled or composted.**

The Green Team's mission is to "improve the quality of life by decreasing our city's environmental footprint. Our vision is for Bay Village to become a model sustainable community for current and future residents."

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## Birth of a fire district

BY CONDA BOYD, League of Women Voters

It takes only nine months to grow a baby. A fire district, it seems, takes at least nine years. With the recent approval of a \$100,000 grant for a Westshore Fire District, it is worth a look back to see how we arrived here.

In September 2004, with help from a \$566,000 federal grant, four Westshore Council of Government (WCOG) cities – Bay Village, Westlake, Fairview Park and Rocky River – joined together to build the Westshore Central Dispatch Center at St. John Medical Center. This facility, which opened in March 2006, deploys ambulances and fire engines to answer member cities' emergency calls and responds to mutual aid requests from neighboring communities.

Operating costs are shared, but staff are City of

Westlake employees. The two remaining WCOG members (Lakewood and North Olmsted) did not join the Dispatch Center. However, North Ridgeville became a member in December 2007.

Barely had the Central Dispatch Center ribbon been cut when the WCOG began to plan a study to determine the next steps for regionalizing fire and EMS services. Ultimately, Emergency Services Consulting International (ESCI) won the contract and produced an Operations Consolidation Feasibility Study in October 2010 that covered the six WCOG cities and North Ridgeville. Based on the results, Lakewood, North Olmsted and North Ridgeville (along with late entrant Avon Lake) decided not to pursue a fire district, while the original four Central Dispatch cities remained interested.

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## Deadline to enter Westlake in Bloom is near

BY JEAN SMITH

The flowers are planted, the edging is done, the mulch is down and the garden is looking great. What are you waiting for? The deadline for entries for Westlake in Bloom 2013 to be received is Friday, June 28, at 5 p.m.

Westlake residents and business owners can download entry forms from the city's website at [www.cityofwestlake.org](http://www.cityofwestlake.org) and mail to Westlake in Bloom,

City of Westlake, 27700 Hilliard Boulevard, Westlake, OH 44145, or drop off at the reception desk at Westlake City Hall. Entry forms are also available at any of these Westlake garden centers: Cahoon Nursery, Dean's Greenhouse, Gale's Westlake Garden Center or Plant Crafters.

Entries will be judged on July 8, 9 and 10, and awards presented at a ceremony on August 7 at LaCentre. You must enter to win, so what are you waiting for? ♦



**Carl Berger applies mulch to the family planting box on Hilliard Boulevard during last year's Westlake in Bloom competition.**

## Westlake Schools seek community feedback

BY KIM BONVISSUTO

The Westlake City Schools strive to "educate for excellence." The district believes in empowering all students to achieve their educational goals, to direct their lives, and to contribute to society.

Westlake City Schools is seeking community input about its current fiscal situation and the recent levy failure.

We are asking community members to take a few minutes to complete a survey to provide us open and honest feedback. The survey is completely confidential and administered by a third party. The Westlake Schools will receive a summary report of all survey input.

The survey may be accessed at [bit.ly/13qTIL6](http://bit.ly/13qTIL6). ♦





# DISTRICT

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Given the smaller scope, Bay Village, Westlake, Fairview Park and Rocky River proposed a Phase Two Feasibility Study to “contract with an experienced Project Manager who, with his knowledge of Fire and EMS operations, can further evaluate the 76 recommendations from ESCL, including full merger, and develop a detailed implementation plan.”

The State of Ohio Local Government Innovation Fund (LGIF) rejected the first grant application in December 2012. This month, they approved a second request for \$100,000 that was based on revised cost/benefit figures.

Transitioning to a formal regional fire district would require resolution of many personnel issues, including a common civil service system. In November 2012, Bay Village voters rejected Charter amendments

that would have paved the way for regional civil service. Westlake Mayor Dennis Clough now holds the rotating chair of WCOG's fire district committee. Both he and Mayor Deborah Sutherland of Bay Village have been quoted as saying that it will be possible to move forward without amending city charters.

A fire district will impact firefighters, cities and citizens in many ways. The League of Women Voters is sponsoring a forum on evaluating fire district mergers as part of our regionalization series. Speakers are Dr. Mary Pisnar-Sweeney from Baldwin Wallace University and Bernard W. Becker from Cleveland State University. Join us at the Fairview Park Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, 21225 Lorain Road, at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 19, for a discussion that promises to be both lively and timely. ●

# Patriotic band concert and veteran recognition

BY DEB YANDALA

The community is invited to attend a Patriotic Band Concert performed by Westlake High School students, alumni and community members on Thursday, June 27, at 7 p.m. at Wagner's Country Inn, 30855 Center Ridge Road, Westlake.

In addition to hearing enjoyable and inspirational patriotic music performed in the tradition of summer band concerts, all veterans in attendance will receive special recognition and will be honored.

Tickets are \$5 and will be available at the door. This fifth annual concert is normally held at the Westlake Performing Arts Center, but the high school construction made it necessary to move the concert this year. Wagner's is graciously hosting this special event and providing dessert after the concert.

Begin your Fourth of July celebration by enjoying this exciting concert. Veterans and their families are especially encouraged to attend. Proceeds benefit the Westlake Schools music program and the concert is sponsored by the Westlake Music Boosters. ●

## SPORTING VIEWS

# Relatively speaking

BY JEFF BING

Okay gang, quick question: What do Chris Perez and yours truly have in common? Bzzzzzt—time's up. Apparently, Chris and I both have some ‘splainin’ to do. (However, I probably won't need a lawyer present prior to my saying anything).

According to my sister-in-law (whom we'll refer to as Kathy, primarily because that's her name), I crossed a line with my last column about Cleveland sports. Kathy believes my general tone was “too negative” if I recall correctly. Now, I like to think I have a pretty thick skin when it comes to criticism – in fact, I encourage it – but from *family*?

That's just plain cold-blooded. And a good cry on my part did nothing to quell the pain, either.

Since Kathy represents roughly one-half of my loyal readership (but only one-third if I'm allowed to include myself) I felt an obligation as – ahem – a highly-trained journalist to duly consider her assertion, and after that, try and talk my way out of trouble. (Hmmm ... talk my way out of trouble? Hey, that's TWO things I have in common with Chris Perez. I'm pretty certain that makes us blood brothers).

See, there are a few things Kathy doesn't understand, which I submit, Your Honor, for your considered opinion:

Although she was raised here and now resides in Westlake once again, she spent the better part of a

couple of decades in Hawaii. It's kind of like an Oreo cookie, with Cleveland the outer part and Hawaii the awesome filling. Now, when you eat an Oreo, which part do you like best? Yeah, I thought so. Those of us who never got to taste the filling – the “good life,” as it were – and had to supplement our drab existence with stuff like professional sports, may have cultivated a slightly different attitude.

See, I was here for all the heartbreak milestone events in Cleveland – which Kathy skillfully avoided for the most part – such as:

Red Right 88: Ironic name for the play that was called, wasn't it? After all, there was nothing “right” about it. Sipe threw the pick, Oakland won the game and eventually, the Super Bowl. Let's not forget The Drive or The Fumble, either (although we try very hard to). We should have won those games. We didn't.

The Shot: Michael Jordon's impossible bucket over Craig Ehlo in the deciding Game 5 of the 1989 NBA Playoffs. After that, the only shots in Cleveland were being delivered by the likes of Jack Daniels or Ronrico. Yes, friends, it was THAT bad. Or Jim Chones breaking his ankle during the Miracle of Richfield run in the mid-70's. Should have won those games, too. Didn't.

'95 Tribe: One of the most prolific teams in baseball history, winning an astounding 100 games in a strike-shortened (144 game) season. Or a memory which is still fresh in the minds of many: that of the 2007 Indians, who did the old choke-a-roonie after amassing a 3-games-to-1 lead in the ALCS. Both of those Indians teams should have gone all the way; they didn't.

So, when I watch or write about Cleveland sports,

I'm usually not laughing and smiling like someone in one of those beer commercials focusing on a sporting event. I'm a bit more subdued like, oh say, someone who's catatonic.

My therapist has suggested a smorgasbord of courses of successful therapy which could snap me from my state of perpetual lethargy, and I think I now know which route I'll go.

Shock therapy.

You know, the kind of shock I'd be in if a Cleveland team actually won a championship. ●

## History of words and phrases

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**Kitty-cornered:** A colloquial variation of cater-cornered, meaning “diagonal.” This French word was in use as early as 1519.

**Cute as a button:** To be charming, pretty or attractive in a dainty way. The “button” referred to here is actually the flower bud on a bachelor's button.

**Cock and bull story:** A rambling or incredible tale; a tall story invented as an excuse; lie. In 17th-century London the stage coach stopped at two inns: The Cock and The Bull. The waiting passengers would exchange stories and jokes.

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# FIVE SEASONS

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It wasn't just seniors who were served by the club, manager Ron Wolf of Bay Village welcomed all ages. Families with young children were especially attracted to the supervised activities for kids as well as a baby-sitting service that allowed moms and dads to exercise or play tennis. Children's programs included fitness and summer camps, dinner with movie nights and special parties for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus stopped by, and there were Easter bunnies and egg hunts each year.

The indoor tennis courts were a major draw. There was a full-time tennis coach, indoor and outdoor courts and a senior tennis group called the Senior Bears. Local schools and tennis clubs played tournaments and took part in competitions. Tennis coach Don Stevens said, "In the 13 years that I coached at Five Seasons, I had over 100 junior players, both boys and girls, who qualified



PHOTO BY CHRIS HOLICK

**Holiday parties and children's activities created a family-friendly atmosphere at Five Seasons.**

for the Ohio Athletic Association State Tournament. Banners of these qualifiers' accomplishments were displayed across the backdrops at the club. These served as an inspiration to the next generation in their quest for a trip to the State Tournament. It was always a treat to see their names and schools recognized."



PHOTO BY DENNY WENDELL

**Swimming lessons were always popular at the club, which had indoor and outdoor pools.**

The indoor and outdoor pools attracted crowds during the summer and winter. Quite a few young adults earned their summer wages by serving as lifeguards, youth counselors and baby sitters. Swimming lessons, especially for small children, were always popular. One instructor, Mary Mader, will be sorely missed.

Miss Mary, as the children called her, was always there, morning until night, one lesson after the other. Mary treated each child as her own. We will miss seeing her work with these little kids. My first encounter with this phenomenon went like this: Mary was with a child in the pool, singing her songs and helping the child to learn to swim. I asked the young mother sitting near the pool, "Is grandma teaching the little one to swim?" "Oh no," she said, "that is Miss Mary." I was taken aback; Mary gave such loving attention to that small child. Over 13 years, we had the pleasure of seeing Miss Mary work with hundreds of kids, lovingly teaching them to swim.

We went to water exercise two or three times a week. The classes lasted one hour during which we warmed up and stretched, used water resistant weights, and we did deep water exercises. Water is truly the best exercise for those of us with joint wear. On warm days, classes were held outside; the rest of the time we enjoyed the water exercises indoors. We formed social groups around those who were in our classes. We had birthday lunches and holiday get-togethers, creating friendships that will outlast the club. Our newly formed group is called Life After Five Seasons (LAFS).

The club had top-of-the-line fitness equipment and certified trainers were on hand daily to assist members while using the equipment or for personal training. Paul Ingram of Westlake broke a record by walking 5,000 miles on the indoor track.

Five Seasons' staff worked to provide a venue for charitable events as well. Tennis coach Don Stevens said, "The connection the club had to the community was best showcased in the generosity of our membership to raise money for the Karen Stevens Memorial Fund, to help women that have the difficulties that took the life of my sister-in-



PHOTO BY CHRIS HOLICK

**The indoor tennis courts were a major draw to the club.**

law Karen at the young age of 51."

The club stopped stressing the country club atmosphere and started emphasizing family sports and fitness. To make room for this, the formal dining and reception rooms were closed. We remember those special places where so many events were held. Operations manager Chris Hollick said, "We had weddings and showers, anniversary celebrations and after-prom parties for, among others, Lutheran West and Westlake High schools."

The café remained open and we shared many lunches and dinners there with friends. Who will ever forget Pasta Night? Every Tuesday, our plates were filled with delicious pasta and fresh vegetables made to order for a reasonable family friendly price. Recently, talented chef, food and beverage manager Mike Surniak of Bay Village was doing a terrific job introducing new menu



PHOTO BY DENNY WENDELL

**Top-notch fitness equipment with certified personal trainers provided many work out options for members.**

items and assisting with event planning.

We will remember all the fun we had together, that spirit with which we exercised and enjoyed long hours of camaraderie and the sharing of meals. We loved working out and improving muscle strength and flexibility. We will never forget that accomplished feeling we had on completing difficult exercises and the celebrations that followed. Memories of our times together will follow us through the rest of our lives.

Farewell, Five Seasons. ●

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# The Concrete Chronicles, part V: Cultivate

BY RACHEL POLANIEC

Having amassed a rather large selection of pots and baskets and the like for my balcony garden, I was FINALLY ready to fill them with plants. My idea was to begin with my three railing boxes – set to hold a selection of herbs, lavender, and one rose bush, respectively – then grow climbing nasturtium up one wall and finish with an abundance of pansies.

I excitedly shared my plans with my mother, an avid and experienced gardener herself, only to have her reply, “Pansies are cold weather flowers. The only ones currently in stores aren’t looking so well anymore.” Alas, it was so! I had believed them to be hardy in both hot and cold, but I was mistaken.

This was an easily avoidable error on my part; a quick Google search would have resolved the issue in an instant. Thus chastened, I turned to my computer for the best type of rose to keep in a pot. But what new

woes awaited me! Roses, it would seem, are a particularly fussy bunch, and require extra special care and concern; as such I will be tackling them in a future article. (A quick side note: When using the internet to glean gardening advice, a common source are blogs written by private gardeners, eager to share their experiences with others. I spent about half an hour reading and taking notes from a particularly insightful blog, only to realize that the author was in fact located in California, and much of what she was saying was rendered moot for our climate. A tip for all you would-be web-surfers.)

One of the best parts of creating a garden is shopping for plants to put in it, and our area has such an abundance of garden centers and nurseries the hardest part is choosing which establishments to visit. For sheer size and variety of plants offered, I like the Petitti Garden Center in Avon. There are so many plants, lawn ornaments, and accessories it can be over-

whelming. However, I have had success finding more obscure plants there (including my two English lavender plants), and the clearance prices on otherwise pricey flower baskets is excellent.

For most of my flowers I use small, local garden centers; there are quite a few along Detroit Road, plus more on Center Ridge, and even several nice ones in neighboring Lorain County. And if you see a small place on the side of a country road, by all means go in and have a look! These are excellent secrets and may hold a lovely find.

A great secret of mine is where I bought my herbs, soil and mulch: Walmart! The prices are low, and while the selection is nothing compared to what any specialty garden store will have, if you know what it is you want and they happen to have it, there is no shame in getting it for cheap. Sometimes the plants there don’t look very healthy; Walmart isn’t primarily a garden center and plant husbandry can fall by the wayside. In that case it’s best not to buy them, no matter the price (experienced gardeners might welcome the challenge of nursing a half-price, half-dead rose bush back to health, but I haven’t reached that level).

Basic flower potting (or planting) is just that: basic! Your flower pot should have drainage holes in the bottom, you don’t want your plants to drown. Place a flat rock over each hole, then put a small amount of gravel in the bottom. This helps weigh the pot down so it won’t blow over and also keeps dirt in the pot. Put soil in the pot up to the height where your plants peek over the top, then arrange them in the pot.

When removing a plant from its original container, tip it to one side, gently grasp it by the very bottom of its branches, and slowly slide it out. Carefully loosen the root ball at the bottom, then put it in place. Fill the pot, pushing the soil down around each plant, then top with mulch.

I fill mine a little too full, since the soil will settle. Mulch shouldn’t be skipped, either, as it keeps your plants moist, prevents weeds and just looks nice. I’d recommend avoiding the dyed kind; some plants don’t like it. Top it off with stones or other decorations and voila! A lovely flower pot, ready to grace your porch, patio or yard.

Coming up next time: A rose by any other name ... is still covered in thorns. I tackle my rose issue, gloves first! ●

### BASIC FLOWER POTTING GUIDE



**Step 1: Use small rocks and pebbles to cover the drainage holes in the pot.**



**Step 2: Fill pot with soil and arrange plants – still in containers – on top to get a feel for the layout.**



**Step 3: Remove from containers and use fingers or a small trowel to loosen roots at the bottom of root ball.**



**Step 4: Place back in pot and cover root balls with remaining soil, mulch, water and accessories.**

PHOTOS BY RACHEL POLANIEC



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## Playing It Safe



**Emory Petrack, MD**

It’s finally summer in Cleveland! Time for your kids to soak up the sun! While fresh air and exercise are good, all that fun can involve hazards, such as head injuries and heatstroke.

Parents can gain peace of mind by taking safety precautions, says Emory Petrack, MD, medical director of Cleveland Clinic Children’s Pediatric Emergency Department (ED) at Fairview Hospital. “Roughly 90 percent of accidents can be prevented,” he says. Dr. Petrack gives the following advice:

- Make sure your children wear helmets, kneepads and other protective gear.
- Never leave children alone in the car. In 2010, at least 49 children died in the U.S. due to heatstroke from being left in hot vehicles.
- Apply insect repellent and keep an allergy kit on hand for children with allergies.

Finally, know what to do in case of emergencies. If your child suffers a medical emergency, the highest level of pediatric care is at Fairview Hospital. Our new pediatric ED is staffed 24/7 by Cleveland Clinic Children’s physicians specially trained in pediatric emergency care and registered nurses certified in Pediatric Advanced Life Support. And should your child need it, our pediatric ED is supported by our dedicated pediatric inpatient unit and pediatric specialists from Cleveland Clinic Children’s.

As part of Fairview Hospital’s newly expanded Emergency Department and Intensive Care Unit, Cleveland Clinic Children’s Pediatric Emergency Department offers a full range of pediatric care 24/7. The family-friendly environment features a separate waiting room and pediatric-only treatment rooms equipped to treat everything from unexpected illness to severe injuries. In an emergency, call 911 and ask to be transported to Cleveland Clinic Children’s Pediatric Emergency Department at Fairview Hospital. For more information, visit [fairviewhospital.org/pedsED](http://fairviewhospital.org/pedsED).



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## GREEN TEAM *continued from front page*

The Bay Village Green Team views sustainability in a broad manner: the capacity to endure and to thrive. Sustainable processes focus on current and future generations, and consider both physical and financial health. Sustainability values the health of the environment and recognizes its impact on human health. Sustainability supports reduced consumption of finite resources and minimizing waste.

And, no conversation about sustainability can ignore energy, which is needed for the quality of life. The Green Team supports any move towards more renewable, clean energy sources.

The Bay Village Green Team has several areas of focus. These

include:

**Transportation:** The Green Team partners with the Bay Skate & Bike Park Foundation and the Village Bicycle Cooperative to advocate for biking. The groups are responsible for the “Share the Road” signs that are now on city streets, reminding drivers to share the road with bikers, and are looking to revise the current bike ordinances.

**Zero Waste:** The Green Team has partnered with other local organizations, including BAYarts and the Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, to make their events “Zero Waste.”

Bay’s recycling rate has improved dramatically as a result of the new automated trash pick-up program which was adopted in May 2011. Both the City and the Green Team have been actively promoting recycling and composting within the community. In the past few years, the recycling rate has increased from around 45-50 percent to 68 percent in 2012, making Bay one of the leading recycling communities in Cuyahoga County. The recycled amount includes the materials that are placed in the recycle containers curbside and the yard waste which is composted by Kurtz Bros Inc.

**Sustainability Education:** The Green Team hosts community education sessions around sustainable topics such as composting, rain barrels, rain gardens and green homes.

**Local Foods:** The Green Team manages the Bay Village Community Garden. The garden is a great example of partnership between the Bay Village



Green Team co-chair Brenda O'Reilly details the mission, past accomplishments and upcoming projects with Bay Village City Council on May 20.

PHOTOS BY DENNY WENDELL



The Bay Village Community Garden, managed by the Green Team, is one of the many projects promoting the group's sustainability goals.



Green Team members Amy Coursen and Lori Sprosty pass out recycling literature at Bay Days in 2011.

## Bradley Bay awards nursing scholarships

BY DONNA D'AMICO

Each spring, Bradley Bay Health Center awards four scholarships to local graduating high school seniors planning to pursue a career in healthcare. Each candidate is required to complete a scholarship application and write an essay.

The four recipients for 2013 are Diana Higgins from Bay High who

plans to study nursing at Cleveland State University; Makenzie Smith from Westlake High School who plans to study nursing at Waynesburg University; Annie Wennerberg from Avon Lake High School who plans to study nursing at Case Western Reserve University; and Alexandria Zvosecz from Magnificat High School.

Congratulations to all of these very talented young women! ●

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WESTLAKE PORTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

# Upcoming events at Westlake Porter Public Library

BY ELAINE WILLIS

**Thursday, June 13 (1:30-3 p.m.) BSA READING MERIT BADGE** – Start and finish the Boy Scouts of America Reading Merit Badge at the library. Remember your blue card! Ages 10-17. Sign up once for both sessions. (Second session takes place on August 8.)

**Thursday, June 13 (2-2:50 p.m.) BEGINNING ORIGAMI FOR KIDS** – Learn the basics of origami with Jenn Cline! All supplies will be provided! Grades 3-5. Registration begins on June 6.

**Thursday, June 13 (3-4:30 p.m.) ORIGAMI FOR TEENS** – Jenn Cline will teach us some more advanced origami. We'll be making a cool modular origami project that can even move! All supplies provided! Grades 6-12. Registration begins on June 6.

**Thursday, June 13 (6:30-7:30 p.m.) SUPERMAN DAY!** – Test your might with our Superman challenges and games while enjoying some Supermarly entertainment! Grades K-3. Registration begins on June 6.

**Thursday, June 13 (7 p.m.) NON-FICTION BOOK DISCUSSION** – The June selection is All the Money in the World by Laura Vanderkam.

**Friday, June 14 (10:30-11:30 a.m.) IPAD USERS GROUP** – Share easy tips with other iPad users. Please bring your iPad with you. Please register starting May 31.

**Fridays, June 14 and 28 (10-10:45 a.m.) COME PLAY WITH ME!** – Open playtime with age-appropriate toys,

songs and rhymes. For children ages 2-5 with a caring adult. Registration begins one week before each program.

**Fridays, June 14, 21 and 28 (2-3:30 p.m.) MOVIES @ YOUR LIBRARY** – Join us for some fun summer films! All ages welcome. In accordance with library policy children under age 9 must have a parent/adult guardian present. All movies are rated PG. Titles\* include:

**June 14:** When the evil spirit Pitch tries to take over the world, it's up to the guardians of childhood to stop him.

**June 21:** It's high adventure when the toys on the west side of the attic must rescue Buttercup from the Land of Evil on the east side.

**June 28:** In 1910 Paris, a shy movie projectionist and a colorful inventor find themselves on the hunt for a monster.

\*based on availability movie titles may change without notice.

**Saturday, June 15 (2-2:30 p.m.) JUNIOR BRICK BUILDERS!** – Let's build with Duplos! Bring your imagination and we'll provide the bricks. Ages 3-5 only. Registration begins June 8.

**Monday, June 17 (2-2:45 p.m.) CUPCAKE FUN!** – Join us for cupcake themed stories, a fun craft and other sweet activities! All supplies provided. Ages 6-8. Registration begins June 10.

**Monday, June 17 (7-8:30 p.m.) MONDAY NIGHT MOVIE** – Academy Award-winners Anthony Hopkins and Helen Mirren portray famed director Alfred Hitchcock and his wife during the filming of Psycho. Rated PG-13. Please

register.

**Tuesday, June 18 (6-7 p.m.) PIZZA TASTE-OFF** – Be part of the fun as we try out pizza from all the different pizza places in and around Westlake, then vote on who has the best (and worst) pizza in the area! Grades 6-12. Registration begins on June 11.

**Tuesday, June 18 (7-8:30 p.m.) CIVIL WAR AND CLEVELAND** – Dr. Pershy from the Western Reserve Historical Society will focus on daily life as he discusses how Cleveland was affected by the ravages of the American Civil War. Please register.

**Tuesday, June 18 (7-7:45 p.m.) COMEDY JUGGLING WITH AARON BONK** – Get ready to be amazed and amused by Aaron Bonk's juggling skills and humor! Free tickets available June 11 in the Youth Services Department.

**Wednesday, June 19 (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 19 (6:30-8:45 p.m.) CUYAHOGA WEST GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY** – Topic: Genealogical Roundtable Sharing.

**Thursday, June 20 (2-2:45 p.m.) IF YOU GIVE A DOG A DONUT...** – ...there's no telling what will happen! Join Dog and friends for an afternoon celebration filled with sweet stories, games and a craft. Ages 3-5. Registration begins on June 13.

**Thursday, June 20 (7-8:30 p.m.) IN THE KITCHEN WITH CLEVELAND'S FAVORITE CHEFS** – Maria Isabella, author of the book In the Kitchen with Cleveland's Favorite Chefs, will discuss her book and what local chefs prepare at

home. There will also be some samples. Please register.

**Saturdays, June 22 and July 20 (10:30-11:30 a.m.) POKEMON LEAGUE** – Bring your cards and accessories for a fun morning of play! For kids ages 6-12 only. Please, no younger siblings. Please register.

**Saturdays, June 22 and 29 (2:30-3:30 p.m.) BRICK BUILDERS CLUB** – Love those LEGO bricks? Then bring your ideas and imagination to the club! All bricks provided. Ages 6-13. Registration begins one week before each session.

**Saturday, June 22 (3:45-5:15 p.m.) WII-STRAVAGANZA!** – Join us for games, tournaments, snacks and fun! Grades 6-12. Please register starting June 15.

**Sunday, June 23 (1:30-3:30 p.m.) AMERICAN GIRL SUMMER!** – Meet Molly, an American Girl! We'll talk about life in America during WWII, watch the Molly movie and make homemade ice cream! Ages 6-10. Registration begins on June 16.

**Monday, June 24 (1-7 p.m.) AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE**

**Monday, June 24 (2-2:45 p.m.) FOR THE BIRDS!** – Give your feathered friends a treat in a cool bird feeder you make and decorate! Ages 7-10. Registration begins on June 17. Allergy warning: Peanut butter will be used in program.

**Tuesday, June 25 (2-3 p.m.) PINTEREST HOW-TO FOR TEENS!** – We'll show you the ins and outs of using Pinterest, the newest social media trend! No need to already have an account, we'll go over that too. Grades 6-12. Registration begins on June 18.

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

## Bay teen seeking donations for Eagle Scout project

BY DILLON FORSYTHE

This is part two of my new crusade to remodel the United Methodist Church's youth group room as my Eagle Scout Project.

The Bay Days carnival is fast approaching. When it does, I will be there with my fundraiser, "Dillon's Duck Race." I am currently building the duck race, and it will be ridiculously fun for all kids and adults! Remember, all proceeds from my booth go to Bay United Methodist Church.

I will also have envelopes that you can enclose a donation to sponsor me for the July 4 Bay Days Run. Please come to my booth, I would love to meet you in person! You may also donate on my secured online fundraising page at [www.active.com/donate/DillonsRunForJesus](http://www.active.com/donate/DillonsRunForJesus). Please take note, this is a new web address, different from my first article. This is the one that will be valid throughout the summer.

There are a lot of teenagers going through hard times in surrounding cities, including Bay Village. They need



**Dillon Forsythe is building a duck race for his Bay Days booth to raise funds for his Eagle Scout project.**

our help and support. I want to be a good role model for all the teenagers out there who need encouragement and strengthening. I am going to do my best to send a courageous message to those in need.

I am in training for the five-mile Bay Days Run. I will be running for sponsorships that will go

toward the Bay United Methodist Church. So, if you see a tall, slender young man wearing a "Running For Jesus" T-shirt, honk your horn (if you happen to be in the car, otherwise, just give me a friendly "Hello"), and let it remind you to help me raise money for this great cause.

Checks may also be sent to Bay United Methodist Church, 29931 Lake Road, Bay Village, OH 44140. Please put "Dillon's Eagle Scout Project" in the memo! Thank you and I am looking forward to truly making a difference in the coming weeks. ●

## Westlake Porter Public Library selects new cafe

BY ELAINE WILLIS

Westlake Porter Public Library's board of trustees has selected SAW Inc. to fill the café space at the library. SAW Inc. – Solutions at Work – is a nonprofit organization that employs individuals with developmental disabilities in conjunction with the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities' training programs.

SAW Inc. with the CCBDD will operate the café as Pulleys at Porter. WPPL and SAW Inc. are currently negotiating a contract for the space with an eye toward opening in mid-July.

SAW Inc. was selected as the new café after a two-month-long process that began after the previous café closed in February. The process included submission of proposals to the library board, a tour of the café facility and interviews by a board committee.

Initially, the library received numer-

ous inquiries about the process, but ultimately only two vendors submitted an RFP – SAW Inc. and Italian Creations. Prior to vendor interviews, however, Italian Creations withdrew their proposal realizing that with a steady increase in their current business they would not have the resources to start a new project.

A committee of the library board and a team of library staff met with SAW Inc. and were extremely impressed with their presentation and the quality of products they will offer in the new café.

"We are delighted to be working with an organization whose mission so closely complements our own," said Library Director Andrew Mangels. "And we know our customers will be delighted by their offerings."

The café will offer a variety of sandwiches and fresh salads, as well as breakfast pastries and drinks. Mangels added that Pulleys at Porter's grand opening will be announced when the date has been set. ●

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



## Unique fund allows real investment experience for Bay students

BY JACQUIE MAYER

In 2006, the Bay Village Education Foundation, in cooperation with Joseph H. Thompson Foundation trustees, created a separate Joseph H. Thompson Award fund that gives participating Bay students a very unique, hands-on experience investing in the stock market with real money.

Every year following its inception, Mrs. Gina Tianello, enrichment resource teacher at Bay Middle School, and her seventh-grade Sail students pair up with BHS financial instructor Matthew Thornsberry's business classes to research investment opportunities for the fund. The students meet for ten weeks and review the current portfolio while looking for new investment opportunities.

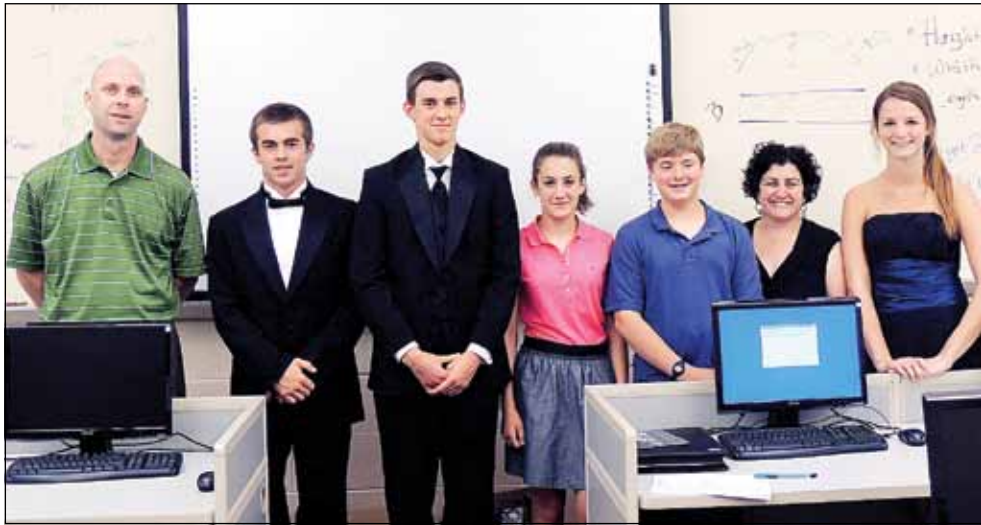
They vote as a group on the final recommendations to be presented to BVEF

trustees at their annual May board meeting.

A goal of the project remains that participating students will learn how companies are financed through stocks and how to purchase them as part of an individual's savings program. They will learn that investments require research, analysis and interpretation of data to make wise choices.

The project has benefitted both students and the BVEF, with students obtaining invaluable investment experience using real money, and BVEF trustees seeing positive returns on their investment overall. This year's participating seniors were, in fact, the first seventh-grade students involved in the project when it began.

BVEF is proud to be a part of this unique educational opportunity for Bay students. ●



Pictured left to right: Mr. Matt Thornsberry, Andy Barbour, Dan Huntley, Sara Sirignano, Sam Evans, Mrs. Gina Tianello and Margaret Francotti.

## Bay High Key Club dominates convention with awards sweep



PHOTO BY TOM JOHNSON

Bay Key Club members, from left, Tori Hamilton, Ryan Grimm and Lt. Gov. Claire Mercer hoist the trophies they garnered for 800 hours of community work.

BY TOM JOHNSON

The 61-student Bay High School Key Club earned five first-place awards in the recent statewide Key Club competition. They also won three first-place and four second-place trophies at the convention, and Bay student Kristen Zeuch's T-shirt design and pin artwork became the convention's shirt, logo and pin.

First-place trophies went to Lizzie Rudge and Nicole Hoover (video production contest); Schyler Bennett and Tori Hamilton (K Family Service blankets); and Ryan Grimm (major emphasis: maternal and neonatal tetanus).

Second-place trophies were awarded to Claire Mercer (non-traditional scrapbook); Isabel Alvarado (poster contest); and Ameera Venkata-

rama (chili cook-off).

The Outstanding Vice President Award went to Tori Hamilton; the Kiwanis Sponsorship Award to Ben Gepperth; Key Club Week Award to Claire Mercer; and the second-place certificate was awarded to Branson Stang for promoting the Kiwanis First Lady's project, "Hope in the Hospital." Stang also led the region in collecting knee-high decorative socks for children.

The Bay Key Club completed over 800 hours of community service this year, donating over \$4,500 to local and worldwide projects, including the project to eliminate tetanus, Friends From the Start, Rainbow Babies, March of Dimes, and Hoops for Hunger. They also collected numerous other items to support charity drives. Club advisor is teacher Anita Bauknecht. ●

## Bay travel baseball team wins tournament

The Bay Rockets U14 travel baseball team won the Summer Series Challenge Memorial Day Invitational Tournament in Aurora over the Memorial Day weekend. The Rockets were undefeated in the tournament, beating several premier club teams along the way. Pictured are (front row, l-to-r): Joey Gutbrod, Jimmy Hoke, Connor Koehnke, Jack Lee, Parker Thompson; (back row): coach Matt Hoke, coach Pat Hearn, Curtis Szelesta, Brady Notarianni, Liam Hanna, Owen Hearn, Troy Rosiak, Peter Cooper, coach Brandon Koehnke, coach Russell Cooper.

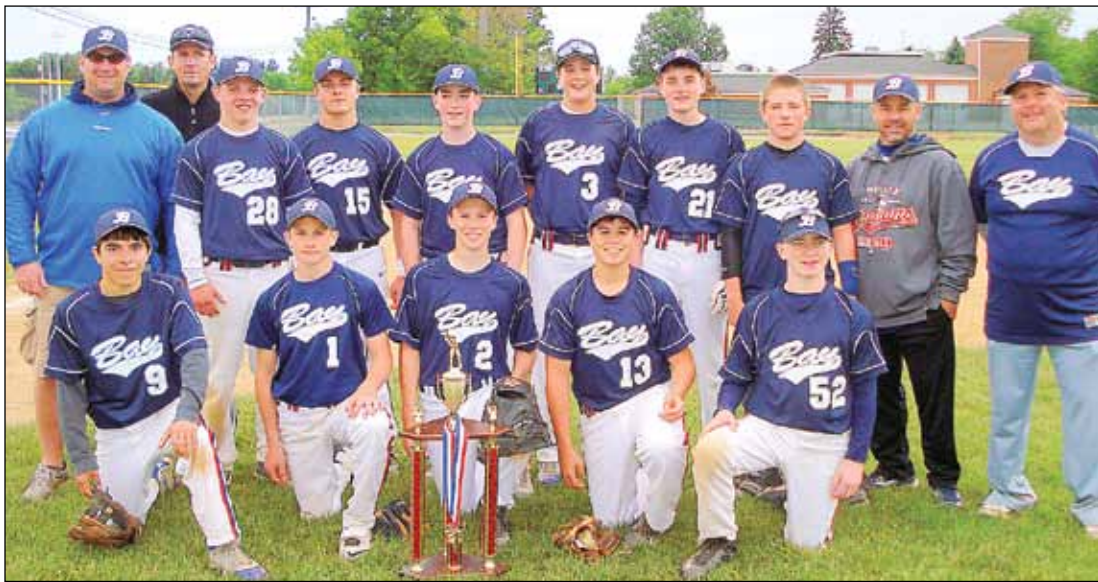


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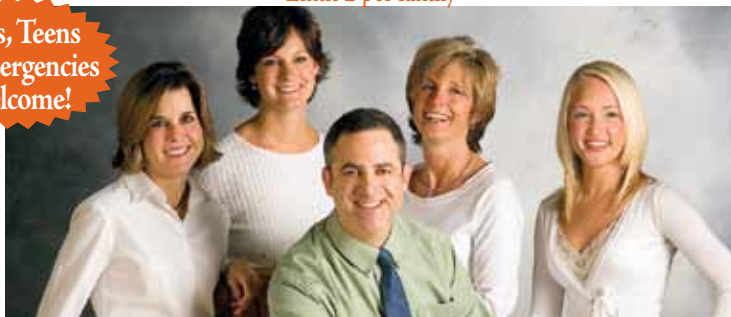
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# Aqua Girls compete in Destination Imagination finals

BY AUDREY RAY

My mom and I traveled 33 hours to join the Aqua Girls in Knoxville, Tenn., for the Global Finals of the Destination Imagination competition May 22-25. It was a long trip, but I had a blast with the Aqua Girls! After four months of FaceTiming on our computers, it was a dream come true for me to be able to revisit the University of Tennessee, experience Global Finals, and compete with my team. (Thank you, Mom and Dad!)

It was amazing to see all the teams from 42 states and 14 countries under the bright lights at the Opening Ceremony in UT's basketball arena. There were nearly 1,300 teams!

We spent some time rehearsing our show because I was added to the show. I was nervous about fitting into it. Thanks to my teammates, I had no problem.

The day we competed we spent time in the dorm playing DI games and visualizing our show. We were relaxed, focused and ready. We wanted to win!

Our show couldn't have gone better! It felt amazing! Our moms must have been proud because they spent the afternoon wearing our masks

around campus!

On Saturday, May 25, we competed in the instant challenge. An instant challenge is done in front of four judges and no audience. We had six minutes to complete a task we were given on the spot. It was a tough building task, but we liked our solution. It's strange, but the judges don't give feedback. They tell us when time is up and escort us out.

At the Closing Ceremony, our goal was to be in the top 10. Our team leaders reminded us that we were competing against 77 other teams in the most competitive challenge. I think they did that because they didn't want us to be disappointed. We waited forever then finally they began to reveal the teams that placed 4th-10th in our challenge on the arena's big screen. When we saw eighth-place Bay Village Middle School, we screamed our heads off!



The Aqua Girls – Ava Ransom, Olivia Reed, Caroline Fowles, Eliza Aleksandrovic, Grace Chilton, Audrey Ray and Patty Yuhas – after their Destination Imagination performance at the University of Tennessee.

PHOTO BY ROBIN CHILTON

The Aqua Girls want to thank Superintendent Clint Keener, the Bay Village School Board and BMS Principal Sean McAndrews for supporting us and helping us finance our trip. We want to thank all of our teachers for understanding the importance of Destination Imagination. We want to thank Mr. Thomas Schemrich for his help on our masks and Mrs. Marian Harmount for running Bay's DI program and always being there for us.

We want to thank Mrs. Kim Ray, Mrs. Heather Ransom and Mrs. Amy Reed for being our

team managers. We want to thank Mrs. Robin Chilton for the flying turtles that we will never forget, and Mrs. Mary Kay Aleksandrovic, Mrs. Amy Fowles and Dr. Michele Moore for all their help too. It was a real team effort!

Personally, I want to thank Eliza, Grace, Caroline, Ava, Olivia and Patty for not forgetting me! I looked forward to your call every Friday night! You are the best teammates, and I can't wait for the next DI season! **Audrey Ray is a soon-to-be-sixth-grader at Bay Middle School currently living abroad in South Africa.**

## St. Paul Lutheran Church offers free Vacation Bible School

BY LORILYNN WOLF

St. Paul Lutheran Church, 27993 Detroit Road in Westlake, will be holding a free Vacation Bible School (VBS) from Monday, June 24, to Friday, June 28. This evening program will be held from 6-8 p.m. and is open to all children ages three years old through fifth grade. This year's theme, Kingdom Rock, will include crafts, games and lots of fun activities to teach children about how God's love creates a fortress of protection for His Kingdom.

To register, please visit the church website at [www.stpaulwestlake.org](http://www.stpaulwestlake.org) and click on the Evening VBS link at the top of the homepage. For questions, please call the church office at 440-835-3050.

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CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BAY VILLAGE BRANCH

Upcoming programs & events at the Bay Village Branch Library

BY JOYCE SANDY

Happy Summer Break to all students and teachers! Although it's time away from the schedule of school, the days seem to quickly fill with many activities. Be sure to include the Bay Village Library in your travels to those activities. Find the perfect book for the pool, that trip, or just relaxing at home.

Students need to maintain their reading skills over the summer and visits to the library make that fun. Join us for the many programs for all ages, play the Summer Reading Game and stop in to browse the collection. The ultimate prize is the lifelong joy of reading!

ADULT DEPARTMENT

**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 Home-made will explain this e-commerce website focused on handmade and vintage items and share the four keys to Etsy success.

**Monday, June 24 (7 p.m.) GROWING HERBS** – Learn how to get the most from your herb garden and how to buy, preserve and store herbs.

**Wednesday, June 26 (7 p.m.) MUDRAS: ANCIENT GESTURES TO EASE MODERN STRESS** – Emily Fuller Williams has been a massage therapist for 30 years. Join us as she explains how we can use simple, easy-to-do gestures anywhere and any time to change from anxious to calm, tense to relaxed, and scattered to focused. A book sale and signing will follow the presentation.

**Thursday, June 27 (6-7:30 p.m.) ICE CREAM SOCIAL** – Join us for the Second Annual Ice Cream Social and we'll celebrate the summer season with Mitchell's Ice Cream! Sponsored by the Friends of the Bay Village Library.

**Saturday, June 1 (11 a.m.) PRE-SCHOOL 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.

TEEN DEPARTMENT

**Wednesdays, June 19 to July 10 (1:30 p.m.) BIG BUDDIES FOR BOOK BUDDIES** – Students in grades 5-12 are encouraged to help a Little Buddy and share the joy of books by reading aloud to each other and playing reading games. Big Buddies must attend a training session taking place a half-hour before the first session.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

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

**Wednesdays, June 19 to July 10 (1:30 p.m.) LITTLE BUDDIES FOR BOOK BUDDIES** – For children in grades 1-3. Share the joy of books with a Big Buddy by reading aloud to each other and playing reading games.

FAMILY PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

**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!

**Monday, June 24 (2 p.m.) SHO-JI-JO JAPANESE DANCERS** – Enjoy classical dances from Japan by performers dressed in colorful kimonos, and learn to dance Japanese folk dances.

**Tuesday, June 25 (4 p.m.) PHANTASMAGORICAL STEAMPUNK EXTRAVAGANZA** – Join us for an extraordinary afternoon as Jim Kleefeld entertains with strange and amazing phenomena. See a mysterious mechanism that predicts the future and take part in an attempt to travel through time to mark a map location!

Please register to attend these programs by going online to [cuyahogalibrary.org](http://cuyahogalibrary.org), calling 440-871-6392 or when you stop in to the library at 502 Cahoon Road. We look forward to seeing you! ●

Break from Relay planning offers time for reflection

BY AMY BREDIGER

So I'm sitting alone in Detroit, waiting for my passport to be re-issued with my married name. It turns out that booking a spontaneous trip only a week in advance to Cancun can be significantly more stressful when you realize your passport still reflects your maiden name! Despite the hiccup, this little road trip has given me a lot of time to contemplate life and how things rarely go as planned when plans are attempted.

I drove to Detroit early this morning and have to wait until late afternoon when my passport is ready before returning home. A day wasted, away from my family. Soon I will board a plane to Cancun with the most amazing group of gals that I can't wait to see. But all along, the guilt of being away from my family and responsibilities weighs heavily on me.

Everyone says, “You deserve it, you need a break” – but do I? It is also a very important time in the planning process for Westlake Relay For Life and yet off I go, guilty for leaving my duties for five days and falling behind. And of course, time is precious and family is most important.

I have struggled my whole life with guilt – and certainly not all guilt is bad. But it is much different now without my dad. I feel guilty for having fun without him, and am reminded how sad I am when I can't share the stories with him upon my return. These conflicts and feelings seem irrational, but they are all so real.

At last, I've come to the decision while sitting in a cute café in Detroit, that if I am blessed to get my passport, I will go guilt-free and allow myself this much needed time off. In the

wake of my father's death, the complexities of guilt and time and balance continue to exist – so I find comfort in something much less complicated. I am simply going because *my dad would want me to go*. I can still feel his love in these moments.

So before I go, I have some Relay For Life updates for you. I am pleased to announce that Dr. Bob DeMaria will speak at our Survivor Luncheon about nutrition, a pivotal part of the healing process. He will raffle off one of his signed books to a lucky winner.

The “Lots in One” team's garage sale was a success, netting over \$2,000. Great job, kids, and thank you to all that donated, shopped and volunteered.

Come see us at Westlake's Fourth of July parade. We will be chuggin' along Hilliard, reminding the city to come to the July 13-14 Relay at the Westlake Rec Center and help us meet our goal.

Along with the luminaria we are also selling Caregiver Pinwheel Flowers this year. Buy one to honor your caregiver, a caregiver that you know or yourself, if you take care of a survivor. We will have a lovely garden to place them and then, like the luminaria, you may take them home or give them to the person you are honoring.

Many other things are happening, but space is limited so check out our Twitter and Facebook to get all the upcoming events. Our final meeting is Thursday, June 13, 6:30 p.m., at the Rec Center's second-floor classroom – a meeting that I will not attend (MORE GUILT).

You can contact me, the event chair for the Westlake Relay, with any questions at 440-666-0662.

Hug your family and go on that guilt-free trip. ●

READER'S OPINION

Voices

BY BRUCE LEIGH

The family and I were seated in a crowded waiting area at Hopkins Airport. My oldest son was returning from a graduation trip to Europe. We were laughing and chatting while waiting for the plane to land.

Suddenly, a young man about 30 years old came charging around the seats and said, “Hi, Mr. Leigh.” I was startled. Who was this young man who knew my name? I sure didn't recognize him.

When he introduced himself I realized he was one of my Boy Scouts from years ago. He was now an elementary school principal. I asked him how he recognized me after all these years. He said, “I recognized your laugh.”

Then all of us laughed. What a memory he had for voices and laughs. You never know what a good laugh can do.

These days a lot of people are using their thumbs to communicate

by pressing letters on their mobile devices. I believe it's impossible to communicate effectively without seeing a person's expression or hearing their voice. If the young man hadn't recognized my laugh I would never have all these fun memories of that day at the airport.

People have different kinds of voices. I believe voice identification is just as useful as a fingerprint. Who can ever forget the sound of their mother's voice? If she used a certain tone of voice you knew you'd better pay attention. Sometimes the phone will ring and I can recognize the sound of a certain voice right away.

What would the world be like if everyone sounded alike? What if all sounds were alike? We would have no music, couldn't recognize the sound of a bird, a baby's cry or the cooing and billing of a loved one. If we could not make distinct sounds what a boring world it would be. So make some noise, play music, sing, gripe about your friends and political speeches. Above all, laugh. It's the best medicine. ●



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The first hole starts at the top of the sledding hill. The signs aren't yet up, but the baskets are numbered. Four holes are on the west side of the creek, five on the east side. Rental discs and a course map will be available at the Rec Dept. in the near future. The course is free and open to the public. ●



**Dwight Clark uses a post hole digger while Jim Smillie breaks up the stone rubble with an iron rod. The ninth hole location was difficult to dig because rubble from the old swimming pool was buried there.**



**John Underation displays a piece of the old pool pulled from the hole.**



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## Hospice patients in Westlake receive new grand piano

BY LAURIE HENRICHSEN

**H**ospice of the Western Reserve's volunteers were treated to a concert by the Rocky River Community Chorus at Ames Family Hospice House in Westlake recently in gratitude for the successful culmination of the "Gift of Music" campaign, which raised more than \$32,000 to purchase a new grand piano, two digital pianos and additional support for the music therapy program.

The campaign was conceived and led by volunteer Don Stark of West Park, who envisioned a grand piano as the "heart" of the new hospice house, which first opened its doors to patients last summer. More than 100 volunteers from all parts of the organization donated more than \$21,000 to the campaign.

"I'm so pleased that all of my fellow volunteers stepped up to make this happen," Stark said. "It's quite amazing to see this grow from what started as a little idea to a successful conclusion."

The Kulas Foundation also played a definitive role in the "Gift of Music" campaign, providing a grant of \$11,000 and invaluable expertise in evaluating and choosing the instruments. In 1994, the foundation provided the funds to purchase the grand piano in Hospice of the Western Reserve's east side in-patient care facility, David Simpson Hospice House, on E. 185th Street.

The new grand piano serves as the centerpiece of the great room, where fami-



**Volunteer Don Stark led a campaign that resulted in a new grand piano for hospice patients.**

lies and friends can gather to play familiar tunes and enjoy quality time together. It is also used for special events and ceremonies, including "Meal to Remember," which treats hospice patients and their caregivers to gourmet meals prepared by different Cleveland restaurants each month, and Veterans' Recognition Ceremonies, which honor and thank hospice patients for their military service. The digital pianos are used for music therapy, and in the meditation room, where patients and families gather for reflection, prayer, meditation and religious ceremonies. ●

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# Westlake, Bay dancers receive honors

Westlake resident Becky Steffen and Bay Village resident Bethany Comienski have received several honors with Beck Center for the Arts Dance Workshop in recent months.

The company of eight girls was invited to the Youth American Grand Prix ballet festival in Chicago in late January. Their performance titled “Phantom of the Opera” placed in the top 12, along with Joffrey and Interlochen ballet academies among others. The following day the dancers attended master classes at Joffrey with guest instructors from international ballet companies.

Beck Center Dance was also the only teen company chosen to perform at Ohio Dance Association’s “Moving Works” annual benefit in Columbus on April

27. Capping a day of workshops by noted choreographers and performers, college and professional companies as well as the Lakewood-based Beck gave a concert to fund a local charity.

Becky, who will be a senior at Westlake High School, studied last summer at the University of Michigan dance department’s intensive. Bethany, entering her junior year at a Bay High School, studied at Ballet Magnificat’s dance intensive in Jackson, Miss., the past two summers. She will attend Columbus Ballet Met’s intensive this summer.

**RIGHT: Dancers Bethany Comienski, center, and Becky Steffen, right, were honored with state and national performances. They are pictured with Addy Steffen, also a Beck Center dancer.**



PHOTO BY ANNE STEFFEN

# Six Bay High graduates opt for military study or service

BY KAREN DERBY

Six young men in Bay High School’s Class of 2013 will enter a military academy or will go directly into the armed forces.

Ryan Grimm will enter The United

States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. Ryan received a full scholarship and will be one of 1,200 new cadets selected from a pool of 16,000 applicants.

Ben Nortz will be entering the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md. Ben also received a full scholarship and will

be one of 1,211 new cadets who make up the USNA’s Class of 2017.

Stephen Liljeberg will attend The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina at Charleston, S.C. The Citadel also awarded Stephen a scholarship.

Josh Radick, Brian Ritzenthaler and

Curtis Rodriguez (not pictured) will soon be leaving for basic training with the U.S. Marine Corps.

“This is an impressive group of young men,” said Bay High principal Jason Martin. “We are proud to say they come from Bay High School and Bay Village.”



Ryan Grimm



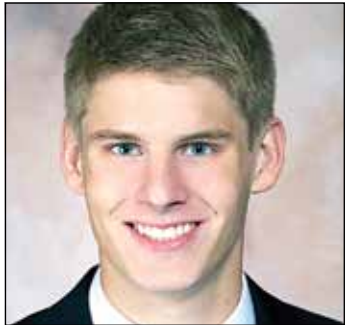
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## BAYarts

# Artist John W. Carlson sees the negative spaces

BY PIXIE EMERSON

Award-winning Bay Village artist John W. Carlson, whose work is exhibited at BAYarts through June, believes that sometimes what *isn't* seen – the “negative spaces” – is what creates the relationship between the image and the surrounding space. Although John credits the inspiration of artists such as Egon Schiele, Franz Kline, Edward Hopper and Lucien Freud, he has developed a personal and recognizable style. The result is a balance between expressive drawings and boldly executed paintings combining traditional oils, charcoal and graphite on mostly large canvases.

John's technique, combined with his strict emphasis on drawing as a fundamental requirement for work in all mediums, has made him a favorite member of BAYarts faculty with his students, from beginners to

experienced artists.

“It's like working with a master craftsman, sharing what he's taken years to learn and master, yet he seems to find genuine reward in seeing the results in students work,” says Karen Petkovic, who has taken several of John's classes and credits her own growth as an artist by applying the fundamental skills John teaches.

Until recently, John produced even his largest canvases in his Bay Village garage studio, which could be challenging in inclement weather. Now he has a dedicated studio space in the Arts and Crafts building on in the St. Clair-Superior Arts District, complete with heat, air

conditioning and great light.

“Negative Space” will be in the Sullivan Family Gallery in the Fuller House and the work of his figure drawing students will be in the Dianne Boldman Education Gallery in the Huntington House through June. For more on John and his work [www.carlsonstudio.net](http://www.carlsonstudio.net). ●



## Bay Village Women's Club awards senior scholarships

BY MARILYN THOMAS

The Bay Village Women's Club Foundation announced the awarding of \$2,000 scholarships to each of seven outstanding graduating seniors from Bay High School at their annual “Honors for Scholars Luncheon” on May 9 at the Cleveland Yachting Club in Rocky River. The scholarship recipients also received a certificate of recognition from the Foundation at the annual Kiwanis Academic Awards Ceremony at Bay High School.

The seven recipients are: Rannie Dong, daughter of Yi Dong and Danhong Song. Rannie's activities include Student Council, National Honor Society, and varsity tennis. She plans to attend Cornell University, majoring in engineering.

Daniel Huntley, son of Thomas and Amy Huntley, plans to attend Miami University, majoring in marketing and statistics. Daniel's activities include class president, Student Council president, a capella choir, Choraleers, Symphonic Band, HUDDLE and tennis.

Max Lamb, son of Steve and Laina Lamb, plans to attend Case Western Reserve University, majoring in biology/sports medicine, pre-med. Max's activities include senior class vice president, Youth Philanthropic Foundation president, Student Council representative, Bay Village Education Foundation student trustee, HUDDLE, sportsmanship committee, theater, a capella and show choir, varsity football and varsity baseball.

Meghan Olson, daughter of Mark and Susan Olson, plans to attend The Ohio State

University, majoring in biology. Meghan's activities include National Honor Society, HUDDLE, Youth Philanthropy Foundation and soccer.

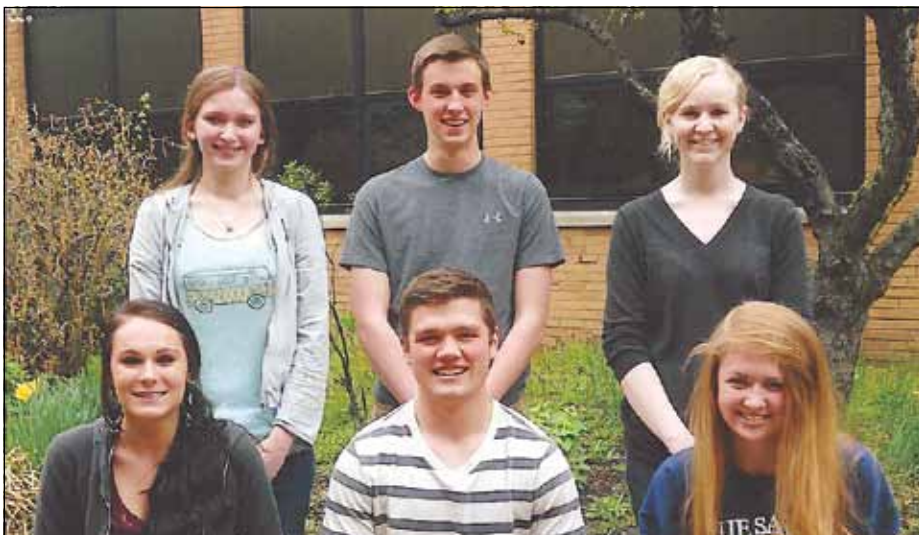
Bridget Schwert, daughter of Gregory Schwert, plans to attend Ohio University. Bridget plans to major in physical therapy or nursing. Bridget's activities include swim team, National Honor Society, PAL, treble choir and ladies show choir.

Campbell Slatton, daughter of Garnett and Michelle Slatton, plans to attend Vanderbilt University, majoring in mechanical engineering. Campbell's activities include National Honor Society president and founding member of The Village Project.

Elyse Sopa, daughter of John and Sue Sopa, plans to attend Bowling Green State University, majoring in art education. Elyse's activities include co-captain of the girls basketball team, National Honor Society, HUDDLE, treble choir, Project Earth and teaching assistant at Bay Middle School.

The Bay Village Women's Club has awarded more than \$427,000 in college scholarships to 321 Bay Village High School seniors since 1936. Monies are raised through various fundraisers and contributions from the Laura Hasler Fund and the Laura and Robert Hassler Charitable Trust.

One of the scholarships being awarded this year honors the memory of one of Bay Village Women's Club's past presidents, Mary Kay Aronson, who passed away earlier this year. This year's scholarship awards committee members are Mrs. Marilyn Thomas, chairman; Mrs. Gloria Stanton; and Mrs. Arline Vogel. ●



Front row, l-to-r: Bridget Schwert, Max Lamb, Meghan Olson; back row, l-to-r: Elyse Sopa, Dan Huntley, Campbell Slatton. Not pictured: Rannie Dong.

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\*Students pictured graduated in the top 10 of their class based on grade point average. Not pictured, but in top 10, Taylor Nemetz. Photos by Thomas & Thomas.

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HEALTH & WELLNESS

Do you have techno neck?

BY DR. CASEN DEMARIA

Have you ever wondered why it's so entertaining to sit in Crocker Park and watch people? The next time you find yourself people-watching, start to look at their posture. Today people are capable of tweeting and playing Angry Birds at the same time. It's incredible.

Did you know that this could be causing poor posture and could be contributing to headaches, fatigue and even numbness and tingling in the extremities? In society today, most people are in a forward position. This is due to sitting at a desk for numerous hours, working on a laptop without stretching, wearing high heels, carrying heavy purses full of everything but the kitchen sink, reading Kindle books for hours or stress from the kids running around.

This phenomenon is called techno neck, text neck, forward head posture or anterior head translation. It has grown exponentially in the last several years with the advances in technology and increasing cell phone use.

A simple way to check posture is to take a picture of yourself from the front and from the side and look to see if everything is symmetrical. The next time you are watching people, look at their posture. Is one shoulder higher than the

other? Do they lean a certain way when they're walking? How far forward is their head from their shoulder joint?

Our ears should be directly over our shoulder joint and for every inch forward our head is from our shoulder it puts an extra 10-12 pounds of extra pressure on our spinal cord. You should be able to draw a straight line vertically from your shoulder joint up and that's where your ear should be. A normal head should weigh between 10-15 lbs, so when you are in a forward position, you may be putting twice as much weight on your neck and spine.

So the question is: How much does your head weigh and what kinds of health challenges could it be contributing to? An easy exercise you can do to help improve your posture is to lay on your back on an exercise ball and stretch both arms out. This stretch will help you to bring your posture back. You also want to strengthen your back muscles, whether by swimming, using resistance bands, weight lifting, yoga, crossfit, Zumba or spinning. You want to focus on strengthening your back muscles and stretching your chest and pectoral muscles. These easy exercises will help to start to improve your posture immediately. ●

*Dr. Casen DeMaria is a chiropractor in Westlake.*

NEW BUSINESS

Westlake business uses art to teach social skills

This summer, the city of Westlake will welcome a new company to the community. DramaSmarts is a literacy-based program that teaches social skills and enhances reading, writing and speaking skills through drama. Using a Reader's Theater model, DramaSmarts works with students in grades K-5 primarily during the afterschool hours to help them learn how to use Reader's Theater to turn everyday stories into their own works of art on stage.

Founded by teaching artist, international educator, author and speaker Terré Holmes, DramaSmarts derived out of

her quest to teach children about theater, while simultaneously teaching them to work together, improve their focus, increase their attention spans and explore the creative aspects of who they are.

"I want students to know they don't need to have exceptional acting skills to participate in drama," Holmes said. "Everyone has a role to play. Whether they play a character, the director or help with set design, we all can contribute to the process of creating great theater together."

DramaSmarts will serve as a creative outlet for the community. It will offer a four-week

Recyclable Art and Theater Camp in July, as well as three one-week cooking camps the weeks of June 17 and 24 and August 5 in the new location at 24960 Center Ridge Road (on the lower level of the back building).

Additionally, DramaSmarts will host thematic birthday parties for children, teach acting classes, cooking classes and, in the fall, offer professional development for teachers on arts integration in the K-5 classroom, as well as field trips for students to learn teamwork through drama and cooking.

Visit [www.dramasmarts.com](http://www.dramasmarts.com) or call 1-800-342-3174 to get more information. ●

NATURE & ENVIRONMENT

Earth's helpers

BY KAIA ATZBERGER, incoming sixth-grader at Bay Middle School

The Earth is the place we live, but not all people take care of it. I was thinking of this one day and decided that kids could help fix this problem and not just adults.

So I created an organization to help the Earth. We are called the Lake Erie Green Team. Our goal is to do our part to keep the Earth clean.

Even though my original thought was to have kids make a difference, any adults who have contacted me asking to join have been

accepted. They are able to contact me on my website: [www.lakeeriegreenteam.weebly.com](http://www.lakeeriegreenteam.weebly.com).

The website lists things you can do to help the Earth, our mission statement, the members of our team, our events and a page to contact me. My goal is to help the animals, plants and even the people in our environment. I hope more people will start to realize how important it is to keep our planet clean, because the better we take care of Earth the more we will prevent global warming.

It doesn't take much to make a difference, even just planting another tree will help. Cars' engines are fueled by gasoline and that pollutes the air, so another fun earth-helping activity is riding your bike to places or walking. So go on out and keep our Earth clean. ●

ONE SENIOR'S OPINION

Ice star delights Knickerbocker residents with 'folly' antics

BY DIANNE BOROWSKI

The first time I went to the Ice Follies touring ice skating show, I was infatuated with the clown who skated around dressed as a woman, jumped barrels and completely captivated the audience. He made me laugh so hard I thought my sides would split. I laughed at him when I was a kid and laughed some more when I was a mom who took the kids to the Ice Follies.

I love ice shows. The music, lights, costumes and skaters always transport me to a magical world. I've never seen a bad ice show. The choreography is always dazzling. Once in a while a skater may take a tumble or move out of sync, but no one is perfect.

I never thought I would become friends with my favorite ice skater. When I moved into the Knickerbocker Apartments in Bay Village, the first person I met was Kevin. He worked as a maintenance technician. I liked him at once. His sunny smile and wry sense of humor delighted me. I knew he was

in show business when he was younger. When I discovered he was a clown in the Ice Follies, I couldn't believe it.

Kevin was not only a clown, he was THE clown who took the biggest falls, made the loudest noises and wore a blond wig with pizzazz! Kids rooted for him when he couldn't catch up to the other skaters and laughed hysterically when he took one fall after another. Kevin is quite the showman. I feel honored to know this man who gave his all to put on a great show.

Kevin likes to reminisce. He is a storyteller. A two-minute ride up the elevator with Kevin usually adds to the list of stories I have grown to cherish. Now retired, Kevin fills in at the Knickerbocker when needed. I can't begin to tell you how much everyone at the Knickerbocker loves Kevin. He's never too busy to say hi, smile or crack a joke.

Thanks, Kevin, for making me laugh when I took the kids to the Ice Follies and thanks for brightening my days here at the Knickerbocker. You are an awesome gentleman who has enriched my



Kevin Bupp, pictured here in a promo for his early-1970's ice comedy act "Mae East," traded in his skates for a tool belt and has entertained residents of the Knickerbocker for the past six years.

life and the lives of so many. Let's hear it for Kevin Bupp, skater extraordinaire and dear friend. ●

[Editor's note: Kevin Bupp has been with the Knickerbocker Apartments for more than six years. He has spent those years making everyone laugh on a daily basis and is absolutely beloved by the residents and staff. Tragically, Kevin is

in a fight for his life as he is battling lung cancer. Hospice has been called in and Kevin is in the prayers of all who know and love him. The Knickerbocker residents recently held a fundraiser to help with his medical expenses. Anyone interested in making a donation can contact Anne Naumann at [anne.wssc@yahoo.com](mailto:anne.wssc@yahoo.com).]



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**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](http://www.neopc.org).  
*Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

**Friday, June 14, 1-2 p.m.**

**Book Discussion for Those Touched by Cancer**  
We'll sit down with Erin McHugh, author of "One Good Deed: 365 Days of Trying to Be Just a Little Bit Better," and look at ways to give back or "pay it forward" in order to help others. The discussion will focus on the positive effects of reaching outside of ourselves even in the face of a cancer diagnosis. Advance registration is required; call 216-595-9546.  
*The Gathering Place West, 800 Sharon Dr., Westlake*

**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 Rd., Westlake*

**Saturday, June 15, 9 a.m.-noon**  
**Westlake Shredding Day**

For Westlake residents only. Each household may bring material - paperwork, floppy disks, CDs - equivalent to the capacity of 2 standard size copy paper boxes (10"x18"x9") to be shredded for free. Please have driver's license available. Shredding will take place rain or shine.  
*Westlake City Hall parking lot, 27700 Hilliard Blvd.*

**Saturday, June 15, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.**

**"Cahoon in June" Antique and Crafts Show**  
Featuring expert artisans, antiques, crafters, demonstrations, food, balloon artists, music and family fun! Free admission.  
*Cahoon Memorial Park, Bay Village*

**Saturday, June 15, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.**

**BAYarts Art and Music Festival**  
An annual event where artists showcase their

work, making it accessible, affordable, something different...and great fun! Listen to live music on the BAYarts summer stage, enjoy great food. Free parking and admission. It is a great event for all ages.  
*BAYarts, 28795 Lake Rd., Bay Village*

**Saturday, June 15, 1-4 p.m.**

**2nd Annual Car Show**  
Peruse vintage, hotrods, antiques, classics and muscle cars and enjoy music and entertainment by Frank LaManna Presents. Activities include: 50/50 raffle, Chinese raffle and bake sale. Proceeds from the 50/50 raffle to benefit the Concord Cruisers Walk to End Alzheimer's team. Menu will include grilled hamburgers, veggie burgers and \$1 hot dogs. Spectators FREE. Car registration starts at noon; fee is \$7. For more information contact Janice Snyder, [jsnyder@concordreserve.org](mailto:jsnyder@concordreserve.org), 440-847-1031.  
*Lutheran Home at Concord Reserve, 2116 Dover Center Road, Westlake*

**Monday, June 17, 1 p.m.**

**Meet Jetta, A Registered Therapy Dog**  
The national non-profit organization HOPE Animal-Assisted Crisis Response's mission is to provide comfort and encouragement through animal-assisted support to individuals affected by crises and disasters. These dogs have been described as having "seeing hearts." Meet Jetta and her owner, Chris Spaetzel, to hear about their mission.  
*Dwyer Senior Center, 300 Bryson Lane, Bay Village*

**Tuesday, June 18, 6:30-8 p.m.**

**Feeling Furious at Cancer? Let it Out!**  
Sometimes it's hard to stay positive and upbeat about coping with cancer. Sometimes you just want to smash something! This is your chance. This program is designed for adults with cancer as well as family members and friends of those with cancer. Call 216-595-9546 to register.  
*The Gathering Place West, 800 Sharon Dr., Westlake*

**Tuesday, June 18, 7-8:30 p.m.**

**Westlake Democratic Club Meeting**  
Speaker: Jill Zimon, a popular political blogger who is extremely knowledgeable about current affairs.

**Wednesday, June 19, 11 a.m.**

**Westlake Garden Club Meeting**  
Westlake Garden Club's June meeting will feature a tour of Gardenview Horticultural Park, a 16-acre

private, bucolic garden in Strongsville. The meeting begins at 11 a.m., with lunch at noon and the tour at 1 p.m. Bring a sandwich or other bagged lunch. Hostesses will provide beverages and desserts. The \$5 fee for the tour will be paid by the Club. Note: Walking is required and paths are not paved. For more information please call 440-892-0189. Everyone is invited.  
*Strongsville Branch Library, 18700 Westwood Dr., Strongsville*

**Wednesday, June 19, 6:30-8:45 p.m.**

**Cuyahoga West Chapter, Ohio Genealogical Society**  
Program: "Genealogical Roundtable Sharing." Bring your photos, family trees, brick walls, successes, Eureka! moments, tales of serendipity or favorite website to share with the group. Refreshments and social time is from 6:30-7:00 p.m. Public is invited, at no cost.  
*Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

**Wednesday, June 19, 7 p.m.**

**Regionalism Forum: Evaluating Proposed Fire District Mergers**  
See the story on page 1 of this issue.  
*Fairview Park Branch Library, 21225 Lorain Rd.*

**Friday, June 21, 12:30 p.m.**

**Lunch and Learn: "Stay or Move?"**  
Should I stay in my house or should I move? If I move, where do I go? How do I decide? How do I get started? Let Al Whitmer from EZ Transitions and Kristi Vaughn from Adult Comfort Care give you information to make answering those questions easier. RSVP by June 17 to 440-835-6565 is necessary. Non-registered participants will NOT be provided lunch.  
*Dwyer Senior Center, 300 Bryson Lane, Bay Village*

**Monday, June 24, 5:30-6:15 p.m.**

**Mediation Group for Those Touched by Cancer**  
This bi-monthly group is open to anyone who wants to relax, learn new coping skills and practice mindful meditation techniques. Advance registration required; call 216-595-9546.  
*The Gathering Place West, 800 Sharon Dr., Westlake*

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